

DURY

OF CRAIGLUSCOR & DURIE

GEORGE DURY, was with his brother Andrew taken under the patronage of their maternal uncle Archbishop James Bethune and entered into the church, being made Abbot in 1526. He officiated as Abbot of Dunfermline while his uncle James held the office and upon the Archbishop's death in 1539, he was promoted to the full dignities by King James V. Following the reformation, he continued as Commendator of Dunfermline and was appointed an Extraordinary Lord of the Articles on 2 July, 1541. He strenuously opposed the Protestant wave sweeping across Scottish society and adhered to the Queen Regent, Mary of Guise, being with her in Edinburgh and advising her to go to Leith and from there to safety in France. He embarked for France on 29 January 1560, to represent his fellow Catholics with the King of France but while still there, Sir James Sandilands arrived carrying news that the Scottish Parliament had met in August of that year and voted for the abolition of the Roman Catholic Church. He *d.* in October of 1577, being beatified two years after his death by the Roman Catholic Church, and was father of :

1. Peter Dury, he and his brother Henry had letters of legitimation on 30 September, 1543. He had a charter for the lands of Dury from his uncle Robert Dury of that ilk on 17 January, 1544, and obtained those of Nether Grange of Wester Kinghorn for which he had a charter from his father on 22 October, 1552.¹
2. Henry Dury of Wester Lathallan and Craigluscor, (*see below*).
3. John Dury of Pitcorthy, who, with Catherine Sibbald, his mother, had a Tack of the lands of Easter and Wester Pitcorthy, Easter Baldrig, and others, on 7 August, 1566,² and which he disposed to his brother Henry 17 January, 1576.³ He is said to have become a Jesuit Priest.
4. George Dury, who, with his brother John, were sent to the Scots College at Paris to be educated and from there they continued their studies at the University of Leuven.
5. Janet Dury, *m.* firstly, David Martin of Carden, and secondly, by August, 1567, James Wemyss of Caskieberran.¹

¹ Reg. Dunf. P. 39

² GD91/4

³ GD91/32.

HENRY DURY OF WESTER LATHALLAN AND CRAIGLUSCOR, acquired the lands of Craigluscor from James Richardson of Smeaton by resignation to himself, Margaret MacBeth, his wife, and George Dury, their eldest son, dated in May of 1580² and dispoined those of Wester Lathallan to David Dury of that Ilk in 1588. He *m.* Margaret MacBeth and was father of :

1. George Dury of Craiginluscor, (*see below*).
2. Robert Dury,
3. Helen Dury, *m.* by 18 June 1620, to Sir Robert Bruce, 9th of Clackmannan, (he was widow of Janet, daughter of Andrew Wardlaw of Torrie, by whom he had issue), and had issue.

GEORGE DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 5 Augut, 1576, and was infeft in 1/8 of the lands and town of Masterton, Easter and Wester Pitcorthy and Easter Baldrig as heir to his father on 4 March, 1611.³ He *d.* by October of 1633, having *m.* firstly, to Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Echlin of Pittadro, by whom he was father of :

1. John Dury, to whom his brother James Dury was retoured heir in the lands of Craiginluscor on 12 October, 1633.⁴
2. James Dury of Craigluscor, (*see below*).
3. Sophia Dury, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 21 May, 1607.
4. Grizel Dury, *m.* Arthur Moneypenny of Pitmilley.

He *m.* secondly, Margaret, daughter of Robert Bruce, 2nd of Blairhall, to whom he granted had a charter for the lands of Baldrige-Easter on 28 December, 1619, in which she is styled as daughter to the deceased Robert Bruce of Blairhall.⁵ As her nephew Thomas Bruce of Blairhall was served her heir on 8 July 1654, it is doubtful that he had any isse by her.⁶

¹ GD26/4/68

² RH2/8/89.

³ GD91/6

⁴ Retours. Fife. No. 495.

⁵ RMS 1620-1633. 2202.

⁶ Retours. Gen. No. 3931.

JAMES DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 29 December, 1614, and was served heir to this brother, John, in the lands of Craigluscor on 12 October 1633.¹ He *m.* in 1633, Catherine, daughter of Robert Dury of Grange, and was father of :

1. **GEORGE DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR**, *d.* in 1703.
2. Robert Dury, *b.* 1637, served as a Captain in Flanders and *dsp.*
3. John Dury of Craiginluscor, (*see below*).
4. Alexander Dury, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 22 November, 1642.
5. William Dury, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 15 July, 1644.
6. Walter Dury, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 22 September, 1645.
7. Thomas Dury, served abroad in the army.
8. James Dury, served in the army in Holland.
9. Christian Dury, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 16 May, 1643.
11. Giles Dury, *m.* on 31 December, 1684, to James Monteith of Barrowman, and had issue.
12. Janet Dury, *m.* on 3 December, 1665, to Archibald Campbell of Persie, **and by whom she was infert in a liferent from his lands of Persie on 10 August 1665.**² They had issue.
13. Margaret Dury,
14. Grizel Dury,
15. Mary Dury.

