

ERSKINE

OF BALGOUNIE

JAMES ERSKINE OF BALGOUNIE ALIAS LITTLE SAUCHIE, who, as brother-german of John, Lord Erskine, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Little Sauchie, in the sheriffdom of Stirling, on 3 May 1528.¹ He also had a grant of the lands of Balgownie from William Colville, Commendator of Culross, on 14 March 1549. He *m.* prior to 7 June 1541, to Christine Stirling, (she *d.* in September 1582, aged seventy years), when they had a charter of the lands of Little Sauchie to themselves and their heirs male, which failing, by their heirs-female without division,² and *d.* at an advanced in 1592/93. He was father of :

1. Robert Erskine of Balgounie, (*see below*).

2. Adam Erskine, had a gift of a pension of £40 yearly from the bishopric of the Isles from King James VI. on 20 September, 1572.³ He was father of :

2a) James Erskine of Chapelland, was apprenticed to Robert Erskine, Tailor in Edinburgh, on 3 May, 1597, and is then styled as son and heir of his deceased father.⁴ He *m.* Mary Cunningham and *d.* without apparent issue by December of 1638.

2a) John Erskine of Byrefield and Chapelland, had a charter for the lands of Byrefield from Alexander, Commendator of Culross, on 24 November, 1584, in which he is styled as son of the deceased Adam Erskine. He was father of :

2b) Janet Erskine, who, with her sisters are named as daughters and heirs to their deceased father in a charter for all his lands in favour of George Bruce of Carnock on 7 December, 1638.⁵

2b) Mary Erskine, *m.* by 16 November, 1633, to Patrick Drummond of Lennoch, (he was widow of Margaret, daughter of Adam Spittall of Blairlogie, by whom he had issue), and had issue.

¹ RMS 1514-1546. No. 585.

² RMS 1514-1546. No. 2363.

³ RPS Vol. VI. No. 173

⁴ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁵ RMS 1634-161. No. 866.

2b) Margaret Erskine, *m.* Alexander Ross.

2b) Catherine Erskine,

2b) Christian Erskine,

2b) Magdalen Erskine,

2. Sir William Erskine, appointed Parson of Campsie and Chancellor of Glasgow and is then styled as son of James Erskine of Little Sauchie. He was made titular Bishop of Glasgow, in 1587, and was father of :

2a) Janet Erskine, *m.* William Alexander, 1st Earl of Stirling.

3. James Erskine, was appointed Minister of Falkirk.

4. Thomas Erskine, served as a Captain in the army.

5. Jean Erskine, *m.* James Preston of Valleyfield, (*c/m* 2 April, 1567.¹ He was widow of Christian, daughter of John Blackadder, 4th of Tulliallan, whom he had *m.* by contract dated July of 1560²), and had issue.

ROBERT ERSKINE OF BALGOUNIE, served as one of the Royal carvers and was appointed King's Searcher for Culross on 12 September, 1578. He *m.* by November of 1569, to Margaret, daughter of John Blackadder of Tulliallan,³ *d.* by April of 1595, and was father of :

1. John Erskine of Balgounie, (*see below*).

2. James Erskine,

3. Sir Thomas Erskine, was one of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber of King James VI. He made up his last Will and Testament on 16 December, 1616, and nominated his brothers, John Erskine of Balgounie and James Erskine, to be his executors.⁴ His brother John was served heir general to him on 7 November 1618.⁵

JOHN ERSKINE OF BALGOUNIE, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the lands of Little Sauchie on 23 April 1595, which had been in the King's hands for the space of two

¹ RD1/9/102

² RD1/3/469b

³ GD11/6

⁴ GD124/3/2

⁵ Retours. Gen. No. 787.

or so years.¹ He *m.* Magdalen, daughter of Sir George Bruce, 1st of Carnock, was buried on 9 March 1641, and was father of :

SIR JOHN ERSKINE OF BALGOUNIE, succeeded his father and *m.* Margaret, daughter of Harry and sister of Thomas Elphinston of Calderhall, (*c/m* 2 September 1643). He *d.* in 1671 and was father of :

1. Sir John Erskine of Balgounie, (*see below*).
2. James Erskine, was apprenticed to Robert Baird, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 24 June, 1668.²
3. Edward Erskine, was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 24 February, 1665.³
4. Thomas Erskine, was a twin with George. Both were *bap.* on 12 April, 1652.
5. George Erskine, *b.* in 1652 and *d.* young.
6. Alexander Erskine, *bap.* on 19 April, 1653.
7. George Erskine, *bap.* on 23 December, 1656.
8. Jean Erskine, *bap.* on 2 August, 1644.

