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Papers of Charles Baxter, WS, 1848-1983, n.d., as executor of Thomas Stevenson, his wife Margaret, and their son, Robert Louis Stevenson, with additional material relating to the literary estate of Robert Louis Stevenson. These papers were transferred from the offices of Thomson and Baxter in Thistle Court in 1989.

*Presented, 1989.*

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**1-17 Thomas Stevenson (1818-87), 1848-99.**

1.
  - (i) Contract of marriage between Thomas Stevenson and Margaret Balfour, 1848.
  - (ii) Certificate of marriage, 1848.
  - (iii) Stevenson family tree, n.d.
2. Letters and drafts of letters, 1870-2, n.d., of David and Thomas Stevenson.
3. Letters and drafts of letters, 1872-3, n.d., of David and Thomas Stevenson, with a 'State of sums received by Thomas Stevenson, Esq. CE from the succession of the late Dr Robert Stevenson', 1872.
4.
  - (i) Trust disposition and settlement of Thomas Stevenson in favor of Margaret Stevenson, 1873.
  - (ii) Testament Testamentar, 1887.
  - (iii) Commission by Margaret Stevenson in favor of Charles Baxter and John Thomson Mowbray, 1887.
  - (iv) Resignation of John Thomson Mowbray as a trustee, 1891.
  - (v) Commission by Margaret and Robert Louis Stevenson in favor of Charles Baxter, 1892.
  - (vi) Death certificate of John Thomson Mowbray, 1892.
- 5-6 Correspondence, 1882-90, mostly concerning partnership agreements between David and Thomas Stevenson.
5. Letters and copy letters, 1882-3.

6. Letters and copy letters, 1886-90, with related notes.
7. Papers, 1830, 1887-90, n.d., concerning 17 Heriot Row, including inventories of furniture.
8. Inventories of deeds, 1888, 1891.
9. Minutes of trustees, 1888-96.
10. Copy letters concerning trust, 1890-3.
- 11-17 Financial papers, 1885-99.
  11. Accounts of John Mowbray WS, 1885-8, and Mitchell and Baxter WS, 1890-1.
  12. Receipts for annuities and legacies, 1887-9.
  13. Papers concerning investments, 1887-99.
  14. Accounts and receipts, 1886-7.
  15. Accounts and receipts, 1888-9.
  16. Statements of account, 1888-98.
  17. Accounts, 1893-4, for shipping goods to Samoa.
- 18-28 Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-94), 1888-99, n.d.**
  18. Power of attorney by Robert Louis Stevenson in favor of Charles Baxter, 1888.
  19.
    - (i) Will, 1893, with related press cutting.
    - (ii) Extract from register of deaths, 1895.
    - (iii) Testament Testamentar, 1897.
  20. Typescript copy of article from the *Samoa Times Extra*, [1894].
  21. Draft assignment of Charles Baxter to Fanny Stevenson, 1895.
  22.
    - (i) Draft affidavit of George Wardlaw Burnet, W.S., 1895.
    - (ii) Draft declination by Henry James and assumption by Charles Baxter in favor of James Dalrymple Duncan, 1895.
    - (iii) Discharge by Robert Augustus Robertson and others, 1897.
    - (iv) Discharge by Robert Augustus Robertson and George Edward Watson, 1898.
    - (v) Discharge by John Rutherford on behalf of R A M Stevenson, 1898.
    - (vi) Draft discharge by Fanny Stevenson, 1899.
    - (vii) Discharge by Fanny Stevenson and Lloyd Osbourne, 1898.

