

DURHAM

OF POWRIE & LARGO

MR. ALEXANDER DURHAM, resided in Cuthill and *m.* Helen, daughter of Mr John Ramsay, Minister of Tealing, (*c/m* 2 July, 1619.¹ She survived him and *m.* secondly, John Kinloch of Gourdie), with whom he had a charter from Thomas Fraser of Kinnell for the lands of Haltoun of Kinnell on 9 June, 1620, and is then styled as son of James Durham of Pitkerro.² He *d.* by May of 1624, and was father of :

1. James Durham of Powrie, (*see below*).
2. Sir Alexander Durham of Largo, apprenticed to William Mitchelson, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 2 January, 1639, and was appointed Lord Lyon King of Arms. He acquired the lands of Largo from John Gibson of Durie by disposition dated in December of 1662. He *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 27 April, 1663,³ and was succeeded by his nephew, Francis Durham. He was father of a natural son :
 - 3a) Adolphus Durham, apprenticed to Walter Cheislie, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 17 February, 1675, and was admitted a Burgess there by right of his master on 22 February, 1698. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 1 December, 1700, Margaret Young, (she was widow of Andrew Duff, Merchant in Edinburgh), and had issue. (*see Durham of Boghead*).
3. Grisel Durham, had an assignation of 2000 merks from her aunt Grisel Durham in around 1643 and *m.* Colonel John Middleton, 1st Earl of Middleton, (*c/m* July of 1639⁴). They had issue.
4. Jean Durham, *m.* Sir Gilbert Stewart of Polcack, son of James Stewart of Ladywell, (*c/m* 20 February, 1639⁵), and had issue.

SIR JAMES DURHAM OF POWRIE, had a disposition for the lands of Powrie from his grandfather James Durham of Pitkerro on 4 February, 1632, which he afterwards sold to Dugald MacPherson of Ballochroan in 1656. He was retoured heir to his father in the lans

¹ NRAS3215/12/

² RMS 1620-1633. No.11

³ Lamont's Diary P. 161

⁴ NRAS3215/12/

⁵ NRAS3215/12/1

of Halton of Kinnell on 21 July 1643,¹ and became a Minister in Glasgow. He *m.* firstly, Anna, only daughter of Francis Durham of Duntarvie, (*c/m* 20 July, 1638²), and secondly, Margaret, sister of William Mure of Glanderstone, (*c/m* 26 November, 1653.³ She was widow of Mr. Zacharius Boyd, Minister of Barony), and *d.* on 25 June, 1658, aged thirty-six years. He was father of :

1. **FRANCIS DURHAM OF LARGO**, was retoured heir to his father on 7 January, 1659, and succeeded to his uncle Sir Alexander Durham's estate in which he was infeft on 24 November, 1663. He *m.* Christian, daughter of William Scott of Ardross, (*c/m* 3 June, 1664⁴), *dsp* in November of 1667⁵ and was succeeded by his brother Alexander.
2. Alexander Durham of Largo, (*see below*).
3. John Durham, a Writer in Edinburgh, styled as brother to Alexander Durham of Largo in a discharge by him to this brother on 21 January, 1681.⁶ He *m.* at Edinburgh on 30 April, 1674, Mary, third daughter of Archibald Stewart of Hazelside, (she was buried in Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 27 October, 1696), and *d.* prior to March of 1684.
4. David Durham,
5. Patrick Durham, who, with his brothers Alexander, John and David, was left a legacy by his sister Marion in her Testament dated 19 April, 1659.⁷
4. Marion Durham,

ALEXANDER DURHAM OF LARGO, was served heir to his brother Francis in the lands of Largo on 11 April, 1668, and *m.* at Edinburgh on 31 October, 1671,⁸ Margaret, daughter of Andrew Rutherford of Hunthill, (*c/m* 13 October, 1671⁹). He *d.* in August of 1694 and was father of :

1. James Durham of Largo, (*see below*).

¹ Retours. Forfar. No. 283.

² NRAS3215/23/3

³ NRAS3215/13/1

⁴ NRAS3215/12/2 See also: RMS 1660-1668. No. 1116.

⁵ NRAS3215/8/5

⁶ NRAS3215/11/6

⁷ NRAS3215/7/2

⁸ OPR. Edinburgh.

⁹ NRAS3215/14/

2. Christian Durham, *m.* John Lundy, younger of Baldastard, (*c/m* 20 April, 1706).
3. Anna Durham, *c.* at Edinburgh on 23 January 1674.

JAMES DURHAM OF LARGO, *b.* in 1677/8, was served heir to his father on on 23 October 1701, and is styled as son of the late Alexander Durham of Largo, brother and heir of the late Francis Durham of Largo, nephew and heir of the deceased Sir Alexander Durham of Largo in a decree of the Court of Session in a matter between he and Andrew Black, son and heir of the late Patrick Black, sometime of Largo, on 9 December 1703. He *m.* firstly, on 4 April, 1708, Ann, daughter of Patrick Don of Hattonburn, and, secondly, to Ann, daughter of Sir Robert Anstruther of Balcaskie, (*c/m* 14 November 1728), and *d.* at Largo on Saturday 12 September 1741, aged 63 years.¹ He was father of :

1. James Durham of Largo, (*see below*).
2. Margaret Durham, *m.* Dr. John Gillespie of Kirkton, (*c/m* December of 1735).
3. Christian Durham,
4. Barbara Durham,
5. Robert Durham, *b.* 28 October, 1734.
6. Preston Durham, *c.* at Largo on 23 November, 1729, and *m.* Captain John Balneaves of Carnbaddie, (*c/m* 2 March, 1752).
7. Ann Durham, *m.* at Edinburgh on 1 September, 1751, to Andrew Drummond, Merchant, (*c/m* 25 February 1752).

