

BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO

HENRY DE BOUILLE was witness to a charter by Earl David, son of Earl Henry and brother to King William I., by which for the “weel of the souls” of members of his family, he granted to the Abbey of Lindores and the Monks there, the churches of Dundee, Fintry and others dated circa 1180.¹ He was witness to a further charter by Earl David to Lindores granting them those rights he has to the lands of Calsamuel and Munkegyn dated 1180.² He was witness to charters by Earl John to Lindores³, and was witness to a charter to the Abbey of Lindores by Simon of Granetully by which he granted to them his lands of Ederlarg, in which Henry is styled as “Domino Henrico de Boyuille⁴” with Simone de Boyuille, his son, also being witness. Both Sir Henry and Simon, styled his son, are witnesses to a charter by Bartholemew Fleming granting to the church of St. Drostan of Inchmabani, two acres of arable land next to his lands of Ravengille.⁵ By the last decade of the 13th century the surname had become quite numerous in the Roxburgh area although no mention is made either in the Ragman Roll or elsewhere of members from Fife or Angus. It is probable that the Boswells of Balmutto descended from this Henry with the first for whom there is evidence being :

THOMAS DE BOSWELL, who *m.* a woman by the name of Joce, possibly the coheiress of Lochore, with who the family are said to have obtained extensive lands in Fife, and are named as parents to Sir John Boswell in the latter’s grant to the Priory of St. Andrews, see *ut infra*. He was father of :

¹ Cart Lindores. P. 8.

² Cart Lindores. P. 11

³ Cart. Lindores. See PP. 19-21

⁴ Cart. Lindores. P. 62

⁵ Cart. Lindores. P. 65.

SIR JOHN BOSWELL OF BALGREGIE, was involved in a perambulation of his shares of the lands of Kinninmont and Kirkness in 1395,¹ and granted a charter to the Priory of St. Andrews for an annual rent from his lands in which he is styled Thomas de Boswell and Joce, as his parents, dated circa 1400.² He was witness to a charter by William Scott of Balweary granting the lands of Pitscottie to John Melville of Rait in around 1400,³ and *d.* between 9 February 1415,⁴ and 13 August 1420, when David Halket of Balmongy had a discharge from Henry, Bishop of St. Andrews, for the ward of the lands of Morecambus.⁵ He was father of :

1. David Boswell of Balmutto, (*see below*).
2. William Boswell, styled as son of Sir John de Boswell when witness to a perambulation of the lands of Kirkness and Kinninmont in 1395.⁶

DAVID BOSWELL OF CRAIGINCAT AND BALMUTTO, had a charter for the third part of the lands of Balmutto including the castle and manor thereof, from Sir Andrew de Ogilvy of Inchmartin on 20 February, 1439, in exchange for those of Wester Dron.⁷ He was witness to a charter by Andrew Ramsay of Balmouth, granting the lands of Burnturk to his eldest son and heir, John Ramsay, on 27 February 1483,⁸ and is said to have *d.* in around 1490 at an advanced age. He *m.* firstly, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Melville of Raith, and in contemplation of which on 24 June 1439, he quitclaimed the sum of 100 merks due to him by his “gudefather” John Melville,⁹ and in favour of whom a liferent was confirmed on 4 November 1458.¹⁰ By her he was father of :

1. David Boswell of Balmutto, (*see below*).

¹ Liber St. Andrews. P. 4.

² Liber St. Andrews P. 293.

³ Melville Charters No. 23

⁴ GD66/1/1

⁵ SHS Pitferran Writs. No. 14.

⁶ Liber St. Andrews. P. 5.

⁷ RMS 1424-1513. No. 217 & 218

⁸ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1584

⁹ Melville Charters No. 30.

¹⁰ RMS 1424-1513. No. 638.

