

BLAIR OF ADAMTON

JAMES DE BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, who exchanged his lands of Mailer, in the sheriffdom of Perth, for those of Adamtoun, in the sheriffdom of Ayr, with Sir Robert de Erskine, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 25 August 1363.¹ He was father of :

SIR JOHN BLAIR OF ADAMTON, was witness to a charter by Sir Adam de Fullertoun of Crosby, granting the lands of Scottschaw to Peter de Caldwell and Isabella, his wife, dated 1 January 1391.² He was father of :

JOHN DE BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, had succeeded to the lands of Adamtoun by 15 December 1426, when he was witness to a charter by Rankine de Fullarton of Crosby granting his sons Adam and William the power to uplift certain annualrents due to him.³ He and his son and heir, John, were witnesses to a charter by Sir John Stewart of Darnley, granting the lands of Overton, in the barony of Tarbolton, to Reginald de Fullarton, dated 17 August 1428.⁴ He *m.* Agnes, daughter and heiress of Sir William Douglas of Pierston, and *d.* prior to 3 March 1442-3, when she, as his relict, and their son John de Blair, exchanged her lands in Angus for those of Pierston, in the barony of Cunningham, with William Ochterlony of Kellie.⁵ He was father of :

JOHN BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, to whom his father resigned the lands of Kilwynet, in the Earldom of Lennox, and for which he had a charter under the Great Seal dated 16 June 1430.⁶ He had succeeded his father by 3 March 1443, and is named with his mother,

¹ GD124/1/1122

² Laing Charters. No. 93.

³ Laing Charters. No. 105.

⁴ Laing Charters. No. 108.

⁵ GD45/27/76

⁶ RMS 1424-1513. No. 159.

Agnes Douglas, in the excambion of the lands of Pierston on that date, and *d.* in 1475 being father of :

DAVID DE BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, is styled as son to the Laird of Adamtoun when witness to a Notarial Instrument dated 24 August 1446,¹ and had Sasine for the lands of Adamtoun in 1475.² On 20 October 1477, he was witness to a charter by Alexander Stewart of Dalswinton granting the lands of Dalswinton in favour of John Stewart, his eldest son and heir, and Elizabeth Schaw, his wife.³ He was witness to a charter by Isobel and Elizabeth Stewart, daughters and heirs-portioners of the deceased Sir Walter Stewart of Arthurlie, granting he lands of Aulmarroch, in the Earldom of Lennox, to Gilbert Graham of Auchincloch, dated 12 March 1482,⁴ and had been succeeded in the lands of Adamtoun by John Blair, by 26 April 1486, by his son and heir, John Blair. He *m.* Agnes Bruce, (she was widow of Sir William Stirling, 1st of Keir, by whom she had issue⁵), who is named as his widow and rentaller of part of the Crown lands of Reddinhill in 1488.⁶ He was father of :

JOHN DE BLAIR, who is styled as son and heir to David Blair of Adamtoun in a procuratory of resignation by which he resigned the lands of Middledovan into the hands of the superior, William Lord Graham, dated 20 May 1484.⁷ He *m.* Elizabeth Colquhoun with whom he resigned his lands of Kilwinet in favour of James Crawford of Seidhill, who had a charter of confirmation from the superior, John, Earl of Lennox, on 26 April 1489,⁸ and with whom, on his own resignation, he had a charter of confirmation for the lands of Adamtoun dated 22 April 1490, to held by the heirs whatsoever procreate

¹ NRAS2516/1/

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. IX. P. 677.

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1324.

⁴ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1562.

⁵ Ex. Rolls. Vol. X. P. 744.

⁶ Ex. Rolls. Vol. X. P. 633 & 700.

⁷ GD47/4

⁸ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1840.

between them.¹ He was witness to a charter by Fergus Kennedy of Drumnellane, dated 30 January 1497,² and *d.* in 1504-05, being father of :

1. John Blair, who is styled as eldest son and heir to his father when witness to Letters of Reversion by Lambert Wallace Sewltoune, to John Fullarton of that Ilk, dated 20 May 1493, and again when witness to an Instrument of Sasine in favour of John Fullarton as son and heir to his father John Fullarton of Crosby in the lands of Fullarton, dated 10 November 1494.³ He apparently *dsp vita patris*.
2. David Blair of Adamtoun, (*see below*).

DAVID BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, who was under age at his father's death with his ward and non-entries of the lands of Adamtoun being granted by the King, to Mr. Edward Blair, canon of Glasgow, and Sir Adam Mure of Caldwell, on 28 September 1505.⁴ He had Sasine for the lands of Adamtoun on 28 April 1520, and which are then said to have been lapsed the space of fifteen years and one term.⁵ He had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Holmistoun on 29 May 1527,⁶ and *m.* Margaret Cunningham with whom he granted a reversion for the lands of Pinmore on 29 September 1531, and who is subsequently styled his relict in a Notarial Instrument of 6 December 1557, confirming that she had conveyed her rights to the lands of those to David Blair, the son and heir of her deceased husband.⁷ He *d.* after May 1527 and by 13 December 1540, and was father of :

1. David Blair of Adamtoun, (*see below*).
2. Richard Blair, who is styled as brother to David Blair of Adamtoun when witness to a charter by John Fullarton of that Ilk, dated 10 December 1562.⁸

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1945.

