The Riddell Collection of Seals Letter R

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Seal 1

John Riddell of Granton W.S. Edinburgh (1713 - 1745) Writer to The Signet 1739, Apprentice to Ronald Dunbar WS



Seal 3

John Riddell of Granton ut ante (1713 – 1745)



Seal 2

'John Riddell Esq. India'

Possibly John Riddell born between 1728 and 1788, father of Captain Andrew Nesbitt Riddell, born 1794



Seal 2

Miss Christian Riddell, Edinr. Now Mrs Douglas 1720 - 1803 Grandmother of Riddell brothers and sister to Ann Nisbet/Glassford



Seal 4

'Miss Riddell, now Mrs Home'

One of Robert, John and James Riddell's sisters - Jean, Anne or Catharine.



Card 135 Seal 3 Ross



Seal 1

Robertson

Motto - 'virtutis gloria merces', initials 'PR'



Card 154
Seal 2
'J. Richardson Esqr'
Initials - 'JR'

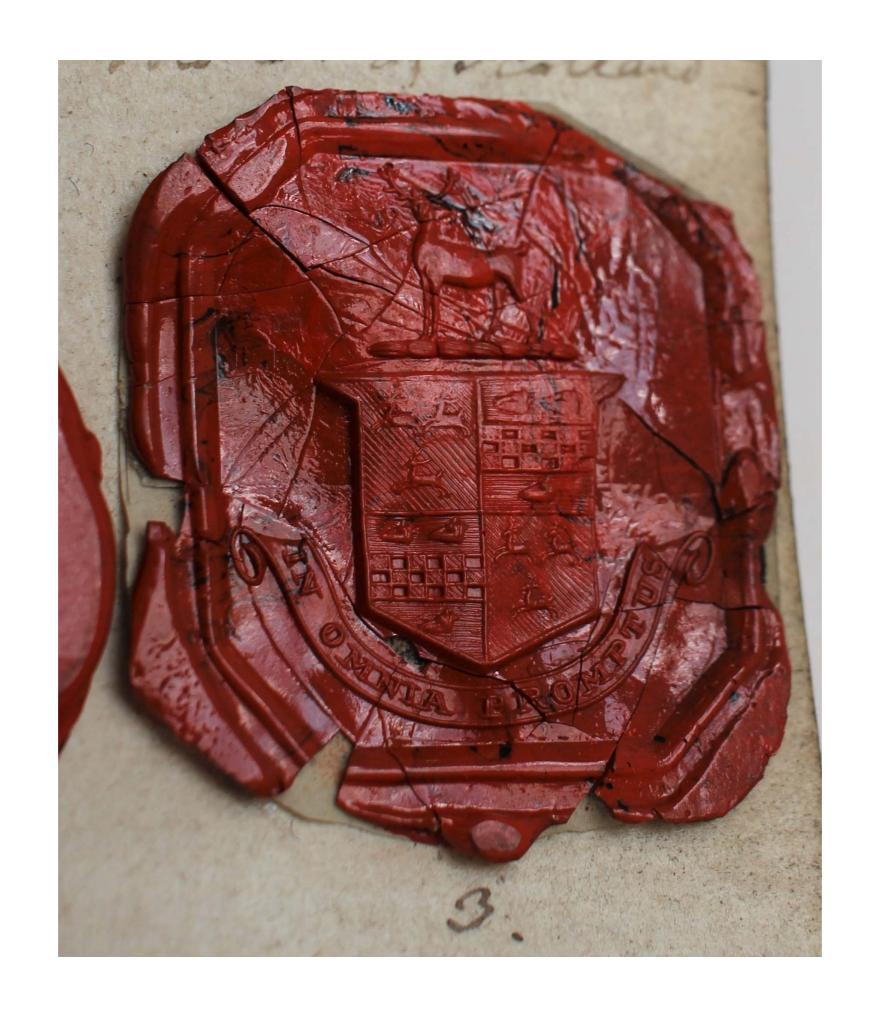


Seal 2

'Hercules Ross Esqr of Rossie'

1745 - 1816

Trader and estate owner in Jamaica, intimate friend of Horatio Nelson and honorary and corresponding member of the Society for the Abolition of the Slave Trade.



Seal 3

'Sir William Rae of St Catharines, Bart, Sheriff Depute of Edinburghshire, afterwards Lord Advocate of Scotland' Motto - 'In Omnia Promptus'

Sir William Rae, 3rd Bt., of St. Catherines, Edinburgh. (1769-1842). Sheriff of Orkney and Shetland 1801-9, and Edinburgh 1809-19

Lord Advocate 1819 -1830, 1834 -1835, Sept. 1841-death. Privy Councillor in 1830.

According to Grant's Old and New Edinburgh, he was present at the Great Edinburgh Fire of 1824, attempting to extinguish the flames of the building on the Royal Mile at the head of Old Assembly Close as it was "the house of his birth".



Seal 3

'Sir James Miles Riddell of Ardnamuchan and Sunart. Bart' Sir James Milles/Milne Riddell FRSE DCL, 2nd Baronet of Ardnamurchan and Sunart (1787–1861)
Participant of the Highland Clearances via his estates of Ardnamurchan and Sunart.