2. Elizabeth Boswell, *m.* Sir Robert Douglas of Lochleven, (*c/m* 10 April, 1445. He survived her and *m.* secondly, by 11 October 1487, Isobel, daughter of Sir John Sibbald of Balgonie, the then widow of George Douglas, 4th Earl of Angus, and of John Carmichael of Balmeadie, whom he also survived and thirdly, to Marion, daughter of Sir William Baillie of Lamington, the widow of John, 3rd Lord Lindsay of the Byres ; and was *k.* at the battle of Flodden on 9 September, 1513), and had issue.
3. Agnes Boswell, *m.* James Barclay of Kippo, and had issue.
4. Marjory Boswell, *m.* John Bethune of Balfour, (*c/m* 1458), and had issue.
5. Janet Boswell, *m.* Andrew Ramsay of Balmonth, and had issue.
6. Katherine Boswell, *m.* Thomas Multrae of Markinch, (Dispensation dated in 1481. He survived her and *m.* secondly to Jane, daughter of William Bonar of Rossie, and was *k.* by his brother-in-law, David Bonar, in around 1491).

He *m.* secondly, Isabel, daughter of Sir Thomas Wemyss of Rires, (she was widow of David Hay of Naughton), and was father of :

7. Isobel Boswell, *m.* Thomas Lundy, eldest son and heir of Walter Lundy of that Ilk, (*c/m* 4 July, 1488.¹ He survived her and *m.* secondly to Christian, daughter of Alexander Sutherland of Duffus, widow of Andrew Oliphant of Berriedale), and had issue.

DAVID BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, had a charter under the Great Seal upon his father's resignation for the middle-part of the lands of Glasmont, Craigincat, Balgally, Balmutto, and others, on 4 November, 1458,² and for his good services, he had a charter from Sir John de Wemyss of that Ilk for the lands of Tullibrek on 18 May 1466.³ He *d.* after 16 February 1493, and by 1496 having *m.* firstly, Grisel, daughter of Sir John Wemyss of that Ilk, with whom he had a charter of joint-infeftment in the lands of Balbeth on 21 December, 1466,⁴ and by whom he was father of :

1. David Boswell, who *d.* young.
2. Sir Alexander Boswell of Balmutto, (*see below*).

¹ GD66/1/15

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 638

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 982

⁴ GD66/1/4

3. Eupham Boswell, *m.* Alexander Meldrum of Seggy, and had issue.
4. Giles Boswell, *m.* William Balram of that Ilk, (*c/m* 26 November, 1493).

He *m.* secondly Margaret Sinclair, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, by 1496, to Walter MacCulloch), with whom he had a charter of joint-infeftment for the lands of Balbethy, Petkenny and others, all in the barony of Glasmont, on 16 February, 1493,¹ by whom he had further issue :

5. Thomas Boswell of Auchinleck, obtained these lands and had issue, (*see Boswell of Auchinleck*).
6. William Boswell, is named with his mother, Margaret Sinclair, as executor to his deceased father on 23 June, 1496.²
7. Robert Boswell, was appointed Parson of Auchterderran and *d.* prior to 30 November, 1523, when John Boswell was presented as his successor.³
8. John Boswell, Parson of Kinnoull.
9. James Boswell,
10. Patrick Boswell,

SIR ALEXANDER BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, succeeded his father and granted an annualrent of £20 from his lands of Balhelvy to the New College of Aberdeen on 12 February 1505.⁴ He was *k.* at the battle of Flodden in September of 1513, having *m.* first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Alexander Ramsay of Dalhousie, with whom he had a charter of joint-infeftment for the lands of Balglaly-Easter on 30 January, 1500,⁵ and by whom he was father of :

1. David Boswell of Balmutto, (*see below*).
2. John Boswell, *d.* unmarried.
3. Robert Boswell,
4. Alexander Boswell, *m.* Margaret Marshall, and had issue.

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2142.

² CS5/7/f.10r-10v

³ GD66/1/19.

