

# BEATSON

## OF KILRIE

**JAMES BEATSON IN KILRIE**, had a sixteen year Tack of the lands of North Kilrie in 1645 and is named as possessor of these lands under the superior the Earl of Moray in 1668, from whom he obtained the superiority and had a charter under the Great Seal dated 17 February 1671.<sup>1</sup> He obtained the lands of Balbairdie for which he had a charter under the Great Seal dated 9 August, 1649,<sup>2</sup> in which he is styled as Chancellor to James, Earl of Dirlton. He *m.* Marjory Walker, (she *d.* on 22 March, 1676), *d.* on 9 May, 1674, and was father of :

1. Robert Beatson of Kilrie, (*see below*).
2. David Beatson of Vicars Grange, (*see Beatson of Vicarsgrange*).
3. William Beatson of Glassmouth, (*see Beatson of Glassmonth*).
4. Margaret Beatson, *m.* in 1653 to Robert Charles.

**ROBERT BEATSON OF KILRIE**, named with his father in 1668 and in named with his father in a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of North Kilrie on 17 February, 1671. He *m.* Isobel, daughter of Robert Cunningham of Woodfield, *d.* in 1703/4 and was father of :

1. James Beatson of Kilrie, (*see below*).
2. Robert Beatson,
3. David Beatson, *d.* on 7 January, 1680, aged 22 years.
4. John Beatson of North Pitteadie, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 22 June, 1658, and *m.* on 10 February, 1682, to Margaret Wardlaw.<sup>3</sup> He was father of :

4a) Robert Beatson of North Pitteadie, *bap.* on 5 August, 1687. His father resigned his half-part of the lands of North Pitteadie, in the parish of Kinghorn, into the hands of the Earl of

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<sup>1</sup> RMS. Warrant SIG1/9/2.

<sup>2</sup> RMS 1634-1651. No. 212

<sup>3</sup> OPR – Carnock.

Strathmore, for new infeftment in favour of Robert, as his eldest son, and his second son, Henry, dated 26 November 1706.<sup>1</sup> He *m.* on 20 June, 1720, Christian, daughter of David Malcolm, in Kirkcaldy,<sup>2</sup> and was father of,

4b) John Beatson, *bap.* on 19 January, 1725, and *d.* as a result of falling from Falkland Palace.

4b) Robert Beatson of North Pitteadie, *bap.* on 21 February, 1732, and succeeded his father. He *dsp* on 24 December 1813,<sup>3</sup> and was succeeded in the lands of North Pitteadie by his nephew Robert Bruce.

4b) Elizabeth Beatson, *bap.* on 24 April, 1721.

4b) Margaret Beatson, *bap.* on 6 November, 1722, and *m.* on 10 February, 1745, to William Bruce.<sup>4</sup> They had issue which succeeded to the lands of North Pitteadie.

4b) Isobel Beatson, *bap.* in March 1728.

4a) Henry Beatson, *bap.* on 30 July, 1689, and is included in a procuratory of resignation by his father dated 26 November 1706.

4a) James Beatson, *bap.* on 2 August, 1691.

4a) Archibald Beatson, *bap.* on 21 November, 1699.

4a) John Beatson, *bap.* on 20 July, 1702.

4a) Agnes Beatson, *bap.* on 7 October, 1684.

4a) Anna Beatson, *bap.* on 22 November 1685.

4a) Margaret Beatson, *bap.* on 12 December, 1692.

4a) Christian Beatson, *bap.* on 12 February, 1695.

4a) Janet Beatson, *bap.* on 19 January 1697.

5. William Beatson,

6. Archibald Beatson, *m.* Isobel Durward.

7. Janet Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 28 January, 1651, and *m.* Robert Cunningham, in Kirkcaldy.

8. Margaret Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 18 March, 1653.

9. Elspeth Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 29 August, 1654.

10. Catherine Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 15 May, 1664.

11. Ann Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 24 February, 1667, and *m.* James Beatson of Glassmonth.

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<sup>1</sup> GD1/127/9.

