

# ERSKINE

## OF TORRY

**WILLIAM ERSKINE, 1<sup>ST</sup> OF TORRY**, was a younger son of Henry Erskine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Cardross, by his second wife, Mary, daughter of Sir George Bruce of Carnock. He was *hap.* at Culross on 9 March 1662, entered the army and was raised to the rank of Colonel. He obtained the lands of Torry, *m.* Magdalen, daughter of Sir James Lumsden of Innergeldy, and *d.* in April of 1707. He was father of :

**WILLIAM ERSKINE, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF TORRY**, succeeded his father and served as a Colonel in the army. He *m.* on Friday 10 December 1725, Henrietta, daughter of Sir William Bailie of Lamington, (she was widow of Watson of Muirhouse),<sup>1</sup> and *d.* in 1754. He was father of :

**SIR WILLIAM ERSKINE, 1<sup>ST</sup> BARONET OF TORRY**, *hap.* at Edinburgh on 28 March, 1728, succeeded his father on his death in 1754, and was created a Baronet with remainder to the heirs male of his body. He *m.* firstly, on 3 December, 1756, Magdalen, daughter of Robert Myrton of Gogar,<sup>2</sup> (she *d.* at Gogar on 7 December 1757<sup>3</sup>), by whom he had no apparent issue ; and secondly, on 29 May, 1767, Frances, daughter of James Moray, 13<sup>th</sup> of Abercairney, (she was widow of George Drummond, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Blair Drummond, whom she had *m.* on 1 January, 1764, and who had *d.* on 17 March, 1765.<sup>4</sup> She *d.* at Torry House on 28 February, 1793<sup>5</sup>). He *d.* at Torrie House on 19 March 1795,<sup>6</sup> and was father of :

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<sup>1</sup> OPR – Torryburn. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 13<sup>th</sup> December 1725, edition.

<sup>2</sup> OPR – Corstorphine.

<sup>3</sup> Scots Magazine, 7<sup>th</sup> November 1757, edition.

<sup>4</sup> George Drummond was widow of Jane, daughter of Harry Grey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Stamford, whom he had *m.* on 7 June, 1738, and who had *d.* On 29 June, 1753, and by whom he had issue

<sup>5</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> March 1793, edition.

<sup>6</sup> CC8/8/130. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 21<sup>st</sup> March 1795, edition.

1. **SIR WILLIAM ERSKINE, 2<sup>ND</sup> BARONET OF TORRY**, *b.* on 31 March, 1770, succeeded his father on his death in 1795, and *dsp* on 13 February 1813.<sup>1</sup>
2. **SIR JAMES ERSKINE, 3<sup>RD</sup> BARONET OF TORRY**, *b.* on 30 September and *bap.* at Torryburn on 22 October, 1772, and was served heir to his brother, Sir William in the lands of Torrie, on 5 August 1813. He *m.* on 5 March, 1801, Louisa, daughter of Henry Paget, Earl of Uxbridge,<sup>2</sup> and *dsp* at Dover Street, Piccadilly, on 3 March 1825.
3. **SIR JOHN DRUMMOND ERSKINE, 4<sup>TH</sup> BARONET OF TORRY**, *bap.* at Torryburn on 13 April, 1776, and was served heir to his brother James in the lands of Torrie on 13 April 1825. He *d.* unmarried at Hanover Street, London, on 30 July 1836,<sup>3</sup> when the Baronetcy became extinct.
4. Frances Erskine, *b.* on 4 April 1769, *m.* at Edinburgh on 16 September 1788, to Lieutenant-General William Wemyss of Wemyss,<sup>4</sup> (he was *b.* on 9 April 1760, and *d.* on 4 February 1822), and *d.* on 1 February, 1798.
5. Elizabeth Erskine, *bap.* at Torryburn on 20 April, 1782, *m.* at Torry House on 29 April 1806, to James Moray, 16<sup>th</sup> of Abercairney,<sup>5</sup> (he was *b.* on 18 October 1780, and *dsp* in December of 1840).
6. Henrietta Erskine, *bap.* at Torryburn on 28 October, 1780.
7. Magdalen Erskine, *b.* on 24 February, 1787, and *m.* at Edinburgh on 15 April 1841, to Vice Admiral Alexander Renton Sharpe, son of Charles Sharpe of Hoddam Castle.<sup>6</sup> She *d.* at Dunimarle on 1 February 1872.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Date narrated in the service of his brother, James, as his heir.

<sup>2</sup> OPR – Horsham.

<sup>3</sup> Oxford Journal. 6<sup>th</sup> August 1836, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> September 1788, edition.

<sup>5</sup> Scots Magazine. 1<sup>st</sup> May 1806, edition.

<sup>6</sup> John O' Groat Journal. 30<sup>th</sup> April 1841, edition.

<sup>7</sup> London Evening Standard. 6<sup>th</sup> February 1872, edition.