JOHN DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR, *b.* in 1640, and *m.* on 24 December, 1696, Agnes, daughter of William Colville of Hillside. He *d.* in March of 1726 and was father of,

1. George Dury of Craigluscor, (*see below*).
2. James Dury, *b.* on 18 October, 1702.
3. Robert Dury, *b.* on 24 May, 1705, and *d.* young.
4. Christian Dury, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 14 January, 1698.³
5. Grizel Dury, *bap.* at Dunfermline on 30 June, 1699.

¹ Retours. Fife. No. 495.

² RS52/3/f.122

³ She is said to have married a George Thomson, however, a Christian Dury married George Thomson, Soldier, at Edinburgh on 23 January 1708, and therefore she cannot be identical with the daughter of that name to John Dur of Craigluscor.

GEORGE DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR, *b.* on 16 September 1701, succeeded his father and had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Craigluscar on 12 February 1732. He *m.* Elizabeth Thomson, *d.* on 27 November 1768, and was father of :

1. George Dury, *b.* on 24 June, 1736, and *d.* on 24 February, 1751.
2. Charles Dury of Craigluscor, (*see below*).
3. Peter Dury, *b.* on 10 September, 1741.
4. John Dury, *b.* on 13 January, 1743.
5. Thomas Dury, *b.* on 16 March, 1748.
6. Robert Dury, *b.* on 10 February, 1751.
7. James Dury, was apprenticed to George Stewart, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 23 March 1763,¹ and then afterwards to Thomas Wood, surgeon in Leith, who released him from his indenture on 8 September 1768.²
8. Helen Dury, *b.* on 2 January, 1740.
9. Elizabeth Dury, *b.* on 17 October, 1754.

CHARLES DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR, *b.* on 10 February, 1738, succeeded his father and had a charter under the Great Seal for he lands of Craigluscar on 23 February 1774. He *m.* Agnes, daughter of John Greig, Sailor in North Queensferry, (she *d.* at Fountain Bridge, on 6 October 1842, aged 87 years³), *d.* at Fountainbridge on 21 January 1822,⁴ and was father of,

1. Robert Dury of Craigluscor, (*see below*).
2. Susan Dury, *m.* at Fountainbridge on 11 March 1806, to Robert Mudie of Balmule.⁵
3. Elizabeth Dury, *b.* on 27 July 1761.

ROBERT DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR, *b.* in 1770 and succeeded his father on his death in 1822. He *m.* Joanna Anne Taylor, (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 4 February 1835¹), *d.* at his house in Warriston Crescent, Edinburgh, on 24 April 1825,² and was father of,

¹ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

² RH2/8/89/18.

³ Perthshire Courier, 20th October, 1842, edition.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury, 26th January 1822, edition.

⁵ Scots Magazine, 1st March 1806, edition. In which she is styled as the only daughter.

1. Charles Dury of Craigluscor, (*see below*).
2. Elizabeth Providence Dury, *m.* on 29 October, 1833, to Archibald Finnie Allen, and had issue.
3. Susan Dury, *bap.* on 27 January, 1817, and *m.* at East Pilton on 24 October 1843, to Lewis Day Thatcher, M.D.³
4. Agnes Dury, *bap.* on 13 November, 1818, and *m.* at East Pilton, on 29 October 1839, to William Wilkinson Massiah, of Strong Hope, Barbadoes.⁴

CHARLES DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR, *b.* on 19 April, 1815, and *m.* at Abbey Park, Dunfermline, on 2 August 1836, to Chrisine, daughter of James Smith Ronaldson,⁵ (she *d.* at Blackburn, Lancashire, on 10 April 1843⁶). He *d.* suddenly, at Malaga, on on 1 March 1845,⁷ and was father of,

1. **ROBERT DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR**, *b.* on 17 December, 1839, and *d.* unmarried at Walmer, Dunfermline, on 21 September, 1868, aged 29 years⁸
2. Elizabeth Dury of Craigluscor, (*see below*).

