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Reference Number	Creator	Date	Scope and Content
FP1	Robert Wallace, MP Postal Reformer	1828-1890	Contains correspondence; papers
FP2	Records of Allan Park Paton	1805-1903	Contains: FP2/1: Personal Catalogues FP2/2: Literary works presented to Greenock Library by Allan Park Paton FP2/3: Literary works presented to Allan Park Paton FP2/4: Published Literary Works by Allan Park Paton FP2/5: Correspondence FP2/6: Miscellaneous
FP3	James Dempster, architect	1836-1867	Contains account book of James Dempster, 1836-1867; and estate papers of James Dempster containing details of funeral expenses, debts and property for James Dempster, 1867.
FP4	A.J. Black	1856-1895	Contains notebook kept by A.J. Black of Jordanhill, relating to the life of Sir Michael Conna including clippings regarding his death in 1893; programme for memorial services and other events; and correspondence, 1856-1864.
FP5	John Galt, Papers.	1807-1838	Contains manuscript notebook of a play, 'King Edward III' and a number of poems dated 1807-1811 by John Galt, 1807-1811; Correspondence between John Galt and Rev. John Dunn with reply from W. Baine of the Greenock Library regarding Galt's donation of twelve volumes of 'American State Papers', 1789-1818, to the Greenock Library, 1837-

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			1838; and correspondence by John Galt regarding play in Edinburgh, absences and ill health, 1836.
FP6	The Watt Family Papers	1737-1835	Contains correspondence of James Watt (1736-1819), 1773-1818; correspondence of James Watt, (1698-1782), 1737; and correspondence of James Watt, (1769-1848) 1823-1835.
FP7	John Scott, Papers	1861-1866	Contains letters of John Scott whilst based in St Nazaire, France and Cartdyke, Scotland, 1861-1866.
FP8	Samuel Hamilton, Papers	1926-1940	Contains documents concerning Samuel Hamilton including two apprenticeship notices for Ardgowan Distillery and Scottish Chemical Company; and Medical Card issued by the Greenock Burgh Insurance Committee, 1926-1940.
FP9	John Love, Papers	1880-1897	Contains correspondence composed by John Love regarding his finding of his published booklet 'Notes on the Proposed Time Signal' with said booklet included, 1880-1897.
FP10	Walter Rodger, Papers	1878	Contains manuscript paper by Walter Rodger titled 'Notes taken down from recollections of Gentlemen who have long resided in Greenock', 1878.
FP11	Alexander Shearer, Ironmonger, Papers	1829-1866	Contains cash Book of Alexander Shearer, Ironmonger, 1828-1840; and file of business receipts of Alexander Shearer with John Clark, 1841; Thomas McNaught, Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer, 1853 and 1865-1866; Thomas Lamb & Sons, Ship Carpenters; George Burns, Slate Merchant, 1865; and

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			Robert Blair, Cabinet Maker, 1841-1866.
FP12	Captain Malcolm McMillan	1823-1828	Contains Captain Malcolm McMillans Account Book for the brig Margaret, 1823-1829. Contents: FP12/1: Account Book
FP14	Sir Gabriel Wood	1824	Contains copy of 'Proceedings of the Public Meeting for erecting a monument to the late James Watt' signed by Gabriel Wood, 1824.
FP15	Earl of Cathcart, papers.	c. 1885	Privately printed book entitled 'Shaw of Sauchie' on the history and genealogy of the Shaws of Sauchie including letter from the Earl of Cathcart to the Librarian of Greenock Library, c. 1885
FP16	Alexander Thomson, Banker, Greenock.	1822-1838	Contains autograph book of Alexander Thomson containing signatures of various individuals and wax seals, 1822-1838. Contents: FP16/1: Autograph Books
FP17	Hamish McCunn	1880-1915	Contains Correspondence written to Hamish McCunn by various prominent nineteenth century musicians and other literary and cultural figures, 1880-1915; and file of various signatures collected by Hamish MacCunn, n.d.
FP18	John Wood, Papers	1855-1940	Contains correspondence from John Wood to Thomas Irving, Liverpool regarding his astronomical findings and clockwork Globe, c. 1885; and correspondence between Edith W. Irvine and Andrew Paton, Town Clerk Port Glasgow; and C. W. Trevelyan and Andrew Paton regarding donation of