⁴ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2936

⁵ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2514

He *m.* secondly, Alison, sister of Sir James Sandilands of Calder, with whom he had a charter on his own resignation for the lands of Balglaly on 28 April, 1508,¹ and was father of :

5. Archibald Boswell,

DAVID BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, had Sasine of the lands of Glassmonth, Balmutto and others, on 6 November 1513,² and was served heir to his father on the 19th following. He gave his Bond of Manrent to Sir John Melville of Raith on 30 August 1522, *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Moncrieff of that Ilk, and *d.* on 8 May, 1582, in his 84th year. He was father of :

1. David Boswell, younger of Balmutto, (*see below*).

2. Robert Boswell, was *k.* with his brother at the battle of Pinkie in September of 1547.

3. John Boswell of Balglilly, *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Cockburn of Langton, and with whom he had a charter from his father for the lands of Wester Balglilly on 23 December, 1571.³ He *d.* by June of 1596 and was father of :

3a) John Boswell of Wester Balglilly, named in his parents charter for the lands of Balglilly in 1571 and succeeded to the lands of Wester Balglally on his father's death.

3a) Katherine Boswell, *m.* Henry Maule, brother of Thomas Maule of Panmure, from whom she had a charter in her virginity for the liferent of certain lands on 28 February 1581/2.⁴

3a) Margaret Boswell, included with her mother in a reversion by them in favour of John Melville of Raith, of an annualrent of 20 bolls of victual from the Mains of Raith, dated 5 June 1596.⁵

3a) William Boswell, a natural son.⁶

3a) George Boswell, a natural son.⁷

¹ RMS 124-1513. No. 3219

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 523.

³ GD66/1/3

⁴ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 690.

⁵ GD26/3/334.

⁶ RPS Vol. V. Pt. I. No. 953.

⁷ RPS Vol. V. Pt. I. No. 953.

4. James Boswell, held the office of Clerk of the diocese of St. Andrews and was presented by his father to the chaplaincy of an aisle in the parish church of Kinghorn on 4 May, 1566.¹
5. William Boswell of Abden, had a charter from George, Commendator of Dunfermline, for a quarter-part of the lands of Pitteuchar on 4 January, 1556, and in which he is styled as son of David Boswell of Glassmonth.² He *m.* Janet Kirkcaldy and was father of :
 - 5a) James Boswell, had a charter under the Great Seal for his good services for a croft with arable lands within the Burgh of Kinghorn on 12 September, 1592.³
 - 5a) William Boswell, had a charter under the Great Seal for lands around Kinghorn forfeited by Sir William Kirkcaldy of the Grange on 10 April, 1580, and in which he is styled as second son of his father by the deceased Janet Kirkcaldy.⁴
6. Thomas Boswell, had a charter for part of the lands of Pitteuchar from George, Commendator of Dunfermline, on 4 January, 1556, and is said to have *d.* unmarried.
7. Alexander Boswell, had a charter for part of the lands of Pitteuchar from George, Commendator of Dunfermline, on 4 January, 1556, and had a gift from Queen Mary of the teind sheaves of that town for nineteen years, on 5 March 1567.⁵ He *m.* firstly, Elizabeth Forrester, and secondly, to Janet Lundy, and had issue :
 - 7a) George Boswell, was retoured heir general to his father on 27 February 1611.⁶
8. Andrew Boswell, *d.* unmarried.
9. George Boswell, was appointed Chirurgeon to King James VI. with the salary of £200 annually, on 13 September 1583,⁷ and *m.* Janet MacGregor. He was father of :
 - 9a) George Boswell, styled as son of George Boswell, Chirurgeon, when witness to a charter by John Boswell of Balmutto, in favour of Henry Maule, portioner of Skryne, dated 11 October 1591.⁸
10. Mr. George Boswell (secundus) was appointed parson of Auchterderran and *m.* Isobel, daughter of Robert Sibbald of Letham, with whom he had a charter for the middle-part of the lands of Bowhill on 8 June, 1576.⁹ He *d.* in January of 1596 and was father of :

¹ GD66/1/25.

² RMS 1580-1593. No. 847.

³ RMS 1580-1593 No. 2172.

⁴ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2998.

⁵ RPS Vol. V. Pt. II. No. 3317.

⁶ Retours. Gen. No. 526.

⁷ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 1497.

⁸ RMS 1580-1593. No. 2016.

⁹ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2582.

