

ERSKINE

OF CARDROSS

JAMES ERSKINE OF CARDROSS, was a younger son of John Erskine, 2nd of Carnock, and was *b.* at Edinburgh on 18 October, 1732. He succeeded to the lands of Cardross and also to the lands of baronies of Tulliallan and Kincardine for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 24 February, 1772.¹ He *m.* at Edinburgh on 28 April, 1762, to Christian, youngest daughter of William Bruce, 8th Earl of Kincardine,² (she *d.* at her house in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, on 28 May 1810³), *d.* on 27 March, 1802,⁴ and was father of :

1. John Erskine, *bap.* on 6 June 1763, entered the Madras Civil Service, and *m.* Jane Coleman, (she *d.* near Rome on 21 August 1824⁵). He *d. vita patris* in 1792, and was father of :

1a) Christian Erskine, *d.* at Leamington on 26 June 1834.⁶

1a) Maria Louisa Erskine, *d.* at Cheltenham on 9 May 1849.⁷

2. William Erskine, *bap.* on 12 January 1767, and *d.* young.

3. Charles Erskine, *bap.* on 17 February 1768, and *d.* young.

4. David Erskine of Cardross, (*see below*).

5. James Erskine, *bap.* on 4 March 1775.

6. William Erskine, *bap.* on 4 May 1778, and served as a Major in the 16th and 71st Regiments of Foot. He *m.* at Glanmire church on 15 September, 1801, to Elizabeth, daughter of Major-General Sir William Myers,⁸ (she survived him and *m.* secondly, at Cheltenham in September of 1808, to Captain John Blake, 13th Foot⁹), and *dsp* at Exeter on 1 April, 1805.

¹ GD15/35

² OPR – Port of Menteith.

³ Perthshire Courier, 4th June 1810, edition.

⁴ Chancery record.

⁵ Caledonian Mercury, 20th September 1824, edition.

⁶ Perthshire Courier, 17th July 1834, edition.

⁷ Cheltenham Chronicle, 31st May 1849, edition.

⁸ Caledonian Mercury, 21st September 1801, edition.

⁹ Scots Magazine, 1st September 1808, edition.

7. Janet Erskine, *b.* on 5 December 1764, and *m.* on 7 February, 1787, to Robert Hay of Drummelzier, (*c/m* 3 & 7 February, 1787.¹ He *d.* on 21 August, 1807). She *d.* on 29 August, 1808.
8. Ann Erskine, *bap.* on 14 January 1766, and *d.* unmarried at Gartur on 25 March, 1825.²
9. Marion Erskine, *bap.* on 21 June 1769, and *d.* unmarried at Kingston Grange on 30 April, 1860.³
10. Matilda Erskine, *b.* on 4 October 1770, and *m.* on 10 January, 1800, to John Graham of Gartur, She *d.* at Gartur on 18 June 1839.⁴
11. Rachel Euphemia Erskine, *bap.* on 7 June 1773, and *d.* unmarried in 1852.
12. Christian Erskine, *b.* on 1 November 1776, and *d.* unmarried at Cheltenham on 19 May, 1805.

DAVID ERSKINE OF CARDROSS, *bap.* on 22 January 1772, succeeded his father on his death in March of 1802 and was served his heir in the lands and Lordship of Kincardine on 18 February 1803. He *m.* on 5 September 1803, to Keith, youngest daughter of John, 11th Lord Elphinstone,⁵ (she *d.* at Petersham on 4 August 1841⁶), *d.* at Manor Place, Edinburgh, on 28 November 1847, aged 75 years,⁷ and was father of :

1. James Erskine, younger of Cardross, (*see below*).
2. John Elphinstone Erskine of Lochend, *b.* at Denham Green on 13 July 1806, and entered the Royal Navy, being promoted to Admiral in 1869. He *d.* at The Albany, Piccadilly, London, on 23 June 1887.⁸
3. Charles Erskine, *b.* on 4 March 1808, served as a Lieutenant in the Bengal army and *d.* at Keitah on 29 September 1827, of injuries sustained from a fall from his horse.⁹
4. George Keith Erskine, *b.* at Denham Green on 19 February 1809, served as a Captain in the 1st Bombay Light Cavalry, and *m.* in September of 1837, to Selina, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Chambers.¹⁰ He *d.* at Mooltan, Bengal, on 12 January 1849, of small pox¹ and was father of :

¹ GD15/728

² Fife Herald, 7th April 1825, edition.