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			Clockwork Globe, Flute and accompanying papers to Port Glasgow Town Council, 1940.
FP19	Andrew Ramsay, Papers	1838	Contains various diplomatic passess issued to Andrew Ramsey, 1838.
FP20	John Anderson, Papers	1848-1850	Contains diplomatic passess issued to John Anderson, 1843-1850.
FP21	Jack Williamson, Papers	1846	Contains memorandum book of Jack Williamson on his voyage from George's Dock, Liverpool to Lima, Peru, on the S.S. 'Bergmann', 1846.
FP22	James Watt, Esq, Papers	1842	Contains Greenock Library subscribers ticket for James Watt, Esq, 1842.
FP23	Alexander Rodger, Papers	1819-1887	Contains file of titled and untitled transcribed works, poems and songs by James Hyslop, n.d; Personal notes and memoirs of the life of James Hyslop including printed copy of Peter Mearns, 'Sketch of the Poet's Life', 1887, 1840-1887; File of correspondence including: letter from Alexander Rodger, Greenock, to W. Hyslop, Sanquhar 1 Oct 1840; letter from J. Patterson, Dumfries to Alexander Rodger, Greenock 10 Mar 1840; and letter from Thomas Shaw, Edinburgh, 12 Oct 1872; Untitled manuscript poem by James Hyslop, 1821; Correspondence from James Hyslop, Greenock, to Jonathan Dawson, Teacher. 1819; File of research papers on Jean Adam and her authorship of the ballad 'There's Nae Luck

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			about the Hosue', c. 1866.
FP24	Captain William Wright, Papers	1830-1861	Contains nautical log book containing abstract of voyage from Kingston to Greenock in the Brig General Wolfe; and abstract of voyage from the Island of Terceira to Kingston, 1830-1861.
FP25	James Ramsay, Papers	1830	Contains passport of James Ramsay, Rope Maker, to travel to Paris by Calais, 1830.
FP26	Robert McKenzie, Papers	16 Dec 1843	Contains transference of Burying ground in favour of Robert McKenzie, signed and witnessed by William Dallas and Andrew Boag, 1843.
FP27	Daniel Ritchie MacLelland, Writer, Papers	1858-1874	Contains Commission in favour of Daniel Ritchie MacLelland as a writer in Port Glasgow having served an apprenticeship for five years with Archibald MacLelland, Writer, in Port Glasgow, as clerk to him and to James Lade, Writer, in Port Glasgow, 1858-1859; and Legal document stating that Daniel Ritchie MacLelland, has been duly and lawfully constituted and created Notary and presented to the Lords of Council and Session has been given his declaration de fideli administratione, 1874.
FP28	Captain Andrew Dougall, Papers	1 Aug 1839-1 Oct 1841	Contains state of advances made on account of Captain Andrew Dougall, an insane person from the time of his being committed to the asylum by the Sheriff of Renfrewshire, until he was taken on the Roll of Insane Paupers in the

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			United Parish of Greenock, 1839-1841.
FP29	Clarence Thomson, Papers	1915-1970	Contains photographs including Greenock Morton Supporters Club trips, 1930s; Travel identity card, 1947; National registration identity card; Passport, 1951.
FP30	Hunter Campbell, Papers	1884-1891	Contains business receipts from Greenock, 1884-1891.
FP31	Captain Melville, Papers	1843	Contains financial receipt and invoices, 1843.
FP32	John Morrison, Papers	1904	Contains financial receipts, 1904.
FP33	Dugald Coats, Papers	1853	Contains receipt from Jane Campbell to Dugald Coats for the payment of one years rent of Shop in Vennelto be occupied by him, 1853
FP34	R. W. Muir, Papers	1828-1887	Contains booklet titled 'Address by the Magistrates & Treasurer of the Town of Greenock to the Feuars and Inhabitants' by William Leitch, Robert Ewing and Robert Aytoun, 1828-1887; Paper titled 'The Worth of Wages' by William Denny, 1876; and lecture paper delivered to the West of Scotland Tactical Society titled 'Coast and Harbour Defence (Firths of Forth and Clyde), by Lieutenant Commander R. Assheton Napier, 1887
FP35	Kenneth Campbel MacDonald	1917	Contains in Memoriam booklet of poetry by Private Kenneth Campbel MacDonald, 1/8 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who died in action in France 1916 with compiled by his father Alexander MacDonald, 1917.