10a} David Boswell, succeeded his father and was served his heir in the lands of Bowhill on 6 August 1601,¹ which he afterwards disposed to William Chalmer of Drumloch by charter dated 7 November, 1607. He was served heir to his father in the lands of Stredhouse on 23 August, 1615,² and *m.* his cousin, Mary, daughter of Sir John Boswell of Balmutto, by 22 March, 1612, when she granted a renunciation of 300 merks to her brother Sir John Boswell of Balmutto.³

10a} Robert Boswell,

10a} George Boswell,

10a} Roger Boswell,

10a} Andrew Boswell,

10a} Elspeth Boswell,

10a} Margaret Boswell,

10a} Katherine Boswell,

11. Janet Boswell, *m.* by January of 1541, to Michael Balfour, eldest son and heir of Andrew Balfour of Montquhannie, and had issue.
12. Margaret Boswell, *m.* George Dundas, son and heir of James Dundas of that Ilk, (*c/m* 23 March 1551.⁴ He survived her and *m.* secondly to Katherine, daughter of Laurence, 3rd Lord Oliphant, and had issue), with whom he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Echline on 17 June 1557.⁵ They had issue.
13. Katherine Boswell, *m.* John Brown of Fordell, (*c/m* 1 February, 1561⁶), and *d.* in September of 1599.⁷
14. Elspeth Boswell, *m.* by 13 March 1563, to James Meldrum, younger of Seggy, when they had a charter for the half lands of Seggy from his grandfather, Mr. Thomas Meldrum of Seggy.⁸ James Meldrum of Seggy is afterwards styled as son-in-law to David Boswell of Balmutto and Elizabeth Moncrieff, his spouse, in a contract between them dated 29 March 1570.⁹
15. Nicholas Boswell, *m.* William Spittall of Leuchat, (*c/m* 12 January, 1567¹⁰), and had issue.

¹ Retours. Fife, No. 102.

² Retours. Fife. No. 252.

³ GD26/3/69

⁴ Dundas Inventory.

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 1191.

⁶ RD1/5/96b

⁷ Edinburgh Tests.

⁸ RMS 1547-1580. No. 1518.

⁹ RD1/9/231.

¹⁰ GD172/137

16. Ann Boswell, *d.* unmarried.

17. Christian Boswell, *m.* Sir James Melville, 1st of Halhill, (*c/m* 11 & 12 June 1569¹), and had issue.

DAVID BOSWELL, YOUNGER OF BALMUTTO, *m.* by 27 September 1539, to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir David Wemyss of that Ilk, when they had a charter for the half lands of Balbethy, Petcany, Balgregy and Muirton, with the fishing, all in the barony of Glasmonth, on his father's resignation,² and was *k.* at the battle of Pinkie in September of 1547. He was father of :

1. Sir John Boswell, of Balmutto, (*see below*).

2. John Boswell, was infeft in the lands of Balbachie, Balgregie and Murton, in the Barony of Glassmont on 27 February, 1576, and is then styled as son of the deceased David Boswell, younger of Balmutto, with the liferent being reserved to Elizabeth Wemyss, his mother.³

SIR JOHN BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, granted an obligation to David Boswell of Balmutto and Elizabeth Moncrieff, his spouse, his grandparents on 15 April 1570,⁴ and was Knighted at the baptism of Prince Henry on 30 August 1594. He *m.* Isobel, daughter of Sir James Sandilands of Saint Monans, (*c/m* 12 December 1562⁵), *d.* in 1605⁶ and was father of :

1. John Boswel of Balmutto, (*see below*).

2. Sir George Boswell of Balgony, had a charter for the lands of Little Balgony on 28 June, 1608, in which he is styled as brother of Sir John Boswell of Balmutto. He *m.* first, Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick Hay of Megginch, (she was widow of John Halliday, 1st of Tulliebole, who had *d.* on 19 September, 1606 ; and *d.* on 2 December, 1615), with whom he had a charter for the lands of Little Balgony from David Swene, son of the deceased Stephen Swene of Kirkland of Methill,

¹ RD1/9/444b

² RMS 1514-1546. No. 2023.

³ GD66/1/39

⁴ RD1/9/233

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 1454.

