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- MS/413/1/1 Commission and factorie between Janet Rocheid, Lady Melgund and Robert Speid of Ardovie to undertake the office of Bailie and chamberlain for the estates of Melgund and Woodwrae, 1689  
  
Transcribed.
- MS/413/1/2 Accounts and other papers between Janet Rocheid, Lady Melgund and Robert Speid of  
of  
Ardovie as Chamberlain for Melgund & Woodwrae, 1689-1692
- MS/413/1/3 Contract between Janet Rocheid, Lady Melgund and Robert Speid of Ardovie to act as factor, bailie and chamberlain of the estates of Melgund and Wooddraw, 2 October 1689
- MS/413/1/4 Discharge by Janet Rocheid, Lady Melgund of Robert Speid's factory accounts for the  
the  
year 1689, 1691
- MS/413/1/5 Bond and disposition by Robert Speid of Ardovie late Chamberlain of Melgund & Woodrae in favour of Alexander Murray, son of Janet Rocheid, Lady Melgund for the outstanding balance of £80. 16s., 1692.
- MS/413/1/6 Discharge by Janet Rocheid, Lady Melgund, Alexander Murray her son and her husband, David Dalrymple, advocate to Robert Speid, 1692.
- MS/413/1/7 Unidentified fragment, n.d.

- MS/413/2     **Legal papers of John Speid of Ardovie, 1666-1691.**  
7 items.
- MS/413/2/1   Bond by John Speed of Ardovie in favour of William Gray Sheriff Clerk of Forfar  
for  
the sum of £4.4d Scots, July 1659.
- MS/413/2/2   Discharge by John Sievwright, weaver in Brechin to John Speid of Ardovie for the  
sum  
of 40 merks 12. 4d Scots, July 1659
- MS/413/2/3   Fragment of letter addressed to “Rt Honol”, 10 November 1663.
- MS/413/2/4   Discharge by John Speid to ----- Arbuthnott of a year’s annual rent, Fragment,  
1670.
- MS/413/2/5   “Double letters for Baylie Mudie,” 1686.
- MS/413/2/6   Representations by John Justine, merchant in Edinburgh and factor for the town of  
Edinburgh for putting in execution the Acts of Parliament and Burghs against  
unfreemen, 1691
- MS/413/2/7   Two unidentified fragments.

MS/413/3

**Discharge by Reverend John Skinner to Robert Speid of Ardovie,**  
**27 December 1705**

1 item.

For the sum of £1. 15s. 8d and 3 firlots 1 peck and 1 lippie victual being 2 parts meat and 3 parts bear being his stipend.

**MS/413/4 Papers of William Speid, writer, Dundee and Clerk to the Court of Lyon, concerning the Court of Lordship of Lyon held by his Bailie James Kinnear of Longforan, 1729-1737.**

- MS/413/4/1 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 6 August 1729
- MS/413/4/2 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 9 October 1729
- MS/413/4/3 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 12 March 1730
- MS/413/4/4 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 30 April 1730
- MS/413/4/5 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 4 June 1730
- MS/413/4/6 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 7 July 1730
- MS/413/4/7 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 30 July 1730
- MS/413/4/8 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 6 July 1731
- MS/413/4/9 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 15 July 1731
- MS/413/4/10 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 18 December 1733
- MS/413/4/11 Minutes of the Court of Lordship of Lyon, 23 April 1734
- MS/413/4/12 Articles of roup of the Mains of Castlelyon Minutes of the Court of the Lordship of Lyon, 9 June 1734
- MS/413/4/13 Minutes of the Court of the Lordship of Lyon, 2 July 1734
- MS/413/4/14 Minutes of the Court of the Lordship of Lyon, April 1736
- MS/413/4/15 Minutes of the Court of the Lordship of Lyon, 7 June 1737
- MS/413/4/16 Minutes of the Court of the Lordship of Lyon, 8 October 1737
- MS/413/4/17 Minutes of the Court of the Lordship of Lyon, 6 December 1737

