

DOUGLAS

OF KIRKNESS

SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS, 1ST OF KIRKNESS, to whom his father William Douglas of Lochleven assigned the lands of Kirkness on 27 December 1597, to be held by George and the heirs-male of his own body, failing which, to return to the main branch of the family.¹ On 6 November, 1597, he was appointed factor by his father for the uplifting of the duties of the baronies of Morton and Preston and was Knighted by King James VI. He *m.* in 1597, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Forrester of Strathendry, (she survived him and was cautioner to their son, Archibald, in her marriage contract with Elizabeth Brown in 1612, and *m.* secondly, to James Aytoun), and was father of :

1. Archibald Douglas, 2nd of Kirkness, (*see below*).
2. George Douglas, was a twin with William. Both are said to have *dsp.*
3. William Douglas,
4. Anna Douglas, *m.* George Gordon of Auchannachie.

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, 2ND OF KIRKNESS, *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Brown of Balquharn, (*c/m* 25-30 June & 22 October, 1612²), and was forfeited with his escheat being granted to Archibald Douglas, servant to William, Earl of Morton, on 30 November 1619.³ He *d.* prior to 3 September 1620, when his relict granted an assignation for Kirkness to William Keith, factor to the Earl of Morton,⁴ and was father of :

SIR WILLIAM DOUGLAS, 3RD OF KIRKNESS, who was charged to enter as heir to the deceased Archibald Douglas of Kirkness, his father, by Christian Robertson, relict of Adam Grant, Burgess of Perth, in 1633.⁵ He *m.* Isobel, daughter of George Hay of

¹ GD150/2804.

² GD29/1212.

³ GD150/508.

⁴ GD29/868.

⁵ GD172/2022.

Kirkland, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, in June of 1653, to Mr. Patrick Oliphant of Newton, by whom she had further issue), was *k.* at Broxmouth immediately following the battle of Dunbar on 2 September 1650, and was father of :

1. William Douglas, 4th of Kirkness, (*see below*).
2. Robert Douglas, 1st of Strathenry, (*see Douglas of Strathenry*).
3. George Douglas, entered the army. He was in the service of the Company of Scotland and was sent to Darien to help garrison the settlement there where he died.
4. Elizabeth Douglas, is included with her brother Robert and George, in papers anent an action they raised against William, Earl of Morton, dated 7 October 1655.¹ She *m.* John Halliday of Tulliebole, and had issue.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, 4TH OF KIRKNESS, succeeded his father on his death and was served heir to him in the lands of Kirkness on 8 May 1666.² He *m.* on Sunday 1 June 1662, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Robert Kirkcaldy of Grange,³ and *d.* of a purple fever at Kirkness on 28 August 1669,⁴ being was buried at Kinross on 3rd September following. He was father of :

1. Sir Robert Douglas, 5th of Kirkness, (*see below*).
2. William Douglas of Kinglassie, qualified as a physician and *m.* Helen, daughter and heiress of James Alexander of Kinglassie, by his wife Rachel Aytoun, heiress of Kinglassie, with whom he obtained the lands of Kinglassie. He was father of :
 - 2a) Andrew Douglas or Aytoun of Kinglassie, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 27 March 1692, succeeded his father and *dsp* prior to 9 February 1728.
 - 2a) William Douglas or Aytoun, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 31 December 1693, and *d.* young.
 - 2a) Charles Aytoun Douglas of Kinglassie, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 4 September, 1698, and was served heir to his elder brother Andrew in the lands of Kinglassie on 9 February 1728. He *m.* Christian Hepburn, (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 10 September 1778⁵), *d.* on 11 July 1743, and was father of :

¹ GD150/538.

² Retours. Fife. No. 996.

³ Lamont's Diary.

⁴ Lamont's Diary. P. 212. He is described as "being a yowng man.

⁵ Scots Magazine. 1st September, 1778, edition.