⁶ Edinburgh Tests.

on 28 June, 1608.¹ He *m.* secondly, Margaret, daughter of Walter Arnot of that Ilk, (she was widow of John Moncrieff, fiar of Easter Moncrieff, whom she had *m.* in 1611, and by whom she had issue), and was father of :

2a) David Boswell of Balgony, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Wester Balgony on 31 March, 1647, in which he is styled as eldest son of Sir George Boswell of Balgony. He *m.* on 29 January, 1645, to Elizabeth, daughter of William Wardlaw of Balmule,² *d.* prior to November of 1668, and was father of :

2b) Nicholas Boswell of Balgony, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir in the lands of Wester Balgony alias Little Balgony, on 24 November 1668.³

2a) Margaret Boswell, *m.* Andrew Moncrieff, 1st of Boghall, (*c/m* 28 March, 1645. He was widow of Elspeth, daughter of James Boswell, brother of Sir John Boswell of Balmutto, whom he had *m.* in 1636).

3. James Boswell of Balgony, had an annualrent from his father from the lands of Craignicat on 4 May, 1583,⁴ and was infest in the sunny half of the Mains of Balmutto, the sunny half of the Mill of Balmutto and the lands of Craignicat, in the barony of Glasmonth, on 31 August 1603.⁵ He is included with his brother Sir John Boswell in a submission relating to the marches of the lands of Little Raith and Lohead on 15 September 1607.⁶ He *m.* Isobel, daughter of David Brown, 1st of Finmonth, and was father of :

3a) Isobel Boswell,

3a) Elspeth Boswell, *m.* Andrew Moncrieff, 1st of Boghall, (*c/m* 30 March, 1636. He survived her and *m.* secondly in 1645, Margaret, daughter of Sir George Boswell of Balgony).

3a) Janet Boswell,

3a) Margaret Boswell,

3a) Christine Boswell, all of which daughters, with their father, resigned the north-half of the lands of Craignicat to David Boswell, fiar of Balmutto, on 7 February, 1631.⁷

4. David Boswell of Craignicat and Dovan, had an annualrent from his father on 4 May, 1583,⁸ and had a charter for the south lands of Craignicat from his brother Sir John Boswell of Balmutto on

¹ RMS 1594-1608. No. 2140.

² OPR – Dunfermline.

³ Retours. Fife. No. 1047.

⁴ GD66/1/49

⁵ GD66/1/137.

⁶ GD1/49/1

⁷ GD26/3/72

⁸ GD66/1/5

28 January, 1612. He *m.* Christina Bruce who gave her consent to the disposing of the lands of Balgonie to Sir Alexander Leslie by contract dated 2, 6 and 29 September 1634,¹ and is then styled as spouse to David Boswell, brother to Sir John Boswell. He and his wife entered into a contract whereby they wadset their lands of Dovan and Milndeans to David Boswell, fiar of Balmutto, on 1 February 1647,² with reservation of the liferent of their lands of Innerlevin to themselves.

5. Elspeth Boswell, she and her brother David, and her sisters, Janet, Katherine, Grissel, Helen, Christina and Isobel, were included in a precept for a charter of confirmation of grants of annualrents in their favour by their father, dated 15 April 1584.³ She *m.* Robert Orrock, younger of that ilk, by whom, as his future spouse, she was infeft in a liferent of the lands of Orrock, and others, on 16 December 1588.⁴
6. Janet Boswell, granted a redemption of an annualrent to her father on 15 April 1596,⁵ and *m.* Patrick Kirkcaldy of Wester Abden, by whom she had issue.
7. Catherine Boswell, *m.* firstly, Patrick Sinclair of Pitteuchar, and secondly, by 28 January 1615, to Patrick Murray of Williamstone.⁶
8. Grizel Boswell, had an annualrent from the lands of Balmutto from her father on 4 May, 1583,⁷ and *m.* Dr. James Law, Archbishop of Glasgow, (he was widow of Marion, daughter of James Dundas of Newliston, whom he had *m.* by *c/m* 20 July 1587, and surviving Grizel Boswell, he *m.* thirdly, in 1620 to Mariote, daughter of John Boyle of Kelburn. He *d.* on 12 November 1632). She *d.* before 2 September 1620, when her widowed husband was contracted to marry Mariote, daughter of John Boyle of Kelburn,⁸ having had issue.
9. Helen Boswell, was living on 15 April 1584, and had a charter from her father for the half part of the lands of Glassmont in 1603.⁹
10. Christian Boswell, *m.* Colonel Alan Couotts.¹⁰
11. Isabel Boswell, was living on 15 April 1584.