<sup>2</sup> OPR – Kinghorn.

<sup>3</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 8<sup>th</sup> January 1814, edition.

<sup>4</sup> OPR – Kinghorn.

**JAMES BEATSON OF KILRIE**, succeeded his father and was served his heir general on 9 July 1709.<sup>1</sup> He *m.* in 1671, Janet, daughter of Alexander Orrock of that ilk, and was father of :

1. Robert Beatson of Kilrie, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Beatson, apprenticed to Alexander Brown, Peutherer in Edinburgh, on 14 April, 1725.<sup>2</sup>
3. Archibald Beatson, *m.* on 29 June, 1719, to Sarah Arnot,<sup>3</sup> and was father of :
  - 3a) James Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 27 January, 1725.
  - 3a) Archibald Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 8 January, 1733.
  - 3a) Bettie Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 4 May, 1720.
  - 3a) Janet Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 27 November, 1721.
  - 3a) Mary Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 3 October, 1723.
  - 3a) Euphame Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 29 August, 1727.
  - 3a) Isabel Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 7 July, 1730.
  - 3a) Jean Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 9 July, 1734.
4. Elizabeth Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 30 June, 1672.
5. Isobel Beatson, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 18 November, 1676, and *m.* Adam Colville in Dysart.

**ROBERT BEATSON OF KILRIE**, succeeded his father and *m.* on 30 April, 1698, Margaret, daughter of William Beatson of Glassmonth.<sup>4</sup> He *d.* prior to 26 January 1725, and was father of :

1. Robert Beatson of Kilrie, (*see below*).
2. James Beatson, *b.* on 27 March, 1706.
3. Alexander Beatson, *b.* on 7 May, 1707, and *d.* in infancy.
4. Alexander Beatson, *b.* on 10 December, 1708.
5. William Beatson, *b.* on 30 August, 1710.
6. John Beatson, *b.* on 11 October, 1711.
7. Charles Beatson, *b.* on 16 July, 1713.
8. Frances Beatson, *b.* April of 1718.

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<sup>1</sup> Services of Heirs. Recorded on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1709.

<sup>2</sup> SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

<sup>3</sup> OPR – Kinghorn.

<sup>4</sup> OPR – Kinghorn.

9. Margaret Beatson, *b.* on 8 June, 1699 and *m.* George Lumsden, in Dysart.
10. Jean Beatson, *b.* on 3 December, 1703, and *m.* David Beatson of Vicarsgrange.
11. Janet Beatson, *b.* on 25 July, 1700, and *d.* young.
12. Janet Beatson, *b.* on 23 December, 1704.
13. Anna Beatson, *b.* on 1 January, 1715, and *m.* John Reddie of Redhouse.
14. Isabel Beatson,

**ROBERT BEATSON OF KILRIE**, *b.* 23 June, 1702, succeeded his father and was served his heir general on 26 January 1725.<sup>1</sup> He *m.* on 7 August, 1728, Helen, eldest surviving daughter of Alexander Orrock of that Ilk, (she survived him and *d.* at Edinburgh on 11 November 1790, aged 81 years<sup>2</sup>), and was father of :

1. Robert Beatson of Kilrie, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Beatson, *b.* on 25 October, 1733.
3. James Beatson, *b.* on 14 May, 1735.
4. Isobel Beatson, *b.* on 20 June, 1729, and *m.* James Beatson of Glassmonth.
5. Margaret Beatson, *b.* on 7 February, 1739.

**ROBERT BEATSON OF KIRLIE**, *b.* on 10<sup>th</sup> and *bap.* at Kinghorn on 12 August, 1730, and was retoured heir to Robert Beatson of Kilrie, his great-great-grandfather on 27 October 1756.<sup>3</sup> He *m.* on 22 September, 1755, Jean, daughter of Alexander Read of Torbeg,<sup>4</sup> and was father of :

1. Robert Beatson of Kilrie, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Beatson, attained the rank of Major-General in the army, was appointed Governor of St. Helena, and afterwards retired to Henly, in Sussex. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 28 December, 1805, Davidson, youngest daughter of David Reid, Commissioner of Customs for Scotland, (she

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<sup>1</sup> Services of Heirs. Recorded on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1725.