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FP36	Charles Thomson, Papers	1898-1970	Contains freemason membership cards; certificates; dinner and invitation cards; and Grand Imperial Council of Scotland papers, 1898-1970.
FP37	Maggie D. Rankin, Papers	22-Dec-24	Contains correspondence from James M. Barrie to Miss Maggie D. Rankin concerning reference to James McMillan in Barrie's address at Dumfries Academy, 1924.
FP38	George McOnie, Papers	Nov 1865- Jan 1867	Contains abstracts by Chief Engineer George McOnie for SS India, 1865-1867.
FP39	Miss Margaret Hislop, papers	1908-1951	Papers of Miss Margaret Hislop (1908-1951), confectioner of Pierhead, Gourock. The collection comprises a chest of correspondence, financial papers, recipe books, notebooks, diaries, photographs, ephemera and other items related to Miss Hislop's business and personal life. The ephemera includes items relating to the burgh of Gourock Gala week, 1951 and the Clyde Firth Swim, 1951. The collection also includes items related to the Gourock Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association.
FP39/1	Miss Margaret Hislop's Curatory, Business Papers	1908-1951	
FP39/2	Personal Papers	1908-1951	Papers of Miss Margaret Hislop (1908-1951), confectioner of Pierhead, Gourock. The collection comprises a chest of correspondence, financial papers, recipe books, notebooks, diaries, photographs, ephemera and other items related to

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FP40	F Smith, Papers	1916-1919	Contains file of business receipts, 1916-1919.
FP41	John Murphy, Papers	1878-1880	Contains commonplace book and index reum compiled by John Murphy, Greenock, 1878-1880.
FP42	Archibald Shearer, Papers	1896	Contains receipt from Archibald Shearer to William Shephard, General Ironmonger, Greenock, 1896.
FP43	Alexander S. Hunter, Papers	1865-1877	Contains volume of George Square Congregational Church Yearbooks, 1865-1877
FP44	John Davidson, Papers	1847	Contains subscription ticket to the Greenock Artizan Club signed by John Davidson, 1847.
FP45	James Henderson, Papers	1907-1910	Contains finacial receipts from various local businesses, 1907-1910.
FP46	David Johnston, Papers	1795	Contains correspondence, 1795.
FP47	Claud Marshall, Papers	1824	Contains Stamp Office noitice of acceptance from Peter Jackson, Depute Sheriff Clerk of Renfrewshire, that Claud Marshall entered his name and place of residence as a Notary Public, 1824.
FP48	Crawfurd family of Cartsburn	1710-	Contains a copy of Crawfurd, Arthur C., (1930) Dumbarton

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			<p>Castle and the Story of Capt. Thomas Crawford of Jordan Hill. London: The De La More Press belonging to the author with photos, notes and other additional material pasted in. Sticker on cover states 'Most complete copy'; Notebook, extracts from the family histories of Kerr of Kersland, Crawford of Cartsburn and others, with the book plate of Capt. Arthur C Crawford; One copy of Crawford, Arthur C., (1929) Two copies of 'A Scots Officer in the Time of Queen Mary: A brief account of the life of Thomas Crawford of Jordanhill: London: De La More Press', also with photos and notes pasted in; One copy of anon (1710) A genealogical History of the...Family of the Stewarts...Edinburgh: James Watson with ownership signature of Thomas Crawford and photographs and notes placed in; Manuscript and typescript notes on 17th Scottish history of Crawfurds of Cartsburn; Notebook, the Old West Kirk Greenock includes notes, correspondence, newspaper clippings etc.</p>
FP49	Gardner Blair, Papers	c. 1915-c. 1919	<p>Scrapbook of Gardner Blair containing cuttings from newspapers relating to Greenock, Dumbarton and Scotland, 1915-1919; and Photograph of Captain Roderick MacDonald with draft notes titled 'A Hero of the Sea' by Gardner Blair, n.d.</p>
FP50	Geoffrey Grimshaw, Papers		<p>Contains: FP50/1: Photographs FP50/2: Periodicals FP50/3:</p>