¹ RMS 1634-1651. No. 338.

² GD66/1/202. See also. RMS 1652-1659. No. 45.

³ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 2008.

⁴ GD66/1/58.

⁵ GD26/3/890.

⁶ RMS 1608-1620. No. 1170.

⁷ GD66/1/48

⁸ RMS 1620-1633. No. 1162.

⁹ GD66/1/130.

¹⁰ RS31/13/f.3

12. Margaret Boswell, *m.* Robert Lundy, younger of Balgony, (*c/m* 15 & 16 March, 1583¹), and had issue.
13. Isabel Boswell, *m.* by 19 February, 1612, to Patrick Halket of Lumphanans, brother of Sir James Halket of Pitferran, when she granted a Renunciation for 1000 merks to her brother Sir John Boswell of Balmutto,² and had issue. She, her husband and their sons William and John Halket, were charged by Mr. David Aytoun with deforcement in 1632,³ and on 22 December 1635, she complained to the Privy Council of “the great oppression committed upon her husband and herself by the Earl of Rothes, who outed them from their lands, kept her husband in ward till he died, and procured the banishment of her two sons, of whom one, Andrew, has died in exile.”⁴
14. Mary Boswell, was infert by her father in the shadow half of the lands of Cullello on 24 February 1603,⁵ and *m.* by 22 March, 1612, to her cousin David Boswell, son of George Boswell, parson of Auchterderran, when she granted a renunciation of 300 merks to her brother Sir John Boswell of Balmutto.⁶

SIR JOHN BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, is styled as as heir apparent to his father when he gave consent to a charter by his father by which he disposed his sunny half part of the lands of Balgregy to Henry Maule, portioner of Skryne, and Henry Maule, his son, dated 11 October 1591.⁷ He was knighted with his father at the baptism of Prince Henry on 10 August 1594, and was returned heir to his father in 1611. He *m.* Janet, daughter of Sir James Scott of Balweary, *d.* prior to 1640, and was father of :

1. David Boswell of Balmutto, (*see below*).
2. John Boswell, served as a Captain in the service of the states of Holland and is said to have *dsp.*
3. James Boswell, apprenticed to Gilbert Atcheson, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 31 December, 1629,⁸ and is said to have been a loyalist and to have served as a Major to the Earl of Middleton.
4. George Boswell, served abroad as an officer in the army.

¹ RD1/44/32

² GD26/3/691

³ Reg. Privy Council. Second Series Vol. IV. P. 485-87.

⁴ Reg. Privy Council. Second Series. Vol. VI. P. 158-159.

⁵ GD66/1/131.

⁶ GD26/3/69

⁷ RMS 1580-1593. No. 2016.