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 2485.

³ Laings Charters. No. 220.

⁴ RPS Vol. I. No. 1128.

⁵ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 629.

⁶ RMS 1514-1546. No. 461.

⁷ GD117/48 & GD117/49.

⁸ Laing Charters. No. 747.

DAVID BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, succeeded his father by 13 December 1540, when he had a gift from the King to himself and Margaret Hamilton, his spouse, and to the longest liver between them and to their heirs, executors and assignees, of the ward of all his lands.¹ He *m.* the said Margaret Hamilton, with whom, on his own resignation, he had a charter for the lands of Adamtoun under the Great Seal dated 13 March 1542-3,² and also with whom he had the non-entry of the lands of Fullarton assigned to them on 10 March 1547.³ He was a witness to a charter by John Fullarton of that Ilk dated 10 December 1562, and had *d.* by 16 October 1577, when his eldest son and heir had a gift of the ward of his lands, and was father of :

1. David Blair of Adamtoun, (*see below*).
2. James Blair,

DAVID BLAIR OF ADAMTON, succeeded his father by 16 October 1577, when he had a gift from the King of the nonentry of his lands of Adamtoun.⁴ He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of John Mure of Rowallan, in favour of whom a precept passed the Privy Seal on 18 June 1577, for a charter confirming a liferent to her to be uplifted from the lands of Peirston and others.⁵ He had *d.* by 13 December 1580, when the ward and marriage of his heir had been gifted to John Blair of that Ilk, and was father of :

DAVID BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, who was under age at his father's death, with his ward being gifted by the King to John Blair of that Ilk, on 13 December 1580.⁶ He succeeded to the lands of Adamtoun and was served heir to his grandfather, David Blair of Adamtoun, in the lands of Hillhouse, in the bailiary of Kyle-stewart, on 16 May 1607.⁷ He *m.* Grissel, daughter of John Blair of that Ilk, (*c/m* 16 December 1591).⁸ She was still

¹ RPS Vol. II. No. 3744.

² RMS 1514-1546. No. 2877.

³ Laing Charters. No. 526.

⁴ RPS Vol. VII. No. 1221.

⁵ RPS Vol. VII. No. 1078.

⁶ RPS Vol. VII. No. 2646.

⁷ Retours. Ayr. No. 90.

⁸ RMS 1594-1608. No. 749.

living on 28 March 1658, when her liferent was confirmed to her in a charter in favour of her grandson, David Blair), whom he infeft in a liferent of his lands of Adamtoun by charter dated 11 February 1597, in implementation of their marriage contract.¹ He *d.* after August 1647 and prior to March 1654, and was father of :

DAVID BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, *m.* Janet Cunningham and with whom, on his father's resignation, he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Pierston and Adamtoun dated 16 August 1647, and which were then erected by the King into the barony of Adamtoun.² He succeeded his father in the lands of Adamtoun by March 1654 and was father of :

DAVID BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, who, in his father's lifetime, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Adamtoun to be held by the heirs male of his own body, which failing, by the eldest lawful daughter, without division and so long as she marries someone of the surname of Blair, their heirs bearing the arms of the "house of Adamtoun," with reservation of liferent to his father and Grissell Blair, his father's mother, and in which he is styled as the only lawful of his father by the deceased Janet Cunningham, all dated 28 March 1654.³ He *m.* on 26 November 1657, to Margaret, daughter and coheirress of David Boswell of Auchinleck,⁴ and was father of :

1. John Blair of Adamtoun, (*see below*).
2. William Blair, *b.* on 21 February 1671.

JOHN BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, succeeded his father and *m.* Janet, daughter of John Blair of Dunskey. He was father of :

¹ RMS 1594-1608. No. 749.

² RMS 1634-1651. No. 1835.

³ RMS 1652-1659. No. 268.

⁴ OPR – Ochiltree.

DAVID BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, was appointed Collector of Customs at Glasgow and *m.* on 19 August 1745, to Anne, daughter of William Blair of that Ilk.¹ He *d.* on Sunday 3 June 1753,² and was father of :

CATHERINE BLAIR OF ADAMTOUN, succeeded her father in the lands of Adamtoun and was served heir general to (1) her great-grandfather, David Blair of Adamtoun, on 30 July 1768, (2) her grandfather, John Blair of Adamtoun, on 8 August 1768, and (3) her father in the lands of Adamtoun, and others in Ayrshire, on 8 August 1768. She *m.* at Edinburgh on 11 February 1776, to Sir William Maxwell, 4th Baronet of Monreith.³

¹ OPR – Dalry.

² Glasgow Tests. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 5th June 1753, edition.

³ OPR – Edinburgh.