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Ballantyne of Holylee

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Papers of The Ballantynes of Holylee.

A collection of documents, legal and personal, concerning the Ballantyne family of Holylee. Also included are the papers of the Laidlaw and Carruthers families, branches of the Ballantynes. Of particular interest are the papers of William Laidlaw, Sir Walter Scott's steward and friend from 1817-1832. Laidlaw was also a published poet and critic and his accounts of his life with Scott are extensive and valuable.

1. Ballantyne Legal papers, 1724-1824. They include marriage contracts, wills, property deeds and auction papers for Toftfield (belonging to Sir Walter Scott).
2. Estate Accounts, 19th century. They include a bill from William Lamb, Nursery and Seedsman to Sir Walter Scott.
3. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1806-1886.
4. Case of James Ballantyne concerning lands of Priesthope, with related documents, 1822.
5. Accounts: James Ballantyne with Cranstoun and Anderson (Writers to the Signet), 1824-27; James Ballantyne with James Dickson and Sons, Nurserymen, 1827-29.
6. To James Ballantyne (a trustee): copies of marriage settlements and other papers concerning Major General John Dun of Shawpark and others, 1839-47.
7. Documents concerning the purchase of Nether Horsburgh Estate, Peeblesshire, by James Ballantyne, 1840-42.
8. Papers relating to James G Ballantyne's early career and military preparatory school, 1851-4.
9. Estate and household vouchers (tax receipts) of James Ballantyne of Holylee, 1853-68.
10. Sale of lands at Walthamstow, 1866-69.
11. Papers concerning the death and will of James G Ballantyne, 1884-85. They include a letter in which J G Ballantyne bequeaths Holylee and all other estates to Major James Llewellyn Evans for his lifetime.
12. Miscellaneous genealogical material and commission papers (Ballantyne and Laidlaw), 19th century.
13. Wrappers and miscellaneous papers including 'part of a dressing gown which once belonged to the Great-Duke of Marlborough of Queen Anne's Days'.
14. Twelve estate accounts mainly of 1750-1781, Laidlaw Family.
15. Laidlaw Family correspondence, with several unidentified items, 1817-94.

16. Miscellaneous letters of and concerning the Scott Family of Abbotsford. They include notes by William Laidlaw on Sir Walter Scott, most of which were published in Chambers Journal, 1845.
17. Letters of J G Lockhart, 1824-37.
18. Letters of Robert Cadell to William Laidlaw, 1831-38.
19. Letters of Sir G S Mackenzie to the Laidlaw Family, 1831-76.
20. Accounts of Laidlaw Estates at Kintail, Torridon etc, 1832-35.
21. Carruthers Family correspondence, 1846-1904.
22. Miscellaneous literary manuscripts including several articles by William Laidlaw for Blackwood's Magazine.
23. Photographs of family and scenes at Innerleithen.
24. Probates of the wills of William Chisolme, Charles Chisolme, Alexander Scott and Thomas Ballantyne, 1802-17.
25. Rent Book of James Burnett, 1694-1715.
26. Account book relating to the Moristoun Estate, 1704-30. Blackwood Account book, 1751-64.
27. Account book of James Ballantyne of Holylee, 23 June 1736-1813.
28. Account book of James Chisolme, December 1802 to March 1808.
29. Accounts of the legatees of William Chisolme, 1813.
30. Account book of James Ballantyne, 1814. Journal of tour to England.
31. (i) and (ii) Rules and Regulations of the Royal Edinburgh Light Dragoons, 1798. Also used as notebooks. William Laidlaw.
32. Notebook containing extracts from letters of William Laidlaw to John Crieve of Cakra Bank, January 1830 to March 1834. It includes a detailed account of Sir Walter Scott's last months.
33. Rent ledger of Kernsera subtenants, 1833-4.
34. Accounts of payment of livestock towards rent by the tenants of Kernsary, 1835.
35. National Bank of Scotland cheque book, 1836.
36. Account book, 1844-51.

37. Memorandum book, 1844. Unused.
38. Account book of James Ballantyne of Holylee, 1853-56.
39. Account book of James Ballantyne, 1856-60. Also receipts for church endowments.
40. Account book, 1860-66.
41. Sketchbook probably belonging to a member of the Ballantyne family.
42. Various printed booklets and pamphlets (mainly religious), 1833-1878, including a detailed pocket-book map of Sutherland.
43. Newspapers, 1903-04, n.d., including The Pilot, (9.4.04 and 16.4.04) and British Workman, no.4.
44. Document Case.
45. Letter to R Sinclair written on birch bark, 1851.