MS/413/5

**Letters to William Speid, writer in Dundee from John Leslie at  
Castlevon, 1729-1737**

1 bundle of 9

**MS/413/6     Papers of William Speid concerning Susanna, Countess of Strathmore, 1729-1735.**

- MS/413/6/1    Account of the Right Honourable Countess of Strathmore her castle, n.d.
- MS/413/6/2    Order by John Leslie, Factor for the Countess of Strathmore, for George Dickson, tenant in Forgan to make payment of £90 Scots, 6 August 1729
- MS/413/6/3    Scroll instrument of the Countess of Strathmore, 27 June 1730
- MS/413/6/4    Instruction of interruption by Susanna, Countess of Strathmore against George Dryburns and John Morton, servants to James Bellie, gardener at Glamis, for cutting down branches of trees on the south side of Long Forgan, 21 October 1732
- MS/413/6/5    Roup roll of the corns of the Mains of Castle Lyon, 6 July 1734
- MS/13/6/6     Account between Susanna, Countess of Strathmore and William Speid, 15 February 1735

**MS/413/7     Legal papers of William Speid, writer in Dundee, 1729-1786.**

6 items.

MS/413/7/1     Appraisal of George Dickson's plenishings, 25 November 1729

MS/413/7/2     Decreet by John Leslie, tailor on behalf of Susanna, Countess of Strathmore, against George Dickson, tenant in Longforgan for his arrears of rent, 6 August 1729

MS/413/7/3     Account of the roup of umqll William Luckie's plenishings which were rouped by act of the Baron Court of Longforgan, 12 March 1730

MS/413/7/4     "In my Lady Strathmore Contract of marriage she is provided to the liferent of ....., " 1733

MS/413/7/5     Registered protest by William Speid, Clerk of Montrose against John Thomson in Backmuir of Liff, 1769

MS/413/7/6     Complaint by Henry Muirson, gardener at Castle Lyon, against Alex Low, Smith, in Forgan for a debt of £3. 6s Scots, November 1786

**MS//413/8 Miscellaneous legal documents relating to various members of the Speid family, 1759-1832.**

12 items.

- MS/413/8/1 Bond by Robert Speid, merchant in Dundee, and Thomas Speid, shoemaker in Dundee,  
in favour of Robert Speid, writer in Dundee, for the sum of £200 sterling,  
29 December 1759  
  
(On the reverse is a discharge by Robert Speid in favour of Christian Guthrie, relict of Robert Speid, merchant, and Thomas Speid)
- MS/413/8/2 Disposition & assignation by John Speid, merchant in Dundee, in favour of his brother  
Robert Speid of Ardovie of a piece of formerly vacant land upon which he had built houses in the East Port of Dundee, 1765.
- MS/413/8/3 Disposition and assignation by John Speid, merchant in Dundee in favour of his brother  
Robert Speid of Ardovie of all his household plenishings, debts, merchant wares and his whole goods and gear if he predeceases him, 1765.
- MS/413/8/4 Copy disposition by Robert Speid, merchant in Dundee, in favour of his children Robert his only son and his daughters Isobel, Elizabeth and Ann, of all his moveable and heritable money and all debts and bonds owing to him, 1775.
- MS/413/8/5 Extract heritable bond of corroboration & relief by James Speid in favour of Robert, Isobel, Elizabeth and Ann Speid, his nephew and nieces, 1778
- MS/413/8/6 Disposition and assignation by John Speid merchant in Dundee, in favour of his brother Robert Speid of Ardovie in the event of his death without heirs of his own body of all his lands, heritages, tenements, heritable bonds, tacks, his goods, and gear and his houses, yards, gardens and shops lying in the Cowgate & Murraygate, Dundee, only reserving liferent for his spouse Rachel Dall, 1778.
- MS/413/8/7 General disposition by Christian Grierson, relict of Robert Speid of Ardovie, in favour  
of Robert Speid, Writer to the Signet, of all her moneys, arrears, debts, plenishings  
and all other moveable effects, 1796
- MS/413/8/8 Sasine in favour of Robert Speid, Writer to the Signet, and other Trustees of the late Robert Speid of Ardovie of the lands of Smiddy Hill, 1799
- MS/413/8/9 Bond of Corroboration by John Guthrie of Guthrie to Robert Speid of Ardovie's Trustee, 1800
- MS/413/8/10a Bond by John Guthrie of Guthrie in favour of Elizabeth and Ann Speid. daughters of Robert Speid, merchant in Dundee, 1800

