

# CUNNINGHAM

## OF BOQUHAN

**ADAM CUNNINGHAM IN CHAPELTON**, was included in the remainders for charters in favour of his brothers Archibald and Daniel Cunningham, in 1577, and had a grant from his father, Adam Cunningham of Auchenharvey, of an annualrent of 10 merks from the lands of Shaw on 23 January 1577, in which he is styled as his fourth son.<sup>1</sup> He *m.* Eupham, sister of Patrick Maxwell of Newark, (she was widow of Alexander Leckie, fiar of that Ilk, who had been murdered in September of 1601, and by whom she had issue), in around 17 June 1606, when she had a charter from Patrick, her brother, for the liferent lands of Over Mains of Wester Leckie in implementation of their contract of marriage, and he is then styled as son to the deceased Adam Cunningham of Auchinhervy.<sup>2</sup> He had a charter from Sir James Cunningham of Glengarnock for the lands of Ardnell, Busbiehead and Cherrieland on 14 February 1610,<sup>3</sup> granted a Discharge in favour of William Cunningham, Lord Kilmaurs, of all rights to this William's escheat and to have himself infeft in the lands of Barquhannan, Fynnerie, Mains of Kilmarnock, and others in the sheriffdom of Dumbarton, on 13 June 1613,<sup>4</sup> and he his spouse had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Easter Leckie on 5 December 1614,<sup>5</sup> which they afterwards disposed to Alexander Leckie of that Ilk in 1617. He had a Disposition from Robert Galbraith of Culcreuch for the lands of Gallingad on 18 February 1624, *d.* by June of 1629 and was father of :

1. Adam Cunningham of Boquhan, (*see below*).
2. Magdalen Cunningham, *m.* on 28 October 1630, James Campbell, 1<sup>st</sup> of Gargunnock, and had issue.

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<sup>1</sup> GD39/1/98

<sup>2</sup> RMS 1594-1608. No. 1794

<sup>3</sup> GD20/1/545

<sup>4</sup> GD39/5/83

<sup>5</sup> RMS 1608-1620. No. 1141.

**ADAM CUNNINGHAM OF BOQUHAN**, who resided firstly at Chappeltoun and acquired his father's rights to the lands of Gallingad which he subsequently disposed to John Graham of Polder on 10 June 1629.<sup>1</sup> He had acquired lands of Boquhan prior to 31 December 1632. He *m.* Elizabeth Houston with whom he was infeft in the lands of Ardbeg on 7 November 1635,<sup>2</sup> and with whom he granted a disposition of his lands of Easter Garden to David Erskine, Lord Cardross, in 1640 ; and *d.* by 31 December 1659, when his widow and Margaret Cunningham, their youngest daughter, had a heritable Bond from Sir Thomas Nicolson of Carnock.<sup>3</sup> He was father of :

1. John Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 8 May 1630, and *d.* young.
2. Adam Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 6 September 1635, and *d.* young.
3. Alexander Cunningham of Boquhan, (*see below*).
4. Margaret Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 6 June 1631, and *d.* young.
5. Jean Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 16 June 1633, and *m.* on 18 September 1660, to John Lennox, eldest son and apparent heir of William Lennox of Woodhead.<sup>4</sup>
6. Eupham Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 14 June 1634.
7. Margaret Cunningham, *ap.* at Gargunnoch on 29 December 1640, and *m.* by 8 June 1668, to Mr. William Hamilton, Advocate, when her mother Elizabeth Houston, assigned a Bond to them.<sup>5</sup>

**ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM OF BOQUHAN**, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 27 March 1639, and was apprenticed to George Drummond, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 25 March 1663. He was father of,

1. William Cunningham of Boquhan, (*see below*).
2. Adam Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 25 September 1669, was admitted an Advocate and was retoured heir of provision to his father on 22 June 1700. He *dsp* prior to 25 March 1720, when his sister Jean Cunningham, wife of David Forrester of Denovan, was served his heir general.

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<sup>1</sup> GD22/1/420

<sup>2</sup> GD22/3/526

<sup>3</sup> GD1/529/165

<sup>4</sup> See also GD97/2/557.

<sup>5</sup> GD1/529/187

3. Jean Cunningham, *m.* David Forrester of Denovan, and was served heir general to her brother Adam on 25 March 1720. They had issue.

**WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM OF BOQUHAN**, had a charter of confirmation for the lands of Boquhan on 9 March 1671, and *m.* firstly, to Margaret, daughter of David Erskine, Lord Cardross, by whom he was father of :

1. **HENRY CUNNINGHAM OF BOQUHAN**, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 23 March 1678, and was infert as heir to his mother, Margaret Erskine, in a provision granted to her by her father on 19 December 1682, and to whom he was retoured heir on 10 March 1715. He *m.* at Campsie on 10 March 1700, to Jean, daughter of John Lennox of Woodhead, and *d.* by 1738.
2. Alexander Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 17 July 1680.
3. Anna Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 20 March 1679.

He *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh on 30 April 1714, to Helen, daughter of John Hay, (she was widow of Mr. Thomas Eilis, W.S.), and was father of :

4. Helen Cunningham, *bap.* at Gargunnoch on 13 April 1717, and was served heir to her father on 16 July 1746, and then to Helen Hay or Ellis, her mother, on 14 August 1754. She *m.* Charles Hamilton Gordon, Advocate, and had issue.