

# DICK OF BRAID

**WILLIAM DICK**, the first established ancestor for whom there is evidence, was father of :

**JOHN DICK**, was a Tailor in Edinburgh and was admitted Burgess of that city by right of his father, William Dick, on 3 April 1574,<sup>1</sup> and then again in right of his father-in-law, William Stewart, Writer, on 18 October 1587.<sup>2</sup> He *m.* Margaret, daughter of William Stewart, Writer, who survived him and had a charter for the lands and barony of Carnock, in the sheriffdom of Fife, resigned in her favour by George Bruce, portioner of Gellatis, on 27 April 1604,<sup>3</sup> *d.* prior to April of 1604, and was father of :

1. Sir William Dick, 1<sup>st</sup> of Braid, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Dick, was witness to a charter in favour of his mother for the lands of Carnock, dated 27 April 1604.<sup>4</sup>

**SIR WILLIAM DICK, 1<sup>ST</sup> OF BRAID**, became an eminently successful Merchant in Edinburgh and was admitted a Burgess there by right of his father on 28 March 1604.<sup>5</sup> He had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands and barony of Grandhame, in the sheriffdom of Aberdeen, on 10 July 1629, which he had appraised from Andrew Hunter of Grandhame on the previous 4 July in lieu of a debt of 2300 merks.<sup>6</sup> He had a further charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Mains of Corswell and North Carne, both in the sheriffdom of Wigton, on 24 July 1629, which he had appraised from George Corrie of Kelwood on 15 July previous in lieu of a debt of 8800 merks.<sup>7</sup> He acquired the lands and barony of Braid from Sir Robert Fairlie of Braid for which he had a charter of

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<sup>1</sup> SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

<sup>2</sup> SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

<sup>3</sup> RMS 1609-1620. No. 749.

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1609-1620. No. 749.

<sup>5</sup> SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

<sup>6</sup> RMS 1608-1620. No. 1452.

<sup>7</sup> RMS 1608-1620. No. 1467.

confirmation to himself and Elizabeth Morrison, his spouse, and their heirs male, which failing, by his heirs and assignees whatsoever, dated 2 August 1631.<sup>1</sup> He had been Knighted by the time he acquired the lands of Craig, Balgone and Gleghornie, all in the parish of North Berwick, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 27 June 1642,<sup>2</sup> was appointed Sheriff of Orkney, and was for some time Provost of Edinburgh and during the civil war he advanced Parliament such large sums of money that they left his estate exhausted and were afterwards claimed by his heirs to extend beyond 900,000 merks. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 15 June 1603, to Elizabeth Morrison<sup>3</sup> and *d.* on 19 December 1655, being father of :

1. John Dick, fiar of Braid, (*see below*).

2. Sir Andrew Dick, 1<sup>st</sup> of Craighouse, acquired the lands of Craighouse from his brother Alexander for which he had a charter under the Great Seal dated 22 May 1649, to himself and Jean Leslie, his spouse, jointly,<sup>4</sup> and to whom his father wadset the lands and isle of North Ronaldsay on 31 January 1653.<sup>5</sup> He *m.* firstly, at Edinburgh on 26 April 1638, to Christian, daughter of Henry Morrison, Burgess of Edinburgh,<sup>6</sup> (*c/m* 6 April 1638<sup>7</sup>), and had issue ; and secondly, at Edinburgh on 28 April 1642, to Jean, daughter of Sir John Leslie of Newton,<sup>8</sup> and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 14 March 1687.<sup>9</sup> He was father of :

2a) William Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 18 April 1641, and who, with his sister Bessie, raised an action on 2 February 1681, against William and Andrew Dick, sons of the deceased John Dick of Braid, as heirs and representatives of their grandfather, Sir William Dick of Braid, for the fulfilment of the terms of the marriage contract entered into between their father, Andrew Dick and Christian Morrison.<sup>10</sup> He was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 8 March 1693.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1608-1620. No. 1843.

<sup>2</sup> RMS 1634-1651. No. 1151.

<sup>3</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1634-1651. No. 2057.

<sup>5</sup> GD41/424.

<sup>6</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>7</sup> GD41/45.

<sup>8</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>9</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>10</sup> GD41/45.

