

DUNDAS

OF FINGASK & KERSE

ALEXANDER DUNDAS, 1ST OF FINGASK, to whom his father, James de Dundas of Dundas, assigned the lands of Fingask, in Fife. He and Margaret Oliphant, relict of Sir John Oliphant of Aberdalgie, granted a Bond of Relief to William, Earl of Errol, on 21 June 1455,¹ and he was witness to a charter by Walter Ogilvy of Owres, granting the barony of Owres to Laurence, Lord Oliphant, on 6 November 1468.² He *d.* by May of 1476, and was father of :

JAMES DUNDAS, 2ND OF FINGASK, succeeded his father by 27 May 1476, when he was a member of the assize at the retour of Robert Douglas as heir to his father Sir Henry Douglas of Lochleven in the lands of Keilour.³ He was complained of to the Lords of Council by John Bunch, Burgess of Perth, for the withholding of £100 on 23 February 1484,⁴ and *m.* Helen, daughter and co-heiress of William Arnot of Balberton. He was father of :

ALEXANDER DUNDAS, 3RD OF FINGASK, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the lands of Fingask in 1493.⁵ He *m.* Isabel, daughter of Laurence, 1st Lord Oliphant, was *k.* at the battle of Flodden in September of 1513, and was father of :

1. Alexander Dundas, 4th of Fingask, (*see below*).
2. Janet Dundas, *m.* by 25 February 1517, Lawrence Mercer, 7th of Meikleour, and had issue.

ALEXANDER DUNDAS, 4TH OF FINGASK, succeeded his father on his death in 1513 and had Sasine for the lands of Fingask on 4 November 1513.¹ He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of

¹ RH1/6/66

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 965.

³ GD150/163

⁴ Acts Dom. Conc.

⁵ Ex. Rolls. Vol. X. P. 768.

Sir David Bruce, 7th of Clackmannan, (she *m.* secondly, by 1555, to Robert Collace of Balnamoon), with whom he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Cotes, in the Lordship of Elcho, on 22 April 1540, and was *k.* at the battle of Pinkie in September of 1547, being was father of :

1. Archibald Dundas, 5th of Fingask, (*see below*).
2. Adam Dundas of Knock, styled as Chancellor of Kinloss and brother german to Archibald Dundas of Fingask in a charter by Walter, Abbot of Kinloss, to Alexander, Lord Saltoun, on 8 January 1569.²
3. Thomas Dundas, styled as brother to Adam Dundas of Knock when witness with him to a charter by Walter, Abbot of Kinloss, to John Longmuir in Ruchmunt, dated 10 June 1569.³
4. Euphemia Dundas, *m.* first, James Moncrieff, 4th of Easter Rhynd, from whom she was divorced on the grounds of their being within the forbidden degrees of consanguinity in 1550 ; and secondly, Mr. William Colville, Commendator of Culross, and is styled as his spouse and sister to Archibald Dundas of Fingask in a charter dated 11 November 1560.⁴
5. Nicholas Dundas, *m.* Alexander Colville, Commendator of Culross, (he *d.* in 1597), and had issue
6. Margaret Dundas, *m.* first, William Kerr of Ancrum, and secondly, Sir George Douglas of Mordington.
7. Janet Dundas, *m.* Robert Bruce, 1st of Pitlethie, and had issue.

ARCHIBALD DUNDAS, 5TH OF FINGASK, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the lands of Fingask on 11 May 1548.⁵ He is said to have *m.* first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Colville of Cleish, but there is no evidence for this. He *m.* secondly, Giles, daughter of Lawrence Mercer of Meikleour, (she was widow of William Scromgeour of Myres, and of Alexander Blair of Balthayock), who divorced him by decree dated 7 January 1561,

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 522.

² RMS 1546-1580. No. 1961.

³ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2721.

⁴ RMS 1546-1580. No. 1632 (3).

⁵ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XVIII. P. 431. His father is then stated to have been killed at the battle of Pinkiecleuch fighting against the English.

