

ARNOT

OF BALCORMO

PETER ARNOT, had the rental of the quarter part of the Crown lands of Kingsbarns in 1508, and is then styled as son to Robert Arnot of Woodmiln.¹ He *m.* Helen, daughter and co-heiress of Mr. William Abercromby of Balcormo, *d.* prior to 6 June, 1549, most probably at the battle of Pinkie on 10 September 1547, and was father of :

PETER ARNOT OF BALCORMO, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Balcormo with the turret, fortalice, mills and multures on 6 June 1549, and in which he is styled as son of Helen Abercromby, relict of Peter Arnot.² He *m.* firstly, Isobel, daughter of George Forrester of Strathendry, (*c/m* 27 October 1559³), and secondly in 1566, Helen, daughter and co-heiress of John Traill, younger of Blebo, (she *d.* on 25 February 1607), and was father of :

1. Robert Arnot of Balcormo, (*see below*).
2. James Arnot, apprenticed to John Cunningham, Goldsmith in Edinburgh, on 9 May, 1589,⁴ and traded with his brother William as Goldsmiths near Danzig.
3. William Arnot, apprenticed to George Heriot, Goldsmith in Edinburgh, for seven years on 17 February 1586.⁵
4. George Arnot,
5. John Arnot, was appointed Commisary Clerk of St. Andrews, and *d.* in February of 1648.⁶ He was father of :

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIII. P. 618.

² RMS 1546-1580. No. 326

³ RD1/8/31

⁴ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁵ GD421/1/2/2

⁶ St. Andrews Tests.

- 5a) John Arnot, was a witness with his father to an assignation by Patrick Trail, brother of the deceased John Trail of Blebo to Alexander Livingston, Advocate, on 20 May 1625.¹ He *dsp* prior to May of 1633, when his brother, Robert, was served his heir general.
- 5a) Robert Arnot, was served heir to his brother Mr. John Arnot on 15 May 1633.²
- 5a) Anna Arnot, *m.* William Simson of Feddinche, Burgess of Dysart.
- 5a) Christian Arnot, *m.* Robert Arnot, Provost of Perth.
- 5a) Eupham Arnot, *m.* firstly, on 23 October 1646, Martin Corstorphine, second son of James Corstorphine of Balkeathlie,³ and secondly, on 11 August 1665, George Lindsay, fourth son of John Lindsay of Wolmerston.⁴
- 5a) Helen Arnot,
- 5a) Jean Arnot,
- 5a) Margaret Arnot, *m.* William Baxter, Burgess of Edinburgh.
- 5a) Elspeth Arnot, *m.* at St. Andrews on 22 August 1657, David Balfour of Raddernie,⁵ (he was widow of Helen, sister and heiress of George Duddingston of Raddernie).
6. Stephen Arnot, who obtained the lands of Pettening Easter and had a disposition of various lands around Perth from Katherine Chalmers who styles him as her brother-in-law in July of 1573 and May of 1575. He *d.* by March of 1599 and was father of :
- 6a) James Arnot, had Sasine for his father's lands of Westerhaugh, in the burgh of Newburgh, on 29 March 1599.⁶
7. Thomas Arnot,
8. Peter Arnot, witness, with his father, to a charter in favour of Isobel Dury for the lands of Grangemuir dated 6 May, 1591.⁷
9. Elizabeth Arnot, *m.* firstly, David Lenton of Newgrange, and secondly, Patrick Lindsay, son of John Lindsay, Merchant in Cupar, fourth son of William Lindsay, 1st of Pyotston.

ROBERT ARNOT OF BALCORMO, succeeded his father in the lands of Balcormo and *m.* Sarah, daughter of Patrick Kinninmont of Callinch, (*c/m* 9 June 1593⁸). He was living in

¹ NRAS3215/53/1

² Retours. Gen. No. 1955.

³ OPR – St. Andrews.

⁴ OPR – Dunino.

⁵ OPR – St. Andrews.

⁶ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XXIII. P. 438-439.

⁷ RMS 1580-1593. No. 1938

⁸ RMS 1594-1608. No. 442.

October 1623, when he resigned the fee of the lands of Balcormo to his eldest son and heir, John, reserving the liferent to himself, and was father of :

1. John Arnot of Balcormo, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Arnot,
3. James Arnot,
4. Robert Arnot,
5. Thomas Arnot,
6. Helen Arnot,
7. Katherine Arnot,

JOHN ARNOT OF BALCORMO, *m.* Liliias, daughter of Alexander Spense of Lathallan, (*c/m* 13 October, 1623¹), with whom he had a charter for the fee of the lands of Balcormo from his father in implementation of their contract of marriage in October of 1623. He was father of :

1. **ALEXANDER ARNOT OF BALCORMO**, succeeded his father and had a charter for Balcormo in 1670. He *dsp* prior to 2 November, 1675, when his nephew John Arnot was served his heir.
2. John Arnot, *m.* Marion Lucklaw and *d. vita patris* by 1673,² being father of :
 2. John Arnot of Balcormo, (*see below*).
3. Catherine Arnot,

JOHN ARNOT OF BALCORMO, *bap.* at Kilconquhar on 4 December 1649, succeeded his uncle, Alexander Arnot of Balcormo, and was served heir to him in the lands of Balcormo, on 2 November 1675.³ He *m.* Isabel, daughter of Captain David Brown, in Wester Wemyss,⁴ (she was served heir to her brother David Brown, on 9 August 1682⁵), and was father of:

1. John Arnot, who *dsp* aged nineteen years.

¹ RS31/5/f.56

² RD4/33/396.