2b) William Ayton Douglas of Finglassie, *b.* 8 January 1725, and put forward a claim for the Kirkness estate on the basis of being heir-male but this was adjudged against him in favour of the heir-female, in 1753. He was served heir to his father on 20 January 1744, and *dsp.*

2b) Robert Aytoun Douglas, *b.* 17 January 1726, entered the service of the United Netherlands, being raised to Lieutenant-Colonel and *d.* at Sas Van Ghent, of a “epidemical fever” on 31 October 1785.¹

2b) Sir Charles Ayton Douglas, 1st Baronet of Cars, *b.* in 1727 and led a distinguished naval career firstly in the Dutch service and afterwards in the Royal Navy, being raised to Rear Admiral of the Blue and was created Baron Cars on 13 January 1777. He *m.* first, Sara, daughter of John Wood, (she *d.* on 16 August 1771), and secondly, on 19 November, 1781, to Jane Grew and *d.* at Edinburgh on 17 March 1789,² being father of :

2c) Sir William Henry Douglas, 2nd Baronet of Cars, *b.* on 28 July 1763, *d.* unmarried at Chelsea on 25 May 1809, “after a long and painful illness”³ being succeeded by his brother Howard.

2c) Sir Howard Ayton Douglas, 3rd Baronet of Cars, *b.* on 1 July 1776, and entered the army, being raised to General and appointed Superintendent-General of the Royal Military College. He *m.* on 8 July 1799, Ann, daughter of Captain James Dundas, of the Earl Fitzwilliam Eastindiaman,⁴ (she *d.* at Green Street, Grosvenor Square, London, on 22 October 1854⁵), *d.* on 9 November 1861, and was father of :

2d) James Dundas Douglas, *b.* on 13 September 1801, and was *ksp* in action at Pesh Bolak, Afghanistan, on 25 February 1841.

2d) Charles Douglas, *dsp* at Umballa on 29 July 1847.

2d) Howard Douglas, *dsp* in the West Indies on 11 August 1820.

2d) Robert Percy Douglas, 4th Baronet of Cars, *b.* on 29 August 1805, and preferring a military career, he left schooling when aged fifteen, obtaining a comission in 1820. He was raised to Major-General in 1858 ; Lieutenant-General in 1867 ; General in 1874, and retired in October

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 26th November 1785, edition.

² Scots Magazine. 1st March 1789, edition.

³ Oxford Journal. 3rd June 1809, edition.

⁴ Aberdeen Journal. 15th July 1799, edition.

⁵ Morning Post. 24th October 1854, edition.

1877. He *d.* at The Hurst, Bournemouth, on Wednesday 28 September 1891,¹ having *m.* first, in 1840, Ann, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel George Henry Duckworth, (she *d.* 7 February 1855), and secondly, on 23 October 1856, to Louisa, daughter of Robert Lang of Moor Park. He was father of :

2e) Howard Douglas, *d.* at Limerick, Ireland, on 4 April 1854.²

2e) Robert Douglas, *b.* in 1844 and *d.* unmarried on 1 January 1875.

2e) Sir Arthur Percy Douglas, 5th Baronet, *b.* on 15 October 1845, and succeeded his father. He *m.* at the parish church, Crofton, Hants, on 16 November 1871, to Mary Caroline, youngest daughter of Rev. William Foster, of Stubbington, Hants,³ (she *d.* at Hygrove on 25 July 1909), and *d.* as a result of injuries received in the Aisgill railway disaster on 6 September 1913. He was father of :

2f) Laura Beatrice Douglas,

2f) Annie Margaret Douglas,

2f) Claudine Josephine Douglas,

2e) Sir James Stewart Douglas, 6th Baronet, *b.* on 25 March 1859, and succeeded his half-brother Sir Arthur in the Baronetcy on his death in 1913. He *m.* at Holy Trinity church, Dover, on 5 December 1891, to Ada Constance, second daughter of Lieutenant-General E. H. Fisher, and *d.* at Portscatho, Cornwall, on 5 November 1940, when the Baronetcy became extinct.

2e) Annie Penelope Harriet Douglas, *m.* at Bradford parish church on Saturday 1 August 1885, to Sir Hugh Low.⁴

2e) Jessie Campbell Douglas, *m.* on Tuesday 5 February 1883, to Berkeley Portman, son of Maurice Portman, of Ashfield.⁵

2e) Rose Ella Douglas,

2e) Emma Hope Douglas,

¹ Illustrated London News, 10th October 1891, edition.

² Morning Post. 8th April 1854, edition.

³ Statutory record. See also, Daily Telegraph. 22nd November 1871, edition.

⁴ Statutory record. See also: Bath Chronicle. 6th August 1885, edition.

⁵ Statutory record. See also, Taunton Courier. 7th February 1883, edition.

