

AUCHINLECK

OF THAT ILK & BALMANNO

JOHN DE AUCHINLECK OF THAT ILK, succeeded to the lands of Auchinleck and made a donation to Paisley Abbey on 17 July, 1385,¹ for having injured one of the Monks there and was father of :

JOHN DE AUCHINLECK OF THAT ILK, who, on 10 February 1405, confirmed the grant his father made to Paisley Abbey in 1385.² He was father of :

SIR JAMES DE AUCHINLECK OF THAT ILK, *m.* Christiana de Douglas, (she *m.* secondly, between 1 and 4 February 1424, David de Wemyss of that Ilk, and had issue), and *d.* prior to February of 1424. He was father of :

SIR JAMES DE AUCHINLECK OF THAT ILK, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Auchinleck, Rogerstoun, Kethstoun, Craigiston, Bannachtinis Yard and Templeland, in the Sheriffdom of Ayr, which the King incorporated into the barony of Auchinleck on 26 March 1445.³ He *d.* prior to 17 October 1449, and was father of :

1. Sir John de Auchinleck of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. James de Auchinleck, styled as brother to John de Auchinleck of Glenbervie when included in an indenture between this John, on the one part, and James de Melville, brother of the deceased John de Melville of Glenbervie, and Andrew and John Melville, his sons, on the other part, by which they resign their claim to the Lordship of Glenbervie in favour of the said John de Auchinleck and Sir James de Auchinleck, his father, and acknowledge themselves to be vassals of Sir James and John in return for infeftment in the lands of Ardbady and Inchmarlo, dated 31 August 1445.⁴ He *m.* Egedia, daughter and co-heiress of Alexander Melville of Glenbervie, and

¹ Chart. Paisley

² Chart. Paisley. See also RH1/2/901

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 288

⁴ GD52/1043

had a charter under the Great Seal dated 12 February 1467, following on a resignation made by his wife, for the middle-part of the lands of Glenbervie and Barras, in the sheriffdom of Kincardine, and those of Kemnay, in Aberdeenshire, and an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Inverury.¹ He *dsp.*

3. William de Auchinleck, appointed Parson of Glenbervie by his brother Sir John. He *d.* prior to 20 June 1493, when he is styled as deceased and to have been brother to Sir John de Auchinleck of that Ilk, in a protest relating to Sir John's rights to the patronage of the Church of Glenbervie.
4. Alexander Auchinleck, appointed Tutor to his nephew James Auchinleck, son of his brother Mr John Auchinleck, and is named as such during proceedings brought before the Lords of Council in 1501 to determine the rights to the lands of Auchinleck. It is probable that he is identical to the unnamed uncle of Mr John Auchinleck, who is styled as great-great-grandfather to George Auchinleck, 2nd Balmanno, at the retour of this George as heir to Mr John Auchinleck, "brother of his great-great-grandfather" on 23 June 1630.

SIR JOHN DE AUCHINLECK OF THAT ILK, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Glenbervie and Barras dated 3 July 1445, on the resignation in his favour of Elizabeth Melville, his spouse, and of Geilis Melville, her sister,² and succeeded his father in the lands of Auchinleck by 17 October 1449, when he had a charter from John, Lord Halyburton, for 50 merks from the barony of Tranent, for his good services.³ He was interdicted by the King from alienating the lands of Auchinleck on 29 September 1492, as he had previously infert his granddaughter Elizabeth Auchinleck and William Douglas her husband, therein, and became beset with difficulties in retaining the lands of Glenbervie and Barras against Archibald Douglas, Earl of Angus, and *d.* prior to 20 April 1502, when a Tack of his half-part of the lands of Glenbervie was granted by King James IV., to John, Prior of St Andrews. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Alexander Melville of Glenbervie, and was father of,

1. James Auchinleck, younger of that Ilk, named in a charter by William Cumming of Culter dated 29 April 1476, as son and heir to Sir John Auchinleck and Elizabeth Melville and *m.* Gelis, daughter of Sir John de Ross of Halkhead, (*c/m* 8 May 1480⁴), who resigned various lands to his

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 905

² GD148/11

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 401

⁴ Douglas Charters. No. 110.

father Sir John de Auchinleck, in implementation of their marriage on 3 May 1480.¹ He predeceased his father dying prior to 1501, and was father of :

