

AGNEW

OF CROACH

WILLIAM AGNEW OF CROACH, had Sasine for the lands of Croach in 1459¹ and is named with his son and heir Niven Agnew, in a Precept granted under the Privy Seal relating to the curatory of Quentin Agnew, Sheriff of Wigton, and Robert Hannay of Sorby, dated 19 January 1488-89.² He was father of :

NIVEN AGNEW OF CROACH, named with his father in January of 1489 and had a charter from John Kennedy of Ladycroft for the lands called "Ladycroft," lying in the Lordship of Galloway and sheriffdom of Wigton, dated 26 January 1489.³ He had Sasine for the lands of Croach in 1510,⁴ and was father of :

GILBERT AGNEW OF CROACH, succeeded to the lands of Croach by 17 August 1550, when he was witness to a charter by Patrick Agnew, Sheriff of Wigton, granting a liferent charter to Janet, sister of John Gordon of Lochinver.⁵ He was father of :

ALEXANDER AGNEW OF CROACH, had succeeded to the lands of Croach by 1 June 1582, when he entered into a contract with Marion Campbell, Lady Corswell, for the six merklands of Karne, in the barony of Corsewell.⁶ He is styled one of the tenants on the lands of Killumquha in a dispute over the heirs to these lands on 6 January 1595/6,⁷ and on 2 May following he resigned his 2 ½ merks worth of these lands into the hands of Janet Agnew, daughter and heir of Quentin Agnew of Killumquha, so that she might dispone them to Walter Agnew, son of the deceased Nivin Agnew in Killumquha, the

¹ Ex. Rólls. Vol. IX. P. 667.

² RPS Vol. I. No. 319.

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2157.

⁴ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIII. P. 662.

⁵ RMS 1547-1580. No. 509.

⁶ GD138/1/160

⁷ GD141/59

undoubted heir.¹ He *m.* Janet MacNaught with whom he resigned the lands of Creoch in favour of their son William Agnew, and *d.* by 15 May 1611. He was father of :

WILLIAM AGNEW OF CROACH, in whose favour his parents resigned the lands of Croach and for which he had a confirmation under the Great Seal on 29 September 1602.² He had succeeded his father by 15 May 1611, when he and his son Gilbert Agnew were witnesses to a Sasine by which Andrew Agnew, son and heir to the deceased Walter Agnew of Killumquha, was infeft in the lands of Killumquha,³ and was retoured heir to his father in the six merk part of the lands called “The Kairne,” of antique extent, in the barony of Corswall, on 8 February 1620.⁴ He was retoured heir to his great-grandfather (proavi) Niven Agnew of Croach, in the lands of Ladycroft on 14 September 1630,⁵ and was father of :

1. Gilbert Agnew, younger of Croach, (*see below*).
2. Niven Agnew, who, in 1632, resigned the liferent to the lands of Croach in favour of Marie MacDowell, his sister-in-law, and Alexander Agnew her son.

GILBERT AGNEW, YOUNGER OF CROACH, was witness with his father to a Sasine for the lands of Killumquha in favour of Andrew Agnew, son of the deceased Walter Agnew of Killumquha, dated 15 May 1611. He was witness to a Precept of Clare Constat by John MacDowell of Logan directing George Campbell to infeft Jean McCome, one of the daughters of Robert McCome in Barnacht, in an annualrent of 100 merks from the Mains of Logan, dated 30 November 1615, and is then styled as “younger of Croach.”⁶ He *m.* Marie MacDowall, who survived him and is styled as his relict in a charter in her and their son Alexander’s favour, dated 7 September 1632, and was father of :

¹ GD141/61

² RMS 1593-1608. No. 1360.

³ GD141/89

⁴ Retours. Wigton. No. 52.

⁵ Retours. Wigton. 74.

⁶ GD141/109

ALEXANDER AGNEW OF CROACH, is styled as eldest son to the deceased Gilbert Agnew in a charter under the Great Seal for the liferent of the lands of Croach dated 7 September 1632.¹ He had a nineteen year Tack of the lands of Croach from John, Earl of Cassills, dated 5 February 1648,² *d.* by 6 February 1680, and was father of :

ANDREW AGNEW OF CROACH, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir in the lands of Auchneill, Mark, Knockean, and the middle-part of the mill of Galdinoch, in the parish of Leswalt, on 6 February 1680.³ He was father of :

1. Andrew Agnew of Croach & Lochryan, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Agnew, served as a Captain in the Royal Regiment of Dragoons of North Britain and was father of :
 - 2a) Elenora Agnew, *m.* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on 12 May 1714,⁴ to Sir Andrew Agnew of Lochnaw, (Post-Nuptial *c/m* 29 April, 9 & 24 June 1719),⁵ *d.* at Edinburgh on 29 June 1785,⁶ leaving issue.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ANDREW AGNEW OF CROACH & LOCHRYAN, *m.* firstly, to Margaret, daughter of Sir James Agnew of Lochnaw, (*c/m* 18 July 1700⁷), and was father of :

1. **THOMAS ANGEW OF LOCHRYAN**, succeeded his father and *dsp* on 15 February 1736.⁸

He *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh, on 31 February 1709, to Ann, daughter of Sir Thomas Kennedy Kirkhill, and by her he was father of :

¹ RMS 1620-1633. No. 2063.

² GD27/7/131

³ Retours. Wigton. No. 160.

⁴ GD154/305

⁵ CS238/M/5/16

⁶ Scots Magazine. 1st June 1785, edition.

⁷ GD154/302

⁸ GD154/311. See also Edinburgh Tests.

2. Eleanor Agnew, *m.* Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie, and was served heir to her brother Thomas in the barony of Lochryan, including the lands of Croach, on 11 May 1747.
3. Andrew Agnew, *b.* at Edinburgh on 19 June 1719, and *d.* young.
4. Sarah Agnew, *b.* at Edinburgh on 19 June 1719.

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