

BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON

SIR WILLIAM BAILLIE OF HOPRIG AND LAMINGTON, who, on 16 November 1360, took instruments to the effect that he had come into the King's presence and renounced any rights he had to the lands of Alloa by reason of gift of ward or otherwise.¹ He had a charter under the Great Seal of King David II., for the whole extent of the barony of Lamington, dated 1368,² and *m.* Margaret, daughter Sir Alexander Seaton, who had a charter for the lands of Lamington under the Great Seal of David II.³ He was father of

SIR WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, resigned his lands of Udstone, in the barony of Cadzow, into the hands of the superior, James, Lord Hamilton, for regrant in favour of his son, William, in 1444. It is said that he *m.* Katherine, daughter of Sir John Hamilton of Cadzow, although there is no evidence for this. He *d.* by 11 April 1450, and was father of :

WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, who, on his father's resignation, had a charter for the lands of Udstone dated 12 May 1444.⁴ He had succeeded his father by 11 April 1450, when he was witness to a charter by John, Lord Haliburton, granting the lands of Birgham to Sir William, Earl of Douglas,⁵ and *d.* in 1479, being father of :

1. Sir William Baillie of Lamington, (*see below*).
2. Richard Baillie, was witness with his brother, Sir William, to a charter by John, Lord Somerville, granting the lands of Cambusnethan to his second son, John Somerville, dated 13 December 1485.⁶

¹ GD124/1/515

² RMS David II.

³ RMS David II.

⁴ RMS 1424-1513. No. 511.

⁵ RMS 1424-1513. No. 355,

⁶ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1750,

3. James Baillie, against whom Ellen, spouse of James Inglis raised an action for his spoliation of the lands of Schelehede in 1472.¹
4. Mariote Baillie, *m.* John, Lord Somerville, and had issue.

SIR WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Heparig and Painstoun, in the sheriffdom of Haddington, on 13 August 1466, and is then styled as eldest son and heir to William Baillie.² He succeeded and had Sasine for the lands of Lamington in 1479,³ was one of the sureties for the truce with England on 21 September 1484,⁴ and had been knighted by 13 December 1485. He *m.* Mariote, daughter of Patrick Hume of Polwarth, with whom he had a charter on his resignation for the lands and barony of Lamington, dated 2 January 1493,⁵ and *d.* prior to 1502. He was father of :

1. William Baillie of Lamington, (*see below*).
2. Marion Baillie, *m.* firstly, to John 3rd Lord Lindsay of the Byres, (he *d.* in 1497), and secondly, by 1503, to Robert Douglas of Lochleven.
3. Sybilla Baillie, *m.* Sir William Edmonstone, 4th of Duntreath, (he survived her and *m.* secondly, by 8 January 1510, to Katherine Forest, and was *k.* at the battle of Flodden in September of 1513).

WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, was witness with his father to a charter by John, Lord Somerville, granting the lands of Cambusnethan to his second son, John Somerville, dated 13 December 1485,⁶ and had succeeded by 12 February 1505-06, when he had a charter under the Great Seal for the ten merk lands of Rednoch and Unchoquhane, in the sheriffdom of Perth.⁷ He was living on 28 November 1511, when he is included in an apprising,⁸ and had *d.* by 23 May 1514, when Andrew Baillie had Sasine for the lands of

¹ Acts Dom Conc. 1472/22.

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 884.

³ Ex. Rolls. Vol. IX. P. 680.

⁴ Cal. Docs. Scot. 1357-1509. No. 1505.

⁵ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2187.

⁶ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1750,

⁷ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2935.

⁸ GD3/1/11/18/14.

Hoprig and Painston, most probably during the Flodden campaign the previous September or from wounds received there. He was succeeded by :

ANDREW BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, who was in all probability the son of the latter, succeeded and had Sasine for the lands of Hoprig, Painstoun and Quitrig, all in the sheriffdom of Haddington, on 23 May 1514,¹ and then for the lands and barony of Lamington on 1 March 1521-22.² He apparently *m.* Janet Hamilton who is styled as Lady Lamington in 1585, and *d.* about 1545, his lands having lapsed to the Crown for fourteen years before being relieved by the heir in 1559.³ He was father of :

1. William Baillie of Lamington, (*see below*).
2. Richard Baillie, was included with his brother William Baillie of Lamington, in remission in favour of James Hamilton, Earl of Arran, dated 2 January 1565-66.⁴

WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, succeeded and had Sasine for the lands and barony of Lamington on 27 September 1559, which had lapsed and been in the hands of the Crown for a period of fourteen years.⁵ He had Sasine for those of Heprig and Painstoun, in the sheriffdom of Haddington, on 14 March 1561.⁶ He *m.* after January of 1557, to Margaret, daughter of Robert Lord Maxwell, (she was widow of Archibald Douglas, 6th Earl of Angus, who had *d.* in January of 1557 ; and *d.* in 1593), and having no male issue, he conveyed his lands and barony of Lamington and those of Hoprig and Painstoun, to his eldest daughter, Margaret, in settlement of her marriage contract with Edward Maxwell, son of John, Lord Herries of Terregles, by charter dated 26 February 1577. He was father of :

1. Margaret Baillie of Lamington, (*see below*).
2. Abigail Baillie, *m.* Sir Hugh Carmichael, (*c/m* 1 December 1588), and had issue.

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 549.

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. XV. P. 595.

³ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIX. P. 451.

⁴ RPS Vol. V. Pt. II. No. 2523.

⁵ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIX. P. 451.

⁶ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIX. P. 467.

He also had a child surrounding whose birth there was a good deal of dubiety. Recounting the circumstances, Nisbet states: “a little before the death of his lady, or, as they say, much about that time, he procreated upon a gentlewoman, one Mrs Home, a son, William Baillie, and, upon his lady's death, he married her, in view of legitimating the son in virtue of the subsequent marriage, imagining, that he might have got broke the settlement of his estate in favour of his daughter and her heirs ; for it was always in failure of heirs-male of his own body that his heirs at law were to succeed : But it being clearly proven, by the presbytery books of Lanark, that the son was got while Lamington's lady, the Countess of Angus was alive, the reducing the settlement to and in favour of his daughter was found impracticable.”¹ This son was :

3. William Baillie of Letham, concerning whom Nisbet continues; “This rub in the young gentleman's way of succeeding to his father's estate, and which the father had so much at heart, discouraged him so much, that he went over to the German wars, and entered into the service of the renowned Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, against the imperialists, where, by his conduct and gallant behaviour, he attained to the degree of a major-general, and had the character of an excellent officer. When the troubles began in the year 1638, he was, among other Scots general officers, called over from Germany and Sweden by the covenanters, to head and command the anny they raised under the obligation of the covenant, and listed himself in the Parliament's service. From the minutes of the Parhament 1641, which I have seen, it appears that Lieutenant-General Baillie made some faint efforts to reduce the settlement of the estate of Lamington, but the thing would not do in point of law ; so it was dropped. He served the Parliament in the quality of lieutenant-general during the war, and was in several encounters with the Marquis of Montrose.”² He acquired the two halves of the lands of Letham, near Falkirk, the first of these from Alexander Bruce of Kincavil and Barbara Baillie, his spouse, by charter dated 11 March 1628,³ and the second from John Baillie of Letham, and Janet Fowler, his spouse, for which he had a confirmation under the Great Seal on 29 March 1628.⁴ He *m.*

¹ Nisbet. System of Heraldry. Vol. II. Appendix: P. 131

² Nisbet. System of Heraldry. Vol. II. Appendix: P. 131

³ GD65/45

⁴ RMS 1620-1633. No. 1236. In which he is styled as son of the deceased William Baillie of Lamington.

Janet, daughter of Sir William Bruce, 1st Baronet of Stenhouse, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, on 17 October 1661, to Sir Michael Nasmyth of Posso¹), and was father of :

3a) James Baillie Forrester, 2nd Lord Forrester of Corstorphine, whom George, 1st Lord Forrester of Corstorphine, nominated as his heir and whom he succeeded in his estates on his death in 1654, having *m.* his daughter, Joanna by *c/m* 15 December 1649.² He *m.* secondly, before July 1661, Janet, daughter and co-heir of Patrick, Earl of Forth and Brentford, by his first wife, Jane Henderson. He was a man of extravagant habits and dissolute life. He seduced his niece Christian Hamilton, daughter of Hamilton of Grange who had married, contrary to the wishes of her family, an Edinburgh burgess, James Nimmo. She was a woman of violent temper, and having quarrelled with Lord Forrester, on 26 August 1679, she stabbed him with his own sword, in the garden of Corstorphine by which he died immediately. She was captured and put in prison however, on the 29 September she succeeded in escaping, but on the next day was again taken and was executed at the Cross of Edinburgh on 12 November at the Cross of Edinburgh. He was father of :

3b) William Forrester, *b.* on 8 February 1652, and *d.* in infancy.

