

# BRUCE

## OF KINNAIRD

**MR. ROBERT BRUCE, 1<sup>ST</sup> OF KINNAIRD**, was a younger son of Sir Alexander Bruce of Airth. He had a charter from his father for the Chaplaincy of the Church of Airth on 30 October, 1572, and had the fee of an annualrent of 20 merks from the lands of Kinnaird from Edward Bruce of Kinnaird on 18 May, 1580.<sup>1</sup> He *m.* Martha, daughter of George Douglas, 1<sup>st</sup> of Parkhead, (*c/m* 9 May, 1595<sup>2</sup>), *d.* on 13 August 1631, and was father of :

1. Robert Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Kinnaird, (*see below*).
2. James Bruce,
3. John Bruce, became a Clergyman of the Church of England.
4. Anna Bruce, *bap.* on 10 March, 1595.
5. Margaret Bruce, *bap.* on 9 July, 1598, and *m.* in 1648, James Ramsay, only son of Robert Ramsay of Barnbogle.<sup>3</sup>
6. Maria Bruce, *bap.* on 1 September, 1599.
7. Jean Bruce, *bap.* on 21 January, 1601.
8. Rebecca Bruce, *m.* to Rev. Andrew Young.
9. Elizabeth Bruce, *m.* on 26 April, 1624, James Campbell of Fleinesmor, son of John Campbell of Moy.<sup>4</sup>
10. Martha Bruce, had a payment from her brother Robert Bruce of Kinnaird of 160 merks and in which she is styled as youngest daughter of the deceased Rev. Robert Bruce of Kinnaird.
11. Marie Bruce, *m.* to Michael Elphinstone, 1<sup>st</sup> of Quarell, ninth son of Alexander, 4<sup>th</sup> Lord Elphinstone, (*c/m* 12 January, 1618<sup>5</sup>), and had issue.

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<sup>1</sup> GD37/69

<sup>2</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/19

<sup>3</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/24

<sup>4</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/22

<sup>5</sup> GD65/40

**ROBERT BRUCE, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF KINNAIRD**, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir in the lands of Kinnaird on 20 October, 1638.<sup>1</sup> He *m.* Margaret, daughter of Sir William Menteith of Kerse, and was father of :

1. **ROBERT BRUCE, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF KINNAIRD**, succeeded his father and served as Captain in the Life Guards on King Charles II. He *m.* in 1644, Marion, daughter of James Rollo, 8<sup>th</sup> of Duncrub, (she was widow of Sir James Bruce of Powfoulis, by whom she had issue), and was *ksp* at the battle of Worcester in 1651.
2. Alexander Bruce, 4<sup>th</sup> of Kinnaird, (*see below*).
3. Anna Bruce, *m.* James Bruce, brother of Sir William Bruce of Stenhouse, (*c/m* 16 April 1655<sup>2</sup>).
4. Jean Bruce, *m.* Michael Bruce, Minister of Killinchy, son of Patrick Bruce, 1<sup>st</sup> of Newton, (*c/m* 30 May 1659<sup>3</sup>), and had issue.
5. Mary Bruce, *m.* firstly John MacPherson, W.S. (*c/m* September of 1671<sup>4</sup>), and secondly, Alexander Bruce of Thorniedyke, (*c/m* 2 June 1685<sup>5</sup>).
6. Elizabeth Bruce, *m.* Thomas Roehed of Whytsomhall, (*c/m* 17 December, 1687,<sup>6</sup>).

**ALEXANDER BRUCE, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF KINNAIRD**, apprenticed to Andrew Steven, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 22 July, 1646,<sup>7</sup> and was present with his elder brother in the Royalist army at the battle of Worcester in 1651 but managed to make his escape and to whom he was retoured heir on 3 January, 1655.<sup>8</sup> He *d.* in February of 1711, having *m.* firstly, Helen, daughter of Sir Robert Bruce, 10<sup>th</sup> of Clackmannan, (*c/m* 14 December, 1664<sup>9</sup>), by whom he had issue :

1. Helen Bruce, (*see below*).
2. Jean Bruce, *bap.* at Larbert on 28 October 1669, *m.* Henry Bruce, 14<sup>th</sup> of Clackmannan, and had issue.

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<sup>1</sup> Retours. Stirling. No. 167.

<sup>2</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/2

<sup>3</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/10

<sup>4</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/4

<sup>5</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/3

<sup>6</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/9

<sup>7</sup> SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

<sup>8</sup> Retours. Stirling. No. 212.

<sup>9</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/8

He *m.* secondly at Edinburgh on 2 November, 1676, Margaret, daughter of Michael Elphinstone of Quarrell,<sup>1</sup> by whom he had no apparent issue.

**HELEN BRUCE**, *m.* firstly, David Hay, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Woodcockdale, (*c/m* 5 February, 1687.<sup>2</sup> He was eldest son and heir of John Hay, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Woodcockdale, and was *bap.* at Linlithgow on 2 April, 1665. He *d.* prior to 1 June 1697), and secondly in 1701, to Robert Boyd, Writer. By her first husband she had issue :

1. Alexander Hay, *b.* on 21 January, 1689, and *d.* young.
2. John Hay, *b.* on 23 December, 1690, and *d.* young.
3. David Hay Bruce, 4<sup>th</sup> of Woodcockdale and Kinnaird, (*see below*).
4. Margaret Hay, *b.* on 30 August 1683, and *d.* unmarried at Kirk-bræ-head, Edinburgh on Friday 6 November 1761.<sup>3</sup>
5. Helen Hay, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 31 December 1687, and *m.* William Hamilton, 7<sup>th</sup> son of William Hamilton, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Wishaw, (he *d.* on 15 January 1754), and had issue.