“for ye fylthy crym of adultery committed be hym with Anne Duncane and Catren Cragdenny,”¹ and was father of :

1. **WILLIAM DUNDAS, 6TH OF FINGASK**, *m.* Margaret, daughter of David Carnegie of Colluthie, and to whom, as his future spouse, his father resigned the lands of Fingask which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 28 January 1583.² He *dsp* in September of 1589, and was succeeded by his brother Archibald.
2. Archibald Dundas, 7th of Fingask, (*see below*).
3. Peter Dundas, who was a cautioner to his father upon his divorce with Giles Mercer, in 1561.
4. Margaret Dundas, *m.* David Home of Fisherwick, son of John Home of Blackadder, who is styled as his future spouse on 25 September 1575.³
5. Helen Dundas, *m.* Hugh Monrieff of Coitts, and had issue.

ARCHIBALD DUNDAS, 7TH OF FINGASK, had Sasine for the lands and barony of Fingask, with the turret, fortalice, manor, thereof on 6 June 1595.⁴ He was retoured heir to his brother William in the lands of Coitts on 8 February 1606, and to his grandfather, Alexander Dundas of Fingask, on the same day. He *m.* Jean, daughter of Sir David Carnegie of Colluthie, (she was widow of James Carmichael of Balmedie, who had *d.* on 7 May 1594, and by whom she had issue), *d.* by April of 1629 and was father of :

- 1 Sir John Dundas, 8th of Fingask, (*see below*).
2. Robert Dundas, who was father of,
 - 2a) Lawrence Dundas, appointed Professor of Humanity at Edinburgh University.
3. Nicholas Dundas, *m.* James Kinross of Kippenross and had issue.
4. Margaret Dundas, *m.* David Bruce, son of William Bruce of Fingask, and had issue.
5. Jean Dundas, *m.* Alexander Ramsay.

SIR JOHN DUNDAS, 8TH OF FINGASK, retoured heir to his father in the Barony of Dundas on 25 April 1629, and was Knighted by King Charles I. at his coronation on 18 June 1633. He was a Royalist supporter during the wars for which he is said to have suffered

¹ St. Andrews Kirk Session.

² RMS 1580-1593. No. 502.

³ Laing's Charters. No. 926.

⁴ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XXIII. P. 365

greatly, with Fingask having to be sold in 1650. He *d.* in 1678, having *m.* first, Nicholas, daughter of Sir William Moncrieff of that Ilk, by whom he had no apparent issue ; and secondly, Margaret, daughter of Sir George Dundas of that Ilk, (*c/m* 7 & 10 April 1648¹), by whom he had issue :

JOHN DUNDAS OF BALDOVIE, *bap.* at Kirkcaldy on 11 April 1654, and purchased the lands of Baldovie, in the sheriffdom of Forfar. He *m.* Magdalen Allardice, *d.* in 1724, and was father of :

THOMAS DUNDAS OF FINGASK, was apprenticed to James Blackwood, Merchant Burgess of Edinburgh, on 24 January 1700, is then styled as son of John Dundas of Baldovie,² and became a Merchant and Bailie of Edinburgh. He purchased the lands of Powfoulis and Kirklands of Bothkennar for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 22 June 1732, and which were erected into the Barony by the name of Fingask. In 1757, he claimed the Chiefship of Dundas on the basis that his ancestor Alexander Dundas had been eldest son to James Dundas of Dundas although, after deliberation, this was disallowed. He *d.* in 1762, and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 2 June of that year.³ He *m.* Bethia, daughter of John Bailie of Castlecary, and had issue :

1. Thomas Dundas of Fingask, (*see below*).
2. Sir Lawrence Dundas of Kerse, became a Merchant in Edinburgh and through various enterprises he was able to amass a considerable fortune. He acquired various estates including that of Kerse, in Stirlingshire, and others in England and Orkney and Shetland. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 9 April 1738, to Margaret, daughter of Alexander Bruce of Kennet, (*c/m* 7 April 1738⁴). He *d.* on 21 September 1781,⁵ and was father of :
 - 2a) Sir Thomas Dundas of Kerse & 2nd Baron Dundas, *b.* on 16 February 1741, and was served heir to his father in the lands of Abbotskerse on 13 August 1787. He *m.* Charlotte,

¹ GD75/161

² SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

³ Greyfriars Burial Register.

⁴ GD65/192

⁵ Date narrated in the service of his son, Thomas, as his heir.

daughter of William Fitzwilliam, 3rd Earl of Fitzwilliam, *d.* on 14 June 1820, and was father of :

2b) Lawrence Dundas, 1st Earl of Zetland, *b.* on 10 April 1766, and was created Earl of Zetland in 1838. He *m.* on 21 April 1794, to Harriot Hale, *d.* on 19 February 1838, and had issue :

2c) Thomas Dundas, 2nd Earl of Zetland, *b.* on 5 February 1795.

