

# BLACKADDER

## OF BLAIRHALL

**CUTHBERT BLACKADDER OF BLAIRHALL**, said to be descended from Blackadder of Tulliallan, and whose descendants, it was commonly agreed, were the heirs-male to the Baronetcy. He acquired the lands of Blairhall from William, Commendator of Culross, on 10 July 1545,<sup>1</sup> and was witness to a Tack by Adam Blackadder, Commendator of Dundrennan, to Sir Adam Cultar, Parson of Rerrick, for the lands of Over Rerrick on 5 October 1556.<sup>2</sup> He Mariote Boyd and was father of :

**ADAM BLACKADDER OF BLAIRHALL**, succeeded his father in the lands of Blairhall and granted a charter to Mr. Matthew Gaw and Helen Preston, his spouse, for a tenement, house and garden in the town of Culross on 10 May 1583.<sup>3</sup> He disposed his lands and *m.* Helen, daughter of Mr. Robert Pont, Minister of St. Cuthbert's in Edinburgh, by whom he was father of :

**JOHN BLACKADDER**, *m.* in 1615, Barbara, daughter of Mr. William Strang, Minister of Kirkliston, and was father of :

1. Mr John Blackadder, (*see below*).
2. Elizabeth Blackadder, *bap.* at St. Andrews on 13 June, 1628.

**MR. JOHN BLACKADDER, MINISTER OF TRAQUAIR**, was said upon good authority to have been heir-male of Sir John Blackadder, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet. He was *b.* in December 1615, was a clergyman and was admitted to the church of Traquair in 1652 where he continued until November of 1662 when he removed himself on account of not being able to accept the Presbyterian principles. Instead, he continued to preach as a Covenanter and on letters

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<sup>1</sup> GD103/1/37

<sup>2</sup> GD77/303

<sup>3</sup> GD16/24/160

being issued against him by Council on 25 January 1666, he fled to Holland. At length, he was apprehended when in bed in lodgings in Edinburgh, on 5 April 1681, and despite the efforts of his friends to have him released, he *d.* a prisoner on the Bass Rock in 1685. He *m.* Janet Henane, (she was buried at the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 10 November 1688<sup>1</sup>), and was father of :

1. William Blackadder, *b.* 1647, and is said to have been taken by his father to Holland and to have been enrolled at the University of Leyden. He was apprenticed to Patrick Hepburn, Apothecary in Edinburgh, on 14 July 1675,<sup>2</sup> by right of whom he was admitted a Burgess of Edinburgh on 29 September 1693,<sup>3</sup> and was appointed Physician to King William III. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 6 February 1691, Marion, daughter of Mr. James Hunter of Muirhouse, Advocate,<sup>4</sup> (*c/m* 6 February 1691.<sup>5</sup> She was widow of James Boyd, Merchant in Edinburgh), and executed a Disposition for a house at the head of the West Bow in Edinburgh, to his wife Marion Hunter, in liferent, and to his brother Adam Blackadder, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 28 June 1694, which was afterwards confirmed to the said Adam Blackadder, Captain John Blackadder, his brother and Elizabeth Blackadder, spouse of Mr James Young, Writer in Edinburgh, their sister, on 19 October 1696.<sup>6</sup> He *d.* without apparent issue and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 27 October 1696.<sup>7</sup>
2. Adam Blackadder, was a merchant and lived for some time in Sweden before settling in Edinburgh. He *m.* firstly, Maria Justina Strachan, by whom he had issue ; and secondly at Edinburgh on 27 August 1704, Alison Law,<sup>8</sup> (she was widow of Mr. George Leslie, Stationer, whom she had *m.* at Edinburgh on 25 October 1685<sup>9</sup>), by whom he had no apparent issue. By his first wife he was father of :
  - 2a) William Blackadder, *b.* at Edinburgh on 20 September 1696.
  - 2a) Adam Blackadder, *b.* at Edinburgh on 18 November 1697.
  - 2a) John Blackadder, *b.* at Edinburgh on 25 May 1700.

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<sup>1</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register

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

<sup>3</sup> SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

<sup>4</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>5</sup> GD69/132

<sup>6</sup> GD96/121

<sup>7</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>8</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>9</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

- 2a) Marion Blackadder, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 18 March 1692, and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 2 July 1692.<sup>1</sup>
- 2a) Jean Blackadder, *b.* at Edinburgh on 6 September 1694.
- 2a) Hannah Blackadder, was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 20 April 1696.<sup>2</sup>
- 2a) Hannah Margaret Blackadder, *b.* at Edinburgh on 7 April 1699.
- 2a) Anna Blackadder, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 13 October 1702.
3. Robert Blackadder, studied Theology and *d.* at Utrecht in 1689.
4. Thomas Blackadder, settled in New England and *d. vitae patris.*
5. John Blackadder, *b.* 14 September 1664, and followed a successful military career after which he was appointed depute Governor of Stirling Castle. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 18 January 1703, Anne, daughter of John Callander of Craigforth,<sup>3</sup> (she *m.* secondly, to Sir James Campbell of Ardkinglass), and *dsp* at Stirling on 31 August 1729.
6. Elizabeth Blackadder, *m.* at Edinburgh on 25 October 1687, Mr. James Young, Writer in Edinburgh,<sup>4</sup> and had issue.

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