³ Retours. Fife. No. 1149.

⁴ RD2/55/427.

⁵ Retours. Gen. No. 6398.

2. Hugh Arnot of Balcormo, (*see below*).

HUGO ARNOT OF BALCORMO, succeeded his father, became a Physician and *m.* on 22 August, 1704, Christian, daughter of James Cook.¹ He *d.* at Balcormo on 29 June 1768,² aged 80 years and was father of :

1. John Arnot, *bap.* at Anstruther on 15 February, 1707, and *dsp.*
2. James Arnot, *bap.* at Anstruther on 9 August, 1708, and *dsp.*
3. Isobel Arnot, *bap.* at Anstruther on 23 July, 1709, and *dsp.*
4. Christian Arnot, (*see below*).

CHRISTIAN ARNOT OF BALCORMO, *bap.* at Carnbee on 14 December, 1710, and *m.* on 10 March, 1746, to Duncan Pollock, Merchant and Ship-Owner in Leith.³ She *d.* on 5 December 1773,⁴ and had issue :

HUGO POLLOCK ARNOT OF BALCORMO, *b.* on 8th and *bap.* at Edinburgh on 17 December, 1749, and assumed the surname of Arnot upon succeeding to his mother's estate. He was admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates on 5 December, 1772, and was a well-known writer and antiquarian. He *m.* on 18 July 1776, Margaret, daughter of William Bennet, (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 12 November 1826⁵), *d.* at Edinburgh on 20 November 1786,⁶ and was father of :

1. Hugo Arnot, *bap.* at Carnbee on 14 July, 1772, and *d.* in infancy.
2. Hugo Arnot of Balcormo, (*see below*).
3. John Arnot, *bap.* at Carnbee on 20 December, 1776, and *d.* unmarried.
4. Laurence Arnot, *bap.* at Carnbee on 3 April 1781, entered the army and served as a Major in the 92nd Line and 12th Portuguese. He *d.* on 27 August 1813, of wounds received at the battle of Vittoria on 28th July. Of his conduct on the day it is reported : "Although he was still suffering

¹ OPR – Pitenweem.

² Scots Magazine. 1st June 1768, edition.

³ OPR – Carnbee.

⁴ Scots Magazine. 1st December 1773, edition.

⁵ Caledonian Mercury. 18th November 1826, edition.

⁶ Caledonian Mercury. 25th November 1786, edition.

from wounds so severe, in the breast, the arm, and the neck, that in the opinion of the Medical Board, he was disabled from further service, his characteristic intrepidity carried him again to the field, where he received a fatal wound at the head of the 12th Portuguese, which regiment likewise behaved so gallantly under his command at the battle of Salamanca, that he received public thanks for his conduct.”¹

5. Bennet Arnot, *bap.* at Carnbee on 24 May 1786, and *d.* unmarried.

6. Christian Arnot, *bap.* at Carnbee on 30 May 1771, *m.* at Edinburgh on 23 July 1801, Dr. Peter Reid, (he *d.* in 1838), and *d.* at Woolwich on 15 January 1852,² with issue :

6a) William Reid, *b.* at Edinburgh on 7 June 1802, trained as a Physician and was father of,

6b) William Reid, *b.* in 1828.

6b) Peter Reid, *b.* in 1832.

6b) Hugo Reid, *b.* in 1836, and was living with his uncle Hugo Reid and serving as his understudy as Principal of the People’s College, Nottingham, in 1851.

6a) David Boswell Reid, was *b.* on 11 June 1805, and was educated at the University of Edinburgh obtaining his medical diploma on 12 July 1830, and being admitted to the Royal College of Surgeons on 2 August 1831. He initially studied chemistry and took a keen interest in ventilation and developed a reputation in that field. When the Houses of Parliament were being rebuilt in 1834 following fire, he was brought in as a consultant and his advice to build in a forced ventilation system although this not accepted by the architect, Charles Barry, and he was eventually dismissed in 1852, on the basis that leading MPs including Disraeli had had enough of the quarrells between he and Barry. He moved to the US in 1856 taking up the position of professor of physiology and hygiene at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1859, although he was dismissed after a year in the post. He afterwards became government medical inspector to the sanitary commission of the US. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he was about to leave Washington on a tour of inspection when he came down with an illness from which he died on 5 April 1863.³ Due to his research into ventilation, he is nowadays considered to be the grandfather of air conditioning. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 18 May 1834, to Elizabeth, second daughter of James Brown, and was father of :

6b) Douglas Peter de Lally Reid, *d.* at New York on 11 June 1857.⁴

6b) Hugh Arnot Bennet Reid, *bap.* at Westminster on 19 January 1843.

