

CRAWFORD

OF BEIRCROFTS

WILLIAM CRAWFORD, 1ST OF BEIRCROFTS, was a younger son of Sir William de Crawford of Ferme and Haining, and had a charter for the lands of Beircrofts, in the lordship of Kerse and Sheriffdom of Stirling, from his brother Archibald, Abbot of Holyrood, on 30 July 1459.¹ He was father of :

ROBERT CRAWFORD OF BEIRCROFTS, infeft in the lands of Beircrofts on 26 January 1497/8, *d.* prior to December of 1529, and was father of :

ROBERT CRAWFORD OF BEIRCROFTS, m. Elizabeth Brown for which a Dispensation was obtained on 26 June 1530, as they had contracted and married while in ignorance of their being within the forbidden degrees.² He *d.* prior to March of 1541, and was father of :

1. Robert Crawford of Beircrofts, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Crawford, who, in April of 1561, obliged himself to pay to William Crawford of Parkhill the sum of 1000 merks within five years for cloths and necessities given to him by the said William since the death of his brother Robert Crawford of Beircrofts.³

ROBERT CRAWFORD OF BEIRCROFTS, was infeft by his father in the lands of Beircrofts as heir to his deceased grandfather on 13 December 1529,⁴ and was infeft in these same lands as heir to his deceased father on 28 February 1542.⁵ He *m.* by 30 June 1545, to Helen, daughter of John Kincaid of Warriston, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, Gilbert Graham, 1st of Gartavertane, and after his death, she *m.* thirdly, by 1 October

¹ GD1/1088/14

² SRS Protocol Book of Thomas Johnsoun. No. 15

³ SRS Protocol Book of Nicol Thounis. No. 37

⁴ SRS Protocol Book of Thomas Johnsoun. No. 6

⁵ GD1/1088/19

1574, Gavin Hamilton of Hill), when they were infeft jointly in the lands of Beircrofts,¹
d. prior to April of 1561, and was father of :

WILLIAM CRAWFORD OF BEIRCROFTS, succeeded his father and *m.* Agnes, daughter of Thomas Livingston of Haining, with whom he is named in a contract dated 1 October 1574. He was one of the cautioners to a Bond dated 18 March 1597,² and was father of :

JOHN CRAWFORD OF BEIRCROFTS, is styled as an infant in a contract entered into by his parents, Thomas Livingston of Haining, his grandfather, and Helen Kincaid, his grandmother, relict of Robert Crawford of Beircrofts, dated 1 October 1574.³ He succeeded his father and applied for a grant of 200 acres of land in Ulster on 25 July 1609, and was surety to Sir George Livingston of Ogilface for a grant of 2000 acres there on 14 September of that same year.

¹ GD1/1088/20

² GD30/953

³ RD1/