- 1a) Elizabeth Auchinleck, who was underage at the time of her father's death with her ward being gifted by the King to William Douglas, son of Archibald, 5th Earl of Angus, on 29 September 1492.² A claim to the lands of Glenbervie was put forward in her name in 1501, she being the heir of Geilis Melville, "sistir of her grant dame of Elizabeth Melville" but this became a protracted and complicated affair which took its toll on her grandfather and ultimately diminished the wealth of the family. Part of this dispute regarded a claim as to her legitimacy but this was settled by letters of legitimation being issued by the Commissariat of Glasgow on 22 October 1512³ and *m.* to the said William Douglas of Braidwood, (he was *k.* at the battle of Flodden in September of 1513), and on 5 November 1520, she disposed her lands of Glenbervie and others to her eldest son Archibald, as part of her profession into Holy Orders at the chapel of St. John.⁴ They had issue.
2. Mr John Auchinleck, appointed Parson of Glenbervie by his father and from whom he had a resignation for the lands of Barony of Auchinleck on 29 September 1492. This grant was contested by William Cunningham of Craighend and Archibald Douglas, Earl of Angus, and was the subject of extensive litigation throughout 1501. The lands and barony of Auchinleck were subsequently disposed by William Douglas and Elizabeth Auchinleck, his spouse, and William Cunningham of Craighend and Mariote Auchinleck, his spouse, to Thomas Bowsell, servant to King James IV., in 1505.⁵ He predeceased his father having *d.* prior to 20 April 1502, and was father of,
 - 2a) James Auchinleck of Kenmay and Polgavy, styled as son of Mr. John de Auchinleck in letters of regress by King James IV., to William Douglas of Over Kenmouth on 14 January 1513. He had a charter for the lands of Over Kennoch, Halkhill, Mortishill, Pettuchy, Westerton, Thenochty, Boggergoun, in the barony of Glenbervie, and those of Kemnay, Milton, Lauchtanze, Parkhill, Wrayton, Wellbusk, and the mill of Kemnay, in the sheriffdom of Aberdeen, in 1513. He *m.* by 14 July 1525, Janet, daughter and co-heiress of Adam Hepburn of Craigs, when she resigned her rights to the lands of

¹ RMS 1424-1513 No. 1483 & 1484

² Douglas Charters. No. 131.

³ Douglas Charters. No. 181.

⁴ Douglas Charters. No. 185.

⁵ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2859

Polgoveny and Schethum, all of which formed part of the barony of Craigs¹, to him and for which he had a charter under the Great Seal dated 29 July following. He *d.* on 15 December 1528,² and was father of :

2b) William Auchinleck of Schethum, retoured heir to his mother Janet Hepburn, Lady of Schethum, in the third-part of the barony of Polgavy, the third-part of the lands of Schethum and Littel Meldrum on 3 March 1549,³ with Sasine following on 12 March 1550.⁴ He resigned his lands of Fingask and part of Pittendreich, in the barony of Polgany, to the Crown for regrant to he and to Isobelle Cheyne, his spouse, on 20 April 1550.⁵ He disponed the barony of Polgoveny, Schethin, Little Meldrum, Fingask and others, to George Auchinleck of Balmanno who had charters of confirmation under the Great Seal dated 2 August and 22 October 1574, and in which it is stated that these lands had previously pertained to John Hepburn of Craigis and his predecessors and had been divided between the heirs female of the family.⁶ He disponed his lands of Mureton, in the barony of Craigis, to George Auchinleck of Balmanno for which the said George had a charter under the Great Seal on 2 January 1575. He was father of :

2c) Robert Auchinleck, a natural son in whose favour a precept for letters of legitimation passed the Privy Seal on 21 September 1574.⁷

3. Mariota Auchinleck, *m.* William Cunningham of Craigends and to whom her father Sir John granted a charter for the lands of Auchinleck on 23 May 1499.⁸

¹ GD160/133/9

² GD160/133/8

³ Retours. Aberdeenshire. No.10

⁴ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XVIII. P. 490.

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 435

⁶ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2309

⁷ RPS VI. No. 2688

⁸ GD148/55 Some confusion has surrounded the manner by which the lands of Auchinleck were conveyed to Thomas Boswell. Although the generally accepted route they took is by the marriage of Thomas Boswell to a daughter of Sir John de Auchinleck ,this is incorrect. Thomas Boswell, a servant to King James IV, obtained the lands and barony of Auchinleck upon the resignation of William Douglas and Elizabeth Auchinleck, his spouse, and of William Cunningham and Mariote Auchinleck his spouse, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 16 June 1505. Thomas Boswell of Auchinleck married Annabella Campbell and is styled as son-in-law to Isobel Wallace, wife of Hugh Campbell of Loudoun, in an assignation to Robert Douglas of Lochleven, dated 8 May 1506.