SIR JOHN ERSKINE OF BALGOUNIE, succeeded his father and was served heir to him on 8 June 1671.⁴ He *m.* on 18 February, 1675, to Hannah, daughter of Robert Andrews, Merchant,⁵ *d.* at Edinburgh in March of 1703,⁶ being buried on 8th of that month,⁷ and was father of :

1. John Erskine of Balgounie, (*see below*).
2. George Erskine, *b.* in 1684, and applied to the Earl of Mar for a salary to allow him to study “physic and anatomy” on 6 January, 1708.⁸
3. William Erskine, *bap.* on 6 January, 1686.
4. Charles Erskine, was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 17 March, 1693.¹

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XXIII. P. 363-364.

² SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

³ Greyfriars Burial Register

⁴ Retours. Gen. No. 5454.

⁵ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁶ Narrated in the service of his son, John, as his heir.

⁷ Lyon Court Records.

⁸ GD124/15/75

5. James Erskine, *b.* on 20 March, 1691.
6. Robert Erskine, served as a Captain in the army.
7. Archibald Erskine,
8. Hannah Erskine, *b.* on 19 December, 1687.
9. Marie Erskine, *bap.* at Culross on 24 February, 1688.
10. Magdalen Erskine,

JOHN ERSKINE OF BALGOUNIE, succeeded his father and was served heir to him on 6 April, 1703. He *m.* Margaret, daughter of Sir Charles Halket of Pitferran, (*c/m* 16 February 1710²), *d.* on 28 February 1748,³ and was father of :

1. **JOHN ERSKINE OF BALGOUNIE**, *b.* on 12 December, 1710, was admitted an Advocate and was served heir to his father in the lands of Balgounie on 15 September 1749. He *m.* Janet, daughter of Charles Wedderburn, (she *d.* at the Canongate, Edinburgh, on 4 February 1782⁴), and *dsp* on 17 June 1767,⁵ being succeeded in his estate by his sister Hannah Erskine.
2. James Erskine, *b.* on 6 December, 1719.
3. Robert Erskine, who *dsp.*
4. Charles Erskine, who *dsp.*
5. George Erskine, who *dsp.*
6. **HANNAH ERSKINE OF BALGOUNIE**, *b.* on 7 March, 1714, and succeeded her brother John Erskine in the lands of Balgonie on his death in 1767. She *m.* firstly, to John Cunningham, 2nd of Comrie, (*c/m* 5 April 1736), by whom she had issue. She survived him and *m.* secondly, on 20 March 1743, to Rev. Adam Gib.⁶ She *d.* in 1792 and had issue which succeeded to the lands of Balgounie. (*See Cunningham of Comrie and Balgounie*).
7. Elizabeth Erskine, *b.* on 31 March, 1715, and *m.* on 21 October, 1754, to James Patullo of Balhouffie,⁷ (*d.* at Edinburgh on 27 January 1773⁸). She *d.* at Edinburgh on 17 January 1773,¹ having had issue.

¹ Greyfriars Burial Register.

² Inventory of Pitferran Writs. No. 701.

³ Narrated in his son, John's, service as his heir.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 1st February 1782, edition.

⁵ Narrated in the service of his sister, Hannah, as his heir.

⁶ OPR – Stirling.

⁷ OPR – Bo'ness.

⁸ Caledonian Mercury. 27th January 1773, edition.

8. Jean Erskine, *b.* on 5 August, 1717, and *d.* at Culross on 9 September 1791.²

9. Mary Erskine, *b.* on 23 January, 1722, and *d.* unmarried.

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¹ Scots Magazine, 1st January 1773, edition.

² Scots Magazine, 1st September 1791, edition.