<sup>2</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 15<sup>th</sup> November 1790, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Services of Heirs. Recorded on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1756.

<sup>4</sup> OPR – Dundee.

*d.* at Edinburgh on 14 September 1865<sup>1</sup>), *d.* at Henly, near Turnbridge Wells, on 15 October 1830,<sup>2</sup> and was father of :

2a) Alexander David Beatson, *bap.* on 7 April, 1807, and served as a Lieutenant in the E.I.C. Engineers. He *dsp* at Chatham on Friday 7 January 1825.<sup>3</sup>

2a) Theodore Francis Broughton Beatson, served in the Bengal Cavalry and was raised to Colonel in 1862. He *m.* at Chelsea on 22 June 1843, Louisa, only daughter of Colonel Stephen Reid, Bengal Cavalry,<sup>4</sup> (she *d.* at Clifton on 8 June 1896<sup>5</sup>), and *d.* at Dieppe, France, on 16 September 1865, aged 56 years.<sup>6</sup>

2a) Davidson Beatson, *m.* at Frant, on Tuesday 8 June, 1841, to Anne Henrietta, second daughter and co-heiress of John Campbell of Lyston Hall, Sussex,<sup>7</sup> nephew of John Campbell, 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Argyll, (she *d.* at Mentone on 27 October 1872<sup>8</sup>). He *d.* at Jersey on 9 March 1868,<sup>9</sup> and was father of :

2b) Alexander Davidson Beatson, *b.* on 2 July, 1845, and emigrated to Claremont, New Hampshire, USA. He *m.* on 22 April 1874, to Catherine Louise, daughter of David S. Dutton, and was father of :

2c) Alexander Davidson Beatson, *b.* on 6 October 1878, *m.* Margie Kay Kendall and *d.* at Tyron, North Carolina, on 12 March 1942.<sup>10</sup> He was father of :

2d) Alexander Davidson Beatson, *b.* on 20 August 1917, *m.* Lilian Marie Brock and *d.* at Ashville, North Carolina, on 25 September 1980.<sup>11</sup> He was father of :

2e) Alexander Davidson Beatson, *b.* at Henderson, North Carolina, on 17 July 1943.

2d) David Dutton Beatson, *b.* on 14 August 1921, and *d.* at Columbus, North Carolina, on 17 January 1992.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 16<sup>th</sup> September 1865, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Brighton Gazette, 21<sup>st</sup> October 1830, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Morning Post, 10<sup>th</sup> January 1825, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Naval & Military Gazette, 24<sup>th</sup> June 1843, edition.

<sup>5</sup> Bath Chronicle, 18<sup>th</sup> June 1896, edition.

<sup>6</sup> Navy & Military Gazette, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1865, edition.

<sup>7</sup> Bury & Norwich Post, 16<sup>th</sup> June 1841, edition.

<sup>8</sup> Essex Standard. 1<sup>st</sup> November 1872, edition.

<sup>9</sup> Greenock Advertiser, 19<sup>th</sup> March 1868, edition.

<sup>10</sup> Statutory Record.

<sup>11</sup> Ashville Monumental Inscriptions.

<sup>12</sup> Statutory Record.

