

DRUMMOND

OF COMRIE

DAVID DRUMMOND, 1ST OF COMRIE, was second son of John Drummond, 4th of Drummonderinoch, and was chamberlain to his kinsman John, 2nd Earl of Perth, for many years. He obtained the lands of Lurg, in Glen Lednock, from his brother John Drummond of Drummonderinoch on 23 Januar, 1622,¹ and had a charter for the lands of Comrie and the office of Mair of Fee of Strathearn on 2 February 1629, following a resignation in his favour by John, Earl of Perth.² He *m.* in 1635, Margaret, daughter of Patrick Hay of Megginch, (she *m.* secondly before 1650 to David Murray, Tutor of Abercairney, and *d.* in April of 1657³), *d.* in April of 1642⁴ and was father of :

1. James Drummond, 2nd of Comrie, (*see below*).
2. Jean Drummond, *m.* Robert Stewart, 3rd of Ardyvorlich, (*c/m* at Abercairney on 10 June, 1651,⁵) *d.* in December of 1662⁶ and had issue.
3. Anna Drummond, who was underage at her father's death and with her brother James executed Letters on 2 July, 1656, stating that they had chosen new Curators in place of those previously appointed being David Drummond of Innermay and David Drummond of Drummonderinoch as nearest kin on their father's side, and Sir Andrew Hay, of Keillour, and Sir Patrick Hay of Pitfour, nearest kin on their mother's side. The new Curators appointed were Sir Andrew Hay, sometime of Keillour, Sir Patrick Hay of Pitfour, Sir James Drummond of Machany, David Drummond of Innermay, James Drummond, his brother, David Drummond of Drummonderinoch and James Stewart of Ardyvorlich or any three of them with the said James Drummond always being one. She *m.* James Stewart in Balquhider.

¹ GD279/39

² GD279/44

³ Dunblane Tests

⁴ Dunblane Tests

⁵ RS51/1/f.180r

⁶ Dunblane Tests

JAMES DRUMMOND, 2ND OF COMRIE, retoured heir to his father in the lands of Comrie on 29 October, 1658, and in which he was infeft on 16 November following.¹ He had a Disposition for the lands of Pittentian from Mungo Campbell, brother of James Campbell of Clathick, on 30 September 1674, and had an Instrument of Sasine for those of Comrie dated 27 May 1676. He *m.* Elspeth, daughter of David Drummond, 2ND of Innermay, (*c/m* 14 July 1658.² She *m.* secondly, Colin Campbell of Fornocht and had issue), *d.* in November of 1679³ and was father of :

1. David Drummond, 3RD of Comrie, (*see below*).
2. James Drummond, 5TH of Comrie, (*see below*).
3. John Drummond, entered into a contract of Wadset with James Campbell of Clathick for the lands of Glenmaik, with his father as principal, and in which he is styled as his third son, to be held by himself and his heirs, whom failing, by David Drummond, his eldest brother, dated 16 February, 1674. He apparently *dsp* as it was to the son of his younger brother that the lands of Comrie were conveyed as heir-male in future years.
4. Thomas Drummond, attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army, *m.* Elizabeth Stewart, (she *d.* at Leith on 9 May 1747⁴), and *d.* by 1739. He was father of :
 - 4a) **JAMES DRUMMOND, 6TH OF COMRIE**, served heir to his uncle James Drummond of Comrie in 1739, (*see below*).
5. Margaret Drummond, *m.* John MacGregor, 6TH of Glengyle, eldest son and heir of Lieutenant-Colonel Donald MacGregor, 5TH of Glengyle, and brother to Rob Roy MacGregor, (*c/m* 12 August 1684.⁵ He *m.* secondly in 1687, Christian, daughter of John Campbell, 1ST of Duneaves, who was then widow of Patrick Campbell, 1ST of Corriecharmick, and had issue), and apparently *dsp*.
6. Lillias Drummond, buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 8 January 1699.⁶
7. Grisel Drummond, *m.* John MacGruther of Meggar, and had issue. She was infeft in the lands of Comrie as heir to her deceased brother Mr. James Drummond of Comrie on 31 December 1706.⁷

¹ GD279/50

² GD279 – uncatalogued discharge.

³ Dunblane Tests

⁴ Edinburgh Tests

⁵ GD279 – uncatalogued discharge for Tocher by John MacGregor.