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 11th October 1813, edition.

² Inverness Courier. 29th January 1852, edition.

³ North Devon Journal. 21st May 1863, edition.

⁴ Greenock Advertiser.

6b) David Boswell Reid, followed in his father's footsteps and trained as a trained physician. He emigrated to Australia, taking up the position of surgeon at Geelong Hospital, in the New South Wales, returning to the UK and living at Covent Garden, Strand, London, by 1901, when he was a retired Lieutenant Colonel and Brigade Surgeon.. He *m.* when in Australia, on 10 June 1863, to Mary Jane Cumberland, daughter of George Synnet of Fernside,¹ and was father of :

6c) David Boswell Reid, *b.* in Australia 1868 and *d.* on 10 April 1869.²

6c) Laurence Jasper Boswell Reid, *b.* in Australia on 18 July 1881, and was employed in Paddington, London, as a manager of a car repair works. He *m.* in 1906, to Emily Edith Hall, and *d.* at Southport in 1959.

6c) Harold Boswell Reid, *b.* in Australia in 1893, and was employed by Fiat Cars in Paddington, London, then in New York and Canada. He *m.* Gertrude, an Opera Singer, and sister of Jessie Jenkins, the silent film actress. She had previously been married to David Howard. She, her sister and friends were *k.* in a fire which swept through their hotel in Manhattan on 2 December 1920.

6c) Catherine Isobell Seaton Reid, *m.* on 1 January 1894, to Harvey Dubros.³

6c) Annie Reid, *b.* in Australia in 1882.

6b) Elizabeth Maria Reid, *m.* at Bombay on 14 December 1868, to Thomas William Wood, Chief Auditor of Railways.⁴

6a) Hugo Reid, *b.* at Edinburgh on 21 June 1809, and led an academic life publishing a number of works including several on geology and astronomy. He was appointed first Principal of the People's College, Nottingham, in 1848, where he remained until 1851/2, and served as Principal of Dalhousie College, Nova Scotia, November 1855 until he resigned on 26 January 1860. He *m.* at Glasgow on 7 January 1839, to Marion, daughter of James Kirkland, Merchant in Glasgow, *d.* at London 13 June 1872, and was father of,

6b) Janet Findlay Arnot Reid, *b.* on 24 November 1839, and was an executor to her cousin Marianne Agnes Arnot of Balcormo on her death in March of 1907.

6a) Laurence Reid, *b.* at Edinburgh on 25 October 1811.

6a) Margaret Bennet Reid, *b.* at Edinburgh on 3 August 1815.

7. Margaret Arnot, *bap.* at Carnbee on 19 October 1774, and *m.* in 1796, to Samuel Tyler, Barrister.

¹ Greenock Advertiser. 22 August 1863, edition.

² Monumental Inscription at Geelong.

³ Statutory Record –Toronto.

⁴ Greenock Advertiser. 14th January 1868, edition.

8. Liliias Arnot, *bap.* at Carnbee on 25 October 1778, and *m.* at Westminster in October of 1803, to Aysbury Dickins¹ by whom she had issue.

9. Jean Arnot, *bap.* at Carnbee on 3 April 1784, and *d.* unmarried.

HUGO ARNOT OF BALCORMO, *bap.* at Carnbee on 30 July 1773, and was served heir to his father in the lands of Balcormo on 25 November 1819. He *d.* on 9 May 1838,² having *m.* firstly, at Chorley, on 20 February 1797, to Margaret Sigston, (she *d.* at Chorley on 10 December 1819³), by whom he had issue :

1. Hugo Robert Arnot, *b.* on 5 December 1797, and *dsp.*

2. Margaret Arnot, a twin with Hugo, and was *b.* on 5 December 1797, and *d.* unmarried at Leamington on 1 January 1882.⁴

3. Mary Arnot, *bap.* at Saint Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, on 7 November 1801, and *d.* at Knutford on 25 October 1809.⁵

He *m.* secondly, in December of 1826, to Mary Anne Murray⁶ and had further issue :

4. Charles Edward Arnot, *b.* on 28 January 1828, and *dsp.* at Sydney, Australia, on 19 April 1881.⁷

5. **MARIANNE AGNES ARNOT OF BALCORMO**, *b.* on 7 March 1831, and succeeded to the lands of Balcormo. She *d.* unmarried at Leamington on 12 March 1907.⁸

¹ Scots Magazine. 1st November 1803, edition.

² Perthshire Courier. 24th May 1838, edition.

³ Caledonian Mercury. 18th December 1819, edition.

⁴ Leamington Spa Courier. 7th January 1882, edition.

⁵ Scots Magazine. 1st November 1809, edition.

⁶ Glasgow Herald. 8th December 1826, edition.

⁷ Dundee Courier. 13th May 1881, edition.

⁸ Leamington Spa Courier. 15th March 1907, edition.