<sup>11</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

- 2a) Bessie Dick, to whom her brother William, granted a £40,000 being part of a provision made to them by their father, dated 21 November 1668. She *m.* firstly, Thomas Boyd of Pinkill, whom she survived, and secondly, to Lieutenant John Crichton, of Colonel Hill's Regiment.<sup>1</sup>
- 2a) John Dick, was included with his parents and his brothers, Andrew, Lewis and Alexander, in a charter under the Great Seal in their favour for the Earldom of Orkney, dated 15 June 1655.<sup>2</sup>
- 2a) Andrew Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 2 June 1644, and became an Advocate. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 12 October 1683, to Clara Ruthven, daughter of James, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Forrester of Corstorphine, by his second wife, Janet Ruthven,<sup>3</sup> (she survived him and *m.* secondly, by 1699, to Archibald Murray of Spot<sup>4</sup>), and *dsp* prior to 26 January 1684, when his brother Mr. Ludovick Dick was served his heir general.<sup>5</sup>
- 2a) Alexander Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 19 March 1645, and *d.* young.
- 2a) David Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 21 November 1646, and *d.* young.
- 2a) Ludovick Dick, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Craighouse, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 28 November 1647, and succeeded his father on his death in 1687. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 16 July 1687, to Jean Sangster,<sup>6</sup> (she was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 20 October 1696<sup>7</sup>), and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 19 May 1700.<sup>8</sup> He was father of :
- 2b) Alexander Dick, *b.* at Edinburgh on 1 January 1688, and is apparently identical with the child buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 11 June 1695.<sup>9</sup>
- 2b) George Dick, *b.* at Edinburgh on 27 September 1696.
- 2a) David Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 7 January 1649.
- 2a) Alexander Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 10 May 1653, and was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh by right of his father on 27 April 1670.<sup>10</sup> He was father of :
- 2b) Patrick Dick, who with his two sisters, Janet and Anne, submitted a memorial to the Barons of Exchequer in 1741, requesting that they succeed to the annuity of £22

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<sup>1</sup> RS1/85/f.280.

<sup>2</sup> RMS 1652-1659. No. 416.

<sup>3</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>4</sup> CS30/1

<sup>5</sup> Retours. Gen. No. 6533.

<sup>6</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>7</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>8</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>9</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>10</sup> SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

paid to their father, the deceased Alexander Dick, son of the deceased Sir Andrew Dick, as forming part of the previous annuity of £100 granted to the said Sir Andrew for the annexation of the lands of Orkney to the Crown.<sup>1</sup>

2b) Janet Dick, *m.* on 10 April 1736, to Sir Alexander Dick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet of Prestonfield, (he survived her and *m.* secondly, on 23 March 1762, to Mary, eldest daughter of David Butler, Pembrokeshire,<sup>2</sup> by whom he had further issue ; and *d.* at Prestonfield House on 10 November 1785), and had issue.

2b) Anne Dick,

2a) George Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 6 July 1654, and disposed the island and lands of North Ronaldsay to Walter Melrose, indweller in Edinburgh, on 16 August 1690.<sup>3</sup> He was father of :

2b) Nicola Dick, *m.* William Hall, portioner of Pleasance, and was served heir general to her father on 4 November 1747.<sup>4</sup> They had issue.

2a) Nathaniel Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 3 October 1658.

2a) Jean Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 10 February 1650.

2a) Elspeth Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 1 June 1652.

2a) Joanna Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 4 October 1657.

2a) Anna Dick, was included in a Disposition by her father to herself and to Alexander and George Dick, her brother's german, for the fee of the lands of North Ronaldsay, dated 17 January 1663.<sup>5</sup> She was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 5 February 1676.<sup>6</sup>

3. Mr. Alexander Dick, (*see Dick-Cunyngham of Prestonfield and Lambroughton*).

4. William Dick, was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh by right of his father on 28 August 1639,<sup>7</sup> and had issue, (*see Dick of Grange*).

5. Lewis Dick, is styled as brother to William Dick, younger, and Merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh in a Bond by them to James Law, for £3625 Scots dated 31 October 1639,<sup>8</sup> and had *d.* by 31 August 1649, when his brother Mr. Andrew Dick was his executor.<sup>9</sup> In a service of

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<sup>1</sup> GD18/2782. From this, it must be assumed that there were no heirs of the body then alive of those siblings who were senior to their father.

<sup>2</sup> Scots Magazine, 5<sup>th</sup> April 1762, edition.

<sup>3</sup> GD41/430.

<sup>4</sup> Services of Heirs.

<sup>5</sup> GD41/426.

<sup>6</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>7</sup> SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

<sup>8</sup> GD41/17.

<sup>9</sup> GD41/23.

