

BETHUNE

OF CREICH

DAVID BETHUNE, 1ST OF CREICH, was one of the favourites of King James IV. who appointed him Treasurer and Captain of Falkland Palace. He obtained the lands of Creich from John Liddale of Creich by charter dated 14 September, 1502, and in which he styled as son of the deceased John Bethune of Balfour.¹ He *m.* Isobel, daughter of Stephen Duddingston of Sandford, and *d.* in 1505,² being father of :

1. John Bethune, 2nd of Creich, (*see below*).
2. James Bethune, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Carnton alias Fordoun on 10 February, 1507, and in which he is styled as son of the deceased David Bethune of Creich.³
3. Janet Bethune, *m.* firstly, Sir Robert Livingstone of Easter Wemyss, and had issue ; and surviving him, she *m.* secondly, to James Hamilton, 1st Earl of Arran.
4. Grisel Bethune, *m.* John, Lord Lyle, and had issue.

JOHN BETHUNE, 2ND OF CREICH, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the lands of Creich on 20 May 1517.⁴ He *m.* Margaret, daughter of John Hay, Provost of Dundee, younger son of Sir William de Hay of Naughton, with whom he was infeft in the lands of Creich in 1517, *d.* by May of 1537, and was father of :

1. **DAVID BETHUNE, 3RD OF CREICH**, had a gift of the ward of the lands of Creich as heir to his deceased father on 19 May, 1537,⁵ and *dsp* by 24 December, 1538, being succeeded by his next brother, Robert.
2. Robert Bethune, 4th of Creich, (*see below*).
3. Archibald Bethune, appointed Dean of Aberdeen and Commissary of Glasgow.

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 267

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. VII. He was Chamberlain of Fife and died between his rendering accounts for 13 June, 1504, to 3 July, 1505

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 305

⁴ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 593.

⁵ RPS Vol. II. No. 226

4. Gavin Bethune, who was appointed Parson of Govan.
5. Janet Bethune, *m.* firstly, James Crichton of Cranstonriddal, and secondly by 5 June, 1543, to Simon Preston of Craigmillar, from whom she was divorced on 16 November 1543.¹ She *m.* thirdly to Sir William Scott of Buccleuch, and *d.* in January of 1569.
6. Grisel Bethune, *m.* firstly, Sir Walter Scott, younger of Buccleuch, and secondly, to Andrew Murray of Blackbarony, (*c/m* 8 February, 1551.² He was widow of Elizabeth, daughter of William Lockhart, Burgess of Edinburgh, and *d.* on 1 September, 1573), and *d.* on 18 August, 1579.
7. Christian Bethune, *m.* firstly, Michael Balfour of Burleigh, and had issue ; and surviving him, she *m.* secondly, Andrew Kinninmond, eldest son and heir of Patrick Kinninmond of that Ilk, (*c/m* 3 July 1579³).
8. Elizabeth Bethune, was one of the mistress of King James V. to whom she bore a daughter Jean Stewart, who *m.* Archibald, Earl of Argyll. She afterwards *m.* firstly, John Stewart, 4th Lord Innermeath, (he *d.* in January of 1570), and had issue ; and surviving him, she *m.* secondly, to James Gray, son of Patrick, Lord Gray, from whom she was divorced on 10 June 1581, on the grounds of his adultery.
9. Isabell Bethune, *m.* Gilbert Ogilvy of that Ilk, (he survived her and *m.* secondly by *c/m* 24 August, 1563, to Sybilla, daughter of David, 2nd Lord Drummond).
10. Agnes Bethune, *m.* Sir James Chisholm, 2nd of Cromlix, (he survived her and *m.* secondly by 2 March, 1536, to Catherine, sister of John Graham, 3rd Earl of Montrose⁴).
11. Margaret Bethune, *m.* by 13 July, 1541, Arthur Forbes of Rires, and had issue.

ROBERT BETHUNE, 4TH OF CREICH, succeeded his brother by 24 December, 1538, when a Precept passed the Privy Seal for his infeftment in the lands of Strarudy and Balgregy. He *m.* Joanna Renwall, one the Maids of Honour to the Queen, (she survived him and *m.* secondly by October of 1573, to Mr. John Kinneir, Commendator of Balmerino), with whom he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Creich on 25 August, 1553,⁵ and *d.* in 1567. He was father of :

¹ Liber Officialis St. Andrews, No. 133.

² GD32/2/

³ RD1/17/26

⁴ After the death of Sir James, she *m.* Thomas Charteris of Kinfauns, and after his death, to Archibald Ogilvy of Lawton ; and *d.* on 25 December, 1583.

⁵ RMS 1547-1580. No. 83

1. **DAVID BETHUNE, 5TH OF CREICH**, succeeded his father and was infeft in the lands of Strathrudy and Balgregy as his heir on 25 May 1574, with the lands being then stated to have been in the hands of the Crown for the space of seven years.¹ He *m.* Beatrix, daughter of George, Earl of Rothes, (*c/m* 14 March, 1561.² She survived him and *m.* secondly, to John Auchmouthie of that ilk), from whom he was divorced, and was father of :

1a) Anna Bethune, *m.* firstly, Sir James Chisholm of Cromlix, (*c/m* 17 September, 1580³), and had issue ; and surviving him, she *m.* secondly, by 1610, to Sir David Herring of Glasclune, (he was widow of Euphemia, daughter of John Spens of Condie, by whom he had issue).

