

SKYE & LOCHALSH ARCHIVE

D293: Christie and Ferguson Solicitors' Records, 1793-1956

The firm Christie and Ferguson was the successor of the partnership Macdonald and Fraser (Ronald Macdonald and George Fraser), which in turn emerged from the practice of Alexander Macdonald, solicitor (1840 - 1899), who followed in the footsteps of his father, Harry Macdonald, writer. The papers relate to Skye estates, organisations, and individuals.

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See also D123 for related material from the same firm.

<u>Accession</u>	<u>Reference</u>
<u>GB3219/Acc. 253</u>	<u>D293</u>

D293/1 SCALPAY ESTATE

Correspondence

- D293/1/1 General correspondence to George Fraser, Factor, May 1925 - May 1931
- D293/1/2 General estate correspondence, May 1931 - March 1933
- D293/1/3 Personal papers, January 1929 - June 1930
- D293/1/4 Correspondence relating to Mansion House, December 1932 - June 1934
- D293/1/5 Correspondence relating to general repairs to estate buildings carried out by Alexander Robertson, August 1925 - April 1931
- D293/1/6 Correspondence relating to Fetterangus, 1951
- D293/1/7 Bundle containing:
File re: Lachlan Macinnes, shepherd who left without notice, March 1931;
Pabbay Drainage, February 1929 - March 1932;
File re: letting of Island of Pabbay, 1926;
Report on areas under consideration for planting, Scalpay, August 1929 - April 1931
- D293/1/8 Bundle re: petrol supply, September 1939 - March 1950

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- D293/1/9 Papers re: settlement of claim for damage to the vessel 'Motor Gabbard' following it being swept ashore on 26 October 1931
- D293/1/10 File of correspondence re: appointment of gamekeeper and other game keeping matters, August 1925 - March 1932
- D293/1/10a File re: damage by rabbits and killing of rabbits, January - May 1931
- D293/1/10b Correspondence re: Major Bell's visit to Scalpay, includes details of wildlife shot and general estate business, July-September 1932
- D293/1/11 File of correspondence re: case of Miss Peacock, Highland Home Industries, (appropriation of money), 1950

Accounts

- D293/1/12 Private Account, from Wm. Mackinnon, Inspector of Poor, to D. Ross & Co., Uig, 1896
- D293/1/13 Accounts of Charge and Discharge, 1925 - 1932, and duplicate set
- D293/1/14 Farm Accounts and correspondence, May 1926 - June 1932
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- D293/1/15 Submission, Accounts and correspondence as to valuation of sheep stock and horses on farm of Scalpay taken over by Sir Henry Bell on purchasing the Estate, 1 July 1925

Legal papers, lettings, and related correspondence

- D293/1/16 Minute of Agreement between the Curator Bonis of Lord Macdonald, the Trustees of the late Sir Donald Currie and Walter L. Johnson, and the Rev. Hector Maclean, Minister of Strath, and correspondence re: Manse maill, September 1921 – December 1930
- D293/1/17 File re: enlargement, alterations and improvements of buildings, July 1925 - December 1928
- D293/1/18 Bundle re: enquires for purchase of Scalpay, 1931/2
- D293/1/19 Bundle re: sale of Scalpay including particulars and offers, 1932
- D293/1/20 Bundle re: let of Pabbay to Donald MacKinnon from Martinmas, 1931

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D293/1/21 Correspondence re: settlement of entry of Captain Muntz, 15 September, 1932, showing details of moveables taken over, July 1932 - June 1933

D293/2 STRATHAIRD ESTATE

D293/2/1 Sale catalogue for the Estate, n.d. circa 1914

Correspondence (bundles)

D293/2/2 Correspondence re: letting of Glenvarigill, 1893

D293/2/3 Notes of interview with Elgol crofters, 28 February, 1902, and related crofting papers, 1902 - 1913

D293/2/4 Various letters, 1903 - 1908, including Minutes of Leases for property and shootings, 1903 - 1904

D293/2/4a Correspondence re: poaching case, August 1903

D293/2/5 Correspondence and Minutes of Leases, 1906 - 1907

D293/2/6 Correspondence, 1909, includes Copy Order of application by Elgol crofters for enlargement of holdings

