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Correspondence, diaries and family papers of and relating to Robert Waterson, George Waterston's Printer and Stationers, Edinburgh, and other members of the Waterston family.

The Waterston's company began in 1752 as makers of flambeaux candles for street lamps. Founded by William Waterston, the trade was carried on by his son George who, keen to find a new niche once gas made the flambeaux candles redundant, began dealing in sealing wax. After William's death in 1780, his widow remarried and her husband oversaw the running of the business which then operated under the name of Ferrier and Waterston.

The company turned to stationery in 1828 and printing in 1865. From 1831 onward they functioned under the name George Waterston and Son at various locations in Edinburgh's New Town. Their ultimate address was 52 George St in Edinburgh where they traded until their closure in 2003, ending their run as one of Edinburgh's oldest businesses.

This collection comprises journals and Waterston family history notes, letters and records as well as published writings and articles by family members. It also contains a small collection of seals and medieval title deeds.

For the business records of George Waterston and Sons, Ltd., Edinburgh, see Acc. 12235. For a more complete history of the Waterston family, see *Bi-Centenary History: George Waterston & Sons Limited, 1752 – 1952*, Edinburgh: 1953 (NLS shelfmark: NE.11.b.8).

Deposited 2004 by Miss Leonora Waterston, Pathhead, Midlothian.

GEORGE WATERSTON (1778 – 1850)

- 1 The First George Waterston's Family Memoranda, 1888?
The First George Waterston's Journal, 1809 - 1819
Handwritten copy of diary of George Waterston (1809-1819) transcribed by his granddaughter from the original
Diary of a voyage to London, 1814 in George Waterston's hand with annotations and corrections
Trust deed and settlement by George Waterston, undated
Letters of George Waterston, mainly to William Waterston Esq, 1824-39

WILLIAM WATERSTON

- 2 Family Notes by William Waterston, 1855?
Excerpts from Trust Disposition and Settlement by W. Waterston, 1880
Letters from William Waterston, 1822-59
Accounts, 1843

ROBERT WATERSTON

- 3 Gaza 1917 Impressions by R.W., 1968

An Early Literary Venture (by R.W.) and copy of part of Edinburgh Monthly Magazine, Vol.I
 Early Paper Making in Scotland (by R.W.) contributed to the Rothmill Quarterly, 1942
 Some Further Notes on Long Ago People, by R.W., undated
 Long Ago People letters, 1965 - 67
 Letters, 1957 concerning publication of an article on sealing wax by R.W., also a photocopy of an article on seals
 R.W.'s First Attempt at the history of G.W. & S. (Historical Houses), undated
 Random Notes on Long Ago people by R.W. Complete with maps and photoes [sic] Addenda and Corrigenda
 Notes on his MSS collection of Music by George Waterston (I) copied in hand of R.W. with photocopied note about microfilming of music manuscripts
 Notes in the hand of R.W. on William Waterston, undated

CATHERINE WATERSTON

- 4 Letters, 1822 – 34
 Drawn portrait, undated

CHARLES WATERSTON, son of George Waterston (I)

- 5 Letters to Charles Waterston, 1826 – 88

FERRIERS – papers relating to the family of the second wife of William Waterston, Catherine Sandeman, whom he married in 1775 and who, after his death in 1780, married Robert Ferrier.

- 6 Letter to Elizabeth Ferrier from Sam Johnston, 1770
 Notes on Gabriel Johnston, undated
 Notarised accounts, 1792
 Notes on 'the Ferrier Papers', undated
 Copy of last will of Elizabeth Ferrier, 1776? and typed transcript

RECORDS

- 7 Fragments of birth certificates, 1788? Names illegible.
 Marriage certificate - William Waterston and Ann Gregory Buchanan, 1851
 Copy of sasine recorded 1764 concerning purchase of property in Dunbar's Close, 1764, with newspaper clippings
 Copy of sasine recorded of sale of property in Dunbar's Close, 1803
 Sasine in favour of Robert Ferrier, 1788, copy

MISCELLANEOUS

- 8 Certificate for Robert Waterston from the Supreme Court of New South Wales, 1861
 Photograph of painting, possibly of Salisbury Crags, undated
 Newspaper clipping on Admiral Duncan, Scotsman 1931

Accounts, 1840
 Correspondence addressed to Robert Waterston, 1966
 Photographs of Mrs R. Waterston and a grave, undated
 Pages from The Second Hundred Years, undated.
 Typed copy of an account of a train journey from Edinburgh to London by Robert Peat, 1847
 Handwritten notes of an account of a train journey, Undated
 Letter from The London City and Midland Bank to Mr R. Waterston, 1898
 Letter from Dr Argyll Robertson to Mr Waterston, 1890
 Notes, undated

SEALS AND DEEDS

- 9 Medieval title deeds related to properties in Haddington, one with transcription and seal, 15th – 16th century
 Miscellaneous seals
 Copy of “Concerning Sealing-wax, Seals and Early Stationers” extracted from *The Rothmill Quarterly* by Robert Waterston, 1957

ALBUMS AND BOOKS

- 10 Album containing letters, records, and photographs, 1729 – 1903?
- 11 Newspaper clippings book: papers relating to Edinburgh and Scotland, 1889 – 1906, 1897 – 1909 (2 vols)
- 12 Newspaper cuttings book: 1925 – 66?
- 13 *Long Ago People* – notes and photographs (2 vols)

PRINTED BOOKS

- 14 *Early Paper Making Near Edinburgh* by R. Waterston, 1946
- 15 *Early Paper Making Near Edinburgh* by R. Waterston, 1946 with notes and clippings inserted
- 16 *An Historical Account of the Blue Blanket; or, Craftsmens Banner: containing the fundamental principles of the Good-town with the Powers and prerogatives of the Crafts of Edinburgh.* Edinburgh, Alexander Robertson: 1780
- 17 *The history of Edinburgh from the earliest accounts to present times* by Alexander Kincaid, 1787
- 18 *The History of Edinburgh* by Hugo Arnot, 1779
- 19 *Edinburgh Institution 1832 – 1932* ed. J.R.S. Young, 1933.
- 20 Subscription List – *Old Edinburgh* by James Drummond R.S.A.

- 21 *Anno Regni Georgii II Regis*. Edinburgh, Richard Watkins, 1746?
- 22 *Cyclopedia of Commerce* by W. Waterston, 1844
- 23 *Waterston's Cyclopedia of Commerce*, 1843
- 24 Excepts from *Diderot Encyclopedia*
- 25 From *The Philosophical Magazine* for 1857 – 61
- 26 Extract from *The Philosophical Magazine* for January 1858, “On Capillarity and its relation to latent heat” by J.J. Waterston
- 27 Papers from the *Philosophical Magazine*, 1857 – 1861