- MS/413/8/10b Registered heritable bond by the Trustees of Robert Speid in favour of the Trustees of William Turnbull concerning Smithy Hill, 1801
- MS/413/8/11 Return under the Property Act for Mrs Agnes Speid, widow of Gilbert Speid, shipmaster, Mrs Mary Speid widow of William Scott jeweller in Dundee and Mrs Isabella Speid wife of Edward Livingstone jeweller in Dundee for their properties in Fisherow and Netherbow, Edinburgh, 1804.
- MS/413/8/12 Discharge and reunciation by David Gray, merchant in Montrose, in favour of Robert Speid, sole surviving Trustee of Robert Speid of Ardovie of a debt of £700 over the lands of Smiddyhill, 1832

- MS/413/9**      **Correspondence of Robert Speid of Ardovie. Includes letters from Colquhon Grant, Provost Alexander Christie, Provost John Molison, Charles Greenhill of Beauchamp. Drummond and Thomas Speid, 1771-1786.**
- MS/413/9/1      Correspondence of Robert Speid of Ardovie to Colquhon Grant, Writer to the Signet, 8 September 1779
- MS/413/9/2      Correspondence of Colquhon Grant, Writer to the Signet, to Robert Speid of Ardovie: 2 bundles, 1779-1786
- MS/413/9/3      Correspondence of Provost Alexander Christie of Montrose to Robert Speid of Ardovie, c.1778: 1 bundle
- MS/413/9/4      Correspondence of Charles Greenhill, Beauchamp, to Robert Speid of Ardovie, 1781: 1 bundle
- MS/413/9/5      Correspondence of A. Drummond inviting Robert Speid to a gathering of Provost Alexander Christie's friends on election day, 1779.
- MS/413/9/6      Correspondence of Thomas Speid, shoemaker, to his brother, Robert Speid, merchant in Dundee concerning a loan of £200 from Robert Speid of Ardovie, 19 July 1771.
- MS/413/9/7      Correspondence of Provost John Molison of Brechin to Robert Speid of Ardovie, 13 April 1781.

MS./413/10 **Accounts of Robert Speid of Ardovie, 1754-1785**

Miscellaneous accounts 13 items

Includes accounts of Thomas Speid for shoes, rroup of wood, chaise ties, servant duties, iron work on Ardovie House etc.

MS/413/11 **Miscellaneous documents of Robert Speid of Ardovie, 1766-1791**

Includes inventory of the lands of Cookston, scheme for cropping Middle Drums and evidence before Parliament concerning the Southesk Bridge.  
3 bundles.

MS/413/11/1 Inventory of the lands of Cruickston, 1766. Formerly belonging to the Speids and exchanged by them for the lands of Ardovie, and other title deeds.

MS/413/11/2 Scheme for cropping Middle Drums farm, Ardovie Estate, 1781-1799.

MS/413/11/3 Papers concerning the proposed bridge over the River Southesk at Montrose: 23 items, 1789-1791 includes Bridge Bill evidence before the House of Lords given by Provost Adam Glegg and others, Case of the Petitioners against the Bill, evidence of Robert Miln, engineer and architect. Includes a list of subscribers to the Southesk Bridge. (Indexed in archives database)

MS/413/12 **Papers of Christian Grierson, relict of Robert Speid of Ardovie,  
1793-c.1820s**

MS/413/12/1 Correspondence of Christian Grierson to Robert Speid, Writer to the Signet,  
1793-1795. Transcribed.

