

BALFOUR

OF LALETHAN & BALBIRNIE

DAVID BALFOUR OF LALATHEN, was a younger son of Thomas Balfour of Dovan and to whom his father conveyed the lands of Lalethan in 1499. He had a dispute with John, Lord Lindsay of the Byres, which was brought before the Lords Auditors on 24 November 1526, for Lord Lindsay having removed possessions from David and his wife. He *m.* a woman by the name of Marion, *d.* in January of 1546 and was father of :

DAVID BALFOUR OF LALETHAN, succeeded on the death of his father and *m.* Isobel, daughter of John Gaw of Maw, (*c/m* 18 April, 1546). He *d.* in 1578 and was father of :

MARTIN BALFOUR OF LALETHAN, succeeded his father and *m.* Janet Balfour. He was father of :

1. Thomas Balfour of Lalethan, succeeded his father in the lands of Lalethan and *dsp.*
2. George Balfour, 1st of Balbirnie, (*see below*).
3. Alexander Balfour, was a Physician at Lalethan and *m.* Helen, daughter of David Ayton of Kinnaldie. He *d.* at Balbirnie in October of 1665, being buried at Kennoway church on 7th of that month.¹

GEORGE BALFOUR, 1ST OF BALBIRNIE, who made his fortune as a clothier in London and returned to Scotland and purchased the estate of Balbirnie in which he was infeft on 10 June, 1642. He *m.* Anne, daughter of Sir Michael Arnot of that Ilk, (she *d.* at Balbirnie on 10 January, 1670²), *d.* at his house at Balbirnie in February of 1665, being buried at Markinch on 14th of that month,³ and was father of :

1. Robert Balfour, 2nd of Balbirnie, (*see below*).

¹ Lamont's Diary.

² Lamont's Diary.

³ Lamont's Diary.

2. David Balfour of Lalethan, succeeded his uncle in the lands of Lalethan and was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh on 5 April 1671.¹ He *dsp*.
3. Alexander Balfour of Lalethan, *dsp* in 1692 with the lands of Lalethan thereafter being adjudged to creditors

ROBERT BALFOUR, 2ND OF BALBIRNIE, *b.* in 1641 and succeeded his father in the lands of Balbirnie on his death in 1665. He *m.* Elizabeth, sister of Sir John Preston of Airdrie, *d.* in 1713 and was father of :

1. George Balfour, 3rd of Balbirnie, (*see below*).
2. James Balfour, apprenticed to Patrick Hepburn, Apothecary in Edinburgh, on 21 December, 1687.²

GEORGE BALFOUR, 3RD OF BALBIRNIE, *b.* 1664 and succeeded his father. He *m.* Agnes, daughter of Robert Lumsden of Strathvithie, *d.* in 1743 and was father of :

1. Robert Balfour, 4th of Balbirnie, (*see below*).
2. John Balfour, *bap.* at Markinch on 23 March 1699.

ROBERT BALFOUR-RAMSAY, 4TH OF BALBIRNIE & WHITEHILL, *b.* in 1698, and *m.* on 30 May, 1736, to Ann, only daughter of Sir Andrew Ramsay of Whitehall and sister and heiress of Sir John Ramsay of Whitehill,³ in consequence of which he adopted the surname of Ramsay following the death without issue of her brother, in October of 1744. He *d.* at Edinburgh on 26 January 1766,⁴ and was father of :

1. John Balfour, 5th of Balbirnie, (*see below*).
2. George Balfour or Ramsay of Whitehill, *b.* on 4 June, 1740, and *dsp* prior to 22 December 1809, when his brother Andrew was served his heir.
3. Andrew Balfour or Ramsay of Whitehill, *b.* on 25 May, 1741, and was retoured heir to his brother Robert Balfour of Balcruvie in the lands of Herdmanshields and part of the Barony of

¹ SRS. Edinburgh Burgess Roll. He is then styled as brother german to the Laird of Balbirnie.

² SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

³ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁴ Scots Magazine. 1st February 1766, edition.

Majorybanks on 17 July 1811. He *dsp* issue prior to 9 December 1814, when his nephew, Robert Balfour of Balbirnie, was served his heir general.