D293/2/7 Correspondence re: small holdings, 1912 - 1913

D293/2/8 Inventory, valuation and correspondence re: sale of curios at Strathaird House, January 1914 - September 1918

D293/2/9 Correspondence re: small holdings, 1915 - 1919, includes Copy Application by the Board of Agriculture for Scotland to the Scottish Land Court for the Constitution of Small Holdings

D293/2/10 Correspondence re: requisition of Kyle House by Admiralty, 1918 - 1919

D293/2/10a As above, 1918 - 1921

D293/2/11 Correspondence with Mrs Macdonald and others re: let of Kyle house, 1921 - 1922

D293/2/12 Correspondence re: regulation of common grazings, 1921 - 1928

D293/2/13 Correspondence re: claim by W.L. Johnson of Strathaird concerning claim for compensation in respect of new holdings in Glasnakille and Drinan, July 1928

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- D293/2/14 Correspondence re: use of Faolin House by Mr & Mrs MacIver, September, 1932
- D293/2/15 Regulations and correspondence re: peat cutting at Drinan and Elgol, February 1927 - March 1934
- D293/2/16 Correspondence re: plans of houses, 1879 - 1880
- D293/2/17 Abstract of contents of estate of Strathaird, 1793

Buildings and contents

- D293/2/17 Specification of works to Kirkibost House for R.L. Thomson, 1907
- D293/2/18i-ii Inventories of furniture etc. in Strathaird House, and Kilmarie House, 1911
- D293/2/19 Furniture bought of A. Gardner & Son, Glasgow, by R.L. Thomson for Strathaird House, 23 August, 1907

Legal papers and other documents re: lettings, etc.

- D293/2/20 Leases, Tacks, Renunciations, Minutes of Agreements for Strathaird Estate, 1833 - 1892
- D293/2/21 Precognitions taken by Alexander Macdonald, solicitor, in connection with disputed ground at Coruisk, 23 - 24 July, 1897
- D293/2/22 Particulars of shootings and fishings of Camusnarie and Coolin (sic) Deer Forest, 1911

D293/3 ESTATE

- D293/3/1 Bundle of correspondence and other papers, 1913 - 1920
- D293/3/2 Draft Minutes of Lease, 1917
- D293/3/3 Accounts, cash statements, notes of rent arrears etc., 1912 - 1918
- D293/3/4 Extract Decrees, Initial Writs and related correspondence, re: rents, common grazing, etc., 1905 - 1915
- D293/3/5 Papers re: Scottish Land Court - Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 - 1931, 1909 - 1935

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D293/4 TREASLANE ESTATE

- D293/4/1 Rent Book, 1865 - 1876
- D293/4/2 Dispositions, accounts, rentals, obligations, and specifications, 1836 - 1897
- D293/4/3 Correspondence, accounts, agreements, notices to quit, 1880 - 1921
- D293/4/4 Land Court papers, 1921 - 1945
- D293/4/5 Cash Book, 1860 - 1875

D293/5 MACDONALD FAMILY

- D293/5/1 Chartulary of Harry MacDonald, re: lands of Skeabost and half of Edinbain, 1804 - 1870
- D293/5/2 H. Macdonald's Trust, papers connected with Belsund Indigo Concern, 1923 - 1927
- D293/5/3 Inventories and valuations of effects belonging to the late Lieut. Col. Macdonald, Portree, 1890 - 1899
- D293/5/4 View of rental of the Macdonald Estates in the parish of Kilmuir, and part of Snizort, from Whitsunday 1853 to Whitsunday 1854
- D293/5/5 Commission by James Ferguson, Sheriff of Inverness in favour of Harry Macdonald, Portree, as Honorary Sheriff Substitute, 8 February, 1905
- D293/5/5a Note of sum due by Farquhar Mackinnon, India, to trustees of the late Harry Macdonald, January 1922

D293/6 ROYAL HOTEL, PORTREE

- D293/6/1 Lease between Thomas Brodie, W.S. and Lachlan Ross, re: Royal Hotel, 1872
- D293/6/2 Various lease agreements re: Royal Hotel and Tote Farm, 1877-1900
- D293/6/3 Correspondence, leases, submissions, re: Royal Hotel, and Glenvarragill Farm, 1882 - 1890

