

COCKBURN

OF ORMISTON

JOHN COCKBURN, 1ST OF ORMISTON, was a son of Sir Alexander Cockburn and Mariota de Vitrepont. He *m.* Janet, daughter and heir of Sir Alexander Lindsay of Ormiston, with whom he acquired the lands of Ormiston and for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 22 February 1370.¹ He was father of :

SIR JOHN DE COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, was witness to several charters including: (1) by Archibald, Earl of Douglas, John de Cairns for the lands of Gilchristscleuch in the sheriffdom of Lanark, dated 4 August 1416,² (2) to Archibald de Hepburn, brother of Adam de Hepburn, Lord of Hailes, for the lands of Flemington, dated 12 March 1420,³ (3) by Thomas de Rattray of Tullymurdo granting his part of the lands of Dysart to Sir John de Haldane, dated 29 September 1434.⁴ He *d.* by August of 1440 and was father of :

WILLIAM COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, was witness to an indenture between the King on the one part, and Robert, Lord Erskine, on the other relating to the custody of the castle of Kildrummy, dated 10 August 1440.⁵ He was father of :

ALEXANDER DE COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, succeeded his father by 11 March 1462, when he was witness to an instrument of Sasine by which William de Sinclair was infest as heir to his father John Sinclair of Herdmanston in the lands of Kimmergham,⁶ and made a resignation of his lands of Templelaw in favour of his son, John Cockburn, and Maragret de Crichton, his spouse, in 1472. He *m.* apparently as a second wife, to Margaret Schaw, (she was widow of David Crichton of Cranston Riddle), with whom on

¹ RMS. King David II. Dated 1370 not 1368 as has previously been suggested.

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 255.

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 254.

⁴ GD198/10

⁵ GD124/1/147

⁶ HMC Wedderburn Papers. No. 585.

11 October 1488, he raised a complaint against Thomas Lawson for the wrongful occupation of the mill of Cluny,¹ and on 20 February 1490, they were pursued by Patick Crichton, son and heir of her late husband David Crichton, for her having withheld his charter and sasine for the lands of Cranston, which she had continued to manure and use as her own property.² He was still living on 11 February 1492, when Sir Gilbert Johnstone of Elphinstone as procurator for Agnes Elphinstone, his spouse, required him to produce his sasine for that part of the lands of Elphinstone called Wouldstruther,³ and *d.* soon afterwards. He was father of :

JOHN DE COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, in whose favour his father resigned the lands of Templelaw and Pastone, in the constabulary of Haddington, and in confirmation of which he had a charter under the Great Seal to himself and Margaret de Crichton, his spouse, dated 25 April 1472.⁴ He was still living on 10 January 1510/11, when he had the gift of his son William's ward, and was father of :

1. John de Cockburn, younger of Ormiston, *m.* Margaret Hepburn, who is said to have been a daughter of Sir Patrick Hepburn, Lord Hailes and 1st Earl of Bothwell,⁵ and to whom his father resigned the lands of Muirehouse and which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 2 January 1508/9.⁶ He *dsp* prior to 10 January 1510/11, when his parents had the gift of the ward of his brother William Cockburn.⁷
2. William de Cockburn of Ormiston, (*see below*).
3. Helen Cockburn, *m.* Alexander Gourlay of Kincaig, and had issue.
4. Agnes Cockburn, *m.* first, William Murray of Touchadam, and had issue ; and secondly, as a second wife, by 1 September 1532, to Sir James Forrester of Garden.

¹ Acta. Dom. Conbap.

² Acta. Dom. Conbap.

³ Acta. Dom. Conbap.

⁴ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1061.

⁵ Scots Peerage. Balfour-Paul. Vol. II. P. 155-56. She is also said to have married after John Cockburn's death, to John Murray of Fallahill.

⁶ RMS 1424-1513. No. 3278.

⁷ RPS Vol. I. No. 2181.