2c) John Charles Dundas, *b.* on 21 August 1808.

2c) Margaret Bruce Dundas, *d.* on 13 September 1860.

2c) Charlotte Jane Dundas, *d.* on 29 November 1866.

2c) Harriot Frances Dundas, *d.* on 13 October 1878.

2b) Thomas Dundas, *b.* in 1768 and *d.* young.

2b) William Lawrence Dundas, *b.* on 18 May 1770, and *d.* in Santo Domingo in 1796.

2b) Charles Lawrence Dundas, *b.* on 18 July 1771, and *m.* Caroline, daughter of Aubrey Beauclerk, 5th Duke of Albans. He *d.* on 25 January 1810.

2b) Thomas Lawrence Dundas, *b.* on 12 October 1775, and *d.* on 17 March 1848.

2b) George Heneage Dundas, *b.* in 1778.

2b) Sir Robert Lawrence Dundas, *b.* on 27 July 1780, and *d.* on 23 November 1844.

2b) Margaret Dundas, *b.* on 9 November 1772, and *m.* Archibald Spiers. She *d.* on 8 May 1852.

2b) Charlotte Dundas, *b.* on 18 June 1774 and *m.* Rev. William Wharton. She *d.* on 5 January 1855.

2b) Anne Dundas,

2b) Frances Laura Dundas, *b.* on 24 May 1777, and *m.* Robert Chaloner. She *d.* on 27 November 1844.

2b) Dorothy Dundas, *b.* in August of 1785 and *d.* in December of 1790.

2b) Mary Dundas, *b.* on 30 May 1787, and *m.* Charles Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam. She *d.* on 1 November 1830.

2b) Isabella Dundas, *b.* on 25 February 1790, and *m.* Sir John Ramsden, 4th Baronet. She *d.* on 6 December 1887.

3. Balliol Dundas, *b.* at Edinburgh on 12 April 1709.

4. George Dundas, *b.* at Edinburgh on 7 August 1710.

5. William Dundas, *b.* at Edinburgh on 11 September 1715.

6. Bethia Dundas, *b.* at Edinburgh on 29 July 1719.

THOMAS DUNDAS OF FINGASK, succeeded his father and having no head for business, he became compelled to sell the majority of his estate. In 1773, he sold Letham to his

brother Lawrence with Powfoulis being disposed in 1787. He d. on 17 April 1786, having *m.* firstly, to Anne, daughter of James Graham, 1st of Airth, (*c/m* 25 October 1737¹), by whom he had no apparent issue ; and secondly, at Edinburgh on 11 November 1744, Janet, daughter of Charles Maitland, 6th Earl of Lauderdale.² By her he was father of :

1. Thomas Dundas of Fingask, (*see below*).
2. Charles Dundas of Barton Court & Lord Amesbury, *b.* on 5 August 1751, and was created Lord Amesbury in 1832, with remainder to the heirs male of his own body. He *m.* firstly, at Richmond, on 16 February 1782, to Anne, daughter and heiress of Ralph Whiteley of Barton Court, (she *d.* at Barton Court, Berks, on 30 November 1812³), and secondly, at Edinburgh, on 25 January 1822, to Margaret, youngest daughter of Charles Maitland, 6th Earl of Lauderdale,⁴ (she was widow of Major Archibald Erskine, 1st of Venlaw, who had *d.* on 1 August 1804. She *d.* on 21 April 1841), and *d.* at London on 30 June 1832,⁵ when the Peerage extinguished. He was father of :

2a) Janet Dundas, *m.* her cousin, James Deans who received royal warrant to assume the name and arms of Whatley and Dundas, and succeeded to the lands of Barton Court *jure uxoris*.

3. Elizabeth Dundas, *b.* on 30 November 1745, and *d.* in 1762.
4. Bethia Dundas, *b.* on 1 September 1747, and *m.* on 4 May 1766, to George Cockburn Haldane of Gleneagles, (he *m.* secondly, on 16 December, 1779, Margaret, daughter of James Francis Edward Drummond, Master of Strathallan, and *d.* on 2 March, 1799). She *d.* in 1770.
5. Margaret Bruce Dundas, *b.* on 8 August 1752, and *m.* at Carronhall on 19 October 1770, to Alexander Gibson of Durie,⁶ (he *d.* on 13 May 1785), and had issue.
6. Mary Dundas, *m.* at Carronhall on Monday 20 May 1776, to James Bruce of Kinnaird,⁷ (he was widow of Adriana Allan, whom he had *m.* on 3 February 1754, and *d.* on 27 April 1794), *d.* in 1785 and had issue.
7. Janet Dundas, *m.* on 28 November 1783, to Dr. James Deans,⁸ and had issue.