MS/413/12a Accounts of Christian Grierson  
Includes domestic accounts and tax assessments, c. 1780's-1820's

32 items

MS/413/1 **Correspondence of Robert Speid, Writer to the Signet,,**  
**1807 - 1830**

MS/413/13/1 Correspondence of Robert Speid, WS, to his wife Isobel Hall, 29 June 1838

MS/413/13/1a Correspondence of Robert Speid WS, to Margaret Speid, 1835.

MS/413/13/2 Correspondence of Peter Farquharson, Advocate in Aberdeen to Robert Speid WS,  
1807-1817.

MS/413/13/3 Correspondence of William Peter at East Drums to Robert Speid, WS, 1807-1815.

MS/413/13/4 Correspondence of John Speid to Robert Speid, WS, 1826-1839.

**MS/413/14 Accounts of Robert Speid. Writer to the Signet, c.1806-1839.**

Includes , decoration and renovation of Ardovie House, teinds due to Stracathro schoolmaster, repairs to the garden wall, clothing, alcohol and coffee etc .  
11 items.

MS/413/14/1 Accounts of taxes paid including Window, Police, Militia pension fund etc and Fire Insurance relating to Edinburgh: 14 items, 1806-1808.

MS/413/14/2 Accounts relating to work on and decorating of Ardovie House:  
3 items, 1824.

MS/413/14/3 Accounts of taxes, wright and slate work, farm, books and clothes  
6 items, 1825.

MS/413/14/4 Accounts of taxes, wright and iron work, ale, plastering, oats and farm and harvest expenses: 10 items, 1826.

MS/413/14/5 Accounts of coals, salary to Stracathro schoolmaster, iron and carpentry work on Ardovie House, cloth and ale: 11 items, 1827.

MS/413/14/6 Accounts of stationery, schoolmaster's salary, shoes, material, repairs to garden walls, alcohol taxes, stipend, slates etc: 21 items, 1828.

MS/413/14/7 Accounts of material, provisions and clothes repairs: 4 items, 1835

MS/413/14/8 Accounts of taxes, alcohol and coffee: 5 items, 1838.

MS/413/14/9 Accounts of taxes, saddlry and alcohol: 5 items, 1839.

MS/413/14/10 Miscellaneous accounts of 1837 and 1846.

MS/413/14/11 House Book: accounts of household expenditure, probably belonging to Isabel Speid, c.1829.

**MS/413/15 Papers of Isobel Hall, spouse of Robert Speid Writer to the Signet, 1829 - 1850. Transcribed**

- 413/15/1 Correspondence of Isobel Hall or Speid to her daughter Margaret Speid: 2 bundles, c.1835-1836.
- MS/413/15/2 Correspondence of James Speid to his mother Isobel Hall, 1824-1850
- MS/43/15/3 Correspondence of John Speid to his mother Isobel Hall, 1847.
- MS/413/15/4 Correspondence of Catherine Hall to her sister Isobel Hall, 1831-1839.
- MS/413/15/5 Correspondence of Elizabeth and Margaret Martin to their aunt Isobel Hall, 1829-1840.
- MS/413/15/6 Miscellaneous correspondence to Isobel Hall, mainly intimations of deaths c.1848-1850.
- MS/413/15/7 Correspondence of Isobel Hall to her sister Catherine Hall, 16 July 1836.

MS/413/16 **Papers of Margaret Speid, Ardovie, Brechin, 1825-1861. Transcribed**

MS/413/16/1 Correspondence of Margaret Speid to her mother Isobel Hall: 3 bundles, 1825-1836.

MS/413/16/2 Correspondence of James Speid to his sister Margaret Speid, 1850-1857.

MS/413/16/3 Correspondence of Catherine Hall to her niece Margaret Speid: 4 bundles, 1832-1838.  
Margaret Speid, 1845-1861.