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			Calendars FP50/4: Personal Papers FP50/5: Books FP50/6: Scrapbooks FP50/7: Sailing Books FP50/8: Weather Logs
FP51	Lord Inverclyde, Papers	1945-1954	Contains bound itineraries of a trip to France and Canada compiled by Lord Inverclyde; 1945-1954.
FP52	Gibb Niven Pennie and Family, Papers	1958-1977	
FP53	George Washington Browne	1907	Contains paper titled 'Notes on Newark Castle, Renfrewshire' by G. Washington Browne, 1907.
FP54	Samuel Hamilton, naval volunteer	1926-1930	Contains certificate of service for Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve for Samuel Hamilton, 1926-1930; Harbour Permit for Samuel Hamilton stamped by Greenock Harbour Trust, n.d.; and photograph of H.M.S Royal Sovereign, 1926.
FP55	Ralph D. Cox	09-Apr-05	Contains letter from Ralph D. Cox to his mother, writing from the Tontine hotel, Greenock, 1905
FP56	John M. Bamford, Papers	c. 1896-c. 1935	File of songs, poems, articles and newspaper clippings composed and collected by John M. Bamford, c. 1896-c. 1935; and Bound book of manuscript poems by J.M. Bamford, c. 1917.
FP57	William Campbell	c. 1785-c. 1810	Contains manuscript account and masonic poem book for the business of William Campbell; c. 1785-c. 1810.
FP58	McCunn Family	1840	Contains correspondence from Robert McCunn of Glasgow, to his brother Thomas McCunn of London and Greenock,

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			1840; correspondence from John McCunn of Greenock, to Thomas McCunn of London, 1840; and correspondence from to Thomas McCunn, Greenock, from W. G. Smith, Glasgow, 1840.
FP59	James Aitken, Papers	1857-1883	Contains scrapbook of newspaper cuttings and manuscript notes collected by James Aitken concerning matters involving the Presbytery of Greenock; the Kilmacolm Case; cuttings in which Aitkens name is present; and various stories and articles; 1857-1883.
FP60	Mollie E. Jamieson, Papers	1903-1928	Contains scrapbook of articles composed and collected by Mollie E. Jamieson, 1903-1928.
FP61	Thomas King, Papers	1856-1858	Contains Letter Book of Thomas King, 1856-1858
FP62	George Blake, Papers	1943-1945	Contains manuscript draft of the novel 'The Constant Star' by George Blake, 1943-1944; and manuscript draft of the novel 'The Westering Sun' by George Blake, 1945.
FP63	Robert Hendry, Papers	1855-1890	Contains scrapbooks of collected cuttings from the Greenock Herald regarding Robert Hendry, the Mechanics Institution, parliamentary issues and other collected extracts; 1855-1883; Book of cuttings titled 'Notes by Democritus' from the Greenock Herald collected and composed by Robert Hendry under his pseudonym 'Democritus', 1881-1890
FP64	Rev. John Burns Smith, Papers	1896-1897	Contains address presented to Rev. John Burns Smith by the

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			congregation of Union Street United Presbyterian Church following his relief active duties due to ill health, 1896; address presented to Rev. John Burns Smith by the congregation of Union Street United Presbyterian Church to commemorate his ministerial jubilee, 1897; and photograph of Rev. John Burns Smith by James Paton, n.d
FP65	Hugh Miller	1917	Contains composition titled 'Rejoice: Scottish Song' composed by Hugh Miller, 1917.
FP66	Edward T. Roberts	n.d.	Contains bound manuscript composition of 'Pslam 145' for Tenor, Solo, Chorus and String Orchestra by Edward T. Roberts Contents: FP66/1: Compositions
FP67	John MacMillan, Papers	1800	Contains naval commission granting the the Brigantine 'Two Friends' of Greenock, mastered by John MacMillan of Greenock free passage to Quebec with attached newspaper clipping obituary of Alexander MacMillan and donation details written by Allan Park Paton, 1880.
FP68	Mr Corrie, Papers	c. 1943	Contains manuscript copy of details of Kilmacolm Parish poor roll (no names) and stipends from the Statistical Accounts of Scotland, 1792; correspondence from to the Trustees of the Kilmacolm Penny Savings Bank from secretary Anthony Howie apologising for his absence at the annual Trustees meeting, 1 Dec 1943; printed history of Kilmacolm Parish with annotated manuscript notes, n.d.; manuscript history of

