

ARNOT

OF THAT ILK

The surname of Arnot is derived from the lands of Arnot, in the parish of Portmoak, Kinross-shire, of which the family were ancient proprietors. The first for whom there is evidence is :

JOHN DE ARNOT, who was witness to a charter by William, Bishop of St. Andrews, founding the church at Scotlandwell prior to 1238.¹ He appears to have been father or grandfather of :

DAVID DE ARNOT, who, with others from Fife, gave homage to King Edward I. of England at Berwick-on-Tweed on 28 August, 1296.² He is believed to have been father or grandfather of :

MICHAEL DE ARNOT OF THAT ILK, who was amongst those listed as being in the garrison of Edinburgh Castle 1336/7 and was father of :

DAVID DE ARNOT OF THAT ILK, succeeded his father by 1388 and was father of :

SIR HENRY DE ARNOT OF THAT ILK, witness to a perambulation of the lands of Kinninmont and Kirkness in 1395³ and was father of :

1. William de Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. John Arnot,
3. James Arnot, named in an entail by his brother William in 1410 and had issue from which it is said the Arnots of Berswick and Woodmiln descend. (*see Arnot of Woodmiln, 2nd Family*).

¹ Liber St. Andrews

² Cal. Docs. Scot. Vol. II.

³ Liber St. Andrews. P. 5

WILLIAM DE ARNOT OF THAT ILK, succeeded his father and had issue :

1. **RICHARD DE ARNOT OF THAT ILK**, succeeded his father in the lands of Arnot which he assigned to his brother John de Arnot who subsequently had a charter of confirmation on 6 November 1429.¹ He apparently *dsp.*
2. John de Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).

JOHN DE ARNOT OF THAT ILK, had a charter for the lands of Arnot following upon a resignation in his favour by his brother Richard de Arnot dated 6 November, 1429,² and granted an annualrent of £8 from his lands of Arnot to John Spens of Glendouglas on 6 November 1430.³ He *m.* Marjory, daughter of John Boswell of Balmutto, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, to Sir John Sibbald of Balgony), and was father of :

1. John de Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. Walter de Arnot of Balberton, had a charter for the lands of Wester Balberton from James, Earl of Morton, on 15 November, 1486,⁴ and *m.* Janet Forret, with whom he had a grant of an annualrent of 40 shillings from the lands of Forret from Robert Forret of that Ilk, on 10 September 1491.⁵ He was father of :
 - 2a) William Arnot of Balberton, *m.* Matilda Johnston with whom, upon his father's resignation, he had a charter for the lands of Wester Balberton, in the barony of Aberdour, on 19 January 1498.⁶ He was father of :
 - 2b) Elizabeth Arnot, *m.* Richard Brown, 1st of Fordell, and had issue which, in 1584, succeeded to the lands of Wester Balberton as heir to the eldest daughter of William Arnot of Balberton.
 - 2b) Helen Arnot, *m.* James Dundas, 2nd of Fingask, and had issue.
 - 2a) Elizabeth Arnot, *m.* Robert Colville of Hilton, and had issue.
3. Helen de Arnot, *m.* Thomas Douglas of Arnacroich.

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 135

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 135

³ GD1/1042/2

⁴ GD150/210

⁵ MS129/336

⁶ RMS 1580-1593. No. 176

JOHN DE ARNOT OF THAT ILK, succeeded his father and was living in 1483, when a dispute arose between he and his daughter-in-law over money which had been paid to him by her father, William Bonar of Rossie for the completion of he marriage between John Arnot, his son and heir, and Christian Bonar, daughter of William.¹ He *m.* Catherine, daughter of Henry Melville of Carnbee, *d.* in 1503, when his son and heir John Arnot, had Sasine for the lands of Arnot, and was father of :

1. John Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. David Arnot, who entered the Church and held a number of prominent offices. He was appointed Archdeacon of Lothian by 1501; was Abbot of Cambuskenneth in 1503, and was raised to Bishop of Galloway, in 1509. He had a grant of the monastery of Tungland in 1516, and also held the offices of Dean of the Chapel Royal and Councillor to King James IV. and *d.* in around 1526.
3. Robert Arnot of Woodmiln, (*see Arnot of Woodmiln, 1st Family*).
4. Malcolm Arnot,
5. Henry Arnot,
6. Giles Arnot,
7. Elizabeth Arnot, *m.* Walter Stewart of Morphie, natural son of James Stewart, fourth son of Murdoch Stewart, 2nd Duke of Albany, and had issue.
8. Helen Arnot, *m.* John de Spens of Lathallan, (he *d.* in 1520), and had issue.