4. Robert Balfour of Balcruvie, *b.* on 25 September, 1742, and was apprenticed to William Hogg & Son, Merchants in Edinburgh, on 21 January, 1761.¹ He *dsp* at his home in St. John's Street, Edinburgh on 16 November 1807.²
5. James Balfour of Whitehill, *b.* on 3 November, 1743, attained the rank of General in the army and to whom his nephew Major-General Robert Balfour of Balbirnie was served heir on 7 September 1825.
6. Elizabeth Balfour, *m.* Captain William Wardlaw, and had issue.
7. Anne Balfour, resided in Edinburgh and *d.* unmarried there on 12 January 1826.³

JOHN BALFOUR, 5TH OF BALBIRNIE, *b.* on 24 January, 1738, and succeeded his father on his death in 1766, being served heir on 14 January 1767. He *m.* at Blanern on 24 July 1771, to Mary, daughter of James Gordon of Ellon,⁴ *d.* on 23 December, 1813,⁵ and was father of :

1. Robert Balfour, 6th of Balbirnie, (*see below*).
2. James Balfour, ancestor of the Earl of Balfour, (*see that title*).
3. Elizabeth Balfour, *m.* on 8 August, 1794, to Sir Archibald Campbell, 2nd Baronet of Succoth,⁶ and *d.* on 6 June, 1844, having had issue.
4. Anne Balfour, *d.* unmarried.

ROBERT BALFOUR, 6TH OF BALBIRNIE, *b.* in 1762 and was served heir to his father on 11 May 1814, to his uncle Andrew Balfour or Ramsay of Whitehill on 9 December 1814, and to his great-grandfather Sir Andrew Ramsay of Whitehill, on 27 August 1819. He was served heir to his mother on on 15 June 1821; to his uncle General James Balfour of Whitehill on 7 September 1825, and to his aunt Ann Balfour on 28 February 1826. He *m.* at Ayton on 8 August, 1808, to Eglantine Katherine, daughter of John Fordyce of

¹ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

² Morning Post, 26th Novembr 1807, edition.

³ Perthshire Courier. 26th January 1826, edition.

⁴ OPR. See also Scots Magazine. 1st July 1771, edition.

⁵ Services of Heirs. Recorded 13th April 1814.

⁶ OPR – Markinch.

Aytoun,¹ (she *d.* on 9 January 1851), *d.* at Leamington on 31 October, 1837,² and was father of :

1. John Balfour, 7th of Balbirnie, (*see below*).
2. Charles James Balfour, *bap.* on 21 July, 1814, entered the Royal Navy and served as a Captain then was raised to Commander. He *m.* at Old Windsor Church on Thursday 16 May, 1850, to Frances Harriet, only daughter of James Erskine Wemyss of Wemyss Castle,³ (she *d.* at Villa Francesca, Cannes, on 14 December, 1877⁴), *d.* at Villa Francesca, Cannes, on 3 February 1878,⁵ and was father of,
 - 2a) A son, who was still-born at Balbirnie on 13 February 1866.⁶
 - 2a) Alicia Hay Balfour, *m.* at the parish church of Market Lavington, on 16 October, 1886, to Rev. Edward Seymour Awdry, Vicar of Seend, and son of Ambrose Awdry of Seend,⁷ (he *d.* on 28 March 1936). She *d.* on 20 July 1941.
3. Robert William Balfour, served as a Major in the 88th Regiment and *d.* unmarried at Balbirnie on 1 October 1854.⁸
4. George Gordon Balfour, *b.* in 1821 and *m.* at Bhagulpore, Bengal, on 31 July 1848, to Juliana Georgina Lamb,⁹ (she *d.* at Brock Street, Bath, on 10 May 1922, aged 93 years¹⁰), and *d.* on 2 February, 1901, having had issue :
 - 4a) George Campbell Balfour, *b.* at Purneah, Bengal, on 6 September 1853, and *m.* at Howrah, Bengal, on 30 November 1888, to Edith Georgina, daughter of John Henry Beaver.¹¹ He *d.* at Bath on 14 November 1932.¹²
 - 4a) Eglantine Emily Balfour, *b.* at Monghyr, Bengal, on 2 May 1849, and *d.* unmarried at Leac on Friday 17 October 1930.¹

¹ OPR – Aytoun. See also: Morning Post, 12th August 1808, edition.

² Morning Post, 6th November 1837, edition.

³ Morning Post, 20th May 1850, edition.

⁴ Morning Post, 18th December 1877, edition.

⁵ London Evening Standard, 8th February 1878, edition.

⁶ Fife Herald, 15th February 1866, edition.

⁷ Hampshire Chronicle, 23rd October 1886, edition.

⁸ Fife Herald. 5th October 1854, edition.

⁹ India Office record.

¹⁰ Bath Chronicle, 13th May 1922, edition.

¹¹ India Office record.

¹² Statutory record.

