

BALRAM

OF THAT ILK

NICHOLAS DE BALRAM, is the first for whom there is evidence. He was witness to a charter by Robert de Lundin, brother of King William I. endowing the Abbey of Dunfermline with rights from his lands of Threipland and Malmacmol dated circa 1200,¹ and appears to have been ancestor of :

MATHEU DE BALRAM, was amongst a number of landholders from Fife who gave homage to Edward I. of England on 28 August, 1292. From him descended :

WILLIAM BALRAM OF THAT ILK, succeeded to the lands of Balram and *m.* Giles, daughter of David Boswell of Balmutto, (*c/m* 26 November 1493²). He *d.* in 1504-06 and was father of :

DAVID BALRAM OF THAT ILK, succeeded his father and being under age, his ward was granted to Thomas Balram on 13 January 1510-11.³ He had Sasine for the lands of Balram on 29 November 1515, which had been in the Crown's hands for the space of 9 ½ years,⁴ and also for those of Castleriggs of Wester Kinghorn on 21 August 1520,⁵ and was a member of an assize on 23 July 1534. He *m.* Katherine Seaton and was father of :

WILLIAM BALRAM OF THAT ILK, was for some years a servant to the Queen and had a charter of confirmation under the Great Seal for the lands of Balram following upon his father's resignation, dated 6 July, 1543.⁶ He was father of :

¹ Liber Dunfermline.

² Balmutto writs as viewed and cited by Sir Robert Douglas.

³ RPS Vol. I. No. 2185

⁴ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 580.

⁵ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 633.

⁶ RMS 1546-1580. No. 292

1. **WILLIAM BALRAM OF THAT ILK**, succeeded his father and *dsp* prior to May of 1565 when his brother James Balram was retoured his heir.
2. James Balram of that Ilk, (*see below*).

JAMES BALRAM OF THAT ILK, succeeded his brother William Balram of that Ilk in the lands of Balram and to whom he was retoured heir on 1 May, 1565.¹ He *m.* Elizabeth Stewart, *d.* by 17 December, 1603, and was father of :

LAURENCE BALRAM OF THAT ILK, had a charter from his father for the lands of Balram and Castleriggs on 5 June, 1599, to be held by he and Isobel, daughter of Andrew Schethume of Skelpie, his spouse, and their heirs,² which he afterwards disposed to David Wemyss, sailor in Leith, on 9 December, 1613.³ He was retoured heir to David Balram of that Ilk, his great-grandfather, in the lands of Balram on 27 October, 1619.⁴

¹ Retours. Fife. No. 57.

² RMS 1593-1608. No. 925

³ RMS 1609-1620. No. 110

⁴ Retours. Fife. No. 298.