JOHN ARNOT OF THAT ILK, is styled as heir to his father in an action brought before the Lords Auditors on 21 March, 1482, whereby Christian, daughter of William Bonar, 1st of Rossie, disputed the terms of her marriage to John and to provide evidence that her father had paid a certain sum to his father.² He succeeded his father by 1503 when he had Sasine for the lands of Arnot,³ and on 10 December 1516, he was called as a substitute tutor to his grandson, James Bruce of Fingask, in the event that his present tutor Alexander Bruce, should die during his the period of his minority.⁴ He was living on 20 September 1517, when he is named as father to Walter Arnot, fiar of that Ilk, in a gift in

¹ Acta Dom. Con.

² CS5/1/f.19v

³ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XII. P. 713.

⁴ GD86/79

Walter's favour of the ward of the lands of Sandford,¹ and had *d.* by 15 December 1526, when he had been succeeded by his eldest son and heir, Walter Arnot.² He *m.* first or at least he had been contracted to marry Christian, daughter of William Bonar of Rossie, but it is uncertain if this was concluded as the terms were disputed. He certainly *m.* Euphame, daughter of William Scott of Balweary, who, as his spouse, had a third part of the lands of Arnot reserved to her on 6 March 1507,³ and was father of :

1. Walter Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. Andrew Arnot, styled as brother to the Laird of Arnot when he received a Discharge on behalf of this brother from Henry, Bishop of Galloway, for the teindsheaves of the lands of Arnot on 12 April, 1528.⁴ He was appointed Archdeacon of Galloway and Abbot of Cambuskenneth.
3. David Arnot,
4. James Arnot,
5. Janet Arnot, *m.* by 2 May 1508, to David Bruce of Rait, eldest son of Robert Bruce of Clackmannan, when they had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Rait, in the sheriffdom of Perth,⁵ and had issue.
6. A daughter, *m.* John Wemyss, son of Sir John Wemyss of that Ilk, and had issue.

WALTER ARNOT OF THAT ILK, had a charter under the Great Seal dated 6 March, 1507, for the lands of Arnot following upon a resignation in his favour by his father and by which the King, for the good council of David Arnot, Abbot of Cambuskenneth, erected his lands into the Barony of Arnot.⁶ He whom he had a Gift of the ward of Stephen Duddingston, grandson and heir of the deceased Stephen Duddingston of Sandford on 20 September, 1517,⁷ and on 15 December 1526, he had a remission for being in arms against the King at the battle of Linlithgow.⁸ He a Licence to remain at home from all

¹ RPS. Vol. I. No. 2937.

² RPS Vol. I. No. 3581.

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 3083.

⁴ RH15/40/1

⁵ RMS 1424-1513. No. 3221.

⁶ RMS 1424-1513. No. 3083.

⁷ RPS Vol. I. No. 2937.

⁸ RPS Vol. I. No. 3581.

Royal military assemblies on 23 January, 1529.¹ He *m.* by 29 November, 1508, to Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Duddingston of Sandford, when they had a charter of confirmation, on his own resignation, for the lands of Little Arnot, and the third part of the grain mill there to be held by their heirs had and to be had, which failing, by Walter's heirs whatsoever,² was living on 19 May 1531,³ and *d.* prior to 25 October 1549. He was father of :

1. David Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. George Arnot, styled as father's brother to David Arnot of that Ilk in a summons by William Douglas of Lochleven, for the production of a perambulation of the lands of Kinnistoun on 9 April, 1568.⁴
3. Elizabeth Arnot, *m.* by 1 September 1529, to William, 2nd Lord Sempill,⁵ (he was widow of Margaret, daughter of Hugh Montgomery, 1st Earl of Eglinton, and after the death of Elizabeth Arnot, he *m.* for a third time, to Marian, daughter of Hugh Montgomery of Hazelhead, who survived him and *m.* John Campbell, 2nd of Skipnish, by whom she had issue).
4. Katherine Arnot, *m.* John Graham, 5th of Garvock, (he was widow of Mirabell, daughter of John White of Lumbany, whom he had *m.* in around 1545).

