

# CRICHTON

## OF CLUNY

The family of Crichton of Eliok and Cluny are undoubtedly descended from the Crichton, Lords of Sanquhar, as is confirmed on 13 May, 1566, when the Commissariat of Edinburgh pronounced Edward Crichton, Lord Sanquhar, John Crichton of Ryhill, uncle to this Edward, and Robert Crichton, Bishop of Dunkeld,<sup>1</sup> as next of kin on the father's side of James and Henry Crichton, sons of Mr. Robert Crichton of Eliok although the exact relationship has yet to be confirmed. The first to appear on record was :

**ROBERT CRICHTON OF ELIOK AND 1<sup>ST</sup> OF CLUNY**, to whom Robert Crichton, Bishop of Dunkeld, granted a Charter for the lands and Barony of Cluny on 10 July, 1562,<sup>2</sup> to be held by himself and his heirs whom failing by James Crichton, fiar of Cranston, and his heirs whom failing by Patrick Crichton of Lugton, and his heirs, whom failing, by Edward Crichton of Sanquhar and was appointed King's Advocate by James VI. He *m.* firstly by 22 May, 1558, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir James Stewart of Doune, when they had a charter of confirmation for the middle-third part of the lands of Rossie-Ochill; secondly, Agnes, daughter of John Mowbray of Barnbogle, with whom had a gift of three-quarters of the lands of East Craigie from this John Mowbray on 30 June, 1575, and thirdly by 24 November, 1578, Isobella, daughter of David Borthwick of Lochill, (she *m.* secondly, James Stirling, of Wester Feddall). He *d.* by 15 May, 1591, and was father of,

1. James Crichton, *b.* on 19 August, 1560, and had a charter for the lands of Cluny from Robert, Bishop of Dunkeld, on 11 May, 1566, in which he is styled as eldest son and heir of his father.<sup>3</sup> He made a resignation of the Barony of Cluny for reinfetment to himself and his heirs, whom failing, to his brother Robert Crichton and his heirs, whom failing, to his father and his heirs on

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<sup>1</sup> Brother of Henry Crichton of Riccarton.

<sup>2</sup> GD16/5/15

<sup>3</sup> GD16/5/18

20 June, 1575,<sup>1</sup> and *dsp* as a result of wounds received in a duel with an Italian nobleman at Montova, Italy, in 1582.

2. Henry Crichton, who, with his brother James, had Mr. Alexander Crichton, Mr. John Abercromby, Mr. Alexander Skene and Mr. Thomas Scott appointed curators by the Commissariat of Edinburgh as being preferred to Edward Crichton, Lord Sanquhar, John Crichton of Ryhill and Robert Crichton, Bishop of Dunkeld, as next of kin on their father's side and John Stewart, Lord Innermeath, and James Stewart, Commendator of St. Colms, as next of kin on the mother's side, on 13 May, 1566.<sup>2</sup> He *dsp* prior to June of 1575.
3. Robert Crichton, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Cluny, (*see below*).
4. Margaret Crichton, *m.* Robert Dalzell, eldest son and heir of Robert Dalzell of that ilk, (*c/m* at Edinburgh on 28 March, 1580<sup>3</sup>).
5. Maria Crichton, a child by her father's first marriage who had a charter from her father for a third-part of the mill of Rossie-Ochill on 2 February, 1572, in which she is styled as his third daughter. She *m.* Sir James Stewart of Ballechin, (he *m.* secondly by *c/m* 31 July, 1598, to Elizabeth, daughter of James Rollo, 8<sup>th</sup> of Duncrub, and had issue).
6. Grissell Crichton, a child by her father's first marriage and from whom she had a charter for the middle-part of the Mill of Rossie-Ochill on 2 February, 1572, in which she is styled as fourth daughter.<sup>4</sup> She *m.* by 17 December, 1593, to Thomas Dunbar, Dean of Moray.
7. Marion Crichton, a child by her father's marriage to Isabella Borthwick. She *m.* against her father's wishes to Mr. George Graham, 1<sup>st</sup> of Gorthy and Bishop of Orkney, (he *d.* in 1643) and *d.* in April of 1633. They had issue.
8. Helen Crichton, to whom a tack of the lands of Overfornocht and Balleny was assigned by John Nairn in Dunkeld on 7 April, 1572.<sup>5</sup> She *m.* by 17 December, 1593, Thomas Greirson, younger of Barjarg.
9. Elizabeth Crichton, *m.* Mr. James Donaldson, Advocate, and had issue.<sup>6</sup>

**SIR ROBERT CRICHTON, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF CLUNY**, served heir provisional to his brother James Crichton in the barony of Cluny on 20 June, 1575, succeeded his father as eldest son in life and in right of which he had an Instrument of Sasine for the Barony of Cluny on 23

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<sup>1</sup> GD16/5/30

<sup>2</sup> GD16/41/28

<sup>3</sup> RMS 1580-1593. No. 14. In which she is styled as eldest daughter.

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1546-1580. No. 2011

<sup>5</sup> GD16/48/20

<sup>6</sup> GD16/41/206

January, 1592,<sup>1</sup> which lands were erected in the Free Barony of Cluny by King James VI. on 16 March, 1597,<sup>2</sup> and which he disposed to Sir David Herring of Lethendy in 1610. He was knighted by King James VI. prior to 1 September, 1610, *m.* firstly, Susanna, eldest daughter of Roger Greirson of Lagg, (*c/m* 31 May, 1589<sup>3</sup>), from whom he was divorced ; and secondly, Margaret, daughter of John Stewart, Lord Innermeath, (*c/m* 11 January, 1596<sup>4</sup>). He was father of :

1. Robert Crichton, witness to a charter by his father for an annual rent of 2000 merks to be uplifted from the lands of Redcastle in favour of Sir George Hay of Nether Liff on 17 March, 1614.<sup>5</sup>
2. Marie Crichton, *m.* to George Herring, younger of Glasclune, (*c/m* 4 & 12 April & 7 May, 1609<sup>6</sup>).

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<sup>1</sup> GD16/5/41

<sup>2</sup> RMS 1594-1608. No. 543

<sup>3</sup> RD1/44/135

<sup>4</sup> GD16/5/46

<sup>5</sup> RMS 1620-1633. No. 50

<sup>6</sup> GD16/44/12