JAMES DURHAM OF LARGO, *c.* at Largo on 23 February, 1732, succeeded his father and was served his heir on 20 May 1752. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 21 January, 1753, Ann, daughter of Sir Thomas Calderwood of Polton, (she was retoured heir to her brothers William Calderwood of Poltoun and Captain James Calderwood, on 17 October and 19 December 1787, and *d.* on 21 May 1796), *d.* at Largo on 5 April 1808,² and was father of:

1. **JAMES DURHAM OF LARGO**, *b.* at Edinburgh on 3 January, 1754, succeeded his father and was retoured heir to his mother in parts of the Barony of Balerno on 22 June 1808. He was retoured heir to his father on 30 December 1822, attained the rank of Lieutenant-General in the army, and *m.* firstly, in 1779, Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel Shelden of Flitwick, and secondly, on 26 July

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 14th September 1741, edition.

² Scots Magazine. 1st May 1808, edition.

1827, Margaret, eldest daughter of Colonel John Anstruther Thomson of Charleton. He *dsp* at Largo House on 6 February 1840.¹

2. Thomas Durham, *c.* at Largo on 21 October, 1754, and *dsp*.
3. Thomas Durham Calderwood of Poltoun, *c.* at Largo on 15 September, 1756, and served with the rank of Captain in the army. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 13 July, 1793, Elizabeth, daughter of James Young of Netherfield, *d.* on 29 October 1815, and was father of,
 - 3a) James Stuart Durham Calderwood of Polton, *b.* on 11 October, 1794, and was served heir to his father in the Barony of Poltoun on 19 April 1816. He *dsp* at Lausanne, Switzerland, on 30 September 1818,² with his uncle Sir Philip afterwards being retoured his heir in the lands and barony of Polton.
 - 3a) **THOMAS DURHAM OF LARGO AND POLTOUN**, *b.* on 8 February, 1796. He was served heir to his father in the Barony of Pitcruvie on 28 March 1840, and to his uncle James Durham of Largo in the lands of Largo on 28 March 1840. He *m.* at Gartmore House on 22 June 1820, Anna, daughter of William Cunningham Graham of Gartmore,³ (she *m.* secondly, David, Lord Erskine, and thirdly, Dr. John Sandford, Archdeacon of Coventry, and *d.* at Leamington in March of 1886), and *dsp* on 11 April 1842.
 - 3a) **LILLIAS CALDERWOOD DURHAM OF POLTOUN AND LARGO**, *b.* on 9 March, 1799. She was served heir to her brother Thomas on 30 December 1842 ; to her uncle Sir Philip in the lands of Largo, Poulton and others ; and to her uncle Lieutenant-General James Durham of Largo on 8 August 1845. She *m.* at Polton House on Tuesday on 9 April, 1822, to Robert Dundas, 7th of Arniston,⁴ (he *d.* on 8 June 1838), and had issue.
4. Sir Philip Charles Durham of Largo, (*see below*).
5. William Durham, *c.* at Largo on 2 November, 1764.
6. Margaret Durham, *c.* at Largo on 26 August, 1760, and *m.* at Edinburgh on 12 February 1785, James Charles Strange. She *d.* at Madras in 1791.⁵

SIR PHILIP CHARLES CALDERWOOD HENDERSON DURHAM OF FORDELL, POLTON AND LARGO, *c.* at Largo on 28 July, 1763, and was retoured heir to his nephew Thomas Durham of Largo on 20 June 1842. He *m.* first, on 28 March, 1799, Charlotte, daughter of Charles Bruce, 5th Earl of Elgin, (she *d.* in 1816). He *m.* secondly, in 1817, Anne, only

¹ Perthshire Courier. 20th February 1840, edition.

² Scots Magazine, 1st November 1818, edition.

³ Scots Magazine. 1st August 1820, edition.

⁴ Inverness Courier. 18th April 1822, edition.

⁵ Bath Chronicle. 13th October 1791, edition.

daughter and heiress of Sir John Henderson of Fordell, and, as a consequence, assumed the additional surname of Henderson, (she *d.* in 1844). He *dsp* in Naples, Italy, on 2 April, 1845.¹

¹A memorial in the parish church of Largo reads: "In memory of Sir Philip Charles Henderson Calderwood Durham of Fordell, Polton and Largo, Admiral of the Red, Knight Grand Cross of Bath and of military merit in France. He was *b.* on 29.7.1763 entered the R.N at 14 and was made Post Captain in 1793, his activity, gallantry, judgement and zeal were excelled by none in his profession and his numerous captures and successes were acknowledged by many public testimonials. He became Rear Admiral in 1810 with Commander in Chief for the West Indies from 1813 till peace in 1815 and held the command at Portsmouth from 1837-1839, he represented Queensburgh and Devises in several Parliaments, but passed his later years chiefly at Fordell. Courted in society and generously spending an ample fortune, in 1799 he *m.* Lady Charlotte Matilda Bruce, daughter of Charles, 5th Earl of Elgin who *d.* in 1816 and secondly in 1817 Ann Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir John Henderson of Fordell, Baronet, whom he survived only 3 months, he *d.* at Naples on the 2.4.1845 and was interred beneath the West Isle of this Church. Erected by his Great Nephew James Wolfe Murray of Cringletie 1849.