

The Records of the Gentry in Eastern Part of Lowland, Scotland, in the Early Eighteenth Century

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This is an account of the research conducted in Scotland in June and July 2010, concerning an eighteenth-century gentry from eastern part of Lowland, Scotland.

The primary sources to research on this topic are the correspondences between James Clerk and Sir John Clerk of Penicuik (GD18/5288, 1715-1730). They are stored in the National Archives of Scotland in Edinburgh.

It seems that these items indicate several points of view about the reality of a Scottish landowning family in the early eighteenth century. For example, how they were concerned with ventures, what networks they had or used, and what support the patriarch could offer to the members of his family.