DAVID ARNOT OF THAT ILK, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the lands and barony of Arnot on 25 October 1549.⁶ He *m.* Janet, daughter of Sir William Bruce, 2nd of Earlsball, *d.* by 1553 and was father of :

1. David Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. George Arnot, was appointed Parson of Essie and with his brother David Arnot of that Ilk and was called as nearest kin on the mother's side to Robert Douglas, son and heir of Henry Douglas of Drumgartland, on 14 October 1568.⁷

¹ RPS Vol. I. No. 4040.

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 3273.

³ RPS Vol. II. No. 917.

⁴ GD150/970

⁵ RPS Vol. II. No. 302

⁶ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XVIII. P. 483.

⁷ GD150/1760

3. Andrew Arnot, appointed Minister at Scotlandwell and acted as executor to his brother Walter Arnot on his death in 1579. He obtained the lands of Scotlandwell, in the regality of St. Andrews, from his brother, David Arnot of that Ilk, by charter dated 8 October 1568,¹ and those Capildrae from John Bethune of Pitlochy on 15 November 1577, to himself and Isobella Spense, his spouse.² He was father of :

3a) Mr. David Arnot of Scotlandwell, had a charter under the Great Seal for the Manor of Scotlandwell and others, on 11 February 1592,³ and was retoured heir to his brother Andrew in the third-part of the lands of Findatis on 23 June 1609.⁴

3a) Andrew Arnot of Vane, had a charter for the lands of Vane from his father on 16 October 1573,⁵ and *d.* prior to 30 November, 1608, when his brother Mr. David is styled as his heir in certain lands. He was father of :

3b) Janet Arnot, *m.* James Beveridge in Tullachie, and was served heir to her father in the lands of Vane on 11 August 1641.⁶

3a) John Arnot, styled as brother of David Arnot, son of Andrew Arnot, Minister of Scotlandwell, in a charter by this David to John Davidson and Malcolm Young for the lands of Findawtie on 30 November 1608.⁷

3a) George Arnot of Capildra, was served heir to his father Andrew Arnot, Minister of Scotlandwell, in the middle-part of the lands of Capildra on 19 August 1647.⁸ He *d.* by June of 1662, and was father of :

3b) Andrew Arnot of Capildra, served with the rank of Captain in the army and is styled as eldest son of George Arnot of Capildra on 11 September, 1647, when he and his father entered into a contract with James Wemyss of Pitcalnie for the division of the marches of their lands.⁹ He was served heir to his father in the east middle-part of the lands of Capildra on 3 June 1662,¹⁰ which he disposed to Mr David Dewar, Advocate, in 1682, and was father of :

¹ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2235.

² RMS 1546-1580. No. 2849.

³ RMS 1580-1593. No. 2056

⁴ Retours. Fife. No. 203.

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2398

⁶ Retours. Fife. No. 611.

⁷ RMS 1593-1608. No. 2176

⁸ Retours. Fife. No. 712.

⁹ GD1/42/1/14

¹⁰ Retours. Fife. No. 919.