⁸ SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

5. Robert Boswell, served as a Major of Horse in the service of King Charles I. and was *ksp* at the battle of Worcester in 1651.
6. Walter Boswell, was appointed Major to Erskine of Dun in Lord Ogilvy's Regiment on 30 December 1650.¹
7. Andrew Boswell of Balberton, *m.* by 4 December, 1662, to Elspeth, fourth daughter of James Lindsay of Dowhill,² and is included in the remainder of a charter for the lands of Balmutto, and others, dated 20 December 1667.³ He was father of :
 - 7a) John Boswell, *d.* young.
 - 7a) Walter Boswell of Balberton, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 10 June 1668, succeeded his father and was appointed one of the Commissioners of Supply for the Shire of Fife in 1695. He was appointed Counterwarden of the Mint in 1705, *m.* Margaret, daughter of James Robertson of Newbigging, *d.* in 1729, and was father of :
 - 7b) James Boswell of Balbarton, succeeded his father in the lands of Balbarton.
 - 7b) George Boswell, apprenticed to Walter Boswell, Saddler in Edinburgh, on 13 August, 1718,⁴ and was admitted Burgess there on 15 February, 1727.⁵
 - 7b) Helen Boswell, *m.* James Wilson of Findrauch.
 - 7a) Janet Boswell, *m.* John Durie of Overgrange.
 - 7a) Margaret Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 10 November, 1663, and *d.* unmarried.
 - 7a) Christian Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 30 July, 1666, *m.* David Boswell of Nether Glasmont, and had issue.
 - 7a) Elizabeth Boswell, *m.* John Wemyss of Lathocker, and had issue.
8. Margaret Boswell, *m.* to Patrick Kinninmont of that Ilk, (*c/m* March of 1627⁶), and had issue.
9. Isabel Boswell, *m.* Major-General Colin Pitscottie of Luncarty, (he was widow of Bessie Crichton), and had issue.
10. Christian Boswell, styled as daughter of Sir John Boswell in a Bond dated in 1665.⁷
11. Janet Boswell, is styled as daughter of Sir John Boswell in a Bond dated in 1665.⁸

¹ A1650/11/26

² GD254/393.

³ RMS 1661-1668. No. 1122.

⁴ SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁵ SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

⁶ Kininmont Inventory. See also: Lyon Court records.

⁷ RD4/13/555

⁸ RD4/13/555

12. Elizabeth Boswell, *m.* firstly, William Durie of Overgrange, and had issue ; and secondly to Major James Blair and had issue.
13. Euphame Boswell *d.* unmarried.

DAVID BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, succeeded his father and *m.* firstly, Nicholas, daughter of Sir Peter Young of Seaton, (*c/m* at Edinburgh on 5 April, 1620¹). He *m.* secondly to Isobel Schortous,² and was father of :

1. David Boswell of Balmutto, (*see below*).
2. John Boswell,
3. James Boswell,
4. George Boswell,
5. Patrick Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 24 May 1642.
6. Margaret Boswell, *d.* unmarried prior to October of 1652.
7. Janet Boswell, named with her father in a Discharge to Hugh Hamilton, Merchant in Edinburgh, for various merchandise on 13 October 1652, and in which she is styled s the eldest daughter.³ She *m.* by 4 February 1653, to Richard Kennedy when she raised letters against her brother, David Boswell, fiar of Balmutto, for payment of 6,000 merks and expenses contained in a Bond dated 12 February 1647.⁴
8. Marjory Boswell, *m.* John Hammond of Newby.
9. Nicholas Boswell,
10. Margaret Boswell,
11. Isabel Boswell,
12. Christian Boswell, *m.* Thomas French, Clerk of Kinghorn, and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 14 March 1674,⁵ having had issue.

DAVID BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, succeeded his father and *m.* at Edinburgh on 4 March 1647, to Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. Roger Mowat of Dumbreck,¹ (*c/m* 12 February, 1647²). He was father of :

¹ RMS 1620-1633. No. 19

² RD2/35/649.

³ GD66/1/218.

⁴ GD66/1/225.

⁵ Greyfriars Burial Register.

1. Roger Boswell, *c.* at Edinburgh on 25 April, 1650, and *d.* young.
2. David Boswell of Balmutto, (*see below*).
3. George Boswell of Wester Abden, *m.* firstly, Margaret, daughter and heiress of John Bruce of Wester Abden and Bailie of Kinghorn, (*c/m* 30 August 1679³), and had issue ; and secondly, at Edinburgh, on 20 September 1688, to Helen Reid⁴ to whom he granted a Factory on 13 September, 1708, and by whom he had further issue. He was father of :
 - 3a) John Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 6 April, 1686, and *d.* young.
 - 3a) Margaret Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 6 August, 1680, and was retoured heir to her father and mother in a provision from the lands of Wester Abden on 26 January, 1692.⁵ She *m.* on 11 November, 1698, William Hamilton of Grange,⁶ *d.* in June of 1710, and had issue which succeeded to the lands of Wester Abden.
 - 3a) Jean Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 29 October, 1682.
 - 3a) Elizabeth Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 15 August, 1684.
 - 3a) Christian Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 14 January, 1687.