WILLIAM COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, was under age at the time of his brother's death with his ward being gifted by the King to his parents on 10 January 1510/11. He succeeded his father in the lands of Ormiston and *d.* after 3 July 1525, and prior to 14 May 1529, when the ward of his lands was granted by the King to James Sandilands of Calder.¹ He *m.* Janet Somerville, and was father of :

1. John Cockburn of Ormiston, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Cockburn of Makerston and Woodhead, obtained these lands and *m.* Christian, daughter of James Lawson of Humbie. He *d.* in November of 1579,² and was father of :
 - 2a) John Cockburn of Woodhead, succeeded his father and was *ksp* by David Seton in 1593.
 - 2a) Alexander Cockburn of Woodhead, succeeded his brother John on his death in 1593.
 - 2a) Marion Cockburn, who *d.* in 1609.
 - 2a) A daughter, *m.* Ninian Hamilton.
 - 2a) A daughter, *m.* George Hamilton of Preston.
3. A daughter, whose hand was refused by William Baillie of Comiston, and because of which John Somerville of Cambusnethan took instruments of protest on 3 July 1525.³

JOHN COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, who was under age at the time of his father's death with his ward being granted to James Sandilands of Calder on 14 May 1529. He succeeded upon reaching his majority and conveyed his lands of Templehall to his son Mr. Samuel Cockburn on 14 September 1582. He *m.* in about 1535, to Alison, daughter of Sir James Sandilands of Calder, (she *d.* on 21 October 1584⁴), to whom a liferent was reserved on 14 September 1582, and *d.* on 22 November of that same year.⁵ He was father of :

1. Mr Alexander Cockburn, *b.* on 13 June 1536, and *dsp* on 1 September 1563. An epitaph recording his life and travels was penned by George Buchanan.
2. Sir John Cockburn of Ormiston, (*see below*).

¹ RPS Vol. II. No. 95.

² Edinburgh Tests.

³ GD40/4/121

⁴ Edinburgh Tests.

⁵ Edinburgh Tests.

3. Mr. Samuel Cockburn on Templehill, to whom his father conveyed the lands of Templehall with the manor thereof, in the barony of Ormiston and constabulary of Haddington, on 14 September 1582.¹ He *m.* Elizabeth Douglas with whom he had a charter from John Lumsden of Blanern for the village and lands of Vogry dated 6 June 1590,² and *d.* after 28 November 1614, and prior to 21 March 1616. He was father of :

3a) Francis Cockburn of Templehill, succeeded his father.

3a) Mr. William Cockburn, included in a Bond by his father to his children dated 28 November 1614. He *m.* prior to 29 June 1630, to his cousin, Marion, daughter of Sir John Cockburn of Ormiston, when she is styled as daughter of Sir John Cockburn in a summons against them,³ and with whom he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Vogry and Kirkland, in the barony of Hailes, on 30 November 1633.⁴

3a) Elizabeth Cockburn, who on 21 March 1616, had a charter of apprising of the lands of Vogry from her brother Francis Cockburn of Tempill in lieu of an outstanding payment of 12000 merks due to her by the terms of a contract by her father to his children, dated 28 November 1614.⁵

3a) Isobel Cockburn,

4. Barbara Cockburn, *m.* George Hamilton, son of David Hamilton of Fingalton, (*c/m* 3 May 1563⁶).

5. Sybil Cockburn, who, with her parents, and brothers Alexander and John, and sister Barbara, had a Patent of naturalisation dated 12 May 1552.⁷ She *m.* Sir William Sinclair of Herdmanston, (*c/m* 26 February 1566⁸), and had issue.

6. Isobel Cockburn, *m.* David Crichton, 3rd of Lugton, (*c/m* 23 January 1590), and had issue.

7. Jean Cockburn, *m.* Sir John Murray of Touchadam, and had issue.

8. Alison Cockburn.

SIR JOHN COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, styled as son and heir of John Cockburn of Ormiston in a charter by his father for the lands of Templehall in favour of his brother

¹ RMS 1580-1593. No. 467.