Although descent from the family of Auchinleck of that Ilk and Glenbervie is confirmed, the identities of the direct ancestors of the family of Auchinleck of Balmanno back to the brother of Sir John Auchinleck are currently uncertain. The first to appear in record was :

ANDREW AUCHINLECK, IN PETERHEAD, who *d.* on 1 February 1582,¹ having *m.* firstly, Jane Douglas, (she *d.* on 1 December 1556²), by whom he was father of :

1. Sir George Auchinleck, 1st of Balmanno, (*see below*).
2. Archibald Auchinleck of Cumlache, *m.* Jean Sleith, grand-daughter and heiress of Patrick Sleith of Cumlache, by 11 July 1576, when they had a charter for the lands of Blakerstoun, in the sheriffdom of Berwick, from Elizabeth Hume, Prioress of Saint-Bothans, and to which his brothers, George Auchinleck of Balmanno, John Auchinleck, Adam Auchinleck and James Auchinleck were entailed.³ He was father of :
 - 2a) George Auchinleck of Cumlage, succeeded his father in the lands of Cumlage and *m.* Alison Hume, with whom he disposed the lands of Cumlage to David Lumsden of Blanern on 21 October 1606.⁴
 - 2a) Robert Auchinleck, returned heir-male to his father in a provision on 23 July 1600.
3. John Auchinleck, had the gift of the prebend of the college kirk of Dunglas, alias Chirnside, from King James VI., on 2 September 1577, and is then styled as brother to Archibald Auchinleck of Cumlage.⁵
4. James Auchinleck, included with his brothers in the entail of Cumlage in 1576.
5. Elizabeth Auchinleck, *m.* by 22 December 1566, Robert Douglas of Saphak, son of James Gordon of Haddo.⁶

He *m.* secondly, Katherine, daughter of William Rait of Halgreen, (she *d.* on 1 April 1592⁷), and was father of :

¹ Edinburgh Tests. His son George Auchinleck of Balmanno was his executor.

² Edinburgh Tests

³ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2445

⁴ RMS 1593-1608. No. 2086

⁵ RPS VII. No. 1165

⁶ GD33/43/11

⁷ Edinburgh Tests

6. Adam Auchinleck, acted as executor to his mother and is then styled as her only son. He was witness to a charter by his brother Sir George Auchinleck of Balmanno, granted certain lands in liferent to Jean Erskine, his spouse, following on their contract of marriage, dated 21 February 1592.

SIR GEORGE AUCHINLECK, 1ST OF BALMANNO, acted as executor to his father on his death in 1582. He obtained the lands of Polgony, in Aberdeenshire, from William Auchinleck of Schethin, for which he had a Charter of confirmation on 2 August, 1574. He acquired the churchlands of Balmanno from Mr Henry Schaw, Prebendary of Balmanno, on 5 March 1573,¹ and the lands of Balmanno with the manor, turret and fortalice, thereof, from Alexander Balmanno of that Ilk, for which he had a disposition dated 5 January 1579.² He was one of the close friends and associates of James Douglas, Earl of Morton, during his Regency and was shot and left for dead in a close near St Giles, in Edinburgh, in a revenge attack by William Biccarton of Casche on 13 December, 1580. He took part in the Raid of Ruthven in August of 1582 for which he received a remission from the King on 29 November 1583. He *m.* firstly, Elizabeth Auchinleck, apparently daughter and heiress of William Auchinleck of Schethin, with whom he was infert by Mr Henry Schaw in churchlands belonging to the prebend of Balmanno on 2 March 1572. He *m.* secondly, Jean, daughter of Alexander Erskine of Gogar, and sister of Sir Thomas Erskine, 1st Earl of Kellie, (*c/m* 21 February, 1592.³ She *m.* secondly by 13 August 1602, to John Leslie of Balquhan), and *d.* on 3 November, 1596. He was father of :

1. Sir George Auchinleck, 2nd of Balmanno, (*see below*).
2. Adam Auchinleck,
3. Margaret Auchinleck, *m.* Archibald Moncrieff, Commendator of Elcho.

SIR GEORGE AUCHINLECK, 2ND OF BALMANNO, had a gift from Mr James Nicholson, Dean of Brechin, of a yearly pension for life to be uplifted from the Deanery of Brechin

¹ RMS 1546-1580 No. 2125

² RMS 1580-1593. No. 223. The lands were to be held by George Auchinleck and his heirs of Alexander Balmanno of that Ilk.