ELIZABETH DURY OF CRAIGLUSCOR, *b.* on 24 June, 1837, and succeeded her only brother, Robert, on his death without issue in 1868. She *m.* at Warriston Crescent, Edinburgh, on 15 June, 1859, to Andrew Dewar M.D.,⁹ (he *d.* at Low Valleyfield, Dunfermline, 30 October 1895¹⁰), who assumed the surname Dewar-Durie, and *d.* at Inverleith Gardens, Edinburgh, on 27 September 1917,¹¹ having had issue :

¹ Perthshire Courier, 19th February 1935, edition.

² Caledonian Mercury, 30th April 1825, edition.

³ Perthshire Courier, 2nd November 1843, edition.

⁴ Perthshire Courier, 14th November 1839, edition.

⁵ London Courier, 9th August 1836, edition.

⁶ Fife Herald, 27th April 1843, edition.

⁷ Northern Warder, 27th March 1845, edition.

⁸ Statutory record. See also: Greenock Advertiser, 24th September 1868, edition.

⁹ Statutory record. See also: The Scotsman, 16th June 1859, edition.

¹⁰ Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 2nd November 1895, edition.

¹¹ Statutory record. See also: The Scotsman, 6th October 1917, edition.

1. Andrew Robert Dewar Durie, *b.* on 19 March 1860, and *d.* at Walmer, Dunfermline, on 17 May 1871.
2. Charles Dewar Durie, *b.* on 13 December 1863, *m.* Laurence Rankin and *dsp* in Australia, on 26 January 1909.
3. Malcolm James Dewar Durie, *b.* on 30 January 1867, and *d.* in 1868.
4. Norman Dewar Durie, *b.* on 1 January 1873, and *m.* at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, on 28 February 1905, to Isabelle Elisa, youngest daughter of Francis W. Rowsell, barrister-at-law.¹ He *dsp* at Crowhurst, Sussex, on 8 February 1916.²
5. Robert Nugent Dewar Durie, (*see below*).
6. Constance Leila Dewar Durie, *m.* at St. Serfs, near Culross, on Thursday 6 August 1896, to Frederick Lewis Maitland of Lindores.
7. Christine Rennie Dewar Durie, *b.* on 19 October 1861, and *m.* Alfred Pilkington Knight.
8. Gertude Dewar Durie, *b.* on 22 December 1870, and *d.* at Walmer, Dunfermline, on 23 January 1873, aged 2 years.³

ROBERT NUGENT DEWAR DURIE, *b.* on 26 December 1879, and *d.* on 26 December 1959, having *m.* firstly, on 14 November 1904, to Ida Caroline Polleflex, daughter of John Varley, who divorced him on 1940. He *m.* secondly, in 1940, to Nora Glendinning, and was father of :

1. Raymond Varley Dewar-Durie of Durie, (*see below*).
2. Brian Dewar-Durie, *b.* on 17 December 1906, and *d.* in infancy.
3. Rosamond Aeliz Dewar-Durie, *b.* on 3 December 1911, and *m.* on 11 October 1933, to Sir Robert Heatlie Scott.⁴ She *d.* on 13 August 2000, having had issue.

RAYMOND VARLEY DEWAR-DURIE OF DURIE, *b.* on 10 August 1905, and was recognised by the Lord Lyon as Durie of Durie and matriculated arms on 25 May 1988. He *d.* on 29 March 1999, having *m.* firstly, at the British Legation, Pekin, on 19 April 1932, to Joan, daughter of John Lloyd Dolbey,⁵ by whom he was father of :

¹ The Scotsman, 2nd March 1905, edition.

² The Scotsman, 10th February 1916, edition.

³ Statutory record. See also: Fife Herald, 30th January 1873, edition.

⁴ The Tatler, 30th August 1933, edition.

⁵ Edinburgh Evening News, 20th April 1932, edition.

1. Diana Joan Varley Durie, *b.* on 18 November 1933.

He *m.* secondly, at Chelsea Old Church, London, on 24 March 1938, to Frances, only child of Colonel Henry Noel St. John Maule,¹ and by whom he had further issue :

2. Andrew Maule Dewar Durie of Durie, (*see below*).

3. Christian Frances Durie, *b.* on 6 August 1945.

ANDREW MAULE DEWAR DURIE OF DURIE, *b.* at Bath on Monday 13 November 1939, and succeeded his father on his death in 1999. He *m.* on 25 August 1972, to Marguerite Jamila, daughter of Graf Kunata Johann Ignaz Joseph Kottulinsky, and has issue.

¹ The Scotsman, 25th March 1938, edition.