² RMS 1580-1593. No. 1756.

³ GD164/375

⁴ RMS 1620-1633. No. 2248.

⁵ RMS 1608-1620. No. 1402.

⁶ RD1/6/284

⁷ RH9/6/3

⁸ RD1/9/11

Mr. Samuel Cockburn dated 14 September 1582, succeeded his father and was infeft in the lands of Ormiston on 25 March 1584.¹ He was appointed Justice Clerk and a Senator of the College of Justice and *m.* first, Janet, daughter of Alexander Home of Manderston, (*c/m* 28 July 1574²), to whom he granted a charter for the liferent of the lands of Ormiston on 8 June 1585.³ and *d.* on 12 October 1626.⁴ He was father of :

1. John Cockburn, younger of Ormiston, (*see below*).
2. Mr. James Cockburn, witness to a charter by James Fawside, younger of that Ilk, granting certain lands to James Taylor, son of Alexander Taylor in Mungoswells, dated 28 June 1610.⁵
3. Margaret Cockburn, *m.* Patrick, 8th Lord Sinclair, and had issue.
4. Alison Cockburn, *m.* Andrew Edmonstone of that Ilk.
5. Marion Cockburn, *m.* by 29 June 1630, to Mr. William Cockburn of Vogry, brother of Francis Cockburn of Tempill.⁶
6. Agnes Cockburn, *m.* William Brown of Brownbanks.

He *m.* secondly, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Bellenden of Auchnoull, (she was widow of James Lawson of Humbie, by whom she had issue), and was father of :

7. Katherine Cockburn, *m.* Sir James MakGill of Cranston Riddell, (*c/m* 20 December 1621⁷), and had issue.
8. Sybilla Cockburn, *m.* in 1630, to William Innes of Sandyside.

JOHN COCKBURN, YOUNGER OF ORMISTON, *m.* by 29 July 1615, to Elizabeth, daughter of James Lawson of Humbie, when they are named in a charter by his father granting a liferent to Elizabeth Bellenden, his spouse,⁸ and *d. vita patris*. He was father of :

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XXI. P. 499.

² RD1/13/254

³ RMS 1580-1593. No. 846.

⁴ Edinburgh Tests.

⁵ RMS 1608-1620. No. 504.

⁶ GD164/375

⁷ RMS 1620-1633. No. 361. She is then styled as eldest daughter of Sir John Cockburn and Elizabeth Bellenden.

⁸ RMS 1608-1620. No. 1311.

SIR GEORGE COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, retoured heir to his grandfather, Sir John Cockburn of Ormiston, in the lands and barony of Ormiston on 4 February 1629.¹ He *m.* Margaret, daughter of Sir George Touris of Inverleith, (she *d.* in February of 1636²), *d* by 14 August 1649, and was father of :

1. John Cockburn of Ormiston, (*see below*).
2. Robert Cockburn, to whom and with his brother George and sister Jean, provisions were confirmed in the Great Seal charter in favour of their eldest brother John, dated 31 August 1637.
3. George Cockburn, who served as Tutor to his young nephews, John and then Adam Cockburn, following their father's death, and, in 1681, he entered into a copartnership with James Cornwall of Bonhard, Albert Gladstaines, Merchant in Edinburgh, and James Crawford, Collector of Customs for Fife, for the working of coal and salt on the Earl of Kincardine's lands in Fife. He *m.* Mary, daughter of Rev. John Stirling, and was father of :
 - 3a) Robert Cockburn, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 14 November 1663.
 - 3a) John Cockburn, *b.* in 1673.
 - 3a) George Cockburn,
 - 3a) Jean Cockburn, *m.* James Congalton of Skedsbush.
 - 3a) Agnes Cockburn,
4. Jean Cockburn,

JOHN COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, who, on his father's resignation, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands and barony of Ormiston dated 31 August 1637.³ He had succeeded his father by 14 August 1649, when he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Wolstruther, in the barony of Tranent,⁴ and *m.* on 13 April 1648, to Janet, daughter of Sir Adam Hepburn, 1st of Humbie, (she *m.* secondly, Sir James Dundas of Arniston, and had further issue ; and *d.* in 1665). He *d.* in May of 1657, and was father of,

¹ Retours. Haddington. No. 126.

