

BALFOUR

OF BELLO

JAMES BALFOUR OF BELLO, was a natural son of George Balfour of Montquhannie and had a charter from his father for the lands of Bello on 26 February 1458.¹ He *m.* Margaret Seton and with whom he had a charter of joint charter from his father for the lands of Bello on 27 March, 1467.² He *d.* in about 1503 and was father of :

1. **PAUL BALFOUR OF BELLO**, succeeded to the lands of Bello for which he had Sasine in 1503³ and which he disposed to his nephew, John Balfour, by charter dated 22 August, 1531, reserving the liferent to himself.⁴
2. David Balfour, (*see below*).

DAVID BALFOUR, who *d.* prior to 22 August, 1531, and was father of :

1. John Balfour of Bello, (*see below*).
2. David Balfour, witness to a charter by William Bonar of Rossie on 20 October, 1549, and is then styled as brother of John Balfour of Bello.⁵

JOHN BALFOUR OF BELLO, had a charter for the lands of Bello from his uncle Paul Balfour of Bello on 22 August 1531, and is then styled as son of the deceased David Balfour, brother to the said Paul.⁶ He *m.* a woman by the name of Elizabeth with whom he reserved a liferent of the lands of Bello on 13 July 1550,⁷ and had *d.* by 4 June 1575. He was father of :

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 701.

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 701. See also RMS 1424-1513. No. 911

³ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XII. P. 714.

⁴ RMS 1514-1546. No. 1062.

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 386.

⁶ RMS 1514-1546. No. 1062.

⁷ RMS 1546-1580. No. 493.

1. David Balfour of Bello, (*see below*).
2. John Balfour, *m.* Elizabeth, sister and heiress of John Stewart of Newgrange, with whom he granted the lands of Newgrange to Alexander Whitelaw on 8 May, 1571, and is then styled as brother of David Balfour of Bello.

DAVID BALFOUR OF BELLO, is styled as son and heir of John Balfour of Bello when witness to a charter by William Bonar of Rossie, to his eldest son and heir John Bonar, for the lands of Carnbaddie on 20 October 1549,¹ and had a charter from his father for the lands of Bello on 13 July 1550.² He *m.* Janet Lumsden with whom he had a charter for the middle sixteenth part of the lands and town of Kingskettle from David Thomson, portioner of Kingkettle, on 3 April, 1582,³ and was still living on 8 July 1598, when gave his consent to the disposing of the lands of Ewingston by David Balfour of Ewingstoun to Mr. James Bethune of Creich, and *d.* soon after.⁴ He was father of :

1. John Balfour, is styled as eldest son and apparent heir to David Balfour of Bello when witness to a charter by David Nicol to Alan Coutts, portioner of Grange, on 18 November 1577,⁵ and *d.* prior to April of 1582, when his brother, David, is styled the eldest son.
2. David Balfour of Bello, (*see below*).
3. George Balfour, witness to a charter by David Balfour of Ewenston for his lands of Ewenston in favour of Mr. James Bethune of Creich on 8 July, 1598.

DAVID BALFOUR OF BELLO, who is named as a substitute heir to George Balfour of Ewingstoun and David, his son and apparent heir, in the lands of Ewingstoun, in a precept for a charter under the Great Seal for those lands dated 4 June 1575, and is then styled as second son to David Balfour of Bello.⁶ He witness to a charter for the sixteenth part of the lands of Kingskettle in favour of his parents on 3 April, 1582, and is then styled as eldest son and heir.⁷ He had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Bello

¹ RMS 1546-1580. No. 386.

² RMS 1546-1580. No. 493.

³ RMS 1580-1593. No. 472.

⁴ RMS 1594-1608. No. 955.

⁵ RMS 1580-1593. No. 897.

⁶ RPS Vol. VII. No. 207.

⁷ RMS 1546-1580. No. 386.

for his good and faithful service on 18 July 1587,¹ succeeded his father in around 1600 and *m.* Margaret Douglas with whom a liferent of the lands of Bello was reserved on 21 January 1614.² He was father of,

DAVID BALFOUR OF BELLO, *m.* at Edinburgh on 19 January, 1614, Isobel, second daughter of John Boig, Man-at-Arms to King James VI.³ with whom he had a charter for the lands of Bello on 21 January 1614.⁴ He had a Tack from William, Earl of Morton, for the eel fishings on the east-end of Lochleven on 30 May, 1646,⁵ *d.* prior to February of 1667 and was father of :

WILLIAM BALFOUR OF BELLO, had a disposition from John Balfour, Lord Burleigh, for the lands of Bello, following upon a previous decree of adjudication on 27 February, 1667, and is then styled as son of the deceased David Balfour of Belloch. He *m.* Elizabeth Arnot who is styled as his relict when she issued a Tack of the lands of Wood of Killmagald to Robert Kilgour, on 23 September 1676,⁶ *d.* in March of 1668 and was father of :

1. Robert Balfour of Bello, (*see below*).
2. Anna Balfour, *m.* by 15 May 1688, to William Schaw of Gospertie.⁷

ROBERT BALFOUR OF BELLO, succeeded his father and was served heir to him in the lands of Bello on 26 March 1678,⁸ and granted a Tack with Elizabeth Arnot, his mother, to Richard Kilgour, for the wood of Killmagald in the parish of Portmoak on 23 September, 1676. He *m.* Jean Lindsay and *d.* without apparent issue in around 1688 with his lands thereafter being sold.

¹ RMS 1580-1593. No. 1298.

² RMS 1608-1620. No. 990

³ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁴ RMS 1608-1620. No. 990.

⁵ GD29/197.

⁶ GD29/198.

⁷ RS3/57/f.276

⁸ Retours. Fife. No. 1168.

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