- 4a) Louisa Jane Balfour, *b.* at Darjeeling, Bengal, on 2 May 1852, and *d.* Norsey Manor, Billericay, on 30 October 1916.²
- 4a) Julia Balfour, *b.* at Calcutta on 30 October 1856.
- 4a) Fanny Georgiana Balfour, *b.* at Bhagulpore on 11 January 1855, and *d.* unmarried at Bath on 22 March 1934.³
- 4a) Mary Rose Balfour, *b.* at Edinburgh on 1 September 1858, and *m.* at Christ Church, Lancaster-gate, on 7 November 1882, to John Norman Hardcastle, eldest son of Jonathan Hardcastle of Blidworth Dale.⁴ They had issue.
5. Mary Georgina Balfour, *b.* on 26 May, 1810, and *d.* unmarried in 1891.
6. Katherine Jane Balfour, *m.* at Saint James's, Westminster, on 15 July 1834, to Edward Ellice of Invergarry,⁵ and *dsp* at Edinburgh on Wednesday 13 April, 1864.⁶
7. Eglantine Charlotte Louisa Balfour, *m.* at St. George's, London, on 1 March, 1853, to Robert Ellice,⁷ and *d.* on 18 April, 1907. They had issue.
8. Elizabeth Anne Balfour, *m.* at Whittinghame on 1 November, 1842, to Edward Pleydell Bouverie of East Lavington Manor,⁸ (he *d.* at Wilton Crescent, London, on 16 December 1889⁹), second son of Jacob Pleydell-Bouverie, 2nd Earl of Radnor, and *d.* on 10 August, 1889, having had issue.

JOHN BALFOUR, 7TH OF BALBIRNIE, *b.* 24 April, 1811, and was served heir to his father in the lands of Balbirnie, Bandon and others on 23 July 1844. He *m.* at London on 25 June, 1840, to Georgiana Isabella, second daughter of John Frederick Campbell, 1st Earl of Cawdor,¹⁰ *d.* at Balbirnie on Thursday 25 July, 1895,¹¹ and was father of :

¹ Bath Chronicle, 25th October 1930, edition.

² Bath Chronicle, 4th November 1916, edition.

³ Statutory record.

⁴ Berkshire Chronicle, 11th November 1882, edition.

⁵ OPR – Saint James, Westminster. See also: Morning Post, 19th July 1834, edition.

⁶ Greenock Advertiser, 16th April 1864, edition.

⁷ Morning Post, 3rd March 1853, edition.

⁸ Perthshire Courier, 10th November 1842, edition.

⁹ St. James's Gazette, 17th December 1889, edition.

¹⁰ Caledonian Mercury, 13th July 1840, edition.

¹¹ Statutory record.

1. Robert Frederick Balfour, *b.* on 30 April, 1846, and served as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Grenadier Guards. He *dsp* at his sister's home in London on 23 October, 1882, of blood poisoning from a wound to his lower leg received during action at Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt.¹
2. Edward Balfour, 8th of Balbirnie, (*see below*).
3. John William Balfour, *b.* on 20 August, 1851, and *dsp* of pneumonia at Torquay on 30 May 1892.²
4. Harry Balfour, *b.* on 4 December, 1852,
5. Sir Alfred Granville Balfour, *b.* at Balbirnie on 25 March, 1858, and became a Lieutenant in the Fife Artillery Militia in 1875, afterwards entering the 51st Highland Light Infantry in 1879. He was promoted Brigadier-General in 1915. He *m.* on 1 September, 1886, to Francis Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Benjamin Simpson, (she *d.* on 12 March, 1936), *d.* at London on Saturday 16 March, 1936,³ and was father of :
 - 5a) John Andrew Edward Balfour, *b.* in 1887, and *d.* at Fyzabad, Bengal, on 29 November 1891.⁴
 - 5a) James Alfred Balfour, *b.* in 1889, and *m.* in 1916, Marie Frederica, daughter of Colonel John Ormsby Vandeleur, (she *d.* on 15 August, 1953). He was *ksp* in action on 11 January, 1917.
 - 5a) Ronald Egerton Balfour, *b.* in 1896, and *m.* at Westminster Cathedral, London, on 24 April, 1930, Deirdre, only daughter of Richard Hart Davis.⁵ He was *k.* in a motor accident when on his way home to Gadd's Meadow, West Chiltington, Sussex, on 17 April, 1941,⁶ and was father of :
 - 5b) Susan Mary Balfour, *b.* on 30 March, 1931.
 - 5b) Annabel Clare Balfour, *b.* on 20 October, 1935, and *m.* on 15 April, 1961, to Charles Benedict Rathbone.
6. Emily Eglantine Balfour, *b.* at London on 21 August, 1841, and *m.* at St. Peter's Church, Pimlico, on 6 February, 1861, to George Henry Finch.⁷ She *d.* at Burley-on-the-Hill, Rutlandshire, on 26 April, 1865,⁸ having had issue.

¹ St. James's Gazette, 25th October 1882, edition.

² St. Andrews Citizen, 4th June 1892, edition.

³ Fife Free Press, 21st March 1936, edition.

⁴ Homeward Mail from India, 5th January 1892, edition.