² Edinburgh Tests.

³ RMS 1634-1651. No. 775.

⁴ RMS 1634-1651. No. 2131.

1. **JOHN COCKBURN OF ORMISTON**, succeeded his father when very young and was retoured his heir in the lands and barony of Ormiston on 19 October 1657.¹ He *dsp* by 28 December 1671, when his brother Adam was retoured his heir.
2. Adam Cockburn of Ormiston, (*see below*).
3. Agnes Cockburn, *m.* Sir William Ker of Halden, younger son of William, Earl of Lothian, (*c/m* 30 June 1664²).
4. Margaret Cockburn, *b.* in March of 1650.
5. Jean Cockburn,

ADAM COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, *b.* in 1656, succeeded his brother and was retoured his heir in the lands and barony of Ormiston on 28 December 1671.³ He was appointed to the Privy Council and to the office of Lord Justice Clerk in November 1692, and *d.* on 16 April 1735, having *m.* first, Susanna, youngest daughter of John Hamilton, 4th Earl of Haddington, (*c/m* 13 March 1679. She *d.* on Sunday 14 September 1701⁴), by whom he was father of :

1. John Cockburn of Ormiston, (*see below*).
2. Charles Cockburn, was trained to the law and was admitted an Advocate on 17 November 1705, and was, for some time, Provost of Edinburgh. He was present at the battle of Sheriffmuir on 11 November 1715, during which it was reported that he was “dangerously wounded” but the following February was said to be “well recovered and expected here [Newcastle] next week from Sterling.”⁵ He *m.* at Ormiston on 22 June 1720, to Margaret, daughter and eventual heiress of John Haldane of Gleneagles, (she *d.* at Gleneagles on 22 April 1784⁶), *d.* at Haddington on Tuesday 15 June 1742,⁷ and was father of :
 - 2a} Adam Cockburn, *bap.* on 2 August, 1725, and *d.* at Jamaica in March of 1747.
 - 2a} John Cockburn, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 14 April, 1727, and *dsp* on 2 March, 1799.
 - 2a} George Cockburn-Haldane of Gleneagles, *bap.* on 17 July, 1729, and succeeded to his maternal lands in 1768 by virtue of an entail made in his favour by his uncle Robert

¹ Retours. Haddington. No. 246.

² RS1/10/f.206.

³ Retours. Haddington. No. 309.

⁴ GD406/1/10914

⁵ Newcastle Courant. 13th February 1716, edition.

⁶ Scots Magazine. 1 April 1784, edition.

⁷ Caledonian Mercury. 17th June 1742, edition.

Haldane of Gleneagles. He *m.* firstly at Edinburgh on 4 May 1766, to Bethia, eldest daughter of Thomas Dundas of Fingask, (she was *b.* on 1 September 1747, and *d.* at Gleneagles on 14 May 1770¹), and secondly at Blackford on 16 December 1779, Margaret, daughter of James Francis Edward Drummond, Master of Strathallan, (she was *bap.* at Blackford on 31 July 1751, and *d.* at Edinburgh on 4 September 1821²). He *d.* on 2 March, 1799, and was father of :

2b) Janet Cockburn-Haldane, *m.* at Edinburgh on 7 January, 1801, Captain Charles Dallas, of Llemystoun, and had issue.