³ Morning Chronicle, 3rd May 1860, edition.

⁴ Perthshire Courier, 11th July 1839, edition.

⁵ OPR – Port of Menteith.

⁶ Morning Post, 6th August 1841, edition.

⁷ SC44/44/7Perthshire Advertiser, 9th December 1847, edition.

⁸ Illustrated London News, 9th July 1887, edition.

⁹ Edinburgh Evening Courant, 17th April 1828, edition.

¹⁰ Naval & Military Gazette, 2nd September 1837, edition.

4a) George Elphinstone Erskine, *b.* on 20 January 1841, entered the army in 1857, serving as Lieutenant in the 1st Bombay Lancers and retiring as Major-General in 1895. He *m.* first, at Milligaum, Bombay, on 26 September 1861, to Blanche, fourth daughter of George Cates, Lincoln's Inn Fields,² (she *d.* at Heywood, Teignmouth, on 27 December 1879), and had issue ; and secondly, at Ruabon parish church on 9 June 1895, to Eva Constance Sarah, eldest daughter of Rev. Canon Wood Edwards, Vicar of Ruabon. He *d.* at Hove on 12 September 1912,³ and was father of :

4b) Keith David Erskine, *b.* on 12 June 1863, and entered the Indian Army in 1886. He moved to the political department the following year and served as resident magistrate in Western Rajputana States in 1901, and Kashmir in 1910, then as the political agent in the Eastern Rajputana States in 1913. He *m.* at St. Jude's, Kensington, London, on 3 November 1892, to Mabel Seabrook, second daughter of John Dyson, Judicial Commissioner of Oudh,⁴ and *dsp* at Althrey, near Wrexham, on 19 October 1914.⁵

4b) Francis Mount Stuart Elphinstone Erskine, *b.* on 4 May 1865.

4b) Charles Ellis Erskine, *b.* on 24 June 1866, and entered the Indian Staff Corps. He *m.* on 19 November 1897, to Gertrude, daughter of Gilbert Saunders, (she *d.* on 18 August 1970), and *d.* at Ickham, near Wingham, on 3 October 1902.

4b) George Chambers Erskine, *b.* on 23 November 1867.

4b) Catherine Constance Selina Erskine, *b.* on 25 June 1862, and *m.* at Christ Church, Lucknow, on 5 February, 1890, to Robert Henry William Dunn, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.⁶

4b) George Watkin Eben James Erskine, *b.* at The Raswell, Hascombe, Surrey, on 23 August 1899, and served as a Captain and then Major-General in the 60th Rifles. He *m.* at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on 8 January 1930, to Ruby, eldest daughter of Sir Lionel de la Rue, Baronet, (she *d.* in 1974), *d.* on 29 August 1965, and had issue,

¹ Morning Post, 9th March 1849, edition.

² Dundee Courier, 14th November 1861, edition.

³ Dundee Courier, 13th September 1912, edition.

⁴ Dundee Courier, 8th November 1892, edition.

⁵ Chester Chronicle, 24th October 1914, edition.

⁶ India Office record.