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FP69	Clapperton Family, papers	1824-1870	Contains correspondence from James Smith, Glasgow to Captain John Clapperton, Sep 1824, offering command of vessel and terms of appointment; correspondence from John Clapperton, Lima, to his Uncle, Rev Turnball of Tingwall, detailing arrival at Lima, Aug 1825; and correspondence from Thomas Clapperton, Valparaiso, to his Uncle, Rev Turnball of Tingwall, Sep 1824; and letter from members of the 1st Renfrewshire Rifle Volunteers to Captain Clapperton concerning his resignation from the volunteers, May 1870.
FP70	William A. M. Williamson, Gourock, Papers	n.d.	Contains notebooks with manuscript notes concerning the history of Greenock and surrounding papers, n.d; Personal copy of 'Historical Sketches of the Town and Harbours of Greenock' by Dugald Campbell containing plan of the Harbour System, Greenock and signed by William A. M. Williamson, 1897; File of correspondence containing printed correspondence to Robert Williamson concerning Bicycle race between Mr W. Montgomery of Greenock and Mr W. Campbell of the Dublin Bicycle Club, Sep 1870; letter from Sir Godfrey Pattinson to William Williamson thanking him for lending his car on election time, 4 Nov 1931; letter from Alexander McClure to William Williamson concerning photographs of Clune Park, Jan 1951 with attached letter

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			<p>from Greenock Morton Football Club, 1951; and letter from Herbert Henderson to William A. M. Williamson thanking him for his work concerning the Watt Bi-Centenary celebrations, n.d.; File of personal research notes concerning the history of Greenock and Gourock including manuscript document detailing the historical sketch of Trinity U.P. Church, n.d.; manuscript document 'Old Greenock Lecture' n.d. manuscript book of Burns notes, n.d.; printed copy of Greenock Historical Sketches with annotations, n.d; manuscript document titled 'Cheap travelling: Greenock & Irish Boat Services', n.d.; File of East Kirk Parish Church Periodicals, 1938-1951; Extract of minute of East Parish Church Kirk Session Meeting concerning the appointment of Evan M. Sutherland to the office of Beale and Church Officer with list of duties, 1941; Correspondence to William Williamson from Rev. Stephen Green offering him the position of superintendship at the Sunday School Teachers' Association, 1923; East Parish Church Sabbath School Class Register, 1900; Abstracts of Accounts of the Greenock East Kirk Parish Church, 1940; Specification and tender for alterations to heating system at East Parish Church, 1929; Velocipede Photographs, c. 1880; photographs and postcards of Inverclyde; Dinner menus, 1930-1938;</p>

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			invitations, 1910-1938; programmes, 1862-1947; and file of testimonials of William A. M. Williamson, 1895-1898. Contents: FP70/1: Research Papers concerning the History of Greenock and Gourock FP70/2: East Kirk Parish Church Papers FP70/3: Photographs and Postcards FP70/4: Plans FP70/5: Programmes FP70/6: Dinner Menus FP70/7: Invitations FP70/8: Testimonials
FP71	George Grieve, shipping agent	1885-1931	Contains work diaries, 1885-1931.
FP72	James Rodger, Schoolmaster, Greenock	1733-1745	Contains account book, 1733-1745.
FP73	Archie Forbes	1905	Contains sketchbook of Archie Forbes containing portrait sketches of various teachers, lecturers and workers of the Mechanics Institute, 1905. Contents: FP73/1: Sketch Book
FP74	Francis Muir, draper	1879-1882	Contains financial bills, 1879-1882.
FP75	Dr Ronald Currie	1875	Contains correspondence from Ronald Currie to Messrs Gardner concerning the purchase of medical equipment for £300, 1875; and correspondence from Ronald Currie to Messrs Gardner concerning purchasing of medical equipment, 1875.
FP76	Anderson Family of Highholm, Port Glasgow		Correspondence, 1821-1918; Legal papers including wills and testaments, opinions, trust conveyances, discharges, marriage contracts and certificates, trust dispositions and

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			<p>settlements, testament dative of John Hill, inventories, decreets, disentails, bonds sasines, agreements, sederunts and generall charges, 1720-1962; financial papers, 1807-1910; Plan showing proposed alterations to Craiglinsheoch Farm, Kilmacolm, c. 1915; Caledonian Railway plan of Port Glasgow Station for Greenock Section of railway, n.d; photographs of Highholm House, Ardenclutha, and members of the Anderson and Duncan families, c. 1905; and papers concerning genealogy, n.d. Contains FP76/1: Correspondence FP76/2: Legal Papers FP76/3: Financial Papers FP76/4: Plans FP76/5: Photographs FP76/6: Glass Plate Negatives FP76/7: Papers concerning Genealogy</p>
FP77	Dugald Campbell, papers		Programmes Invitations Dinner and Toast Menus
FP78	William Alexander Canning, papers		Research, documents and photographs relating to the Cragburn Pavilion, Gourock