

EDMONSTONE

OF NEWTON OF DOUNE

JAMES EDMONSTONE, 1ST OF NEWTON OF DOUNE, was a natural son of Sir William Edmonstone of Duntreath and had Letters of Legitimation under the Great Seal on 4 February 1539-40.¹ He became one of the personal servants to King James V., from whom he had a charters for the lands of Newton of Doune firstly, on 20 January 1538-39,² and then again on 5 April 1541,³ and was a provisional heir to James Edmonstone, second son of William Edmonstone of Duntreath, in the lands of Duntreath, on 18 March 1569.⁴ He *d.* in 1577 and appears to have been twice married, firstly, by 6 August 1541, to Janet Lawson with whom he had a charter from the King for the lands of Drumcorse, in the Lordship of Linlithgow,⁵ and secondly, to Marion Forrester who survived him and is styled as mother to James Edmonstone of Newton 10 January 1588,⁶ and was father of :

1. James Edmonstone, 2nd of Newton, (*see below*).
2. Mungo Edmonstone, became a servant to John Erskine, Earl of Mar, and was infeft by Adam Erskine, Commandator of Cambuskenneth, in an annualrent of £20 Scots from the lands of Huid on 16 March 1583, in which he is styled as brother to James Edmonstone.⁷ He was murdered by John Chisholm, brother of James Chisholm of Cromlix, who had Letters of Slains from his brother James Edmonstone of Newton on 25 November, 1587.⁸ He *m.* Christian Forrester, (*she m.* secondly, by 20 June 1589, to Simon Fergusson of Kilkerran⁹), who, as his widow, granted

¹ RMS 1514-1546. No. 2079.

² RMS 1514-1546. No. 1906.

³ RMS 1514-1546. No. 2324.

⁴ RMS 1546-1580. No. 1838

⁵ RMS 1514-1546. No. 2419.

⁶ GD97/2/213.

⁷ GD124/1/998

⁸ RPC

⁹ GD17/227

letters of reversion to David Somerville of Plean for an annualrent of £12 from the lands of Plean on 9 December 1588,¹ and was father of :

2a) William Edmonstone, who with his brother James and sister Margaret are styled as natural children of the late Mungo Edmonstone in a instrument by John Edmonstone of Newton narrating that on 4 February 1589. Sir James Edmonstone of Duntreath had bound himself to infest them in annualrents from the lands of Cambuswallace. They all appear to have been dead by 1618.²

2a) James Edmonstone,

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JAMES EDMONSTONE, 2ND OF NEWTON, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the lands of Newton of Doune on 30 May 1579, which had been in the King's hands for the space of two years.³ He was an adherent of the Earl of Mar and on 24 October 1583 he had a remission for his part in the Raid of Ruthven.⁴ He granted a discharge for a portion of money paid to he and his mother, Marion Forrester, by Sir James Edmonstone of Duntreath, on 10 January 1588, as assythment for the slaughter of Mungo Edmonstone, his brother,⁵ and had a charter for the lands of Deanis-Lundies from Sir James Edmonstone of Duntreath on 27 November, 1608. He *m.* Margaret, daughter and coheir of Walter Bisset of Kinneff, with whom he gave his consent to the disposing of the lands of Fernieflatt to Andrew Graham, brother of the deceased Robert Graham of Morphie, in 1589,⁶ was alive on 26 January, 1615, *d.* prior to February of that same year and was father of :

1. **JOHN EDMONSTONE, 3RD OF NEWTON**, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir general on 14 March, 1616, and also as his heir in the lands of Ardmoir on 23 January, 1623. He *m.* Agnes, daughter of Walter Cowan, Burgess of Stirling, (*c/m* 28 June, 1614⁷), and had *d.* prior to July of 1639 being father of :

¹ GD17/223

² GD97/1/363

³ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XX. P. 542.

⁴ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 1538

⁵ GD97/2/213.

⁶ RMS 1580-1593. No. 1687

⁷ RMS 1609-1620. No. 1197

- 1a) **JAMES EDMONSTONE, 4TH OF NEWTON**, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir in the lands of Newton on 23 July, 1639, which he afterwards disposed to his cousin Mr. James Edmonston, son of Mr. William Edmonstone, by Disposition dated 7 November 1654.¹
- 1a) Archibald Edmonstone, *bap.* at Kilmadock on 1 February, 1626.
- 1a) Margaret Edmonstone, *bap.* at Kilmadock on 12 June, 1627.
2. Archibald Edmonston, who, with his brother Robert, had a grant of the lands of Easter Mains in the Sheriffdom of Stirling, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 26 January, 1615.²
3. Robert Edmonstone,
4. James Edmonstone, witness to a charter by Sir James Edmonstone of Duntreath in favour of James Edmonstone, of Newton, for the lands of Denis-Lundie on 27 November, 1608, and in which he is styled as son to the said James Edmonstone of Newton.³
5. William Edmonstone, who as “Mr. William Edmonstone, brother to James Edmonstone of Newton,” was witness to the marriage contract of Anna, daughter of Sir James Stirling of Keir, and John Edmonstone of Ednam, on 21 July 1614.⁴ He obtained the lands of Cambuswallace, *m.* Margaret Cousland and was father of :
- 5a) John Edmonstone of Hermit’s Croft, (*see Edmonstone of Cambuswallace*).
- 5a) **JAMES EDMONSTONE, 5TH OF NEWTON**, (*see below*).
- 5a) Anna Edmonstone, *m.* John Dow, 1st of Arnhall, (*c/m* at Arnhall on 12 August 1637⁵), and had issue.
6. Beatrix Edmonstone, named in an apprising of the lands of Garden by her father on 1 August, 1610.⁶
7. Agnes Edmonstone, *m.* her brother-in-law Walter Cowan, son of Walter Cowan, Burgess of Stirling, (*c/m* at Newton of Doune on 24 May, 1615⁷).