2. James Bethune, 6th of Creich, (*see below*).

3. Mary Bethune, was one of Queen Mary's "Four Marys." She *m.* Sir Alexander Ogilvy, 4th of Boyne, (*c/m* 3 May, 1566.⁴ He survived her and *m.* secondly, Jean, daughter of George Gordon, 4th Earl of Huntly, by *c/m* 10 December, 1599).

4. Elizabeth Bethune, *m.* James Sandilands, younger of Saint Monans, (*c/m* 21 May 1561. He survived her and *m.* secondly, to Isabel, daughter of John Strang of Balcaskie, by *c/m* 9 September 1569 ; and *d. vitae patris* on 29 March, 1580).

5. Lucretia Bethune, *m.* David Bethune of Melgum, and had issue.

6. Margaret Bethune, *m.* Arthur Forbes of Rires, and had issue.

7. Margaret Bethune, had the gift of her father's escheat on 22 July, 1566. She *m.* Claud Hamilton of Cochnay, (*c/m* 2 October, 1573⁵), and had issue.

8. Christian Bethune, *m.* firstly, to James Lundy of Condland, (*c/m* 15 August, 1566⁶), and secondly by 1576, to Mr. Henry Kinnear, Abbot and Commendator of Balmerino, and had issue.

JAMES BETHUNE, 6TH OF CREICH, had the gift of the parsonage of Auld Roxburgh on 17 July, 1566.⁷ He succeeded his brother, David, in the lands of Creich as his heir male and *m.* firstly, after 1572, to Helen, daughter and heiress of Alexander Leslie of Kinnaird, (she was widow of James Barron, by whom she had issue which succeeded to the lands of Kinnaird, and also of James Kirkcaldy, brother of Sir William Kirkcaldy of Grange,

¹ Ex. Rölls. Vol. XX. P. 460.

² MS37860/1

³ RD1/19/12

⁴ RD1/8/322.

⁵ RD1/13/39

⁶ RD1/15/38

⁷ RPS Vol. V. Pt. II. No. 297

who had been executed in 1572). He survived her and *m.* secondly, to Margaret, eldest daughter of David Wemyss of that Ilk, (*c/m* 5 March, 1578. She *d.* at Dunbog in September of 1636), and was father of :

1. David Bethune, 7th of Creich, (*see below*).
2. John Bethune,
3. Robert Bethune
4. Archibald Bethune,
5. Margaret Bethune, *m.* William Ferny, younger of that Ilk, (*c/m* at Dunbog on 22 April, 1598¹).
6. Elizabeth Bethune, *m.* Sir David Murray, 1st Viscount Stormont, (*c/m* 4, 6 & 10 February, 1604.² He *dsp* on 27 August, 1631), and *dsp* on 21 January, 1658.
7. Catherine Bethune, *m.* James Forbes, portioner of Kilmanie, and had issue.
8. Helen Bethune, *d.* unmarried.

DAVID BETHUNE, 7TH OF CREICH, had a charter for the fee of the lands of Creich from his father which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 20 December, 1603. He *m.* on 28 June, 1598, Eupham, daughter of Arthur Forbes of Rires,³ *d.* prior to 23 July 1628, and was father of :

1. Robert Bethune, *d.* aged about twenty years.
2. **DAVID BETHUNE, 8TH OF CREICH**, was served heir to his father in the lands of Creich on 23 July, 1628,⁴ and *m.* firstly, Eupham, daughter of Sir Robert Graham of Morphie. He survived her and *m.* secondly, to Margaret, daughter of William Cunningham, 8th Earl of Glencairn, (she *m.* secondly on 8 August, 1661, Sir John Chisholm, 7th of Cromlix, and had issue). Having no issue and having no near male relatives to which to dispohe his estate, he made a resignation in favour of James Bethune, fiar of Balfour, and *dsp* at Dunbog on 4 March, 1660,⁵ being buried at Creich church on 20th following.

¹ RMS 1594-1608. No. 199

² RMS 1608-1620. No. 8

³ Melville of Carnbee's Diary.

⁴ Retours. Fife. No. 400.

⁵ Lamont's Diary.

3. William Bethune, *m.* Jean, daughter of John Allardice of that Ilk, and *d.* prior to September of 1684, when, as his relict, she granted an assignation to James Melville of Cassingry and in which he is styled as brother of the Laird of Creich.¹ He was father of :
 - 3a) Margaret Bethune, *m.* at Kilspindy on 18 June, 1655, William Lindsay of Kilspindie, brother of Sir Alexander Lindsay of Evelick,² (*c/m* 15 May, 1665³), and had issue.
4. Anna Bethune, *m.* Sir John Moncrieff of that Ilk, (he survived her and *m.* secondly, Mary, daughter of William Moray, 2nd of Tulliebardine, by *c/m* 16 April, 1634, and *d.* in January of 1651), and had issue.
5. Helen Bethune, had an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Creich from her father in 1624 to be held be herself and her heirs, whom failing, her sisters, Eupham and Margaret.⁴
6. Eupham Bethune,
7. Margaret Bethune, *m.* Mr David Moncrieff of Craigie, (*c/m* 26 March, 1629.⁵ He survived her and *m.* secondly, to Margaret, daughter of John Moncrieff of Balcaskie, by *c/m* 23 & 27 October, 1631⁶).
8. Elizabeth Bethune, *m.* William Fullarton of that Ilk, who granted her father, David Bethune of Creich, a discharge for Tocher in 1622.⁷

¹ GD26/4/21

² OPR – Kilspindie.

³ RS52/3/f.55

⁴ RS31/5/109

⁵ MS37860/1

⁶ RMS 1620-1633. No. 214

⁷ MS37860/1