⁶ Greyfriars Burial Register.

⁷ RS52/15/f.209

DAVID DRUMMOND, 3RD OF COMRIE, succeeded his father on his death in 1679 and *m.* Katherine, eldest daughter of Robert Stewart, 3rd of Ardvorlich, (*c/m* 12 January 1683.¹ She entered into an agreement with her brother-in-law James Drummond to have the house of Pittentian for the duration of her life, which was, however, revoked by mutual consent in favour of a new house with glass, a loft, a locking door and a large supply of peat to be built in Comrie village at James's expense). He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in Perthshire at the Revolution in 1690. The following lines composed for him are to be found amongst the family papers ;

The early daring hopes of greatness rise
Which in your gallant breist most soon began
Be'n as the Persians Phabus light doe prize
All men adopt you as a gallant man !
A steature feature with Majestck grace
S' hero's your most gallant quality and birth
Know'n to be sprung from a most worthie race
Both doe applaud your humbleness and worth
No thought of falsehood do's your breist possess
Nor yet injustice com's within your viero
Expanded honour in the fynest dress
Do's further hop's of greatness to you shew
Ev'n mightie honours from succeeding him's
Do's waitt I hope your gallant head to crown
And be immortaliz'd with loftie Rhim's
And then the Child of fame and high renoun
Heaven still preserve you from all staine secure
So long as doe the sun and moon endure.

He was father of :

¹ GD160/335/4

ROBERT DRUMMOND, 4TH OF COMRIE, *b.* in around 1685 and was under age at the time of his father's death, and was placed under the charge of his paternal uncle James Drummond. He is styled as son of the deceased David Drummond of Comrie, brother of James Drummond, Tutor of Comrie, in a discharge by Duncan MacLeish in Aulichmor on 3 February 1692,¹ and *dsp* prior to 23 April 1696.

JAMES DRUMMOND, 5TH OF COMRIE, succeeded his nephew and to whom he was served heir male in the lands of Comrie on 23 April, 1696. He was appointed a Commissioner for keeping the peace within Strathearn and Menteith and attained the rank of Captain in the army. He was under suspicion of being involved in the Jacobite rising of 1689 for which he was imprisoned in the Tolbooth of Perth and *m.* in around 1693, Rachel, eldest daughter of John Vanse, Master of the Tolbooth in Edinburgh, (she *m.* secondly in 1704 to Patrick Comrie, younger son of Patrick Comrie, 7th of Ross, and had issue). He *d.* in 1702² and was father of :

1. John Drummond, *b.* at Edinburgh on 18 September, 1693, and *d.* in infancy.
2. James Drummond, *b.* and *bap.* at Comrie on 9 July, 1701, and *d.* in infancy.
3. Rachel Drummond, who *d.* at Lisbon, Portugal, on 9 November, 1744. In her Testament she is described as lawful daughter of the then deceased Captain James Drummond of Comrie and Rachel Vanse and sister german to Elizabeth and Jean Drummond.³
4. Elizabeth Drummond, mentioned in her sister Rachel's Testament in 1744.
5. Jean Drummond, mentioned in her sister Rachel's Testament in 1744.

JAMES DRUMMOND, 6TH OF COMRIE, served heir to his uncle James Drummond of Comrie on 3 February, 1739, and is then styled as son of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Drummond. He was served heir provisional to William Drummond of Calendar in the lands of Calendar on 21 February, 1736, and *d.* in June of 1739.⁴ Having left no male

¹ GD279 – uncatalogued.

² Dunblane Tests. In which Rachel Vanse is styled as second lawfull daughter to John Vanse, Master of the Tolbooth in Edinburgh.

³ Edinburgh Tests

⁴ Dunblane Tests

issue the lands of Comrie passed to his kinsman and heir-male Patrick Drummond of Drummonderinloch, in 1740. He was father of :

1. Elizabeth Drummond, mentioned in her father's Testament in 1739.
2. Jean Drummond, mentioned in her father's Testament in 1739, and *m.* at Perth on 28 October 1701, Mr. Thomas Black, Minister of Perth East Church, (he *d.* on 25 October 1739). She *d.* on 18 July 1750, and had issue.