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D293/7 NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, PORTREE BRANCH

Pass books

- D293/7/1 Lachlan Ross, Royal Hotel, 1861 - 1862
- D293/7/2 Lachlan Ross, Royal Hotel, 1870 - 1874
- D293/7/3 Lachlan Ross, Royal Hotel, 1874 - 1881
- D293/7/4 Lachlan Ross, Royal Hotel, 1885 - 1896
- D293/7/5 Donald Clow, Kiltarglen, 1926 - 1930
- D293/7/6 Skye District Road Committee, 1884 - 1888
- D293/7/7 Alexander MacDonald, solicitor, 1882 - 1884
- D293/7/8 Bracadale Boat Disaster Fund, 1882
- D293/7/9 Duirinish Boat Disaster Fund, 1882
- D293/7/10 Snizort Boat Disaster Fund, 1882
- D293/7/11 Portree Boat Disaster Fund, 1882
- D293/7/12 British Legion, Skye Branch, Pipe Band Fund, 1948 - 1949
- D293/7/13 British Legion, Skye Branch, 1937 - 1938
- D293/7/14 School Board of Bracadale, 1873 - 1881
- D293/7/15 School Board of Portree, 1880 - 1883
- D293/7/16 School Board of Stenscholl, 1873 - 1883

D293/8 ARMY BOOKLETS AND PAPERS

Printed booklets

- D293/8/1 *A Short Catechism of Daily Routine and Squad and Company Drill for young officers of the Inverness & Highland Light Infantry*, by Captain Donaldson, adjutant, (Inverness, 1860).
- D293/8/2 *Seaforth and Cameron Infantry Brigade(T.F.) - Notes on writing messages in the field*, (Inverness, n.d. c.1913).
- D293/8/3 *Army Orders, 1912* (War Office, London, 1913).

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- D293/8/4 *Army Orders, 1913*, (War Office, London, 1913).
- D293/8/5 *Courses of Instruction, 1913-14*, (London, 1913)
- D293/8/6/i Memorandum on Army training during the individual training period, 1912-13
- D293/8/6/ii Battalion Orders by Lieut.Col. Ewan Campbell, 4th Bn. Cameron Highlanders, Inverness, December, 1913 re: training in Rose Street Hall.
- D293/8/7 Personal notebook containing handwritten questions and answers re: guards and marching procedures, 1914.

D293/9 **QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS**

- D293/9/1 4th Battalion, H Company, Letter Book, 1910 - 1914.
- D293/9/2 4th Battalion, H Company, Bundle of general correspondence, 1910 - 1912.
- D293/8/3 4th Battalion, Assorted correspondence re: Territorial Force and administration of Territorial Hall, 1913 - 1914.
- D293/9/4/i Picture postcard showing 2 soldiers of Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and details of infantry soldiers' pay, 13 May 1913
- D293/9/4/ii Picture postcard of photograph of group of soldiers at camp, (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders ?), Dornoch, 1913.

D293/10 **SKYE PATRIOTIC FUND**

- D293/10/1 Bundle of legal documents including Petitions for the appointment of new Trustees and Settlement of a scheme of Administration of the Skye Patriotic Fund, 1916, 1918; Statements of Intromissions, 1851 - 1916; Account of expenses incurred to James Ross Smith, S.S.C., Edinburgh, and other papers re: appointment of Judicial Factor, 1917. (7 items)
- D293/10/2 Bundle containing Note of Trust funds held by the late Lawrence Skene, banker, Portree, 2 November, 1880; and correspondence and papers connected with investigation, 1914 - 1917
- D293/10/3 Report by George Forrest on the Accounts for the period 17 May, 1851 - 5 December, 1917 (2 copies)