¹ GD65/189

² OPR – Edinburgh.

³ Perthshire Courier, 10th December 1812, edition.

⁴ Perthshire Courier, 31st January 1822, edition.

⁵ Perthshire Courier, 12th July 1832, edition.

⁶ Scots Magazine, 1st October 1770, edition.

⁷ Caledonian Mercury, 22nd May 1776, edition.

⁸ OPR – Larbert.

THOMAS DUNDAS OF FINGASK, *b.* on 25 January 1750, and was served heir to his father in the lands of Fingask on 25 July 1789. He entered the army when sixteen and served with distinction in the 68th Regiment of Foot during the American wars, eventually being raised in the ranks up to Major-General. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 6 January 1784, to Eleanor Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander, 9th Lord Home,¹ (she *d.* at Fenton House, Hampstead Heath, on 10 April 1837²), and succumbed to yellow fever at Fort Matilde, in Guadelope, of which he was Governor, on 4 June 1794.³ He was father of :

1. Thomas Dundas of Carron Hall, (*see below*).
2. Clementina Dundas, *b.* on 8 May 1785, and *m.* at Carron Hall on 23 October 1807, to Thomas Bruce of Arnot, (he *d.* at Clifton, near Bristol, on 1 September 1852⁴). She *d.* at Kingsdale on 17 October 1861,⁵ having had issue.
3. Janet Maitland Dundas, *b.* on 23 July 1787, and *m.* on 4 February 1806, to Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael of Castle Craig, (he survived her and *m.* secondly, on 8 June 1816, Anne, daughter of 7th Lord Napier ; and *d.* at Naples on 13 December 1849⁶). She *d.* on 7 June 1814, having had issue.
4. Eleanor Primrose Dundas, *b.* on 27 December 1788, and *d.* unmarried Harrogate on 14 March 1815.⁷
5. Charlotte Dundas, *b.* on 5 March 1790, and *m.* at Edinburgh on 10 July 1813, to Hart Davis, eldest son of Richard Davis, M.P. for Walton Castle, Somerset.⁸ She *d.* at The Hill, Whitchurch, Hants, on 5 March 1861.⁹
6. Anne Whiteley Dundas, *b.* on 8 May 1793, and *d.* at Carron Hall on 31 July 1808.¹⁰
7. Elizabeth Gray Dundas, *b.* on 8 June 1794, and *m.* at Walton, near Bristol, in May 1816, to Abraham Gray Harford Battersby. She *d.* at Clifton on 23 January 1823.¹

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² London Evening Standard, 13th April 1837, edition.

³ Caledonian Mercury, 31st July 1794, edition.

⁴ Chancery records. See also: Fife Herald, 9th Septembet 1852, edition.

⁵ Greenock Advertiser, 19th October 1861, edition.

⁶ London Illustrated News, 29th December 1849, edition.

⁷ Scots Magazine, 1st April 1815, edition.

⁸ London Courier, 22nd July 1813, edition.

⁹ Glasgow Herald, 11th March 1861, edition.

¹⁰ Scots Magazine, 1st August 1808, edition.

THOMAS DUNDAS OF CARRON HALL, *b.* on 13 February 1792, succeeded his father and entering the army at a young age, he served with distinction throughout the Peninsula war at the battles of Vittoria, Orthes and Toulouse then into France. He *d.* at Ciarges Street, London, on 24 May 1860,² having *m.* at Knowle, Warwickshire, on 18 February 1815, to Charlotte Anne, daughter of Joseph Boulton, (she *d.* at Blackheath, the home of her son-in-law, Colonel Lefroy, on 8 January 1861). He was father of :