3b) Charles Ruthven, *b.* on 21 July 1661, and *d.* before April of 1680.

3b) Edward Ruthven, *b.* on 19 February 1663, and is styled as only son of the deceased James, Lord Forrester, in a contract by which he was secured in the lands and baronies of Airth and Drymen, dated 1 April 1680.³ He *m.* Martha Temple or Semple, who survived him and had an allowance of 200 a year out of the lands of Corstorphine which she agreed to dispoise to her brother-in-law Sir Charles Littleton, in return for a Bond or security on 28 October 1685.⁴ and *d.* in 1682.

3b) John Ruthven, *b.* on 9 May 1666, and *d.* prior to April of 1680.

3b) Clara Ruthven, *b.* on 16 January 1665, and *m.* firstly, on 11 October 1683, to Andrew Dick, Advocate,⁵ younger son of Sir Andrew Dick of Craighouse, by whom she had no issue. She survived him and *m.* secondly, by 1699, to Archibald Murray of Spot.⁶

3b) Patricia Ruthven, *b.* on 28 October 1668, and was living in 1694.

¹ OPR – Airth.

² RMS 1634-1651. No. 2171.

³ GD220/1/G/8/3/1

⁴ GD1/5/60

⁵ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁶ CS30/1

- 3a) William Baillie, *b.* on 12 December 1632, and under the re-grant of 1651 he was entitled to succeed his brother, James, as Lord Forrester although he never assumed the title. He *m.* Liliias, youngest daughter of George, 1st Lord Forrester, (*c/m* 15 December 1649¹), and *d.* in May 1681, leaving issue;
- 3b) William Baillie or Forrester, 4th Lord Forrester, his vote as a member of Parliament was objected to in 1681, after his father's death, on the ground that he was a Peer, which caused him to disclaim his Peerage, but as he styled himself Lord Forrester of Corstorphine, he was ordered by Parliament and the Privy Council to relinquish the title till he had instructed his right. On 31 August 1698, he produced the re-grant of 1651 by which he confirmed his right. He *m.* before 1684, Margaret, daughter of Sir Andrew Birnie of Saline, *d.* in 1705, and had issue, (*see Forrester of Corstorphine*).
- 3a) Adam Baillie, who was included with his brothers William and Alexander in the remainder of their brother, James's, charter for the lands of Corstorphine dated 1 March 1650.²
- 3a) Alexander Baillie,
- 3a) Mariota Baillie, *m.* Alexander Robertson of Struan, (*c/m* at Falkirk and Comrie 25 and 31 August 1663.³ He was widow of Catherine, daughter of Sir James Drummond, 1st of Machany, whom he had *m.* on 29 August 1652,⁴ and by whom he had issue. He *d.* in November of 1688), and had issue.

MARGARET BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, *m.* firstly, to Edward Maxwell, Commendator of Dundrennan, younger son of John, Lord Herries of Terregles, (*c/m* at Edinburgh and Bothwell on 20 and 26 February 1577⁵. He *d.* on 29 September 1598⁶), with whom she had a charter from her father to them of the lands and barony of Lamington, with the turret, fortalice, mill etc., thereof, in the sherifffdom of Lanark, and those of Hoprig and Painstoun, in the sherifffdom of Haddington, to themselves jointly and the heirs gotten

¹ GD220/6/260 Being a contract of marriage for James and William Baillie, brothers, and sons of Lt General William Baillie of Letham, and Liliias and Jean, daughters of George, Lord Forrester.

² RMS 1634-1651. No. 2171.

³ RMS 1660-1668. No. 652. See also: RD4/9/481.

⁴ OPR – Kenmore.

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2779.

⁶ Terregles Inscriptions. Cited in Scots Peerage, Vol. IV. P. 412. See also: Edinburgh Tests.

between them, which failing, by Edward's heirs whatsoever, dated 20 and 26 February 1577.¹ By him she had issue :

1. Sir William Maxwell or Baillie of Lamington, (*see below*).
2. John Maxwell, who had a charter under the Great Seal for the fee of the lands of Newlaw of Monksmure, in the Sheriffdom of Kirkcubright, with the liferent to his parents, dated 2 August 1592.²
3. James Maxwell, who had a charter with his mother, for the lands of Meikle Balmangane, in the sheriffdom of Kirkcubright, on 4 February 1597-98.³
4. Edward Maxwell of Balmangane, is styled as brother to the deceased Sir William Baillie of Lamington in a Bond by him for 200 merks Scots to John Brown at Bridge-end of Dumfries, dated 29 May 1635.⁴
5. Margaret Maxwell, *m.* George Gordon of Auchinreoch, (*c/m* at Dundrennan on 5 March 1604⁵).