Card 193 Seal 1 Sir John Buchanan Riddell Bart. of Riddell Bt. N.S. John Buchanan Riddell 9th Bart (1768 - 1819) MP



Seal 1

John Riddell Esq. Advocate Edinr.

John Riddell

(October 04, 1785 - February 08, 1862)

John Riddell was the eldest of the three brothers who made this collection, and no doubt the driving force. He was an Advocate by this time, as well as a student of genealogy. He would become a noted antiquarian and peerage lawyer, admired by Sir Walter Scott. His younger brother Robert (who's seal can be seen below) also became a practising advocate and was described by John as being "tarred with the same brush".



Seal 3

Robert Riddell Esqr, Advocate, Edinr

Robert Riddell

(1797 - 1862)

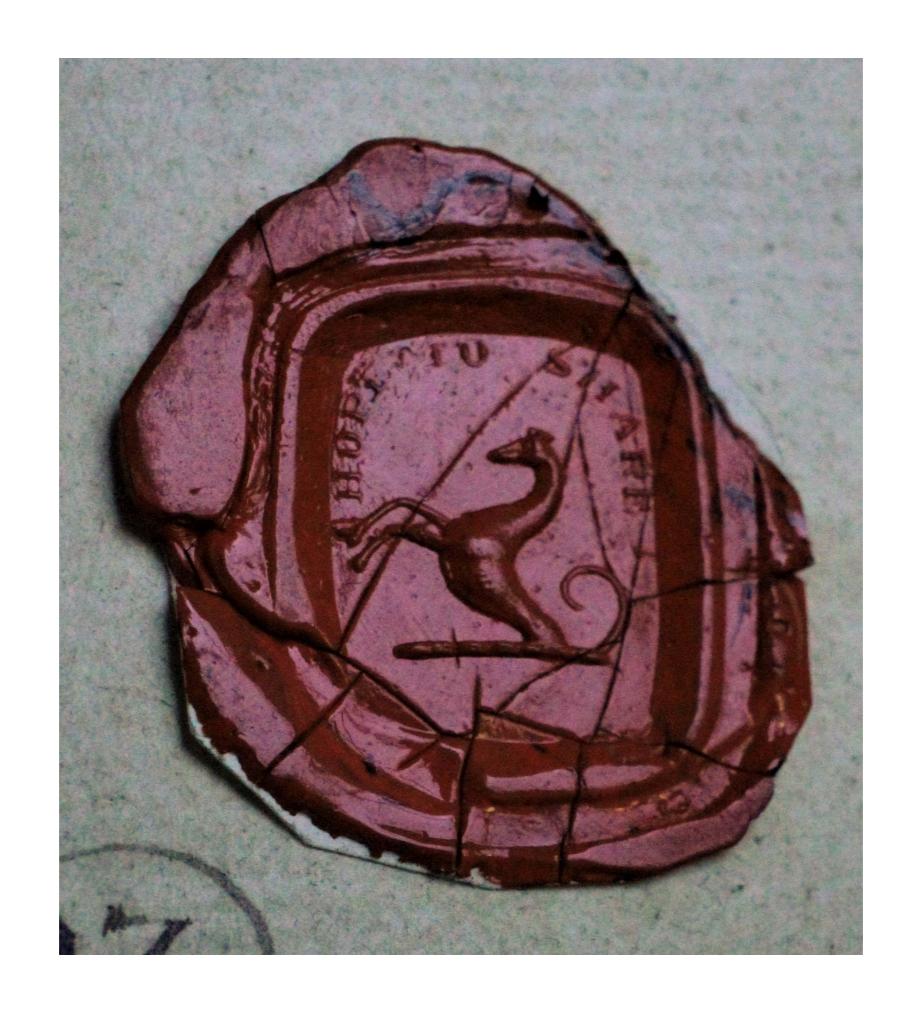
Motto - 'I Hope to Share'

Brother of John Riddell, and co-creator of this collection.

Robert, following his brother John into the study of law and genealogy, became an Advocate in 1820, and in 1829 was Sheriff Substitute in Haddingtonshire until his death in 1862.



Card 226 Seal 1 'Robertson of Ladykirk' David Robertson, 1st Baron Marjoribanks (2 April 1797 – 19 June 1873)



Seal 2

'Michael Riddell Esqr of Grange, Major of Cavalry E&CS' Major General Michael Riddell (1783–1844)

H.E.I.C.S. (Honourable East India Company Service) of the Madras Cavalry Cornet 18 Jul 1804 Lieutenant 21 Feb 1808 Captain 7 Sep 1811 Major 15 Jul 1819 Lived at 46 Heriot Row, Grange, Edinburgh



Seal 1

'Henry Riddell Esqr. WS'

Motto - 'Row and Retake' - Riddell of Granton

Reverend Henry Scott Riddell

23d May 1789. Died 15th April 1862

Son of Henry Riddell (1744 – 1801) and brother of John, Robert and James Riddell, who made this collection. Apprentice to James Thomson. Ordained Minister of Longformacus 6th September



Seal 3

'J H Ramsbottam Esqr MP'

Sir John Ramsbottom MP for Windsor, of Woodside, Windsor

(1778 - 1845)



Card E

Seal 1

'W K Robertson Esqr. of ...'

Motto - virtutis gloria merces

The most likely identity of the owner is William Robertson (1721-1793)

Minister, Principal and Historian.