- 4c) Philip Neil Erskine, *b.* on 20 August 1933, and *m.* on 25 November 1960, to Alice Fiona, daughter of Edward Copleston Radcliffe. He *d.* at Stellenbosch, Cape Province, South Africa, on 23 July 2013, and was father of :
- 4d) Rupert Alexander Erskine, *b.* on 5 August 1961.
 - 4d) George Edward Erskine, *b.* on 29 May 1966.
 - 4d) Lucy Rose Erskine, *b.* on 10 November 1962.
- 4c) Robert Keith Erskine, *b.* on 24 June 1936, and *m.* on 27 June 1964, to Susan Morag, daughter of Sir Archibald Edmonstone of Duntreath. He was father of :
- 4d) Hamish Robert Coll Charles Erskine, *b.* on 27 March 1967.
 - 4d) Alexander William Ian Marshall Erskine, *b.* on 14 March 1970.
 - 4d) Iona Mary Erskine, *b.* on 25 April 1965.
- 4c) Polly Elizabeth Erskine, *b.* on 3 December 1945, and *m.* on 30 March 1967, to Paul Lanfear Harold Bristol.
- 4a) William Le Touch Erskine, *b.* on 11 April 1842.
- 4a) Charles Mountstuart Erskine, *b.* on 27 August 1843, and entered the Bombay Staff Corp on 12 May 1860, becoming Captain on 12 May 1872 ; Major on 12 May 1880, and retired with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on 18 May 1885. He *m.* on 9 January 1875, to Nellie, daughter of Major-General William Ashburner, *d.* at Southsea on 25 July 1898,¹ and was father of :
- 4b) John Elliot Erskine, *b.* on 1 May 1878,
 - 4b) Emily Olive Erskine, *m.* on 27 December 1906, to Sir Charles William Charteris Casson, and *d.* on 22 June 1935.
- 4a) Matilda Erskine, *b.* on 17 January 1838, and *m.* at St. George's Chapel, Lisbon, on 25 October 1865, to Antonio Cesar de Lima Leitao.²
- 4a) Selina Erskine, *b.* on 9 March 1839.
- 4a) Marion Christian Erskine, *b.* on 12 January 1848, and *m.* at Nynee Tal, Bengal, on 12 July 1865, to Captain William Alexander Patrick Wyllie, Royal Artillery.³
- 4a) Emily Keith Erskine, *d.* at Nynee Tal on 8 December 1869.⁴
5. Hay McDowell Erskine, *b.* on 28 July 1810.

¹ Army & Navy Gazette, 30th July 1898, edition.

² Greenock Advertiser, 9th November 1865, edition.

³ Stirling Observer, 7th September 1865, edition.

⁴ Naval & Military Gazette, 19th January 1870, edition.

6. William David Erskine, *b.* on 12 May 1813, and served as Lieutenant in the Madras Cavalry. He *m.* at Bangalroe, Bengal, on 1 December 1834, to Emily Nobbler,¹ (she *d.* at Turnbridge Wells on 9 May 1897²), and *d.* at Edinburgh on 25 June 1839,³ having had issue :

6a) Emily Henrietta Erskine, *m.* at Cardross on 30 October 1860, to Captain Joseph Charles Ross Grove, 42nd Highlanders.⁴

JAMES ERSKINE, YOUNGER OF CARDROSS, *b.* on 21 August 1804, and entered the Bombay Civil Service. He *m.* at Poona, Bengal, on 27 January 1836, to Mary Eliza, second daughter of Brigadier C. S. Fagan, Southampton,⁵ and *d.* at Oxford Street, London, on 2 February 1844.⁶ He was father of :

1. Sir Henry David Erskine of Cardross, (*see below*).

2. Sir James Elphinstone Erskine of Venlaw, *b.* at Bombay on 3 December 1838, and succeeded to the lands of Venlaw. He entered the Royal Navy in 1852, being promoted to Admiral of the Fleet and also served as First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to Queen Victoria. He *m.* at Marston Biggot, Frome, on 21 May 1885, to Margaret Eliza, fourth daughter of Rev. John Constable, rector of Marston Biggot,⁷ *d.* at Venlaw on 25 July 1911,⁸ and was father of :

2a) David Victor Fairfax Erskine, *b.* on 4 March 1886, and entered the Royal Navy, being promoted to Commander. He *m.* on 26 October 1915, to Mabel Dorothy Webb, and *d.* at Chelsea in 1959.

2a) Izme Veronica Doreen Erskine, *b.* on 16 June 1890, and *d.* unmarried on 17 November 1935.⁹

SIR HENRY DAVID ERSKINE OF CARDROSS, *b.* at Bombay on 5 January 1838, and succeeded his grandfather on his death in 1847. He *m.* at the Royal Chapel, Windsor, on

¹ India Office record.

² Morning Post, 11th May 1897, edition.

³ Perthshire Courier, 11th July 1839, edition.

⁴ Statutory record.