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- D293/10/4 Bundle of papers relating to the account between the Skye Patriotic Fund and George M. Fraser, solicitor, Portree, including insurance premiums, 1929 - 1946
- D293/10/5 Bundle of papers including: business account with Greig & Simpson; and inventories of documents sent to George Forrest, 1918 - 1923
- D293/10/6 Closed and open records, decrees and correspondence concerning Patriotic Fund v. Simpson, banker, 1921 - 1923
- D293/10/7 Memorial for the Trustees of the Skye Patriotic Fund for the Opinion of Counsel, 26 December, 1919
- D293/10/8 Bundle of correspondence, 1917 - 1923

D293/11 **DUIRINISH COMMUNION**

Bundle of correspondence re: Communion cups, January 1923 - July 1924

D293/12 **CORRY ESTATE**

Bundle of correspondence, accounts, leases, etc., 1925 -1946

D293/13 **SNIZORT TEINDS**

Copy of State of Teinds of the Parish of Snizort, and related correspondence, 1943

D293/14 **AFRICAN LAKES CORPORATION**

Small bundles of correspondence, and related papers re: John MacDonald, 1902 - 1903

D293/15 **ULLINISH FARM**

Bundle of papers including: notes and valuations of sheep stocks; Minutes of Agreement; rentals; and accounts; 1882 - 1911

D293/16 **PERSONS**

- D293/16/1 John Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, Inventory of contents of the Barony of Minginish surveyed 1810, issued 1884 and 1902, and surveyed 1880, issued 1902
- D293/16/2 John Nicolson, merchant, Ardmore, Feu Charter by the British Fishery Society, re:use of Stein pier, 1828
- D293/16/3 Kenneth MacLeod, innkeeper, Stein, assorted papers re: land dispute, 1861 - 1902
- D293/16/4 William Donald Clow, Kiltarglen, Inventory and valuation, and related papers, 1929

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- D293/16/5 Allan MacAskill, report of Trustees and accounts, 1828
- D293/16/6 John Macdonald, Glenhinisdale, Account of charge and discharge of the intromissions of the executors, 1949
- D293/16/7 Alexander MacDonald, solicitor, Portree, bundles of assorted papers including his role as factor to Ronald, Lord MacDonald; Procurator before the Sheriff, and other courts of Inverness-shire; Captain of Volunteer forces (18th Inverness-shire Rifle Corps); various papers and correspondence including copy minute by the officers of the First Volunteer Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders following his death (October, 1899), 1863 - 1903
- D293/16/8 Complaint by Norman Gibson against Alexander Cumming, writer, for non-payment of account, 9 November 1829
- D293/16/9 Major Lachlan Ross, Inventory and valuation of Mossbank, Portree, February, 1899
- D293/16/10 Account book of William MacKinnon, Inspector (of Poor), for D. Ross & Co., grocer, 1897
- D293/16/11 Captain John MacLean, Bayview, Portree, executry papers, 1919 - 1924
- D293/16/12 Duncan Graham, Clachamish, Portree, executry papers, 1955 - 1956
- D293/16/13 Christina Campbell, 3 Clachamish, Bernisdale, correspondence and other papers following her death, including bill for coffin, 1946
- D293/17 MISCELLANEOUS**
- D293/17/1 Copy of Voters Roll, Parish of Portree, Electoral Division No. 41, 1892/3
- D293/17/2 Savings Bank, Portree, General Statement for the year ending 20 November, 1919
- D293/17/3 Details of estates of Duncraig, and Balmacara; for sale by private bargain, 1906
- D293/17/4 Small bundle of papers relating to the Jacobite gun in the collection of Dr Paterson, 1898 - 1900

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- D293/17/5 Letter from H. Davidson to Ronald MacDonald, written on MacBrayne headed notepaper (full colour) from R.M.S. Lapwing, 8 August, 1905
- D293/17/6 Correspondence regarding National Insurance Benefits, 1915, (2 items)
- D293/17/7 Royal Insurance Company, Ltd. contents policy for Portree Hotel held by Isabella Barnetson Robertson as executrix and trustee for the estate of the late Alister Robertson, 13 November, 1934
- D293/17/8 Tax Assessment and relief forms re: Norman.M.M. Martin, Husabost, for the financial year 1937/8
- D293/17/9 Inventory of letters contained in 6 boxes, n.d. c.1850 (all boxes and contents lacking)