JAMES EDMONSTONE, 5TH OF NEWTON, to whom his cousin and namesake, James Edmonstone of Newton, disposed his lands of Newton of Doune and Wetser Lundies by alienation dated 7 November 1654, and for which he had a charter under the Great Seal

¹ RMS 1660-1668. No. 76.

² RMS 1609-1620. No. 1168. See also: RS58/1/21

³ GD190/3/88 (1)

⁴ Laing’s Charters No. 1714.

⁵ RMS 1634-1651. No. 2157

⁶ RMS 1609-1620. No. 354

⁷ GD190/3/88 (2)

on 8 July, 1661.¹ He *m.* Isabel, daughter of Patrick Kinninmont of that Ilk, (*c/m* 17 December, 1662, with a Tocher of 5,500 merks Scots²), *d.* in January of 1684, and was father of :

1. **JAMES EDMONSTONE, 6TH OF NEWTON**, succeeded his father and was outlawed for having supported the exiled King James VII. in 1689. He was exiled for seven years for his involvement in the murder of John Rollo, Master of Duncrub, by Patrick Graham of Inchbraikie, during which his sword was used to deal the fatal blow on 20 May 1695, and *dsp* prior to 11 December, 1705, when his immediate younger brother Patrick Edmonstone was retoured his heir.
2. Patrick Edmonstone, 7th of Newton, (*see below*).
3. William Edmonstone, *bap.* at Kilmadock on 8 July, 1669.
4. John Edmonstone, *bap.* at Kilmadock on 16 May, 1675.
5. Katherine Edmonstone, *bap.* at Kilmadock on 3 October, 1672.

He was also father of a natural daughter :

6. Agnes Edmonstone, was a daughter by Katherine MacKenzie and was *bap.* at Kilmadock on 29 October, 1643.

PATRICK EDMONSTONE, 7TH OF NEWTON, succeeded and was served heir to his brother James Edmonstone of Newton of Doune in the lands of Newton of Doune on 11 December, 1705, and to his father in those of Deans and Lundie on 30 January, 1706. He was pursued for his involvement in the Jacobite uprising of 1708 and was imprisoned in Stirling Castle in July of 1746 under suspicion of having aided the Jacobite army during the rising of 1745/46.³ He *m.* Helen, daughter and co-heiress of William Crawford of Auchinames, *d.* “at his house of Newton” on 29 July 1760,⁴ and was father of :

1. James Edmonstone, 8th of Newton, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Edmonstone, served as a Captain in the army and was *ksp* at St. Cass, in 1758.

¹ RMS 1660-1668. No. 76. He is then styled as son of the late Mr. William Edmonstone.

² Kinninmont Inventory

³ GD27/6/31

⁴ Caledonian Mercury, 30th July 1760, edition.

3. Isabella Edmonstone, *m.* Francis Kennedy of Dunure, and had issue.
4. Mary Edmonstone, *m.* on 3 November 1764, John Buchanan of Auchlessie and Arnprior, (he *d.* in 1817), and had issue.
5. Rachel Edmonstone, *m.* on 22 February 1768, to Alexander Bruce of Powfoulis.¹

JAMES EDMONSTONE, 8TH OF NEWTON, succeeded his father. He was served heir to him in the lands of Newton of Doune on 10 December 1760, and was then serving as Lt-Colonel in Col. Sevrigh's Regiment. He *m.* on 22 March, 1766, Mary, daughter of George Abercromby of Tulliebody,² *d.* prior to December of 1796, and was father of :

1. **JOHN JAMES EDMONSTONE, 9TH OF NEWTON**, succeeded his father and *m.* on 19 October 1796, to Barbara, daughter of Sir Henry Seton, Baronet. He *dsp* at Murrayfield House on 19 April 1840,³ with his sister Grisel being served his heir general on 1 June following.
2. **GRISSEL KINNINMONT EDMONSTONE, 10TH OF NEWTON**, retoured heir to her brother in the lands of Newton of Doune on 1 June 1840, which she disposed to John Buchanan of Powis on 4 July 1852.

¹ OPR – Airth.

² OPR – Alloa.

³ Aberdeen Press & Journal, 6th May 1840, edition.