3c) William Arnot of Delginch and Auchmuir, served as a Major in the army and is styled as son of Captain Andrew Arnot of Capildra in 1694. He *d.* on 6 October 1735, and was father of,

3d) **SIR ROBERT ARNOT OF DELGINCH AND 6TH BARONET OF ARNOT**, was served heir to his father on 8 May, 1736, and served as Captain in General Anstruther's Regiment of Foot in Minorca in which capacity he granted a Letter of factory to his brother-in-law Thomas Arnot, Surgeon in Cupar, on 22 August 1740. He had a commission as Major in the 26th Regiment of Foot on 29 November 1760, and *dsp* on 12 June 1767.¹

3d) **SIR WILLIAM ARNOT OF DELGINCH AND 7TH BARONET**, succeeded his brother, and *m.* at St. Helen, Worcester, on 23 July 1757, to Mary, daughter of Richard Nash of Droitwich. He *dsp* at Powick, Worcestershire, on 19 July 1782.²

3d) Elizabeth Arnot, *m.* on 7 January 1732, Mr. Hugh Glass, Minister of Keith,³ (he *m.* secondly on 16 June 1743, Jean, daughter of Sir Michael Balfour of Denmiln), and had issue. She and her sister Agnes became heirs portioners to the lands of Dalginch on the death of their brother William in 1782, and which they exposed for sale soon afterwards.

3d) Agnes Arnot, *m.* on 9 June 1732, Thomas Arnot, younger of Chapel and Surgeon at Cupar.⁴

3b) David Arnot, styled as son of George Arnot of Capildra in letters he raised against Andrew Murray, Lord Balvaird, on 6 July 1643.⁵

3b) Margaret Arnot, *m.* in 1648, Captain Paton.

3a) Margaret Arnot, included with her father in a charter in their favour by William Douglas of Lochleven for an annual rent of 100 merks to be uplifted from the lands of Kinnesswood, dated 26 January 1588-89.⁶

4. Walter Arnot, styled as brother to David Arnot of that Ilk in a charter by Alexander Bruce of Earlshall dated 13 February, 1579. He *d.* in April of 1586¹ and was father of :

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 13th June 1767, edition.

² Hampshire Chronicle. 5th August 1782, edition.

³ OPR – Markinch.

⁴ OPR – Markinch.

⁵ GD190/2/169

⁶ GD150/989

- 4a) Jean Arnot, a natural daughter who had Letters of Legitimation on 15 August 1605.²
5. Robert Arnot, styled as brother to the deceased David Arnot of that Ilk in Letters of Horning raised at his request against David Boswell of Ardmor on 31 August 1609.³
6. Archibald Arnot, appointed Minister at Scotlandwell and in this capacity granted a charter for the lands of Lattisholl to his brother David Arnot of that Ilk on 16 September 1559. He was father of,
- 6a) John Arnot, a natural son who had letters of legitimation on 5 September 1590.⁴
7. Janet Arnot,
8. Elizabeth Arnot, had a charter for the lands of Mylnton of Leuchars, and others, on 8 November, 1553, and *m.* by this date to Henry Douglas of Drumgarland.⁵ They had issue.
9. Helen Arnot, *m.* Andrew Balcanquhill, grandson and heir of Alexander Balcanquhill of that Ilk, (*c/m* 1565⁶).
10. Jean Arnot, *m.* firstly, by 6 March 1561, to Mr. John Spens of Condie, Advocate to the Queen, (he *d.* in 1571), when he resigned his lands of Kilquhiss into the hands of the superior, John Wemyss of that Ilk, for reinfetment in their favour⁷ and had issue ; and secondly, to Andrew Herring of Glaclune, (*c/m* 5 January, 1581.⁸ He was widow of Jean, daughter of James Wood of Bonnyton, by whom he had issue). She *d.* on 28 December, 1585.⁹

DAVID ARNOT OF THAT ILK, succeeded his father and was retoured heir in the lands and barony of Arnot on 27 April, 1557.¹⁰ He had a charter for the lands of Scotlandwell following upon a resignation made in his favour by Mr. Andrew Arnot, on 10 May, 1574, and *m.* Catherine, daughter of George Forrester of Strathendry, whom he infet in a liferent of an annualrent of 40 merks from his of Arnot on 12 April 1560.¹¹ He *d.* by May of 1583 and was father of :

¹ Edinburgh Tests

² RMS 1593-1608. No. 1665

³ GD66/1/149

⁴ RMS 1580-1593. No. 1774

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 860

⁶ RD1/

⁷ GD86/188

⁸ RMS 1580-1593. No. 531.

