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Note: part of this deposit (items numbered 1 to 27) was surveyed by the National Register of Archives (Scotland) in February 1963, and this list incorporates the description produced at that time.

1. Instrument of Sasine, 6 April 1641, in favour of Alexander Willsoun, tailor indweller in the Cannomylnis, of a building now containing five houses with garden and piece of waste ground in the Cannomylnis, following on precept by the governors of Heriots Hospital, whereon said Alexander resigned the above subjects in favour of Janet Porteous, his spouse, in liferent. Registered Edinburgh PRS, 26 April 1641.
2. Charter, 1 April 1643, by Alexander Willsoun, tailor indweller in the Cannomylnis, and Elias Willsoun, cooper, in favour of Margaret Crawford, daughter of James Crawford, dwelling in St Ninian's Wynd, and future spouse of said Elias, in liferent, of subjects in Dep.196/1.
3. Instrument of Sasine, 1 April 1643, following on Dep.196/2.
4. Instrument of Sasine, 9 November 1643, following on Dep.196/2. Registered Edinburgh PRS, 22 November 1643.
5. Extract Procuratory of Resignation, 16 March 1652, by Agnes Wilsone, sister and heir of deceased Elias Wilsoun cooper in Leith, with consent of John Hendersoun, indweller in the Cannogait, her spouse, of the subjects in Dep.196/1, in favour of Alexander Hendersoun, their son. Registered in regality court book of Brochtoun, 16 March 1652.
6. Precept of Sasine, 17 March 1652, by Governors of Heriots Hospital in favour of Alexander Hendersoun, following on Dep.196/5.
7. Instrument of Sasine, 8 August 1662, in favour of Alexander Adams, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, as brother and heir of deceased John Adams, merchant burgess there, of booths beside the Overbow of Edinburgh, following on percept of clare constat by James Measone, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, as patron of the chaplaincy of St Erasmus in St Giles. Registered PRS Edinburgh, 22 August 1662.
8. Instrument of Resignation, 8 August 1662, by Alexander Adame of subjects in Dep.196/7, in favour of Elizabeth Whyt, relict of deceased John Adame, brother of Alexander.
9. Instrument of Sasine, 8 August 1662, in favour of Elizabeth Whyt of subjects in Dep.196/7, following on Dep.196/8. Registered PRS Edinburgh, 22 August 1662.
10. Instrument, 23 January 1664, narrating that Alexander Hendersone, servant to James Patersone, late treasurer of the Cannogait, attempted to break the verbal

agreement he had with Robert Gray in Cannomylls for the disposition to said Robert of certain subjects in Cannomylls.

11. Act of Curatory, 26 January 1664, whereby James Patersoun, shoemaker burgess and later treasurer of the Cannogait, and John Forrester, bookbinder burgess of Edinburgh, were appointed curators of Alexander Hendersoun, son of John Hendersoun, miller at Cannomylls.
12. Disposition, 29 January 1664, by Alexander Hendersoun, with consent of his curators, to John Forrester, shoemaker burgess of the Cannogait, and Agnes Glendinning, his spouse, of the subjects in Dep.196/1.
13. Discharge, 14 March 1664, by Alexander Hendersone to John Forester, shoemaker burgess of the Cannaget, of 200 merks contained in bond dated 29 January 1664.
14. Instrument of Sasine, 21 May 1666, in favour of John Forrester, shoemaker burgess of the Canongate, and Agnes Glendinning, his spouse, of subjects in Dep.196/1 following on precept in charter of resignation by the governors of Heriots Hospital. Registered PRS Edinburgh, 1 June 1666.
15. Decree of transumpt, 20 January 1686, in the action at the instance of Alexander Forester, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, eldest brother's son and apparent heir of deceased John Forester, shoemaker in the Canogate, against William Crawford, shoemaker there, of marriage contract, dated 10 November 1654, between said John Forester and Agnes Glendinning, daughter of deceased Robert Glendinning, indweller in Moffatt.
16. Instrument of Sasine, 14 February 1717, in favour of Helen Aiton, daughter of deceased Hector Aiton, mason burgess of the Canongate, and spouse of William Keith, vintner burgess of Edinburgh, of a tenement of land at Canonmilns, following on disposition by now deceased William Brotherstans, harnessmaker burgess of the Canongate. Registered PRS Edinburgh, 8 April 1717.
17. Indenture, 2 August 1728, whereby William Pendrigh, son of William Pendrigh, servant to Archibald Ogilvie, brewer in Edinburgh, is bound apprentice to David Alisone, shoemaker burgess of Edinburgh, for six years.
18. Charter, 18 April 1737, by the Governors of Heriots Hospital in favour of Arthur Straton, barber burgess of Edinburgh, of subjects in Dep.196/1.
19. Two printed accounts, 1759-60, for supplying the Edinburgh Chronicle to James Sinclair, brother of the Laird of Forse.