MS/413/16/5 Correspondence of Margaret Speid to her cousin Margaret Martin, nd.

MS/413/16/6 Correspondence of Ann Speid to her niece Margaret Speid, 17 November 1827.

MS/413/16/7 Miscellaneous correspondence to Margaret Speid. Includes a  
Valentine Card.

MS/413/17a Correspondence to Catherine Hall, sister of Isobel Hall, 1839-1847

2 items.

MS/413/17a/1 Correspondence of Margaret Moffat to her aunt Catherine Hall,  
31 July 1839.

MS/413/17a/2 Correspondence of John Hall Martin to his aunt Catherine Hall,  
3 June 1847.

MS/413/17 **Correspondence between Tom, Henry, John and Helen (Ellen) Speid, 1835 - 1837**  
Transcribed.

MS/413/17/1 Correspondence of Isobel Hall to Helen Speid, 12 May 1835.

MS/413/17/2 Correspondence of Tom Speid to Helen Speid, n.d.

MS/413/17/3 Correspondence of Tom Speid to Ellen (Helen) Speid, 30 November 1836

MS/413/17/4 Correspondence of Tom Speid to Margaret Speid, 30 November 1836

MS/413/17/5 Correspondence of Catherine Hall to Helen Speid, 13 July 1837

MS/413/17/6 Correspondence of Henry Speid to Tom Speid, n.d.

MS/413/17/7 Correspondence of John Martin, Largs to John Speid, 1847.  
In the form of a humorous print of a gentleman.

MS/413/18 **Miscellaneous Correspondence of unidentified letters and fragments,c.1830's**

MS/413/19 **Household account book, possibly belonging to Isobel Hall, n.d.**

Household account book possibly belonging to Isobel Hall, n.d.  
1 item.

MS/413/20 **Accounts of Isobel Hall, c 1835-1847**

1 item.

MS/413/21 **Miscellaneous documents, c 1781-1831**

MS/413/21/1 Doctor's prescription, n.d.

MS/413/21/2 Observations by R Speid on the laws of the Juridical Society: 2 copies  
1786.

MS/413/21/3 Instructions to the printer of the Aberdeen Journal, 1790,

MS/413/21/4 Bond of Colin Lawden and John Syme to Elizabeth Renald, 1793.

MS/413/21/5 Copy letter of W H Crown regarding the table china which arrived broken, 1831.

MS/413/21/6 Roup roll of the effects which belonged to late Miss Speid sold at the Myrekirk,  
29 March, 1839.

MS/413/21/7 Contract between Thomas Molison and the Trustees of the Late Robert  
Speid of Ardovie and John Scott, wright, 1811.

MS/413/21/8 Terms of Fairfield Academy, nd.

MS/413/21/9 States of taxes in the County of Forfar, 1795-1798.

MS/413/21/10 Inventory of writs of Middledrums, nd.

MS/413/21/11 Disposition of James Craik, Tenant in Balglessie, in favour of his oldest son, James,  
nd.

MS/413/21/12 Account of firewood sold out of the park of Ardovie, 1743-1786.

MS/413/21/13 Scroll charter of James Miln of Woodhill in favour of Alexander Norman, 1781.

MS/413/22

**Legal documents relating to the horning and poinding of Andrew Dewar brought by John Fairley and William Dennistoun, flesher in Glasgow, 1787-1798,**

7 items,

- MS/413/23 **Printed material concerning the court case between Christian Grierson and Robert Speid, WS, 1793-1806.**
- MS/413/23/1 Copy trust disposition by Robert Speid of Ardovie, 1793.
- MS/413/23/2 Information for Robert Speid of Ardovie, Writer, to the Signet, against Thomas Hunter of Glencarse and James Ogilvie, merchant in Dundee, Trustees under a Deed of Settlement executed by the deceased Robert Speid of Ardovie, 23 November 1803.
- MS/413/23/3 Memorial for Robert Speid of Ardovie, Writer to the Signet against Mrs Christian Grierson, widow of the deceased Robert Speid of Ardovie, Thomas Hunter of Glencarse and James Ogilvy, merchant in Dundee and George Ogilvy, David Jobson, William Jobson, James Jobson, Charles Jobson and Alexander Speid being the whole substitute heirs of entail of the deceased Robert Speid of Ardovie, 11 February 1806.

