

BALNEAVES

OF EDRADOUR

The early origins of the family of Balneaves are obscure with the name itself being a territorial designation and is probably derived from Gaelic "*bal neamh*" meaning "*the township of the blessings.*" Several persons bearing the surname Balneaves *alias* Piper appear in the vicinity of Perth from an early date with Robert Balneaves *alias* Piper granting a tenement in Perth to his son Walter Balneaves on 19 June, 1506,¹ and a John Balneaves *alias* Piper, Burgess of Perth, granting a tenement in Perth to Thomas Lamb to 10 May, 1520.² To Mr. Henry Balneaves and Christian Scheves, his spouse, was granted the lands of Pathcondie and Muirfield by Robert, Abbot of Kinloss, on 26 January, 1543,³ and which lands were subsequently forfeited for Treason on 6 December, 1552. From the ranks of these gentlemen sprung a number of 16th and 17th century Perthshire Ministers by the name of Balneaves. Although undoubtedly descended from these early Perth Balneaves, the first established ancestor of the family of Balneaves of Edradour was William Balneaves, who was appointed Minister of Moulin prior to 13 September, 1624, and *m.* Marion Guthrie. He *d.* prior to 6 April, 1644, and was father of :

1. William Balneaves, (*see below*).
2. John Balneaves,
3. Patrick Balneaves, became a merchant in Dundee, *m.* to Elspeth Watson and *d.* between 3 February, 1697, when he had a Decreet against James Burnett of Monbuddo, and 7 July, 1700, when his son William pursued the said James Burnett for the same debt.⁴ He had issue,
 - 3a) William Balneaves, *bap.* at Dundee on 26 March, 1668, and to whom his cousin Henry Balneaves of Rotmell was retoured heir on 27 October 1708.

¹ GD79/5/45

² GD79/4/33

³ GD26/3/436

⁴ GD70/185 & 186. As per this document, it is evident that there had been a reasonable settlement of the family in Dundee as a Patrick Balneaves, Merchant in Dundee, and a Patrick Balneaves, Seaman, are also named.

4. Henry Balneaves,
5. Janet Balneaves,
6. Jean Balneaves, all of which children are included in a Discharge by their mother, as relict of Mr. William Balneaves, Minister of Moulin, to John Fergusson of Pitfour for 3 bolls and 3 firloths of victual on 6 April, 1644.¹ She *m.* James Robertson of Dunavour, (*c/m* 20 June 1649²).

WILLIAM BALNEAVES, educated at St. Andrews University where he graduated M.A., on 13 May, 1653, and was admitted Minister of Moulin in 1668. He *m.* Helen, daughter of Alexander Menzies, 1st of Rotmell, *d.* in March of 1705 and was father of :

1. Henry Balneaves, of Rotmell, (*see below*).
2. William Balneaves, witness to a granted by his brother Henry Balneaves of Rotmell to their parents of an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Rotmell, dated 30 June, 1702.

HENRY BALNEAVES, 1ST OF ROTMELL AND EDRADOUR, *b.* in around 1670, and purchased the lands of Rotmell from Patrick Stewart of Rotmell on 18 June, 1702,³ which he later exchanged with the Duke of Atholl for those of Edradour and in which he was infeft on 17 September, 1714. He was served heir to his uncle Patrick Balneaves, Bailie of Dundee, and William Balneaves, son of this Patrick, on 27 October, 1708, and *m.* firstly, at Kilspindie on 5 June 1696, Elizabeth, third daughter and coheirress of William Lindsay of Kilspindie, (*c/m* at Perth on 4 June 1696⁴). He *m.* secondly to Ann Hamilton and was father of :

1. Henry Balneaves, 2nd of Edradour, (*see below*).
2. Helen Balneaves, *m.* at Moulin on 7 December, 1716, Finlay Fergusson, 3rd of Pitfourie and 5th of Balledmond, and had issue.
3. Margaret Balneaves, *m.* at Dull on 1 March, 1720, Robert Stewart of Fincastle, and had issue.
4. Jean Balneaves, *m.* Archibald Butter, 5th of Pitlochry, (*c/m* 24 November 1725.⁵ He was widow of Helen, daughter of Sir Alexander Ogilvy of Forglen, by whom he had issue), and had issue.

