

ALISON OF BIRKHILL

ALEXANDER ALISON OF BIRKHILL, trained in the office of John Strachan W.S., and was admitted to the Society of of Writers to the Signet on 15 June 1698. He *m.* firstly, in 1709, to Janet, daughter and coheriess of William Dick of Grange, (she was widow of Mungo Carnegie of Birkhill, by whom she had issue), in right of whom he acquired he lands of Birkhill ; and secondly, to Mary, daughter of James Gray of Balledgarno, (she was widow of John Gordon, younger of Edinglassie, by whom she had issue), and *d.* in September of 1728. He was father of :

1. John Alison of Birkhill, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Alison, was trained by his father and admitted to the Society of Writers to the Signet on 10 March 1719. He *dsp* on 1 January 1728.¹
3. Ann Alison,
4. Isobel Alison,
5. Margaret Alison, *m.* on 4 July 1730, to William Stark, factor to Lord Balmerino,² (*c/m* 7 July 1730).

JOHN ALISON OF BIRKHILL, succeeded his father on his death and was served his heir in the lands and barony of Birkhill alias Corby, in the sheriffdom of Fife, firstly on 16 January 1729, and again on 8 July 1735.³ He was also served heir to his step-mother, Janet Dick, on 24 March 1729,⁴ although his estate being heavily incumbered with debts, he was compelled to dispone it to David Scrimgeour, Advocate, who after several years of litigation with John's sisters, Ann, Isobel and Margaret, finally took possession in 1744.

¹ Services of Heirs.

² OPR – Balmerino.

³ Services of Heirs.

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