MS/413/24 **Printed material; empty envelopes, 1739-1840's**

Advertising leaflets, visiting cards, etc.

MS/413/24/1 Instructions given by the Commissioners and Trustees for improving the fisheries and manufactures of Scotland to Robert Speid Stamp-master and lapper in Dundee, 1 June 1739.

MS/413/24/2 Request by William Greig, surveyor, for the number of servants retained, both male and female; number of children and grandchildren under the age of 14 years old; number of wheeled carriages employed, the number of carts, wains or waggons and also the number of carriage and riding horses kept and used, 26 August 1785.

MS/413/24/3 Case of Mr John Farquharson the only surviving son of the last Francis Farquharson Esq., of Finzean, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1824.

MS/413/24/4 Visiting cards.

5 items.

MS/413/24/5 Advertising.

Includes cards advertising shops in Edinburgh selling parasols, umbrellas, coal, stationery, furniture, waterproof coats, glass, china and decorative hair.

MS/413/24//6 Bank notes.

MS/413/24/6i One pound note issued by the Dundee Union Bank, 26 November 1832.

MS/413/24/6ii Five pound note issued by the British Linen Company, 9 June 1853.

MS/413/24/7 Notices of dues and meetings - includes notices from the Edinburgh, Angus Club and Writers to the Signet Widows' Fund 1848-1849.

MS/413/24/8 Edinburgh Gazette, 1805.

MS/413/25 **Printed lists of Writers to the Signet, early 19<sup>th</sup> Century.**  
Very fragile.

MS/413/26

**Plan of part of the West Water between Smiddyhill and West Side produced in the submission between Lord Panmure and James Speid of Ardovie, 1833.**

1 item.

MS/413/27 **Addenda**

Legal documents, 1837-1867.

MS/413/27/1 **1837**

Bond and disposition under reversion by Robert Speid of Ardovie in favour of the Trustees of Miss Elizabeth Geekie in Coupar Angus for £4,000.

MS/413/27/2 **24 August 1837**

Instrument of sasine in favour of Alexander Geekie of Easter Baldowrie, James Ogilvie, writer, in Dundee and John Ogilvie, writer in Dundee, Trustees of Miss Elizabeth Geekie resigned by Robert Speid of Ardovie.

MS/413/27/3 **11 May 1842**

Disposition and assignation by Miss Geekie's Trustees to the Trustees of the deceased Alexander McLaren, merchant in Dundee of a bond by Robert Speid of Ardovie dated 27 August 1837.

[McLaren's Trustees were Alexander Balfour, merchant in Dundee, Thomas Farquharson, Esquire of Baldovie, Andrew Brown, flaxspinner in Dundee, James Cameron, merchant in Dundee, William Wrongham, merchant in Dundee, James McLaren, farmer at Balzlassie, and Alexander Kidd, ironmonger in Dundee on behalf of Miss Elizabeth McLaren.]

MS/413/27/4 **19 May 1842**

Bond and disposition under reversion by Robert Speid of Ardovie in favour of the Trustees of Alexander McLaren, merchant in Dundee.

MS/413/27/5 **21 May 1842**

Instrument of sasine in favour of the Trustees of the Late Mr Alexander McLaren of a disposition and assignation by Miss Elizabeth Geekie's Trustees.

MS/413/27/6 **21 May 1842**

Another of the above.

MS/413/27/7 **-----1851**

Notice of the improvements on the entailed estate of Ardovie by James Speid to John Speid his heir, residing at Willow Bank, near Newhaven, Edinburgh.