20. Letter, 1763, of Patrick Neill to James Sinclair with account for supplying the Edinburgh Chronicle and regarding the attempts made by the writer to obtain payment from Sinclair's son.
21. Instrument of Sasine, 1 October 1757, in favour of James Balfour of Pilrig of annualrent of £1 15s from dwelling house and work house in Canonmilns, following on precept in heritable bond by James Turnbull in Canonmilns.
22. Precept of Clare Constat, 17 September 1796, by John Turnbull, coppersmith in London, in favour of John Balfour of Pilrig, merchant in Edinburgh, as son and heir of deceased James Balfour of Pilrig, advocate, of annualrent in Dep.196/21.
23. Instrument of Sasine, 5 July 1797, following on Dep.196/22. Registered PRS Edinburgh, 7 July 1797.
24. List, 1805, of houses at Canonmills belonging to Adam Neill, with tenants' names and rental.
25. Letter, 1879, of Neill and Company to David Smith with an estimate of the expense of printing the Royal Society transactions.
26. Printed notes, 1893, on the history of Neill and Company.
27. Printed prospectus, 1894, of the Fraser composing and distributing machines.
(For further printed items, see Dep.196/43-50).
28. Ledger, 1764-7.
29. Ledger, 1767-73.
30. Memorandum to the Pressman, 1839.
31. 'List and State of Debts due by Messrs Neill & Company', 1846.
32. 'Account of Stock of Types belonging to Foundry and of Stereotype and joiner Articles made for Sale and Articles for these departments in course of manufacture', 1846.
33. Accounts for Botanical Society printing, 1847-52.
34. Memoranda by J Sinclair relating to W Fraser's Trust, 1849.
35. Volume listing bills payable and receivable, 1875-97.
36. Correspondence relating to business premises, 1885-1900.

37. Wage list, 1895.
38. Minute of Agreement between Alexander Fraser and Patrick Neill Fraser, 1898.
39. Specification of Printing for the Merchant Company Institutions, 1906.
40. Letter concerning Ballantyne, Hanson and Company Limited, 1916.
41. Printed letters issued by the firm, 1939-49, n.d.

Photographs

42. Photographs of plant, premises and presses, 19th-20th centuries.

Printed Items

(See also Dep.196/26-7)

43. *Scales of Prices*, Edinburgh: Co-operative Printing Company, 1878.
44. *History of the Firm of Neill & Company, Ltd*, Edinburgh: Neill and Company, 1900.
45. Press cutting, 1903.
46. *The Printing-House of Neill*, Edinburgh: Neill and Company, 1917.
47. *Accents and Miscellaneous Sorts*, Edinburgh: Neill and Company, 1936.
48. *Guide to Authors in Correcting the Press; with Specimens of the various sizes of printing types*, Edinburgh: Neill and Company, n.d.
49. *The Stenographer*, Edinburgh: Neill and Company, n.d.
50. *Suggestions for Notation and Printing*, London: The London Mathematical Society, n.d.