

# CHEYNE

## OF ESSILMONT

**HENRY CHEYNE**, had a charter from King David I., for the lands of Straloch and Achstuckis, both in the sheriffdom of Aberdeen, dated circa 1350.<sup>1</sup> From him descended :

**JOHN CHEYNE OF STRALOCH**, was father of ;

**HENRY CHEYNE OF ESSILMONT**, to whom his father assigned the lands of Essilmont and Meikle Arnage and concerning his infeftment, his father granted a Bond of Warrandice on 20 April 1441.<sup>2</sup> This was disputed by Reginald Cheyne and the case was brought before the Lords Auditors who nominated judges on 27 October 1456 although no more is heard on the matter and Henry continued in his possession. He was witness to a charter by Nicholas Hay, Earl of Errol, by which he granted the lands of Ury, in the barony of Errol and Sheriffdom of Kincardine, in favour of his uncle Mr. Gilbert Hay, dated 12 August 1467,<sup>3</sup> and had a remission for the murder of Arthur Panton which he produced at the Mercat Cross of Aberdeen on 31 July 1475.<sup>4</sup> He *d.* in about 1494 and was father of :

1. John Cheyne of Essilmont, (*see below*).
2. Henry Cheyne, styled as brother to John Cheyne of Essilmont when witness to a charter by this brother to Henry Cheyne his son, dated 11 July 1497.

**JOHN CHEYNE OF ESSILMONT**, succeeded and had Sasine for the lands of Essilmont in 1494.<sup>5</sup> On 11 July 1497, he had a licence from the King to build a “big tour within his landis of Essilmont to quhat hicht he plesis, and mak thairupon iron zettis, machcolyn,

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<sup>1</sup> Robertson’s Index. David II. No. 1.

<sup>2</sup> RH4/125

<sup>3</sup> RMS 142401513. No. 1050.

<sup>4</sup> RH4/125/

<sup>5</sup> Ex. Rolls. Vol. X. P. 770.

portculacis, drawbriggis, and al uther strenthis” dated 28 July 1500,<sup>1</sup> and on 20 April 1503, he and Henry and John Chenye had a remission for the murder of Duncan Forbes done by them in the Gallowgate of Aberdeen and for the theft of swords and other weapons belonging to the deceased.<sup>2</sup> He was Knighted soon after this date and *d.* prior to 15 February 1506/7, when Mr. William Ogilvy of Geddes had a gift of the ward and nonentry of his lands, along with the marriage of the heir,<sup>3</sup> having *m.* Isabel Wavane<sup>4</sup> by whom he was father of :

1. Henry Cheyne of Essilmont, (*see below*).

He was also father of a natural daughter;

2. Marion Cheyne, who *d.* prior to 18 August 1569, when her escheat was gifted to James Wardlaw, son of John Wardlaw in Leith, and is then styled as daughter of the late John Cheyne of Essilmont.<sup>5</sup>

**HENRY CHEYNE OF ESSILMONT**, had a charter from his father for the lands of Meikle Arnage, in the sheriffdom of Aberdeen, to be held by he and the heirs male of his body, whom failing, by his father’s legitimate heirs whatsoever, dated 11 July 1497.<sup>6</sup> He *m.* Marjory, daughter of Gilbert Hay of Delgaty, (*c/m* 9 June 1494<sup>7</sup>), and in consideration of which he had a payment from William Hay of Ardendraught for £120 in the name of Tocher on 15 January 1500/01.<sup>8</sup> He *d.* by February of 1528 and was father of,

**SIR PATRICK CHEYNE OF ESSILMONT**, succeeded to the lands of Essilmont and on 4 February 1527/8, he had a remission for remaining from weaponschaws.<sup>9</sup> He had a gift of

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<sup>1</sup> RPS Vol. I. No. 552.

<sup>2</sup> RPS Vol. I. No. 930.

<sup>3</sup> RPS Vol. I. No. 1430.

<sup>4</sup> CS5/12/66v

<sup>5</sup> RPS Vol. VI. No. 715.

<sup>6</sup> RMS 1424-1513. No. 2367.

<sup>7</sup> RH4/125

<sup>8</sup> RH4/125

<sup>9</sup> RPS Vol. I. No. 3923.

the nonentries, profits and duties of the office of constable of The burgh of Aberdeen on 5 December 1541, until the entry of the heir of the deceased William Kempty and was witness with his grandson Patrick Cheyne, to a charter by William Auchinleck of Schethin granting to John Livingston, son and heir of Mr. Alexaner Livingston of Dunipace, and Margaret Livingston, his spouse, the lands of Dalcrufe and others, in the lordship of Methven, dated 2 August 1557. He had been Knighted by 20 December 1557, when he was witnessed to a charter by William Leith of Premina, to his grand-daughter Ursulla Cheyne,<sup>1</sup> and was father of,

1. Thomas Cheyne, younger of Essilmont, (*see below*).
2. Mr. Jerome Cheyne, was appointed Archdeacon of Shetland, and disponed extensive lands to his “brother’s son” Patrick Cheyne of Essilmont, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 23 March 1587/88.<sup>2</sup> He *d.* by 20 August 1584, when Mr. William Hay, son of George Hay of Freuchy, was presented as his successor as Archdeacon of Shetland.