⁵ Inverness Courier, 13th July 1836, edition.

⁶ Morning Post, 8th February 1844, edition.

⁷ London Evening Standard, 25th May 1885, edition.

⁸ Statutory record. See also: Army & Navy Gazette, 29th July 1911, edition.

⁹ Peebles, St. Andrews Cemetery, Monumental Inscriptions.

26 June 1861, to Horatia Elizabeth, daughter of Major-General Seymour,¹ (she survived him and *d.* at Brunton Court, Chelsea, on 16 April 1922²), *d.* at Chelsea, London, on 7 September 1921,³ and was father of :

1. James Francis Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 4 June 1862, and served as a Captain and then Brigadier-General in the Scots Guards. He *m.* at the Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on 10 December 1896, to Margaret Beatrix, second daughter of Henry Lambton, Eaton Place, London,⁴ *d.* at Bonkyl Lodge, Duns, on 26 June 1936,⁵ and was father of :

1a) Malcolm David Erskine of Thenford Manor, *b.* on 31 August 1903, and served as Brigadier in the Scots Guards being at Dunkirk, then in command the 7th Motor Brigade of the 7th Armoured Division during the North Africa and Italian Campaigns, afterwards being appointed commander of his Brigade in Malaysia. It is presumed that he *dsp* on 27 October 1949, when the aircraft he was in disappeared during an observation flight over central Malaysia.⁶

1a) Christian Erskine, *b.* on 17 March 1901, and *m.* at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on 26 July 1926, to Commander Hugh Salvin Bowlby.⁷ She *d.* in 1985, having had issue.

2. Frederick Bartholomew Joseph Stapleton-Erskine, *b.* on 5 February 1873, and *m.* on 29 August 1894, to Bertha Mary Philippa, daughter of Albert Joseph Stourton. He *d.* on 13 October 1938, and was father of :

2a) Osmond Frederick Stapleton-Bretherton, *b.* on 2 August 1898, and served as Lieutenant in the 9th Lancers. He was *ksp* in action on 22 March 1918.

2a) Ruth Mary Stapleton-Bretherton, *b.* on 15 March 1897, and *m.* firstly, on 30 April 1917, to Ronald Victor Courtney Bodley. She *m.* secondly, in 1930, to George Freden Arthur Pigot-Moodie, and *d.* in 1956, having had issue.

2a) Mary Henrietta Stapleton-Bretherton, *b.* on 17 July 1907, and *m.* in 1940, to Brigadier John Pell Archer-Shee. She *d.* in 1995, having had issue.

¹ Caledonian Mercury, 1st July 1861, edition.

² Sc44/44/61

³ SC44/44/60.

⁴ St. James's Gazette, 11th December 1896, edition.

⁵ The Scotsman, 27th June 1936, edition.

⁶ Banbury Advertiser, 2nd November 1949, edition.

⁷ The Scotsman, 27th July 1926, edition.

3. Walter Hugh Erskine, *b.* on 27 April 1870, and was appointed Assistant Serjeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons 1900-1929. He *m.* on 1 June 1929, to Violet Emily, daughter of Rev. R. S. Gregory, and *d.* on 15 February 1948.
4. Alan David Erskine, *b.* on 26 August 1872, and *m.* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on 1 June 1897, to Enid, daughter of Lachlan Mackintosh Rate of Milton Court, Dorking.¹ He *d.* on 26 October 1947, and was father of :
 - 4a) Ian David Erskine, *b.* on 17 March 1898, entered the army, and served as Brigade Major of the 1st Guards Bridage 1935-39, and was promoted to Major-General in 1945. He *m.* on 1 March 1945, to Mairora Beatrice Evelyn Rochfort, daughter of Colonel Cecil George Herbert Alers-Hankey, and *d.* on 27 July 1973.
 - 4a) Patience Lina Erskine, *b.* on 18 March 1901, and *d.* in 1980.
5. Rachel Augusta Erskine, *b.* in 1876, and *m.* at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London, on 13 May 1918, to Allan Cyprian Bourne Webb.² She *dsp* on 30 November 1953.

¹ Aberdeen Press & Journal, 3rd June 1897, edition.

² Statutory record.