1. Thomas Dundas, *b.* on 21 October 1819, and *d.* unmarried at Dresden on 10 April 1842.
2. Joseph Dundas, (*see below*).
3. Elizabeth Dundas, *bap.* on 16 January 1816, and *d.* in infancy.
4. Elizabeth Dundas, *bap.* on 30 January 1818.
5. Charlotte Anne Dundas, *b.* on 6 January 1824, and *m.* firstly, at Carron Hall on 12 February 1845, to Colonel Armine S. H. Mountain, Cameronians,³ (he *d.* in India on 8 February 1854). She *m.* secondly, at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, on 12 May 1860, to Colonel John Henry Lefroy, Royal Artillery.⁴
6. Clementina Dundas, *b.* on 12 May 1825, and *m.* in 1846, Vincencio Bartolucci. She *d.* at Greenville Park, Co. Kilkenny, on 13 June 1867,⁵ leaving issue.
7. Janet Dundas, *b.* on 5 April 1829.

JOSEPH DUNDAS OF CARRON HALL, *b.* on 28 November 1822, and succeeded his father. He *d.* at Monnetier-Reignier, Haute Savoie, France, on 7 July 1872,⁶ having *m.* at Denmore on 28 November 1850, to Margaret Isabella, youngest daughter of George Charles Moir of Denmore,⁷ by whom he was father of :

1. Thomas George Dundas of Carron Hall, (*see below*).

¹ Scots Magazine, 1st March 1823, edition.

² Stirling Observer, 31st May 1860, edition.

³ London Evening Standard, 17th February 1845, edition.

⁴ Oxford Journal, 19th May 1860, edition.

⁵ Glasgow Herald, 19th June 1867, edition.

⁶ Homeward Mail from India, 15th July 1872, edition.

⁷ Morning Post, 3rd December 1850, edition.

2. Laurence Armine Dundas, *b.* at Carron Hall on 4 October 1854, and *m.* at Seville, Spain, on 26 June 1882, to Isabel, daughter of Don Santiago Noguez.¹
3. Arthur Bruce Dundas, *b.* on 31 March 1860, and *m.* St. Mary' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on 10 February 1891, to Margaret Seton Steuart, second daughter of William Montgomery, W.S.,² (she *d.* at Linden Road, Bedford, on 28 January 1912³).
4. Charles Dundas, *b.* at Carron Hall on 17 April 1861.
5. Archibald Cospatrick Dundas, *b.* at Carron Hall on 3 December 1863, and *d.* on 4 April 1871.
6. George Joseph Dundas, *b.* on 26 November 1866
7. Mary Dundas, *b.* at Carron Hall on 8 August 1856, and took Holy Orders on 18 September 1883.
8. Eleanor Charlotte Dundas, *b.* on 4 December 1858, and *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 3 June 1924.⁴
9. Isabell Dundas, *b.* on 4 February 1865, and *m.* at the Cathedral, Sydney, Australia, on 13 December 1888, to George Boyce Allen, eldest son of Sir Wigram Allen.⁵
10. Charlotte Anna Dundas, *b.* on 30 August 1870, and *d.* at Monnentier, Switzerland, on 28 August 1871.

THOMAS GEORGE DUNDAS OF CARRON HALL, *b.* at Edinburgh on 14 May 1853, and succeeded his father in the lands of Carron Hall on his death in 1872, which he afterwards disposed. He *m.* at St. James' Church, Dingwall, on 3 December 1879, to Mary Davidson, daughter of Duncan Davidson of Tulloch,⁶ and settled at Victoria, British Columbia, where he *d.* on 12 June 1929.⁷ He was father of :

1. Archibald Dundas, (*see below*).
2. Ronald Dundas, *b.* on 13 June 1886, and *m.* on 21 August 1912, Olive Mary, daughter of Robert Scott-Day. He was father of :
 - 2a) Eleanor Mary Dundas, *b.* on 24 June 1914.

¹ The Scotsman, 4th July 1882, edition.

² Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 12th February 1891, edition.

³ Bedfordshire Mercury, 2nd February 1912, edition.

⁴ Statutory record. See also: The Scotsman, 4th June 1924, edition.

⁵ Dundee Evening Telegraph, 29th January 1889, edition.

⁶ Statutory record.

⁷ The Scotsman, 18th June 1929, edition.

ARCHIBALD DUNDAS, *b.* at Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, on 22 September 1880, and *m.* on 14 December 1903, Sybil Katherine, daughter of F. R. Hampshire. He was father of :

1. Thomas Archibald David Dundas, *b.* on 16 October 1904, and *d.* on 14 September 1905.
2. Christobel Dundas, *b.* on 16 October 1904.

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