**DAVID HAY BRUCE, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF WOODCOCKDALE AND KINNAIRD**, *b.* on 25 November, 1696, and was served heir to his father on 10 January 1730. He assumed the surname and arms of Bruce of Kinnaird upon succeeding to his mother's estate of Kinnaird, and *m.* firstly in 1729, Marion, daughter of James Graham, 1<sup>st</sup> of Airth, by whom he had issue. He *m.* secondly, Agnes, daughter of Alexander Glen of Longcroft, (*c/m* 16 March 1737), *d.* in April of 1758, and was father of :

1. James Bruce of Kinnaird, (*see below*).
2. David Bruce, *bap.* on 5 May 1743.
3. William Bruce, *bap.* on 17 August 1744.
4. Robert Bruce, *bap.* on 9 September 1747.
5. Andrew Bruce, *d.* at St. Vincent on 25 August 1773.<sup>4</sup>
6. Thomas Bruce, *d.* a St. Vincent on 24 December 1788.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>2</sup> NRAS3955/35/7/7

<sup>3</sup> Caledonian Mercury. 11<sup>th</sup> November 1761, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Scots Magazine. 1<sup>st</sup> November 1773, edition.

7. Elizabeth Bruce, *d.* at Prince's Street, Edinburgh, on 6 July 1818.<sup>2</sup>

8. Helen Bruce, *b.* on 25 November 1729.

9. Margaret Bruce, *m.* James Hamilton of Bangour and *d.* at Lower Grosvenor Street, London, on 19 November 1818.<sup>3</sup>

**JAMES BRUCE OF KINNAIRD**, *b.* on 14 December 1730, and was served heir to his father firstly, on 10 October 1758, and again on 21 July 1762. He *m.* firstly, in at Kent on 3 February 1754, to Adriana Allan, (she *d.* of consumption a year after marriage), secondly, at Carron Hall on 20 May 1776, to Mary, daughter of Thomas Dundas of Fingask,<sup>4</sup> (she *d.* at Kinnaird on Thursday 10 February 1785<sup>5</sup>), and *d.* on 27 April 1794, from injuries sustained when he fell down the stairs at Kinnaird while rushing to assist a lady from her carriage.<sup>6</sup> He was father of :

1. Robert Bruce, *b.* at Edinburgh on 25 February 1777, and *d.* at Kinnaird House on Tuesday 10 November 1778.<sup>7</sup>

2. James Bruce of Kinnaird, (*see below*).

3. Janet Maitland Bruce, *b.* at Kinnaird House on 6 May 1778, and *m.* in 1802, to John Jardine, younger of Hallside, Advocate. She *d.* at Hallside on 14 July 1827,<sup>8</sup> having had issue.

**JAMES BRUCE OF KINNAIRD**, *b.* at Kinnaird House on Wednesday 28 June 1780,<sup>9</sup> and was served heir to his father on 3 November 1794. He *m.* on 9 June 1798, to Elizabeth, daughter of William Spicer, of Plear House, Devon,<sup>10</sup> *d.* at Edinburgh on 9 August 1810,<sup>11</sup> and was father of :

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<sup>1</sup> Scots Magazine. 1<sup>st</sup> January 1789, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Caledonian Mercury. 9<sup>th</sup> July 1818, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Morning Post. 20<sup>th</sup> November 1818, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Caledonian Mercury. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1776, edition.

<sup>5</sup> Caledonian Mercury. 14<sup>th</sup> February 1785, edition.

<sup>6</sup> Caledonian Mercury. 1<sup>st</sup> May 1794, edition.

<sup>7</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 11<sup>th</sup> November 1778, edition.

<sup>8</sup> Perthshire Courier. 26<sup>th</sup> July 1827, edition.

<sup>9</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 1<sup>st</sup> July 1780, edition.

<sup>10</sup> Hampshire Chronicle, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1798, edition.

<sup>11</sup> Scots Magazine. 1<sup>st</sup> August 1810, edition.

**MARY ELIZABETH BRUCE OF KINNAIRD**, *b.* on 28 March 1799, and succeeded her father. She *m.* at Edinburgh on 21 June 1820, to Charles Lennox Cumming,<sup>1</sup> third son of Sir Alexander Cumming Gordon, Baronet, of Altyre and Gordonston, (he *d.* at Broom Hall, near Dunfermline, on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1875<sup>2</sup>), *d.* at Kinnaird House on 23 April 1873,<sup>3</sup> and had issue :

**ELIZABETH MARY BRUCE OF KINNAIRD**, *m.* at Kinnaird House on 22 April 1841, to James Bruce, 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Elgin, and *d.* at Jamaica of the effects of child-birth on 7 June 1843, leaving issue, an only child :

1. Alma Bruce of Kinnaird, (*see below*).
2. A daughter, *b.* in Jamaica on 6 June 1843, and *d.* the same day.

**ALMA BRUCE OF KINNAIRD**, *b.* in 1842, and inherited her mother's estate of Kinnaird, which was subsequently sold in 1895. She *m.* at Forres on 18 October 1864, to Thomas John, 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Thurlow, who assumed the surname of Cumming-Bruce,<sup>4</sup> and *d.* in December 1923, having had issue :

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<sup>1</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> July 1820, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Statutory record. See also: London Evening Standard, 6<sup>th</sup> January 1875, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 28<sup>th</sup> April 1873, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Statutory record.