

ERSKINE

OF CARNOCK

JOHN ERSKINE, 1ST OF CARNOCK, was fourth son of David, 2nd Lord Cardross, and served as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the army, being appointed Governor of Dumbarton Castle. He was served heir to his brother Charles, and sister, Maria, in £20,000 Scots secured over the Earldom of Menteith on 18 May 1702. He *d.* at Edinburgh on Thursday 13 January, 1743, aged 82 years,¹ having *m.* firstly on 14 March, 1690, to Jane, daughter of William Mure of Caldwell,² (*c/m* 12 March, 1690³), by whom he had no apparent issue. He *m.* secondly at Edinburgh on 5 January, 1691, to Anna, daughter of William Dundas of Kincavil,⁴ (she *d.* on 26 June, 1723), and by her he was father of :

1. Henry Erskine, *bap.* at Stirling on 10 November 1691, and *d.* young.
2. William Erskine, *bap.* at Stirling on 10 November 1691, and *d.* young.
3. David Erskine, *bap.* at Stirling on 1 April 1693, and *d.* young.
4. John Erskine, 2nd of Carnock, (*see below*).
5. Patrick Erskine, *b.* on 17 June, 1697, and became a Merchant in Edinburgh and America. He *m.* at Boston, Massachusetts, on 10 January, 1716, to Sarah Maxwell,⁵ and was father of :
 - 5a) John Erskine, *b.* at Boston on 9 October 1717.
 - 5a) William Henry Erskine, *b.* at Boston on 14 March 1719, was apprenticed to William Hogg, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 3 September 1735, and is then styled as second son of the deceased Patrick Erskine, Merchant, and grandson of Colonel John Erskine of Carnock.⁶
 - 5a) Patrick Erskine, *b.* on 12 April 1723.
 - 5a) Anna Erskine, *bap.* at Culross on 15 August 1725.
6. David Erskine, *b.* on 30 June, 1698, *m.* on 31 October, 1727, to Lucy Cunningham and *dsp.*
7. Ebenezer Erskine, *b.* on 7 August, 1708.

¹ Dunblane Tests. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 17th January 1743, edition.

² OPR – South Leith.

³ GD15/824

⁴ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁵ OPR – Massachusetts.

⁶ SRS Roll of Edinburgh Apprentices.

8. Mary Erskine, *bap.* at Stirling on 17 March 1694, and *m.* on 23 February, 1721, to Alexander Melville, 5th Earl of Leven. She *d.* on 12 July, 1723.¹

He *m.* thirdly, Edinburgh, on 28 April, 1725, to Lilius, daughter of Sir John Stirling of Keir,² (she was widow of Murray of Polmaise, and *d.* on 27 March, 1729), and had no apparent issue. He *m.* fourthly on 25 November, 1729, to Mary, daughter of Charles Stuart of Duncarn,³ (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 12 September 1772⁴), and by her he had further issue :

9. Charles Erskine, *b.* on 12 February 1731, and *d.* at Edinburgh on Wednesday 24 July 1771.⁵

JOHN ERSKINE, 2ND OF CARNOCK AND CARDROSS, *b.* on 4 November, 1695, succeeded his father, being served his heir general on 18 February 1743, and purchased the estate of Cardross by Disposition on 21 March, 1748. He was bred to the law, becoming a renowned Scottish Jurist and Professor of Law at the University of Edinburgh. He *d.* at Cardross on Tuesday 1 March 1768,⁶ having *m.* firstly in March of 1719 to Margaret, daughter of James Melville of Balgarvie, by whom he was father of :

1. John Erskine, 3rd of Carnock, (*see below*).

2. Elizabeth Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 21 September, 1722.

He *m.* secondly at Edinburgh, on 14 December 1729, to Anne, daughter of James Stirling of Keir,⁷ (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 11 May 1779⁸), and having had issue,

3. James Erskine of Cardross, (*see Erskine of Cardross*).

4. Robert Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 17 April, 1734.

¹ Edinburgh Tests.

² OPR – Edinburgh.

³ OPR – Aberdour.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 1st September 1772, edition.

⁵ Caledonian Mercury, 27th July 1771, edition.

⁶ Caledonian Mercury, 5th March 1768, edition.

⁷ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁸ Scots Magazine, 3rd May 1779, edition.

5. David Erskine, was a Clerk to the Signet and *m.* at Edinburgh on 28 April, 1781, to Ann, daughter of William Graham of Airth,¹ (she *d.* in March of 1836). He *d.* at Naples, Italy, on 5 April 1791, where he had gone for the improvement of his health, and was father of :

5a) John Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 22 February 1782, and *d.* young.

5a) William Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 1 October 1783, and *d.* young.

5a) James Erskine of Linlathen, *b.* on 2 November, 1787, and was served heir general to his father on 10 March 1813. He *m.* at Kippenross on 4 June, 1811, to Katherine, fourth daughter of John Stirling of Kippendavie,² (she *d.* at Norfolk Square, Hyde Park, London, on 4 March 1868, aged 77 years³), and *dsp* on 26 August 1816, being succeeded by his brother, Thomas.

5a) Thomas Erskine of Linlathen, *b.* on 13 October, 1788, succeeded his brother and was served his heir in parts of the lands of Linlathen on 19 February 1817. He *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 20 March 1870.⁴

5a) Ann Erskine, *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 5 May 1804.⁵

5a) Christian Erskine, *m.* at Linlathen on 14 October, 1817, to Charles Stirling, Merchant in Glasgow,⁶ (he *d.* on 30 January, 1830).