³ RMS 1609-1620 No. 20

commencing in 1578, and was infeft as heir to his father in the lands of Raxton on 3 March, 1598. He had a resignation of the remaining portions of Balmanno, with the teinds, from Alexander Balmanno of that Ilk and Eupham Arnot, his spouse, in 1610, and was served heir-male to Mr John Auchinleck, second son of the deceased Sir John Auchinleck of that Ilk, styled as son of the brother of his great-great-grandfather (abavus) on 23 June 1630. He was admitted a Senator of the College of Justice. He *m.* firstly, Isabel, daughter of John Melville of Raith, (*c/m* 25 January 1589¹), secondly, Elizabeth Wemyss, and was father of :

1. William Auchinleck, 3rd of Balmanno, (*see below*).
2. Archibald Auchinleck, acquired part of the lands of Blackness in Dundee and *m.* Janet, daughter of William Auchinleck of Woodhill, Provost of Dundee. He *dsp* on 11 November 1647, with his brother Sir William Auchinleck of Balmanno being retoured his heir on February of 1648.²
3. Jean Auchinleck, *m.* by 3 September 1614, Sir James Lockhart of Lee, (he was widow of Jean, daughter of Sir Robert Drummond of Carnock, and of Isabel, daughter of James Weir of Stonebyres), when they had a charter for the lands of Heads,³ and had issue.

He was also father of a natural daughter :

4. Margaret Auchinleck, *bap.* at Perth on 4 December 1621.

SIR WILLIAM AUCHINLECK, 3RD OF BALManno, styled as eldest son and heir when witness to a charter by his father to George Currou of Sualand for the barony of Finask in the sheriffdom of Aberdeen, on 15 July 1618.⁴ He *m.* firstly, Janet, daughter of Sir Robert Bruce of Clackmannan, and secondly, to Katherine Oliphant, (she *d.* in September of 1667⁵), *d.* between 23 August and 25 November 1672, and was father of :

1. Sir George Auchinleck, fiar of Balmanno, *m.* Agnes, daughter of Sir Patrick Murray, 1st Lord Elibank, (*c/m* 6 January 1643), and *d. vita patris*. He was father of :

¹ GD26/6/25

² Retours. Forfar. No. 299.

³ RMS 1608-1620. No. 658

⁴ RMS 1608-1620. No. 1870

⁵ Dunblane Tests

- 1a) Catherine Auchinleck, *m.* William Lockhart, Commissary of Lanark, and had issue :
- 1b) Elizabeth Lockhart, who was retoured heir to her father in the lands of Balmanno, Pitnamoon, Baxterhill and others, on 8 November 1672.¹
- 1a) Janet Auchinleck, *m.* Thomas Blair of Lethendy, (*c/m* 31 July 1662. He *m.* secondly, Sara, daughter of John Kinloch of Gourdie, for which the *c/m* was dated 6 June 1672), and had issue.
2. Archibald Auchinleck, 4th of Balmanno, (*see below*).
3. Robert Auchinleck, who with his father and brother George are styled as Prebenders of the lands of Balmanno and the rights of which they disposed to Archibald, Earl of Angus, on 10 December 1646.²
4. William Auchinleck, styled as brother to Sir George Auchinleck, younger of Balmanno, in 1662.
5. Helen Auchinleck, *m.* Thomas Erskine, son and heir of Thomas Erskine of Balhagerty, (*c/m* at Cupar and Balmanno 15 & 16 January 1643³).
6. Janet Auchinleck, *m.* in June of 1654, Sir James Balfour, 1st Baronet of Denmiln, (he was widow of Ann, daughter of Sir John Aytoun of that Ilk, of Jean, daughter of Sir James Durham of Pitkerro, and of Margaret, daughter of Sir James Arnot of Fernie, and *d.* on 14 February 1657).
7. Margaret Auchinleck, *m.* in 1650, John Gordon of Braco.⁴
8. Elizabeth Auchinleck, *m.* in 1653, Laurence Oliphant, 2nd of Pitkeathly, (he *m.* secondly, on 5 November 1665, Margaret, daughter of Robert Clayhills of Invergowrie and *d.* in March of 1667).
9. Katherine Auchinleck, *m.* David Hunter of Restenneth.
10. Isabel Auchinleck, infert with her father by James, Marquis of Douglas, in an annualrent of 600 merks from the lands of Thomallton, on 25 August, 1670, and in which she is styled as his youngest daughter. She *m.* by 26 April 1675, Kenneth MacKenzie, brother of Sir George MacKenzie of Tarbet,⁵ and had issue.

ARCHIBALD AUCHINLECK, 4TH OF BALMANN0, styled as son of Sir William Auchinleck of Balmanno when he had a decree against Laurence Oliphant of Pitkeathly on 23 August 1672, and succeeded to the lands of Balmanno by 25 November 1672, when he granted an annualrent from the lands of Balmanno to William Wilson in Easter Moncrieff. He *m.*

¹ Retours. Perth. No. 849.

² GD109/3915

³ RMS 1634-1651. No. 1501

⁴ GD33/60/1

⁵ GD110/324

Anna, daughter of John Arnot of Woodmiln, was living in 1694 and *d.* soon after being father of an only daughter :

ANN AUCHINLECK, who *m.* John Carnegie, 2nd of Kinnoul, and had issue.

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