She survived her first husband and *m.* secondly, to Sir William Livingston of Culter, (*he d.* on 2 May 1607), by whom she had further issue.

SIR WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, concerning whom on 29 November 1581, King and Parliament agreed to his father foregoing the adoption of Baillie as his surname and that from that time he "shall instantly receive the said surname of Baillie and arms of the said house of Lamington."⁶ He was served heir to his father, Edward Maxwell alias Baillie, fiar of Lamington, in the lands and barony of Lamington, in the sheriffdom of Lanark, and those of Hoprig and Painstoun, in the sheriffdom of Haddington, on 26 March 1607.⁷ He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Stewart of Craigiehall, (*she survived him and m. secondly, to Malcolm Crawford of Newton, d. by September 1615, and was father of :*

¹ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2779.

² RMS 1580-1593. No. 2142.

³ RMS 1594-1608. No. 654.

⁴ GD86/541.

⁵ RMS 1608-1620. No. 252.

⁶ Acta Parl. Scot. 1581/10/65.

⁷ Retours. Lanark. No. 72 & Haddington. No. 38.

1. Sir William Baillie of Lamington, (*see below*).
2. James Baillie of Watsonhead, *m.* firstly, to Sara Douglas, by whom he had issue ; and secondly, at Edinburgh on 4 March 1641, to Agnes, sister of John Gilmour, 1st of Craigmillar,¹ (*c/m* 10 February 1641.² She was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 15 January 1674³), and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 28 March 1661.⁴ He father of :
 - 2a) William Baillie, *b.* on 17 August 1632.
 - 2a) George Baillie, *b.* on 1 May 1634.
 - 2a) James Baillie, *b.* on 8 September 1636.
3. John Baillie, was admitted Burgess of the Canongate, Edinburgh, on 17 May 1638.⁵
4. Jane Baillie, *m.* Alexander Menzies of Culterallers, and had issue.

SIR WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, succeeded his father and was served his heir in the lands and barony of Lamington on 6 September 1615.⁶ He was also served his heir in those of Hoprig and Painstoun on 1 February 1616.⁷ He *m.* Grizel, daughter of Sir Claud Hamilton of Shawfield, *d.* by 6 October 1668, and was father of :

1. Sir Samuel Baillie, apparent of Lamington, (*see below*).
2. Robert Baillie,⁸
3. Janet Baillie, *m.* Gavin Hamilton of Raploch, (*c/m* 1 and 2 September 1653⁹).

SIR SAMUEL BAILLIE, APPARENT OF LAMINGTON, *m.* in 1650, to Margaret, daughter of Sir John Hamilton of Broomhill and 1st Lord Belhaven, (she *d.* on 18 March 1674), and *d.* *vita patris* by September of 1653,¹⁰ being father of :

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² GD122/2/884A

³ Greyfriars Burial Register.

⁴ Greyfriars Burial Register.

⁵ SRS Canongate Burgess Roll.

⁶ Retours. Lanark. No. 102.

⁷ Retours. Haddington. No. 68.

⁸ RD4/14/315.

⁹ RMS 1652-1659. No. 158.

¹⁰ Scots Peerage. Vol. 2. P. 40. The author of the Hamilton, Lord Belhaven, entry, citing Alexander Baillie's *Live of the Baillies*, states that Samuel died on 8 March 1668, however, this is incorrect and his Testament Dative was proved in September 1653.

1. William Baillie of Lamington, (*see below*).
2. Abigail Baillie, *m.* James Menzies of Enoch, and had issue.
3. Margaret Baillie, *m.* James Sempill, younger of Cathcart.

WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, was served heir to his grandfather, Sir William Baillie of Lamington, on 19 September 1674.¹ He *d.* at Edinburgh on 27 December 1725, aged 70 years, being buried at Lamington Church on 5th January 1726,² *m.* firstly, to Marjory, daughter of Sir John Hamilton, 1st Lord Bargany, (she *d.* at Beill and was interred in Lamington Church on 28 April 1690³), and was father of :

1. William Baillie, who *d.* when aged 17 years.

He *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh on 16 October 1691, to Henrietta, daughter of William Lindsay, 11th Earl of Crawford and 2nd Earl of Lindsay,⁴ and was father of :

2. A child, who was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 24 September 1694.⁵
3. Margaret Baillie, (*see below*).
4. Henrietta Baillie, *m.* firstly, to Robert Watson of Muirhouse, from whom she had a Bond of Provision dated 28 June 1722⁶ ; and secondly, on Friday 10 December 1725, to Major William Erskine of Torrie,⁷ (*c/m* 9 December 1725.⁸ He *d.* in 1754), and had issue.