- 2d) Edward Daniel Beatson, *b.* on 16 October 1923, and *d.* at Columbus, North Carolina, on 19 September 1981.<sup>1</sup>
- 2b) Henrietta Julia Campbell Beatson, *b.* on 28 January, 1843, and *d.* unmarried at Geneva, Switzerland, on 7 June 1898.<sup>2</sup>
- 2a) Stephen Reid Beatson, *bap.* on 29 July, 1817, and *d.* young.
- 2a) Douglas Charles Turing Beatson, *b.* at Pas-de-Calais, France, on 9 August, 1821, and served as Lieutenant in the 14<sup>th</sup> Bengal Infantry. He *d.* at Ferozepore on 15 February 1846,<sup>3</sup> of lock-jaw brought on as a result of a wound received in action at Sobraon.
- 2a) Albert Balcombe Beatson, *bap.* on 6 August 1824 and served in the Bengal Staff Corps, retiring with the rank of Major-General. He *d.* at Bath on 2 January 1911.
- 2a) Jane Helena Beatson, *bap.* 3 March, 1808, and *m.* at Frant Church, Sussex, on 16 February, 1830, to James Whitwell Torre, of Snyderall House, Yorkshire.<sup>4</sup>
- 2a) Catherine Barbara Charlotte Campbell Beatson, *d.* at Hope Street, Edinburgh, on 6 June 1847.<sup>5</sup>
- 2a) Dora Beatson, *m.* on 9 October, 1838, to John Pryce of Delvidiere, Sussex, and *d.* at Penn's Rocks, Withyham, on 4 June 1898.<sup>6</sup>
- 2a) Caroline Harriet Beatson, *bap.* on 29 May, 1815, and *m.* at Broadwater Church, Sussex, on 14 May 1842, to John Lysaght, Dublin.<sup>7</sup> She *d.* at Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, London, on 13 August 1899.<sup>8</sup>
- 2a) Adelaide Jannetta Douglas Beatson, *bap.* 6 November, 1816, and *m.* at Aberdour on 20 August 1846, to James Lysaght of Carrigmore, Co. Cork.<sup>9</sup>
- 2a) Georgiana Oakeley Malcolm Beatson, *bap.* on 4 February, 1819, and *m.* at Frant, on 16 February 1841, to Samuel Newington, second son of Charles Newlands of Highlands, Ticehurst.<sup>10</sup> She *d.* on 7 May 1898,<sup>11</sup> having had issue.
- 2a) Letitia Allan Beatson, *bap.* 22 July, 1820.

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<sup>1</sup> Statutory Record.

<sup>2</sup> Morning Post, 10<sup>th</sup> June 1898, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Perthshire Courier, 30<sup>th</sup> April 1846, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Morning Post, 18<sup>th</sup> February 1830, edition.

<sup>5</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 14<sup>th</sup> June 1847, edition.

<sup>6</sup> Sussex Agricultural Express, 11<sup>th</sup> June 1898, edition.

<sup>7</sup> London Evening Standard, 17<sup>th</sup> May 1842, edition.

<sup>8</sup> Bedfordshire Mercury, 18<sup>th</sup> August 1899, edition.

<sup>9</sup> Perthshire Courier, 27<sup>th</sup> August 1846, edition.

<sup>10</sup> London Evening Standard, 18<sup>th</sup> February 1841, edition.

<sup>11</sup> Sussex Agricultural Express, 13<sup>th</sup> May 1898, edition.

3. John Beatson, *b.* 10 November, 1760, and *d.* unmarried.
4. Helena Beatson, *b.* 23 March, 1762, and *m.*, in 1777, Sir Charles Oakeley. She *d.* on 19 February. 1839, having had issue.

**ROBERT BEATSON OF KILRIE AND BURNTISLAND CASTLE**, *b.* at Dundee on 2 October, 1758, and *m.* on 13 April, 1790, Jean, only child of Murdoch Campbell of Rossend Castle,<sup>1</sup> (she was retoured heir to her father in the castle, manor and mills of Burntisland on 9 August 1798). He *d.* on 18 August 1805,<sup>2</sup> and was father of :