⁹ Edinburgh Tests.

¹⁰ Retours. Fife. No. 29.

¹¹ GD446/2/4

1. **DAVID ARNOT OF THAT ILK**, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the lands and barony of Arnot on 13 May 1583.¹ He *dsp* in September following.²
2. Walter Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).
3. Robert Arnot, styled as brother to the Laird of Arnot when witness to a resignation by James Scrimgeour of Fardill on 16 November, 1592.³
4. George Arnot, granted a Redemption with his mother to David Lundy of Balgony for 40 merks Scots from the lands of Schythum on 4 June, 1584.⁴
5. William Arnot, witness to a charter by Sir Andrew Bruce of Earlsall granting he lands of Balconzie to Mr. David Carnegie of Colluthy on 13 February 1579.⁵
6. Jean Arnot, *m.* James Murray, 6th of Strowan, (*c/m* 27 May 1585⁶), and had issue.

WALTER ARNOT OF THAT ILK, acted as executor to his brother David Arnot of that Ilk, on his death in 1583 and is then styled as brother and heir. He was infeft in the lands and barony of Arnot on 14 October 1584-85,⁷ for which he had a charter under the Great Seal dated 14 February 1610.⁸ He *m.* by May of 1592, Mary daughter of Sir James Balfour of Burleigh, when they had a charter confirming an annualrent of 100 merks from the lands of Ballingrie from Andrew Wardlaw of Torrie,⁹ He was living on 28 October 1629, when he granted a Dispoistion for the lands of Finlarrie to his daughter-in-law, Eupham Brown,¹⁰ and *d.* by 30 October 1635, when he had been succeeded by his eldest surviving son, Michael Arnot,¹¹ and was father of :

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XXI. P. 486.

² Edinburgh Tests

³ GD1/784/1

⁴ GD26/3/79

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 3032

⁶ GD196/19

⁷ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XXI. P. 504.

⁸ RMS 1609-1620. No. 240

⁹ GD15/570

¹⁰ GD29/684

¹¹ GD29/690

1. Sir James Arnot, the eldest son who was named with his father on 31 August, 1609, and *dsp vitae patris* prior to 14 February, 1610.
2. Michael Arnot of that Ilk, (*see below*).
3. David Arnot,
4. Robert Arnot, all of which brothers were included as substitute heirs in a charter in favour of their eldest surviving brother, Michael Arnot, for the lands of Arnot dated 14 February, 1610.
5. Margaret Arnot, *m.* firstly, John Moncrieff, younger of Kinninmonth, eldest son and heir of Sir John Moncrieff of Kinninmonth, (*c/m* at Easter Moncrieff on 5 November 1611¹), whom she survived ; and secondly, Sir George Boswell of Balgony, (he was widow of Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick Hay of Megginch).

SIR MICHAEL ARNOT OF THAT ILK AND 1ST BARONET, had a charter under the Great Seal for the fee of the lands and Barony of Arnot resigned in his favour by his father on 14 February, 1610, with remainder to himself and the the heirs-male of his own body, which failing, to his brothers David and Robert, and their heirs male² and was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia on 27 July, 1629, with remainder to his heirs male and assignees whatsoever. He *m.* Anna, daughter of Robert Brown of Balquhairn, (*c/m* in April of 1612), and was father of :

1. Charles Arnot, younger of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. Margaret Arnot, *m.* John Malcolm of Balbedie, and *d.* on 8 May 1698, having had issue.
3. Isabel Arnot, *m.* George Lundy of Drums, and had issue.
4. Anne Arnot, *m.* by 1642, to George Balfour, Tailor in Edinburgh and 1st of Balbirnie, (he *d.* at Balbirnie in February of 1665³), when they had a contract of wadset for the lands of Kinnesswood and Easter and Wester Balgedie, in the parish of Portmoak,⁴ and *d.* on 10 January, 1670.⁵ They had issue.
5. Jean Arnot, *m.* on 24 April, 1662, John Alexander, Writer in Edinburgh, second son of Alexander of Skeddoway, “the mariage feast stood at his fathers house in Arnot about Loch Leuen.”⁶

¹ RMS 1608-1620. No. 1226

² RMS 1609-1620. No. 240

³ Lamont's Diary.