- 2e) Margaret Augusta Douglas, *m.* at Wells Cathedral on Thursday 15 July 1886, to Rev. James Hervey.¹
- 2d) William Frederick Douglas, appointed Rector of Scrayingham, Co. York, and *m.* at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on 30 April 1846, to Christiana Fanshawe, eldest daughter of Admiral Sir Robert Stopford.² He *d.* at Montagu Street, London, on 29 September 1874.³
- 2d) Henry John Douglas, entered the Royal Navy and was raised to Rear-Admiral. He *d.* at Weisbaden, Germany, on 18 May 1871.⁴
- 2d) Anne Douglas, *m.* at the Palace, Corfu, on 27 June 1836, to Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Dawkins.⁵
- 2d) Helen Douglas,
- 2c) Anne Irvine Ayton Douglas, *m.* at Edinburgh on 29 April 1808, to Captain Donald Campbell, Royal Navy.⁶
- 2b) John Aytoun Douglas, *b.* 10 October 1730.
- 2b) James Sholto Ayton Douglas, *b.* 16 August 1739, became a Lawyer and *d.* at Edinburgh on 2 August 1768.⁷
- 2b) Jean Ayton Douglas, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 27 June 1729.
- 2b) Helen Ayton Douglas, *m.* on 2 May 1779, to James Baillie, late of Calcutta.⁸
- 2b) Rachel Ayton Douglas,
- 2a) William Douglas or Aytoun, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 25 February, 1705.
- 2a) Elizabeth Douglas or Aytoun, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 11 June, 1695, and *d.* young.
- 2a) Rachel Douglas or Aytoun, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 31 July, 1700, an *d.* young.
- 2a) Elizabeth Douglas or Aytoun, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 11 February, 1706.
- 2a) Margaret Douglas or Aytoun, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 10 May, 1709.
- 2a) Rachel Douglas or Aytoun, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 8 August, 1710.
- 2a) Helen Douglas or Aytoun, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 10 October, 1712.
3. Elizabeth Douglas, *m.* John Halliday of Tulliebole, and had issue.⁹

¹ Statutory record. See also, Taunton Courier, 21st July 1886, edition.

² Liverpool Mail. 2nd May 1846, edition.

³ Statutory record. See also, York Herald. 2nd October 1874, edition.

⁴ Portsmouth Times. 27th May 1871, edition.

⁵ Perthshire Advertiser. 4th August 1836, edition.

⁶ Scots Magazine, 1st May 1808, edition.

⁷ Scot's Magazine, 4th July 1768, edition.

⁸ Caledonian Mercury. 3rd May 1779, edition.

⁹ Retours. Gen. No. 7652.

SIR ROBERT DOUGLAS, 5TH OF KIRKNESS, succeeded his father and was served heir to him on 23 January 1683.¹ He *m.* in May of 1688, to Jean, daughter of John, 3rd Lord Balfour of Burleigh, (she was widow of George Oliphant, 4th of Gask), *d.* in 1724, and was father of :

1. William Douglas, 6th of Kirkness, (*see below*).
2. Robert Douglas, who *dsp.*
3. Isobel Douglas, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 8 July, 1690, and was served heir to her brother Major-General William Douglas of Kirkness on 28 March 1754. She *dsp.*
4. Margaret Douglas, *bap.* at Kinglassie on 17 August, 1692, and *dsp* at Kirkness House on 12 March 1773.²
5. Elizabeth Douglas, who *dsp.*
6. Emelia Douglas, who *dsp.*
7. Helen Douglas, *m.* in 1739, Mr. Robert Douglas, Minister of Portmoak, and had issue,
7a) **ANNA JANE DOUGLAS**, *m.* on 4 December, 1757, George Clephane of Carselogie and *d.* in 1827. They had issue which succeeded to the lands of Kirkness.³

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, 6TH OF KIRKNESS, *b.* in 1688 and attained the rank of Major-General in the army. He *m.* on 11 June, 1737, Anne, daughter of Charles Howard, Earl of Carlisle, (she *d.* in 1764), and *dsp* in Flanders in August of 1747.

¹ Retours. Gen. No. 6436.

² Scots Magazine, 1st March 1773, edition.

³ Charles, 2nd Marquis of Northampton, assumed the additional surname of Douglas upon his succession to the Kirkness estate in 1831, by virtue of his descent via Ann Jane Douglas and George Clephane of Carselogie