2b) Charles Henry Haldane, *bap.* at Blackford on 10 November, 1782, and *d.* at Gleneagles on 10 December 1784.³

2b) George Augustus Cockburn-Haldane of Gleneagles, *bap.* at Blackford on 21 March, 1783, and succeeded his father. He *dsp* at Aberdeen on 2 March 1799.⁴

2b) James Haldane, *bap.* at Blackford on 4 June, 1784, and *d.* at Camberwell on Thursday 15 February 1798.⁵

2b) Margaret Haldane, *bap.* at Blackford on 16 June, 1785, and *m.* at Edinburgh on 19 July, 1802, Lieutenant General William Robertson of Lude, (he was *bap.* at Blair Atholl on 7 February, 1760, *m.* secondly in 1816, Margaret, daughter of James Stuart-Menzies of Culdares, and *d.* at Edinburgh on 31 January, 1820). She *d.* in Edinburgh in 1805 having left issue.

2b) Euphemia Haldane, *bap.* at Blackford on 23 August, 1786, and *d.* unmarried.

2b) Elizabeth Haldane, *bap.* at Blackford on 25 September, 1787 and *d.* at Edinburgh in 1803.

2a) Charles Cockburn,

2a) Helen Cockburn, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 20, October, 1721.

3. Patrick Cockburn, trained to the law and was an Advocate. He *m.* at Ormiston on 25 March 1731, to Alison, daughter of Thomas Rutherford of Fairnielee, (she *d.* on 22 November 1794), and *d.* at Musselburgh on 29 April 1753, "after a tedious illness"⁶ being father of,

¹ Scots Magazine. 1st May 1770, edition.

² Scots Magazine. 1st October 1821, edition.

³ Caledonian Mercury. 14th December 1782, edition.

⁴ Aberdeen Journal. 11th March 1799, edition.

⁵ Aberdeen Journal. 27th February 1798, edition.

⁶ Scots Magazine. 2nd April 1752, edition. In which he is styled as son of the deceased Adam Cockburn, Lord Justice Clerk.

3a) Adam Cockburn, entered the army and served in the 11th Regiment of Dragoons. He *d.* unmarried 22 August 1780.¹

4. Adam Cockburn, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 20 February 1696, and apparently *d.* young.

5. Christian Cockburn, *m.* Sir Robert Sinclair of Langformacus, and had issue.

6. Anne Cockburn, *m.* at Edinburgh on 24 June 1708, to Sir John Inglis of Cramond.

He *m.* secondly, Anne, daughter of Sir Patrick Houston, 1st Baronet of that Ilk, (she was widow of Sir James Inglis, 1st Baronet of Cramond, by whom she had issue ; and also of Sir William Hamilton, Lord Whitelaw. She *d.* on 18 January 1721), and had issue :

7. Jean Cockburn, *b.* in March 1709.

JOHN COCKBURN OF ORMISTON, was *b.* in 1679, succeeded his father in the lands of Ormiston on his death and which he afterwards compelled to sell sold to John, 2nd Earl of Hopeton, in December of 1747 on account of financial difficulties. He *m.* first, in 1700, to Beatrice, daughter of John Carmichael, 1st Lord Hyndford, by whom he had no issue. He *m.* secondly, Arabella, daughter of Anthony Rowe of Muswell Hill, Oxfordshire, (she *d.* at Bath in January of 1744), and by her he was father of :

GEORGE COCKBURN, *b.* at London on 23 July 1718, pursued a military life and entered the Royal Navy, being appointed Comptroller of the Navy and then a Lord of the Admiralty in 1766. He *m.* Caroline, eldest daughter of George, 5th Lord Forrester, (she *d.* at Portland Street, London, 25 February 1784, was buried at Hackney on 2 March following), *d.* at Brighthelmstone on 23 July 1770,² and was father of :

1. Anna Maria Cockburn, suo jure Baroness Forrester, *d.* unmarried at Bedgebury on 31 December 1808.

2. Mary Cockburn, *m.* on 4 October 1776, to the Rev. Charles Shuttleworth and *dsp vita matris.*

¹ Scots Magazine. 1st August 1780, edition. He is then styled as only son of the deceased Patrick Cockburn, Advocate.

² Scots Magazine. 1st July 1770, edition.