⁵ The Scotsman, 25th April 1930, edition.

⁶ The Scotsman, 21st April 1941, edition.

⁷ Statutory record.

⁸ Greenock Advertiser, 6th May 1865, edition.

7. Georgina Elizabeth Balfour, *b.* on 26 January, 1843, *m.* on 26 July, 1870, to Arthur Wills Blundell Trumbull Sandys, Rodden Hill, 5th Marquess of Downshire, (he *d.* in 1874), and *d.* on 12 January, 1919. They had issue.
8. Mary Louisa Balfour, *b.* on 30 April, 1846, and *d.* unmarried at Easthampstead Cottage, Wokingham, Berkshire, on 15 January, 1939.¹

EDWARD BALFOUR, 8TH OF BALBIRNIE, *b.* on 23 January, 1849, and *m.* at Boston, Massachusetts, USA, on 16 October 1879, to Isabella Weyman, daughter of William S. Hooper Hooper,² (she survived him and *d.* at Balbirnie House on 16 March, 1938³), and *d.* at Grosvenor Square, London, on Saturday 10 September, 1927.⁴ He was father of :

1. Robert Frederick Balfour, *b.* on 16 March, 1883, and served as Captain, 1st Battalion Scots Guards. He was *ksp* in action at Cheluvelt, France, on 28 October, 1914.⁵
2. Edward William Sturgis Balfour, 9th of Balbirnie, (*see below*).
3. John Balfour, *b.* on 5 March, 1895, and served as a Captain in the Scots Guards. He was *ksp* in action on 18 March, 1918.
4. Alice Georgiana Balfour, *b.* on 19 August, 1880, and *d.* unmarried on 11 March, 1979.
5. Eva Katherine Balfour, *b.* on 14 September, 1888, and *m.* at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London, on Tuesday 10 November, 1931, to Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, 5th Baronet.⁶

EDWARD WILLIAM STURGIS BALFOUR, 9TH OF BALBIRNIE, *b.* on 6 December, 1884, and succeeded his father. He *m.* at Whittingehame on Saturday 24 December, 1914, to Ruth, eldest daughter of Gerard William Balfour, 2nd Earl of Balfour,⁷ (she *d.* on 31 August, 1967), and *d.* at Balbirnie on Friday 23 December, 1955.⁸ He was father of :

1. John Charles Balfour, 10th of Balbirnie, (*see below*).

¹ Dundee Evening Telegraph, 17th January 1939, edition.

² Statutory record. See also: Dundee Evening Telegraph, 22nd October 1879, edition.

³ Statutory record. See also: Fife Free Press, 19th March 1938, edition.

⁴ Dundee Courier, 12th September 1927, edition.

⁵ Dundee Courier, 17th March 1915, edition.

⁶ Dundee Courier, 11th November 1931, edition.

⁷ Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 29th December 1914, edition.

⁸ Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 24th December 1955, edition.

2. Peter Edward Gerald Balfour, *b.* on 9 July, 1921, and *m.* firstly, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Forfar, on 6 November, 1948, to Griselda Davina Roberta, youngest daughter of David Ogilvy, Earl of Airlie,¹ (marriage dissolved by divorce in 1967). He *m.* secondly, on 2 March, 1968, to Diana Rosemary, daughter of Charles George Gordon Wainman, and has issue by both wives :
 - 2a) Hew Edward Ogilvy Balfour, *b.* on 22 February, 1952.
 - 2a) Fergus George Balfour, *b.* on 23 April, 1953.
 - 2a) Bridget Georgiana Balfour, *b.* on 22 February, 1952.
 - 2a) Alexander William Balfour, *b.* on 26 February, 1971.
 - 2a) Alice Elizabeth Balfour, *b.* on 28 November, 1968.
3. Nora Elizabeth Balfour, *b.* on 3 March, 1916, and *m.* at St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, London, on 24 June, 1936, to Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William MacEwen Younger of Ravenswood and Leckie.² She *d.* on 16 October, 1998, having had issue.
4. Ann Balfour, *b.* on 10 August, 1923, and *m.* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, on 26 September, 1947, to Major David William Fraser,³ (marriage dissolved by divorce in 1952). They have issue.

JOHN CHARLES BALFOUR, 10TH OF BALBIRNIE, *b.* on 28 July, 1919, and succeeded his father on his death in December 1955. He *m.* on 20 June, 1950, to Jean, daughter of Major-General Sir James Syme Drew, and has issue :

1. Robert William Balfour, *b.* on 25 March, 1952.
2. David James Balfour, *b.* on 20 January, 1954.
3. Alan John Balfour, *b.* on 17 July, 1957.

¹ Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 8th November 1948, edition.

² Dundee Evening Telegraph, 24th June 1936, edition.

³ The Scotsman, 27th September 1947, edition.