

DEMPSTER

OF DUNNICHEN & SKIBO

MR. JOHN DEMPSTER, MINISTER OF MONIFEITH, was father of :

GEORGE DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN, *b.* in 1677, became a Merchant and Banker in Dundee amassing a considerable fortune which enabled him to purchase the lands of Dunnichen, Ethiebeaton and Newbigging, all in Forfarshire in 1727. He *m.* on 20 October 1699, to Magaret Rait,¹ *d.* at his house in Dundee on Thursday 7 June 1753, “an eminent Merchant, and of a fair Character,”² and was father of :

1. John Dempster of Dunnichen, (*see below*).
2. William Dempster, *bap.* at Dundee on 31 March 1702.
3. Isabel Dempster, *m.* Thomas Blair of Glasclune, and had issue.

JOHN DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN, *bap.* at Dundee on 20 October 1700, succeeded his father and was served his heir general on 3 September 1753. He *d.* on 3 November 1754,³ from a fall from his horse, having *m.* firstly, at Dundee on 5 July 1730, to Isobel Ogilvy,⁴ by whom he was father of :

1. **GEORGE DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN AND SKIBO**, *bap.* at Dundee on 27 November 1732, succeeded his father and was served his heir on 7 December 1754. He was admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates on 1 March 1755, and purchased the lands of Skibo, in Sutherlandshire, in 1786. He *m.* at London on 26 September 1774, to Rose, sister of George

¹ OPR – Monikie.

² Caledonian Mercury, 11 June 1753, edition.

³ St. Vigean’s Inscriptions.

⁴ OPR – Dundee.

Heming, of Caldecote Hall, Warwickshire,¹ (she *d.* at Skibo Castle on 5 July 1810²), and *dsp* at Dunnichen House on 13 February 1818, in his 86th year.³

2. Patrick Dempster, *bap.* at Dundee on 2 November 1733, and *dsp.*

3. John Dempster, *bap.* at Dundee on 22 March 1735, and *dsp.*

4. Charles Dempster, went out to the East Indies as a Writer to the East India Company in 1769/70 and *d.* unmarried at Calcutta prior to 1 May 1772.⁴

5. Margaret Dempster, *bap.* at Dundee on 31 May 1731, and *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on Tuesday 6 November 1764.⁵

6. Jean Dempster, *bap.* at Dundee on 19 November 1736.

7. Ann Dempster, *d.* at Bath in January of 1805.⁶

8. **HELEN DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN**, *m.* at Dunnichen on Thursday 3 October 1776, to Colonel George Burrington, H.E.I.C.S.,⁷ and was served heir to her brother, George, on 25 May 1818. She *d.* in the house of her son-in-law, Francis Hawkins, in Portman Square, London, on 26 August 1831, in her 88th year⁸ having had issue :

8a) **HELEN BURRINGTON DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN**, succeeded her mother in the lands of Dunnichen on her death in 1831, and was served her heir general on 25 June 1846. She *m.* in India on 2 January 1794, to Francis Hawkins, senior Member of the Board of Revenue, Calcutta,⁹ (he *d.* at the Cape of Good Hope in December of 1831), *d.* in 1854, and had issue :

8b) James Whitstead Hawkins, *b.* on 25 April 1795, and *m.* on 1 March 1830, to Charlotte, sister of George Dempster of Skibo.¹⁰ He *d.* at Drayton Green, Middlesex, on 13 July 1841,¹¹ and was father of,

8c) **GEORGE HAWKINS DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN**, *b.* on 4 April 1836, succeeded his grandmother in the lands of Dunnichen and was served her

¹ Scots Magazine, 1st September 1774, edition.

² 16th July 1810, edition.

³ Scots Magazine, 1st March 1818, edition.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 1st May 1772, edition.

⁵ Caledonian Mercury, 10th November 1764, edition.

⁶ Aberdeen Press & Journal, 16th January 1805, edition.

⁷ Caledonian Mercury, 7th October 1776, edition.

⁸ Morning Post, 31st August 1831, edition.

⁹ India Office record.

¹⁰ OPR – Dunnichen.

¹¹ Perthshire Courier, 5th August 1841, edition.

heir of tailzie on 7 February 1855. He *dsp* at Nice, France, on 21 November 1875, in his 40th year.¹

8c) **KATHERINE HAWKINS DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN**, *b.* in 1831, and *m.* at Dunnichen on 26 August 1876, to Sir Theophilus John Metcalfe, 5th Baronet, of Fern Hill, Berks,² (he was widow of Charlotte Herbert, daughter of General Sir John Low, whom he had *m.* on 14 October 1851, and by whom he had issue ; and *d.* at Paris, France, on 8 November 1883³). She *dsp* at London on 7 December 1911.

8c) **CHARLOTTE LOUISE HAWKINS DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN**, *b.* at Nice in 1836, succeeded her sister, Katherine, on her death in 1911, and *dsp* at Cannes on 7 May 1913.

8c) **HELEN HAWKINS DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN**, *b.* at Nice, in 1838, succeeded her brother, George, on his death in 1875, and *d.* in a Bath nursing home on 26 March 1918,⁴ being succeeded by her cousin, Reginald Hawkins Hall, *see ut infra*.

8c) Gertrude J. H. Dempster, *b.* at Nice in 1839, and *d.* young.

