

COWAN

OF WESTER POLMAISE

ANDREW COWAN, was a son of John Cowan, Merchant in Stirling, and became a Merchant and Burgess in Stirling. He had a resignation in his favour of a tenement in Stirling from Sir William Murray of Tulliebardine on 17 January 1583.¹ He *m.* first, Elen Sinclair, with whom and his brother Walter Cowan, he granted a reversion to Alexander Bruce of Airth for 18 bolls of oatmeal in February of 1567.² He *m.* secondly, to Isobel Alexander to whom he conveyed a tenement in Stirling on 27 November 1574,³ and with whom, and with their son Alexander Cowan, he granted Letters of Reversion to David Erskine, Commendator of Dryburgh, on 26 September 1605.⁴ He was father of :

1. John Cowan, who renounced an annualrent previously due to his father to John Erskine, Earl of Mar, on 20 January 1618,⁵ and was infeft in an annualrent of 60 bolls of oatmeal from the lands of Discheors on 30 April 1629.⁶ He *d.* by 6 March 1635.
2. Alexander Cowan of Wester Polmaise, (*see below*).
3. Agnes Cowan, *m.* in 1599 to James Schort, Merchant and Burgess of Stirling, and had issue.⁷

ALEXANDER COWAN OF WESTER POLMAISE, succeeded his brother John and as the heir of whom he was infeft in the lands of Kerse on 6 March 1635.⁸ He had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Polmaise-Cunningham and Polmaise-Marshall dated 13 February 1636, which were then erected into the Barony of Polmaise Cowan on 13 February 1637. He carried out the wishes of his brother John by setting up the

¹ GD7/1/21

² GD37/48

³ GD124/1/629

⁴ GD15/149

⁵ GD124/1/1700

⁶ GD124/1/713

⁷ GD124/1/686. See also GD124/1/735. Retour of John Short as heir to his uncle John Cowan dated 6 November 1639.

⁸ GD124/1/722.

mortification for Cowan's Hospital from lands he possessed in the Burgh of Stirling by mortification dated 20 February 1637.¹ He *m.* Anna, sister of Archibald Stirling, fiar of Garden, (her brother Archibald was retoured her heir in the lands of Polmaise-Cunningham on 19 October 1639²), with whom he was infeft in the lands of Balfornocht on 28 May 1636,³ and *dsp* by October of 1639.

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¹ GD124/1/728

² Retours. Stirling. No. 170.

³ GD124/1/1023