**THOMAS CHEYNE OF ESSILMONT**, had a resignation of the lands of Essilmont and others on 5 December 1541, and is then styled as s eldest son and heir of Patrick Cheyne of Essilmont. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of George Gordon, younger of Methlic, with whom he had a Precept for a charter of confirmation dated 2 January 1539/40. He *d.* in 1563 and was father of :

1. Patrick Cheyne, (*see below*).
2. William Cheyne, witness to a charter by his brother Patrick Cheyne of Essilmont granting the lands of Kirkton-Tyrje to Alexander Fraser of Philorth, on 5 March 1582.<sup>3</sup>
3. Ursulla Cheyne, had a charter in her virginity, from William Leith of Primina for the 1/9 part of the lands of Ardwyne, on 20 December 1557, in which she is styled as daughter of Thomas Cheyne, fiar of Essilmont.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1546-1580. No.

<sup>2</sup> RMS 1580-1593. No. 1502.

<sup>3</sup> RMS 1580-1593. No. 551.

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1546-1580. No. 1242.

**SIR PATRICK CHEYNE OF ESSILMONT**, was witness with his grandfather Patrick Cheyne, to a charter by William Auchinleck of Schethin granting to John Livingston, son and heir of Mr. Alexander Livingston of Dunipace, and Margaret Livingston, his spouse, the lands of Dalcrufe and others, in the lordship of Methven, dated 2 August 1557,<sup>1</sup> and was retoured heir to his father in the barony of Essilmont on 20 May 1564,<sup>2</sup> with Sasine following on 23 June.<sup>3</sup> He had a charter under the Great Seal confirming to him the lands of Tullymald, in the parish of Turriff, which had been resigned in his favour by George Gordon of Scheves and Agnes Bethune, his spouse,<sup>4</sup> and had a grant from John, Archbishop of Paisley, for the lands of Fortrie on 6 April 1564.<sup>5</sup> He had a grant of the extensive lands within the Archdeaconry of Shetland on 29 July 1587, and *m.* first, Christine, daughter of Patrick Hepburn of Waughton, (*c/m* 11 April 1566<sup>6</sup>), who is styled as his spouse in a charter in his favour by William, Lord Borthwick, for the barony of Aberdour, dated 17 July 1571,<sup>7</sup> and secondly, to Helen Bruce, (*c/m* at Petsindie and Megginch on 4 November 1575. She was widow of George Hay, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Errol, whom she had *m.* in 1561, and who had *d.* on 30 January 1574), to whom he granted a liferent charter for the lands of Essilmont and others, in contemplation of their marriage contract of 7 November 1575.<sup>8</sup> He was living in 1596, and *d.* in around 1600 being father of,

1. Patrick Cheyne of Essilmont, (*see below*).
2. Elizabeth Cheyne, *m.* first, to Peter Hay, 6<sup>th</sup> of Megginch, (he *d.* on 12 August 1616) ; secondly, to George Hay of Keilour, and thirdly, by 24 May 1624, to Patrick, 6<sup>th</sup> Lord Oliphant.
3. Isobel Cheyne, a daughter by her father's second marriage. She *m.* Patrick Hay, 5<sup>th</sup> of Megginch, (*c/m* 29 October 1596.<sup>9</sup> He *d.* in August of 1603).

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1546-1580. No. 1201.

<sup>2</sup> Retours, Aberdeen. No. 35.

<sup>3</sup> Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIX. P. 527. In which it is stated that the lands had been in the King's hands for the space of one year.

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1546-1580. No. 2939.

<sup>5</sup> RMS 1580-1593. No. 382.

<sup>6</sup> RD1/8/291

<sup>7</sup> RMS 1580-1593. No. 1311.

<sup>8</sup> RMS 1546-1580. No. 2525.

<sup>9</sup> RMS 1594-1608. No. 1781.

**PATRICK CHEYNE OF ESSILMONT**, succeeded his father and disposed of a great deal of his estate. He conveyed the barony of Essilmont to Mr. John Cheyne of Petfichie on 25 June 1600<sup>1</sup> ; the lands of Orchardton to Henry Annand, third son of Alexander Annand of Ochterlone, on 21 October 1600 ; the lands of Auld Milnton of Essilmont to Patrick Hepburn at the mill of Aberdour, on 4 May 1608. He *m.* Magdalen, daughter of Sir Alexander Fraser of Fraserburgh, and was father of,

1. Patrick Cheyne, to whom his father granted the lands of Mains of Aberdour on 3 November 1600.<sup>2</sup>
2. Margaret Cheyne, *m.* Robert Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sumburgh.

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1594-1608. No. 1083.

<sup>2</sup> RMS 1608-1620. No. 347.