⁴ GD29/728

⁵ Edinburgh Tests.

⁶ Lamont's Diary.

6. Mary Arnot, to whom her nephew Sir David Arnot of that Ilk, granted a heritable bond on 15 July, 1693.¹

CHARLES ARNOT, YOUNGER OF THAT ILK, served with the rank of Colonel in the army and *m.* Helen, daughter of James Reid of Pitlethie, (*c/m* 13 June, 1643.² She survived him and *m.* secondly, at Burntisland, on 30 June 1655, Andrew Bruce, 6th of Earlshall³). He *d. vitae patris* at his father-in-law's house at Pitlethie in January of 1652 "of a purpell feauer,"⁴ and was father of :

1. Sir David Arnot, 2nd Baronet of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. Helen Arnot, *m.* John Livingston of Balrownie, and was served heir of line to her brother Sir David Arnot of that Ilk in the lands of Balrownie on 2 February, 1729. She apparently *dsp.*

SIR DAVID ARNOT, 2ND BARONET OF THAT ILK, succeeded his father and was served his heir in the north part of the lands of Arnot, Little Arnot, Feal, Scotlandwell, Easter and Wester Meadows and the office of bailie of Scotlandwell on 2 August 1670,⁵ which he afterwards had appraised by Sir William Bruce of Kinross on 4 July 1705. He *dsp* on 1 January 1711,⁶ and was succeeded in the Baronetcy by his cousin, Sir Robert Arnot of Delginch, *see ut supra*, and following the extinction of the male descendants of that stirpes, the Baronetcy was next picked up by :

1. Sir John Arnot, 3rd Baronet of Arnot, (*see below*).
2. William Arnot, who *d.* at Edinburgh in May of 1730 and of whom it was then reported : "He was perfectly well both in Body and Mind, and had not had the least Symptom of any Distemper of a long time, till about an Hour before his Death."⁷

¹ RH15/40/37

² RMS 1634-1651. No. 1396

³ OPR – Burntisland. See also: Lamont's Diary.

⁴ St. Andrews Tests.

⁵ Retours. Fife. No. 1079.

⁶ C22 – exped on 2 February 1729.

⁷ Caledonian Mercury. 21st May 1730, edition. He is then styled as brother of Sir John Arnot of Arnot.

SIR JOHN ARNOT, 3RD BARONET OF ARNOT, was the next to assume the Baronetcy. His parentage is uncertain but it is probable that he descended from either David or Robert Arnot, younger sons of Walter Arnot of that Ilk. He entered the 2nd Regiment of Foot as an Ensign on 31 December, 1688, attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the army and was appointed Adjutant-General of Scotland in 1727. He had a charter for the lands of Abbotshall on 16 December 1726, and either succeeded to or assumed the Arnot Baronetcy on the death without issue of Sir David Arnot, second Baronet, in January of 1711. He *m.* Mary Arnot, (she was buried on 11 October 1745), *d.* at York on 4 June 1750, in his 84th year¹ and was father of :

1. **SIR JOHN ARNOT, 4TH BARONET**, succeeded his father and *dsp.*
2. **SIR WILLIAM ARNOT, 5TH BARONET OF THAT ILK**, served as a Colonel in the army and had a charter for the lands and barony of Abbotshall on 29 November 1750, which he afterwards renamed Arnot. He *dsp* in 1752.
3. Ann Arnot, *m.* at St. James', Westminster, on 12 September, 1750, William Knipe of Tacolneston, and *dsp* prior to February of 1762.
4. Harriet Arnot, was served heir to her brother Colonel William Arnot of that Ilk, and to her sister Ann Arnot, widow of William Knipe on 12 February, 1762.
5. Mary Arnot, served heir to her brother Colonel William Arnot of that Ilk, and to her sister Ann Arnot, widow of William Knipe on 12 February, 1762.

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 14th June 1750, edition.