¹ MS79/109 Perth Archives

² RS50/11/f.419

³ Blair Castle Archive Box 12 Parcel III. No. 33

⁴ RS52/12/f.330

⁵ MS79/209 Perth Archives

HENRY BALNEAVES, 2ND OF EDRADOUR, succeeded his father and *m.* at Moulin on 22 February 1737, Helen, daughter and eventual heiress of John Campbell, 6th of Glenlyon. He *d.* in April of 1773 and was father of :

1. **PATRICK BALNEAVES, YOUNGER OF EDRADOUR**, *b.* in around 1738 and had a commission as Ensign in the 42nd Regiment in 1756. He served in the American wars during which he was wounded at Ticonderago in 1763 and was raised to Captain. He *d.* without lawful issue prior to 9 April, 1777, and was father of :

1a) Charlotte Balneaves, a natural child by Isabel Cameron. She was *bap.* at Moulin on 10 August, 1770, with the maternal grandfather, Finlay Cameron, presenting the child.

2. Henry Balneaves, 3rd of Edradour, (*see below*).

3. John Balneaves, *bap.* at Moulin on 4 March, 1742, and *dsp.*

4. David Balneaves, *bap.* at Moulin on 22 June, 1749, and was sent to reside with his maternal uncle David Campbell in Jamaica where he became a Planter. He *dsp.*

5. Archibald Balneaves, *bap.* at Moulin on 7 May, 1759, and entered the army as a Lieutenant in the 78th Fraser Highlanders with whom he fought in the American Wars. He was taken prisoner at Boston Bay, was later raised to Captain and *dsp.* at Exeter on Monday 7 April 1794.¹

6. Margaret Balneaves, *bap.* at Moulin on 23 May, 1732, and *dsp.*

7. Katherine Balneaves, *bap.* at Moulin on 20 April, 1744, and *m.* Peter Garden of Troup, (he was third son and eventual heir of Alexander Garden of Troup, by his wife Jean, daughter of Sir Francis Grant of Cullen, and was *bap.* at Edinburgh on 20 December, 1722). They had issue which succeeded to the lands of Edradour,

7a) Alexander Garden of Delgaty, retoured heir to his father on 28 August, 1786, and *dsp.* prior to September of 1792.

7a) Francis Garden-Campbell of Glenlyon, Troup and Dalgety, *bap.* on 4 October, 1768, had an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Delgaty as heir to his immediate elder brother Alexander Garden of Delgaty on 1 September, 1792, and was retoured heir to his uncle Francis Garden of Troup, Senator of the College of Justice, in the lands of Troup on 6 June, 1794. He was retoured heir to his maternal great-uncle David Campbell of Glenlyon, in the lands of Glenlyon and to his maternal grandfather Henry Balneaves of Edradour and to his uncle Henry Balneaves of Edradour on 21 March, 1807. He *m.* in 1788, Penelope, daughter of Richard Smyth of Ballynatray, Co. Waterford, *d.* on 28 May, 1815, and had issue, (*see Garden of Troup*).

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 10th April 1794, edition.

7a) Peter Henry Garden of Johnston, attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the 100th Regiment of Foot for which he had a commission dated 19 September, 1795.

7a) David Garden,

7a) Helen Garden, *m.* in 1784, John Burnett of Elrick, and had issue.

7a) Jane Garden,

7a) Margaret Garden, *m.* William Farquharson of Monaltrie, (he was *b.* in 1744 and *d.* on 28 November, 1828).

7a) Christian Garden,

7a) Mary Garden, *bap.* at Saint Nicholas, Aberdeen, on 29 May, 1780, and *m.* at Aberdeen on 21 August, 1806, Thomas Burnett of Park, (he was widow of Anne Rebecca, daughter of Dr. John Paterson, by whom he had issue ; and *d.* in 1854). They had issue.

HENRY BALNEAVES, 3RD OF EDRADOUR, *b.* in around 1739 and succeeded his father. He was appointed executor to his maternal uncle John Campbell of Glenlyon on 4 April, 1784, and *dsp* in May of 1803.