1768 of John Dick, H.M. Consul at Leghorn, as heir male to Sir William Dick of Braid, it is claimed that this Lewis served as a Captain in the army and settled in Northumberland. On account of the inquest finding in favour of this John, it was accepted that Lewis was great-grandfather of :

- 5a) **SIR JOHN DICK, BARONET**, who was appointed H.M. Consul at Leghorn and was served heir male to his great-grandfather Sir William Dick of Braid, on 14 March 1768.<sup>1</sup> He *dsp* at Mount Clare, Roehampton, on Sunday 1 December 1804, in his 85<sup>th</sup> year.<sup>2</sup>
6. Katherine Dick, *m.* Sir William Nisbet of Dean, (he was widow of Janet Williamson who had *dsp* in May of 1622<sup>3</sup>), and *d.* on 13 May 1630,<sup>4</sup> having had issue.
7. Elizabeth Dick, *m.* Sir John Nicolson of Lasswade.

**JOHN DICK, FIAR OF BRAID**, the eldest son, *m.* after 6 July 1625, to Nicholas, daughter of Sir George Bruce, 1<sup>st</sup> of Carnock, (she was widow of Sir John Morrison of Dairsie, who had *d.* on 6 July 1625 ; and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 26 January 1671<sup>5</sup>). He *d. vita patris* prior to December of 1643, and was father of :

1. William Dick, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Braid, (*see below*).
2. John Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 9 January 1635, and *m.* Agnes Dick, (*c/m* 7 August 1673. She survived him and *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh on 11 April 1678, to Robert Crawford, Physician<sup>6</sup>). He *d.* prior to April of 1678.
3. Andrew Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 12 December 1637, and is styled as brother to the deceased John Dick, son of John Dick of Braid, and a Captain when named in a Bond by Sir William Nicolson of Lasswade to this John's relict, Agnes Dick, dated 26 April 1688, to settle outstaying annuities contained in an earlier Bond by Andrew dated 30 June 1677.<sup>7</sup> He *m.* Francis Nairn, (she was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 17 March 1697<sup>8</sup>), to whom, on 29 June 1688,

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<sup>1</sup> Services of Heirs. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 21<sup>st</sup> March 1768, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Morning Post, 8<sup>th</sup> December 1804, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Edinburgh Tests.

<sup>4</sup> Edinburgh Tests.

<sup>5</sup> Greyfriars, Burial Register.

<sup>6</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>7</sup> GD18/1517.

<sup>8</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

he granted a Disposition for all of his moveable goods either in her custody or else in Orkney,<sup>1</sup> and was father of :

- 3a) John Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 1 May 1668.
  - 3a) David Dick, *bap.* at Kirkwall on 10 October 1683.
  - 3a) Alexander Dick, was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 3 April 1693.<sup>2</sup>
  - 3a) Janet Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 22 May 1669.
  - 3a) Mary Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 8 February 1671.
  - 3a) Christine Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 29 August 1673, and *d.* young.
  - 3a) Catherine Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 14 September 1675.
  - 3a) Christian Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 1 March 1677.
4. Walter Dick, was apprenticed with his grandfather, Sir William Dick of Braid, on 25 October 1648.<sup>3</sup>
  5. Bessie Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 14 August 1632, and *m.* by 21 February 1662, to John Stirling of Bankell, when she had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands and barony of Dunglas.<sup>4</sup>
  6. Nicholas Dick, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 20 November 1636.

**WILLIAM DICK, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF BRAID**, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 10 August 1631, was served heir general to his father on 1 December 1643,<sup>5</sup> and to his grandfather, Sir William Dick of Braid, on 1 January 1670.<sup>6</sup> He *m.* Elizabeth Duncan and *d.* prior to 17 July 1695, being father of :

**WILLIAM DICK**, who is included in a Petition to Parliament by his mother on 17 July 1695, for payment of debts due by them to her deceased husband's grandfather, Sir William Dick, amounting to upwards 900,000 merks as they were in reduced financial circumstances: "And the petitioners, the representatives of the said deceased Sir William, a poor indigent youth of about sixteen years of age, and his mother, a poor indigent widow, are thereby reduced to a necessitous and starving condition, the poor

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<sup>1</sup> GD217/875.

<sup>2</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>3</sup> SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1660-1668. No. 204.

<sup>5</sup> Retours. Gen. No. 2923.

<sup>6</sup> Retours. Gen. No. 5278.

gentlewoman having little or nothing either to maintain herself and son and keep them from starving, or to educate him at schools, the creditors from whom the said deceased Sir William borrowed a great part of the said money so lent by him, having (as is well known) these many years bygone been in the possession of the whole estate and fortune which pertained to him and his sons.”<sup>1</sup> He had entered the army by March of 1707 and was serving as an Ensign in the Foot Guards when he petitioned Parliament for payment of the debts due by them to his great-grandfather, Sir William Dick.

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<sup>1</sup> PRS 16955/215.