By his second wife, George Boswell was father of :

- 3a) David Boswell, *b.* on 3 July, 1696.
 - 3a) Helen Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 11 March, 1693.
 - 3a) Christian Boswell, *b.* on 11 February, 1698.
4. Margaret Boswell, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 29 November 1647.
 5. Janet Boswell, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 26 December, 1648.
 6. Elizabeth Boswell, *bap.* at Kinghorn on 9 September, 1655.
 7. Christian Boswell,

DAVID BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, to whom his father conveyed the lands of Balmutto, with the tower, maor place and pertinents; the lands of Wester Balglilie and half of Glasmonth, Dundonald, Capildrae, Pitkenie and others, on 9 October 1667, with

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² GD66/1/236.

³ GD152/16

⁴ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁵ Retours. Fife. No. 1330 & 1331. In which her father is styled as brother german to David Boswell of Balmutto.

⁶ OPR – Kinghorn. See also: RS1/83/f.350.

remainder to himself and his heirs male of his body, which failing, by his brother George, and his heirs male of his body, which failing, by his grandfather, David Boswell of Balmutto, and his heirs male, whom failing, by to his uncle Andrew Boswell, and the heirs male of his body.¹ He succeeded his father and *d.* in December of 1705 having *m.* firstly, to Margaret, daughter of Andrew Paterson of Dunmure, by whom he had issue :

1. Andrew Boswell of Balmutto, (*see below*).
2. David Boswell, apprenticed to George Bailie, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 9 January, 1705.²
3. Margaret Boswell, *m.* firstly, Thomas Marjoribanks of that Ilk, and secondly, to George Seton of Carriston.

He *m.* secondly, Marjory, daughter of James Clephane, second son of George Clephane of Carselogie, and had further issue :

4. James Boswell, *d.* young.
5. Janet Boswell, *m.* at Kinghorn on 2 March, 1714, to Alexander Downie, son of Captain James Downie of Binend,³ (*c/m* 1 March, 1714).
6. Helen Boswell, *m.* at Kinghorn on 10 April, 1722, to Robert Beatson, second son of James Beatson of South Glassmont,⁴ and had issue.

ANDREW BOSWELL OF BALMUTTO, succeeded his father and was served his heir in the lands of Balmutto, Dundonald and the superiority of Glassmont on 4 November, 1707.⁵ His estate though, had become so encumbered with debts that he was compelled to sell Balmutto to his distant kinsman John Boswell, second son of David Boswell of Auchinleck, in 1722. He *m.* Katherine, eldest daughter of Michael Lumsden, Advocate,⁶ and was father of :

¹ RMS 1661-1668. No. 1122. As the destination was to heirs male and after David Boswell of Balmutto, his youngest brother Andrew is inserted, it must be presumed that all other male issue of Sir John Boswell of Balmutto and Janet Scott were then dead and had left no male issue.

² SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

³ OPR – Kinghorn.

⁴ OPR – Kinghorn.

⁵ Chancery record. Recorded 21st November 1707.

⁶ RS1/111/f.303.

DAVID BOSWELL, to whom very little of his paternal estate was left. He was apprenticed to David Berry, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 22 August, 1733,¹ and was admitted a Burgess of Edinburgh on 12 December, 1739.² He was served heir to his maternal grandmother, Janet Scott, on 21 December 1751,³ *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher Seton, and *d.* at Dubbyside, in Fife, on 27 September 1770, in his 52nd year.⁴ He was father of :

1. David Boswell,
2. Robert Boswell,
3. Seton Boswell,
4. Stewart Boswell, *c.* at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on 9 August, 1766.
5. Elizabeth Boswell,
6. Catherine Boswell,
7. Jean Boswell,
8. Margaret Boswell, *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 5 August 1820, being then described as “the last of the name in the ancient family of the Boswells of Balmuto.”⁵

¹ SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

² SRS. Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

³ Chancery record.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 1st October 1770, edition.

⁵ Scots Magazine, 1st September 1820, edition.