PATRICK DRUMMOND, 10TH OF DRUMMONDERINOCH AND 7TH OF COMRIE, *bap.* at Comrie on 6 June 1711, and acted as executor to his father Thomas Drummond of Mailer on his death. He was served heir of line to the lands of Comrie on 20 March 1740, for which he had a Charter of Confirmation dated 23 February, 1757, although shortly after succeeding he found himself so burdened with debt from his several small estates that he was compelled to part with those of Drummonderinloch and Pittentian retaining only that of Comrie. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 31 May 1761, Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur Millar, Merchant in Musselburgh, (post-nuptial *c/m* 3 June 1761), *d.* on 14 September 1769,¹ and was father of :

1. James Drummond, 8th of Comrie, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Drummond, *b.* at Comrie on 1 November 1763.
3. John Drummond, *b.* at Comrie on 3 February 1767, and served as a Captain in the Bengal Artillery. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 7 April 1798, to Mary Heriot, daughter of Captain Simonides Credlend of the 4th Regiment,² and *dsp* in 1830.
4. Beatrix Drummond, *b.* at Comrie on 10 February 1765, and *m.* in 1787, James Drummond alias Rutherford of Strogeith, and *d.* at Edinburgh on 14 December 1841, having had issue.

JAMES DRUMMOND, 8TH OF COMRIE, *b.* on 9th and *bap.* at Comrie on 15 July 1762, and being under age at his father's death in 1769, his cousin John Stewart, son of James Stewart Minister at Killin, was appointed his Tutor. He was admitted a Member of the Society of Writers to the Signet on 1 August 1788 and settling in Edinburgh he sold his lands to Lord Dundas. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 1 August 1792, Elizabeth, daughter of John

¹ Dunblane Tests

² OPR – Edinburgh.

Somers, Writer in Edinburgh,¹ (she *d.* at John Street, Portobello, on 6 February 1851, and was buried in St. Cuthberts, Edinburgh), and *d.* at his house in North Street, Edinburgh, on 1 February 1800.² He was father of :

1. James Patrick Drummond, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 4 June 1793, and *dsp* at Benvolen, the house of Sir Stamford Raffles, on 23 October 1823.³

2. Thomas Drummond, *b.* at Castle Street, Edinburgh. on 10 October 1797, and following a career in the Royal Engineers, he was appointed Under Secretary of State for Ireland which he held from 1835 until his untimely death in 1840. Although in office a few short years, the beneficial impact he had on an oppressed country was long remembered by the Irish people. He *m.* at Weston House, Warwickshire, on 19 November 1835, Maria Kinnaird, the ward and then adopted daughter and heiress of Richard Sharpe of Fridley,⁴ (she *d.* at Fridley on Thursday 22 January 1891), *d.* at Pheonix Park, Dublin, on Thursday 17 April 1840,⁵ his last words being “I wish to be buried in Ireland, the country of my adoption-a country which I have loved, which I have faithfully served, and for which I believe I have sacrificed my life.” He was father of :

2a) Mary Elizabeth Drummond, *b.* in 1836 and *m.* at St. Marks, Torquay, on 21 April 1863, to Joseph Kaye, Q.C.⁶

2a) Fanny Eleanor Drummond, *b.* in 1837 and *d.* in 1871.

2a) Emily Drummond, *b.* in 1839 and *d.* on 25 May 1930, bequeathing a self-portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds to the National Gallery in London and another of Edmund Burke and her father to the National Gallery of Ireland.⁷

3. John Drummond, *b.* at Edinburgh on 3 October, 1798, and was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates on 12 February, 1831. He *dsp* at John Street, Portobello, on 2 May 1862,⁸ and was buried in St. Cuthberts, Edinburgh.

4. Elizabeth Drummond, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 18 May 1795, and in 1866, she founded a scholarship in Edinburgh University in memory of her brother Thomas. She *d.* unmarried.

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² Aberdeen Journal, 17th February 1800, edition.

³ Fife Herald. 24th June 1824, edition.

⁴ Evening Chronicle. 23rd November 1835, edition.

⁵ London Evening Standard. 18th April 1840, edition.

⁶ Statutpry record. See also, Bell’s Weekly Messenger. 27th April 1863, edition.

⁷ Dundee Courier. 24th July 1930, edition.

⁸ Statutory record. See also: Stirling Observer, 15th May 1862, edition.