8b) Francis Hawkins, of Shirenewton and Cairnbank, *b.* in 1804, served as a Captain in the 89th Regiment and managed the Dunnichen estate during the minority of the heirs. He purchased the estate of Shirenewton, near Chepstow, in 1855, and *d.* at 19 Caledonia Place, Clifton, near Bristol, in June 1878, aged 74 years, having *m.* firstly, at Guernsey on 6 August 1832, to Jane, second daughter of Robert Metcalfe,⁵ (she *d.* at Brighton on 21 June 1869, in her 58th year⁶). He survived her and *m.* secondly, at St. Matthew's Church, Bayswater, on 22 March 1870, to Marianne, youngest daughter of Alfred Daniell, Harewood Square,⁷ (she *d.* at St. Leonard's-on-Sea on 22 October 1902⁸), and was father of :

8c) Francis Dempster Hawkins, *b.* in 1838, and served as a Captain in the 4th Punjab Cavalry. He *dsp* at Kohat, East Indies, on 25 July 1871.⁹

¹ SC47/40/43. See also: Dundee Courier, 6th December 1875, edition.

² Statutory record. See also: Morning Post, 29th August 1876, edition.

³ Illustrated London News, 24th November 1883, edition.

⁴ The Scotsman, 1st April 1918, edition.

⁵ Evening Mail, 17th August 1832, edition.

⁶ Cardiff Gazette, 3rd July 1869, edition.

⁷ Morning Advertiser, 25th March 1870, edition.

⁸ Sussex Agricultural Press, 1st November 1902, edition.

⁹ Brechin Advertiser, 5th September 1871, edition.

8c} Constance Miller Hawkins, *m.* at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, on 7 June 1853, to Captain Henry Hall, 1st Madras Light Cavalry,¹ and had issue :

8d} **REGINALD HAWKINS HALL DEMPSTER OF DUNNICHEN**, *b.* on 14 March 1854, succeeded his cousin, Helen Hawkins Dempster, in the lands of Dunnichen on her death in 1918 and assumed the surname and arms of Dempster of Dunnichen. He *m.* at St. James's Church, Jersey, on 25 April 1894, to Edith Gertrude Dickson, daughter of Rev. Francis Atkinson of Morland Hall,² and *d.* at Folkestone in May of 1922, aged 68 years, having sold the estate the previous year. He was father of :

8e} George Hawkins Hall Dempster, *b.* at Jersey on 28 January 1898, and was *ksp* during WWI.

8e} **DOROTHY CONSTANCE HAWKINS-DEMPSTER**, *b.* at Jersey on 7 July 1895, and *m.* at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, on Wednesday 7 November 1923, to William Macnaughten Napier, son of Sir William Lennox Napier.

8c} Madalaine Louisa Hawkins, *m.* at London on 24 June 1851, to Francis Alexander Keith Falconer, Earl of Kintore.

8c} Emily Isabella Hawkins, *d.* at Brussels on 26 November 1864.³

He *m.* secondly, at Dundee on 13 November 1740, to Stewart Hamilton⁴ (she *d.* at Dundee on 27 January 1780), and was father of :

9. John Hamilton Dempster of Pulrossie and Skibo, served as a Captain in the H.E.I.C.S., and acquired the lands of Pulrossie and Over Skibo, in Sutherlandshire. He *m.* on Tuesday 1 November 1785, to Jean, eldest daughter of Charles Ferguson, Red Lion Square,⁵ and sister of Sir James Ferguson, Baronet of Kilkerran, (she *d.* at Dunnichen House on Saturday 12 May 1798⁶), *d.* at Dunnichen in January of 1803,⁷ and was father of :

¹ Morning Post, 8th June 1853, edition.

² Lancaster Guardian, 5th May 1894, edition.

³ Edinburgh Evening Courant, 3rd December 1864, edition.

⁴ OPR – Dundee.

⁵ Caledonian Mercury, 2nd November 1785, edition.

⁶ Aberdeen Press & Journal, 15th May 1798, edition.

⁷ Scots Magazine, 1st November 1803, edition. He is then styled as brother to George Dempster of Dunnichen.

9a) George Dempster, who *d.* young.

9a) Harriet Dempster of Skibo, succeeded her father and was served his heir on 2 January 1803. She *m.* in 1801, to William Soper, H.E.I.C.S., (he *d.* at Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, on 26 March 1830, aged 67 years¹), who assumed the arms and surname of Dempster. She *d.* at Ashburton, Devonshire, on 16 October 1810,² having had issue :

9b) George Dempster of Skibo, succeeded his mother on her death and was served heir in the barony of Skibo on 6 November 1811, which he disposed in the 1860s. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 8 May 1827, to Joanna Hamilton, youngest daughter of Robert Dundas of Arncliffe,³ and *dsp* in 1889.

9b) Ellen Dempster, *m.* at Bangor, North Wales, on 8 October 1828, to Colonel Henry White, M. P. for Dublin.⁴

9b) Harriet Dempster, *m.* at Skibo on 18 January 1831, Robert Brown.⁵

9b) Charlotte Dempster, *m.* on 1 March 1830, to James Whitshed Hawkins Dempster, younger of Dunnichen,⁶ (He *d.* at Drayton Green, Middlesex, on 13 July 1841⁷), and had issue.

9b) Rose Dempster, *m.* at Hellan on 4 October 1833, to Rev. Richard Maurice Bonnor, eldest son of John Bonnor, of Bryn-y-Gwalie, Denbyshire.⁸

¹ Morning Post, 5th April 1830, edition.

² Perthshire Courier, 29th October 1810, edition.

³ Perthshire Courier, 17 May 1827, edition.

⁴ Edinburgh Evening Courant, 13th October 1828, edition.

⁵ Perthshire Courier, 27th January 1831, edition.

⁶ OPR – Dunnichen.

⁷ Perthshire Courier, 5th August 1841, edition.

⁸ Inverness Courier, 23rd October 1833, edition.