- (viii) Discharge by Fanny Stevenson and Lloyd Osbourne, 1899.
23. Notes on William Fowke's trust, 1897.
24. (i) Abstract of Will of Robert Louis Stevenson in so far as it affects the division of the Trust Estate of Mr Thomas Stevenson CE, 1897.  
(ii) Memorial for R A M Stevenson and Opinion of Sir John Cheyne, QC, 1898.  
(iii) Manuscript draft, typescript revised by Lloyd Osbourne, and final version of 'Joint Case for Mrs R L Stevenson and Mr Lloyd Osbourne for the Opinion & decision of Counsel', 1898, with notes on the composition of the literary estate.
25. Minutes, 1897-8, of the trustees of Isobel Strong, with related accounts and vouchers.
- 26-28 Financial papers, 1897-9, n.d.
26. Drafts and copies of accounts and inventories, 1895-9, n.d.  
27. Copy of revised inventory of estate, 1897.  
28. Statements of account, 1898-9, n.d.
- 29-42 Literary estate of Robert Louis Stevenson, 1895-1930, n.d.**
29. Notes, n.d., on Stevenson's literary contracts, 1882-94.
30. Vouchers and accounts, 1895-7, concerning the Edinburgh Edition.
31. Balance sheet, 1896, for the Edinburgh Edition.
32. Letter, 1897, of Sidney Colvin concerning an illustration for the Edinburgh Edition.
33. Letters and copies of letters, 1898-9, of Sidney Colvin, and Lloyd Osbourne, and draft agreement, 1899, concerning the publication of Stevenson's letters, and his biography.
34. Letters, and copy letters, 1898-1915, of Graham Balfour, Lloyd Osbourne, Fanny Stevenson, and others, concerning Stevenson's estate.
35. Letters, 1899-1913, to Charles Baxter, concerning requests to publish Stevenson's works.

36. Copy of letters, 1901, of W. Mitchell and Graham Balfour, concerning payments made to William Ernest Henley, with related account.
37. Statements, 1901, of payments made to John Lloyd.
38. Theatre royalties, 1907-16, n.d.
39. Royalty statements concerning *A Child's Garden of Verses*, 1915-25.
40. Letters of Colonel James Craig to [? John] Purves, 1923.
41. Papers concerning Robert Wilson Stevenson, 1925-30, including 'Copy of Memorial by the Robert Louis Stevenson Club and the opinion of Professor [Robert] Candlish Henderson', 1926.
42. Draft appointment of attorney in connection with Stone and Kimball, publishers, n.d.
- 43-55 Margaret Isabella Stevenson (1829-97), 1893-1914, n.d.**
43.
  - (i) Extract from register of births and baptisms, 1829.
  - (ii) Will, 1893.
  - (iii) Extract from register of deaths, 1897.
  - (iv) Invitation to funeral, 1897.
  - (v) Minute of meeting of relatives and others held after the funeral of Mrs M I Stevenson on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1897.
  - (vi) Testament Testamentar, 1897.
44. Papers, 1896-9, concerning 8 Randolph Cliff.
45. Correspondence between Mitchell and Baxter, WS, and beneficiaries, 1897-9, with lists of next of kin, 1899, 1905, n.d.
46. Letters, 1902-9, of Mitchell and Baxter, WS, to Charles Baxter.
47.
  - (i) Letters, 1907-8, of beneficiaries.
  - (ii) Discharge by the legatees of the late Mrs Margaret Balfour or Stevenson in favor of Charles Baxter WS and others, 1909.
48. Death certificate of Fanny van de Grift Stevenson, 1914, with related letter.
49. Correspondence, 1906-14, concerning the executry of Alison Cunningham (d. 1910), including inventories of personal possessions.

50. Diagram of extension to tombstone, n.d.
- 51-55 Financial papers, 1896-1908.
  51. Drafts and copies of accounts and inventories, 1897.
  52. Inventories and valuations, 1897-9.
  53. Statements of account, 1899-1900, and auditor's notes.
  54. Accounts and receipts, 1896-1906.
  55. Accounts and receipts, 1905-8.
- 56-63 Printed and miscellaneous items, 1839-1983.**
56. *The Times*, 21 November 1839.
57. Extract from 1851 census entry for 25 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh.
58. Press cuttings, 1896, concerning proposals for a memorial to Robert Louis Stevenson.
59. *The Student*, January 1901.
60. *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch*, 28 January 1903.
61. Prospectus for the Pentland Edition [1906].
62. The Robert Louis Stevenson Club. *Annual Report*, 1920, 1923-4, 1934.. Programme, 1922-3.
63. Photocopy of typescript article, 'Faithful Friend', by M[ ] B[ ], 1983.