1. Robert Campbell Beatson, *b.* at Rossend Castle on 24 January, 1791,<sup>3</sup> and *d.* at Burntisland Castle on 24 May 1799.<sup>4</sup>
2. Alexander Campbell Beatson of Rossend, (*see below*).
3. Robert Wedderburn Beatson, *b.* on 12 July, 1801, and served in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the Bengal Army. He *m.* at Carphin House on 5 January, 1831, to Helen Hay, second daughter of John Raitt of Carphin,<sup>5</sup> and *dsp* on 11 December, 1848.
4. William Fergusson Beatson, *b.* on 25 June, 1804, and entered the Bengal Army in 1820. During furlough, he served in the British Legion in Spain 1835-36, and returned to Bengal as a Colonel and then promoted to Major-General in 1865. He *m.* at Culpee, Bengal, in about July of 1840, to Margaret Marian, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Humfrays,<sup>6</sup> (she *d.* at Allahabad on 22 December 1866<sup>7</sup>), *d.* at the Vicarage, New Swindon, on 4 February 1872,<sup>8</sup> and was father of :
  - 4a) Marian Jane Beatson, *b.* at Jhansee, Bengal, on 23 March 1842, and *m.* at Meerut, Bengal, on 7 November 1864, to Captain Charles Noble McMullin, 73<sup>rd</sup> Native Infantry<sup>9</sup>
  - 4a) Margaret Maria Beatson, *b.* at Bombay on 17 October 1847, and *d.* at Leamington on 31 May 1870, aged 22 years.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OPR – Burntisland.

<sup>2</sup> Services of Heirs, recorded on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1816.

<sup>3</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> January 1791, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Aberdeen Press & Journal, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1799, edition.

<sup>5</sup> OPR – Creich. See also: The Scotsman, 8<sup>th</sup> January 1831, edition.

<sup>6</sup> Naval & Military Gazette, 1<sup>st</sup> August 1840, edition.

<sup>7</sup> Homeward Mail from India, 12<sup>th</sup> February 1867.

<sup>8</sup> Reading Mercury. 10<sup>th</sup> February 1872, edition.

<sup>9</sup> India Office record.

<sup>10</sup> Naval & Military Gazette, 4<sup>th</sup> June 1870, edition.

5. Margaret Helena Beatson, *b.* on 24 January, 1792, and *d.* at Burntisland Castle on in August 1805.<sup>1</sup>
6. Barbara Beatson, *b.* on 19 June, 1793, *m.* at St. Helena on 19 August, 1809, to Lieutenant-Governor Edward Swift Broughton,<sup>2</sup> and had issue.
7. Jean Beatson, *b.* on 24 November, 1794, and *d.* unmarried at Notting Hill on 15 September 1880.<sup>3</sup>
8. Harriot Oakley Beatson, *b.* on 2 April, 1797, and *m.* on 6 February, 1821, to William Alexander Laurie, W.S.<sup>4</sup> She *d.* at Edinburgh on 31 December 1831.<sup>5</sup>

**ALEXANDER CAMPBELL BEATSON OF ROSSEND**, *b.* 20 October, 1799, and was served heir to his father in Burntisland Castle, with the manor and mills thereof on 12 September 1816. He served as Captain in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Bengal Native Infantry, *m.* at Edinburgh on 22 December, 1831, to Eliza, daughter of John Baird of Camelon,<sup>6</sup> (she *d.* at Melville Street, Edinburgh, on 3 February, 1891, in her 85<sup>th</sup> year<sup>7</sup>), and *d.* at Dinapore, Bengal, on 14 August 1832,<sup>8</sup> being father of a posthumous son :

**ALEXANDER JOHN BEATSON OF ROSSEND**, *b.* on 17 January, 1833, and was retoured heir to his father in lands and mills around Burntisland on 6 August 1849. He *d.* at Valletta, Malta, of a fever, on 8 April, 1861, aged 28 years.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Aberdeen Press & Journal, 7<sup>th</sup> August 1805, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 9<sup>th</sup> December 1809, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Fife Herald. 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1880, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> March 1821, edition.

<sup>5</sup> Perthshire Courier. 12<sup>th</sup> January 1832, edition.

<sup>6</sup> Perthshire Courier, 29<sup>th</sup> December 1831, edition.

<sup>7</sup> Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 6<sup>th</sup> February 1891, edition.

<sup>8</sup> Date of death given in the retour of his son Alexander John as his heir in 1849. See also Aberdeen Journal. 6<sup>th</sup> February 1833, edition.

<sup>9</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 19<sup>th</sup> April 1861, edition.