MARGARET BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, succeeded her father on his death and was served his heir general on 1 June 1727.⁹ She *m.* on 2 January 1715, to Sir James Carmichael of

¹ Retours. Gen. No. 5754.

² Lyon Court records.

³ Lyon Court records.

⁴ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁵ Greyfriars Burial Register.

⁶ NRAS3246/213.

⁷ Caledonian Mercury, 13th December 1725, edition.

⁸ GD237/27/2/3.

⁹ Services of Heirs.

Bonington,¹ (he *d.* at Edinburgh on 16 July 1727²), and *d.* at Edinburgh on 14 September 1759, in her 63rd year.³ They had issue :

1. **SIR WILLIAM BAILLIE, BARONET, OF LAMINGTON**, *b.* on 20 March 1716, succeeded to the lands of Lamington and was served heir (1) as heir general to his father on 7 February 1732 (2) to his father in the lands of Thankerton, Blackburns and others, on 15 February 1733 and (3) his grandfather, William Baillie of Lamington, in the lands of Newton of Wiston, on 8 November 1737.⁴ He *dsp* in July 1738, his sister Henrietta being served his heir.
2. Henrietta Baillie of Lamington, (*see below*).

HENRIETTA BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON, *b.* on 29 April 1723, succeeded her brother, Sir William Baillie, on his death and was served his heir in the lands and barony of Lamington, and others, on 22 April 1742.⁵ She *m.* at Edinburgh on 4 October 1741, to Robert Dundas of Arniston,⁶ (*c/m* 16 October 1741.⁷ He survived her and *m.* secondly, on 29 August 1756, to Jean, daughter of William Grant, Lord Prestongrange,⁸ by whom he had further issue ; and *d.* at Edinburgh on 13 December 1787⁹), and *d.* at Arniston on 13 May 1755,¹⁰ having had issue :

1. Robert Dundas, *b.* at Edinburgh on 19 June 1747, and *d.* young.
2. **WILLIAM BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON**, succeeded to his mother's estates and was served her heir in those of Hyndford and Lamington on 9 October 1755.¹¹ He *dsp* on 16 June 1760,¹² being succeeded by his sister, Elizabeth.

¹ OPR – Lanark.

² Lyon Court records.

³ Scots Magazine, 3rd September 1759, edition.

⁴ Services of Heirs.

⁵ Services of Heirs.

⁶ Scots Magazine, 2nd October 1741, edition.

⁷ RH4/191/63.

⁸ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁹ Caledonian Mercury. 15th December 1787, edition.

¹⁰ Scots Magazine, 7th April 1755, edition.

¹¹ Services of Heirs.

¹² Scots Magazine, 2nd June 1760, edition.

3. **ELIZABETH DUNDAS BAILLIE OF LAMINGTON**, succeeded her brother William in the lands and barony of Lamington on his death without issue in 1760, and was served his heir on 4 November 1760. She was also served heir to her mother on 3 December 1760; to her grandmother, Margaret Baillie, widow of Sir James Carmichael, on 6 October 1761, and to her grandfather, Sir James Carmichael, on 3 October 1763.¹ She *m.* at London on 6 September 1762, to *m.* Sir John Lockhart-Ross of Balnagowan,² (he *d.* at Balnagowan on 19 July 1790³), and *d.* at Bonington House on 22 October 1817,⁴ having had issue.
4. Henrietta Dundas, *b.* at Edinburgh on 22 January 1749, *m.* on 6 June 1777, Adam Duncan, 1st Viscount Camperdown, (he *d.* on 4 August 1804), and *d.* on 8 December 1832.
5. Margaret Dundas, *m.* on 5 June 1773, to Major-General John Scott of Balcomie, (he had previously been *m.* to Mary, daughter of James Hay, Earl of Erroll, from whom he was divorced), and had issue.
6. Anne Dundas, *m.* at Edinburgh on 28 March 1773, George Buchan of Kelloe, and had issue.

¹ Services of Heirs.

² Scots Magazine, 2nd August 1762, edition.

³ Scots Magazine, 1st July 1790, edition.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury, 30th October 1817, edition.