MS/413/27/7 **25 January 1853**

Account of monies laid out by James Speid of Ardovie on the entailed lands and estate of Ardovie between Martinmas 1851 and Martinmas 1852.

[The account shows money spent on drainage at Grierton, Ardovie, Lochley etc, enclosures, and improvements to the office buildings at the Mains of Ardovie.]

MS/413/27/8 **10 March 1854**

Account of the expenditure in improvements on the entailed estate of Ardovie by the late James Speid of Ardovie between Martinmas 1852 and Martinmas 1853.

[The account shows drainage work on the Mains of Ardovie.]

MS/413/27/9 **4 August 1854**

Agreement between John Speid of Ardovie and his brother Henry Speid, residing in St Heliers, Jersey.

[Robert Speid and Isabella Hall had an ante nuptial contract whereby the surviving children who did not inherit the estate were entitled to a sum of money. Before his death James Speid was taken to the Court of Session by his mother Isabella Hall and his brother Henry and sister Margaret. James argued that his father's estate was insufficient for payment of personal debts. He wished to assert that his Mother and siblings had no right to certain provisions and only to those arrangements under Robert Speid and Isabella Hall's ante nuptial arrangement.

James Speid died on 19 August, 1853 and his brother John Speid residing in Crieff inherited the estate. James Speid had died intestate and without sufficient money to cover his personal debts. John Speid continued the case against his mother Isabella Hall and his sister Margaret Speid. He came to an "amicable" compromise with Henry Speid whereby Henry received some of the money due to him under the marriage contract and other dispositions. He relieved John of any further obligations.]

MS/413/27/10 **14 October 1854**

Intimation by John Speid of Ardovie to Henry Speid as the heir of the entailed estate of Ardovie, Middle Drums, Ballownie and others.

[John Speid intended to build farm offices at Middle Drume, for drainage work on the Ardovie Farms of Mains of Ardovie, Lochley, Middle Drums, Grierton, North Field, Mavisbank and Meerlingpark and Ballownie. He also planted woods on the uncultivated parts of the estate.

MS/413/27/11 **19 August 1854**

Testament dative of James Speid of Ardovie.

[James Speid died intestate on 19 August 1853. His brother John Speid, residing in Crieff, drew up the inventory of goods, gear and debts of James Speid. His household furniture, horses, cows, sheep, carriages and his clothes were appraised at £550. 9s. 10d.]

MS/413/27/12 **19 August 1854**

Another of the above.

MS/413/27/13 **7 July 1857**

Agreement between John Speid of Ardovie and his sister Margaret Speid.

[The agreement follows on from the legal action described in 413/27/9 and from the financial implications of the death of Isabella Hall, her mother on 11 May 1856. The case against James Speid had halted on 19 February 1853, when they were granted an Interlocutor from Lord Cowan. James Speid died shortly thereafter and John took no further action. On the death of her mother Margaret was due to receive £1,000 under the terms of her parents marriage contract.

Margaret and John came to an agreement whereby she would make no further claims on the estate of James Speid which she acknowledged was exhausted by his personal debts. Nor would she claim anything from John Speid beyond £104. 2s. 15d. The £1,000 due from her parents estate was to be a debt owed by John Speid with 4% interest plus a separate debt of £313. The interest was to remain in John Speid's hands as long as Margaret chose to remain in his house in lieu of her board and maintenance.

MS/413/27/14 **21 May 1867**

Discharge by James McLaren of Wester Balgillo in Tannadice, William Wrongham, merchant in Dundee, the Trustees of Alexander McLaren in favour of Henry Speid, now of Ardovie for £1,000.

MS/413/27/15 **21 May 1867**

Another of the above.

MS/413/28 **1832**

Addenda; Accounts

1 bundle concerning improvement to drainage on the Ardovie farm of Grierton, dykes and drainage Lochley and in office of steading on the Mains of Ardovie.

7 pieces