5a) Davie Erskine, *m.* at Linlathen on 4 September 1821, to Captain James Paterson, youngest son of George Paterson of Castle Huntly,⁷ and had issue :

5b) James Erskine Paterson of Linlathen, *b.* on 27 January 1826, and succeeded his maternal uncle in his lands of Linlathen on his death without issue in March 1870. He *m.* at the Church of All Souls, Lagnham Place, London, on 11 November 1852, to Mary Anne, eldest surviving daughter of J. M. MacNabb of Highfield Park,⁸ *d.* on 31 September 1897, and had issue.

5b) Charles David Paterson, *b.* at Linlathen on 6 December 1834.

5b) Ann Paterson, *b.* on 9 July 1822.

5b) Georgianna Paterson, *b.* at Linlathen on 28 August 1823.

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² Perthshire Courier, 13th June 1811, edition.

³ Glasgow Herald, 10th March 1868, edition.

⁴ Statutory record. See also: Aberdeen Press & Journal, 23rd March 1870, edition.

⁵ Caledonian Mercury, 12th May 1804, edition.

⁶ The Scotsman, 25th October 1817, edition.

⁷ OPR – Monifeith. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 8th September 1821, edition.

⁸ OPR – All Souls, Marylebone, London. See also: Dundee Courier, 24th November 1852, edition.

6. Archibald Erskine of Venlaw, obtained the lands of Venlaw, in the sheriffdom of Peebles, and served as a Major in the Edinburgh Volunteers. He *m.* on 7 April, 1781, to Margaret, youngest daughter of Charles Barclay-Maitland, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh, on 25 January 1822, to Charles Dundas, M.P. for Berkshire¹ ; and *d.* on 21 April, 1841), *d.* suddenly, at Venlaw, on 1 August, 1804,² and was father of :

6a) John Erskine of Venlaw, succeeded his father, *m.* first, at Edinburgh, on 4 June 1829, to Ann daughter of William Wellwood-Moncrieff of Kirkton,³ (she *d.* at India Street, Edinburgh, on 8 September 1851⁴), and secondly, on 15 November 1853, to Ellen Scott⁵ and *dsp* at Venlaw on 14 February 1861.⁶

6a) Isabella Erskine, *d.* unmarried at Portobello on 13 February 1867.⁷

6a) Christian Erskine, *d.* unmarried in 1880.

6a) Henrietta Erskine, *d.* unmarried at Princes' Street, Edinburgh, on 3 December 1864.⁸

6a) Mary Turner Erskine, *m.* at Peebles Episcopal Chapel on 28 July 1836, to William Horsman of Springfield⁹.

7. Thomas Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 7 February, 1742.

8. Christian Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 22 July, 1739, and *m.* at Keir House on 5 April, 1760, to Sir William Stirling, 1st Baronet of Ardoch.¹⁰ They had issue.

9. Margaret Erskine, *d.* unmarried.

JOHN ERSKINE, 3RD OF CARNOCK, *b.* on 2 June, 1719, and was many years one of the Ministers in Edinburgh. He *m.* on 15 June, 1746, to Christian, daughter of George MacKay, 3rd Lord Reay,¹¹ (she *d.* on 20 May, 1800), *d.* on 19 January, 1803, and was father of :

¹ Caledonian Mercury, 28th January 1822, edition.

² Scots Magazine, 1st August 1804, edition.

³ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁴ Perthshire Advertiser, 18th September 1851, edition.

⁵ OPR – Peebles.

⁶ Statutory record. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 16th February 1861, edition.

⁷ Statutory record. See also: London Evening Standard, 18th February 1867, edition.

⁸ Statutory record.

⁹ Fife Herald, 4th August 1836, edition.

¹⁰ Scots Magazine, 1st April 1760, edition.

¹¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

1. John Erskine, firar of Carnock, *b.* at Edinburgh on 30 September, 1747, and *d.* young.
2. George Erskine, entered the service of the East India Company and *d.* in Bengal in the autumn of 1770.¹
3. Hew Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 27 January, 1753, and *dsp.*
4. Alexander Erskine, *b.* on 28 July, 1754, and *dsp.*
5. Robert Erskine, younger of Carnock, *b.* on 4 May, 1756, and was served heir to his elder brother, John Erskine, firar of Carnock, in the lands of Carnock on 14 July 1777. He *dsp* at Madeira on 9 April 1784,² his father being served his heir general on 6 July 1784.
6. **DAVID ERSKINE, 4TH OF CARNOCK**, (*see below*).
7. Mary Erskine, *c.* on 21 February, 1750, *m.* on 23 October 1773, to Charles Steuart of Dunearn,³ (he *d.* in 1826), and *d.* at George Square, Edinburgh, on 15 April, 1817.⁴
8. Margaret Erskine, *d.* unmarried and to whom her sister Christian, was served heir on 5 April 1830.
9. Ann Erskine, *d.* unmarried at Laurieston on 18 July 1820,⁵ and to whom her sister, Christian, was served heir on 5 April 1830.
10. Christian Erskine, *b.* at Edinburgh on 28 June, 1759, and was served heir general to her sisters, Ann and Margaret, on 5 April 1830. She *d.* unmarried at her house in Lauristoun Lane, Edinburgh, on 24 August 1832.⁶

DAVID ERSKINE, 4TH OF CARNOCK, *b.* at Edinburgh on 18 April, 1770, and succeeded his father on his death, being served his heir in the lands of Carnock on 13 April 1803. He *d.* unmarried at Arbroath on 16 March, 1838.⁷

¹ Caledonian Mercury, 27th July 1771, edition.

² Scots Magazine, 1st May 1784, edition.

³ OPR – Saint Cuthbert’s, Edinburgh.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury, 19th April 1817, edition.

⁵ Scots Magazine, 1st July 1820, edition.

⁶ Caledonian Mercury, 8th September 1832, edition.

⁷ SC47/40/13. See also: Perthshire Courier, 29th March 1838, edition.