

# FALCONER

## OF CRAIGFOODIE

**JAMES FALCONER, PORTIONER OF CRAIGFOODIE**, *m.* Margaret Bethune, (she *d.* in September of 1649), and *d.* in around 1642. He was father of :

1. Robert Falconer, portioner of Craigfoodie, (*see below*).
2. David Falconer of Allanhill, named as brother to the deceased Robert Falconer of Craigfoodie in a discharge by James Watson, dated 15 May, 1647.<sup>1</sup> He became a Bailie of St. Andrews and served as tutor to his nephew David Falconer, eldest son of his brother Robert, following the latter's death. He *m.* on 8 June, 1652, to Janet, daughter of William Jack, Merchant in St. Andrews, (*c/m* 1652. She was widow of Andrew Brydie, by whom she had issue), and *d.* on 27 April, 1668, aged forty-seven years.<sup>2</sup> He was father of :
  - 2a) James Falconer, *bap.* at St. Andrews on 9 May, 1653.
  - 2a) William Falconer, *bap.* at St. Andrews on 20 November, 1656.
  - 2a) David Falconer, *bap.* at St. Andrews on 13 April, 1662.
  - 2a) Christian Falconer, *bap.* at St. Andrews on 2 September, 1655.
  - 2a) Helen Falconer, *bap.* at St. Andrews on 26 January, 1658.
  - 2a) Marie Falconer, *bap.* at St. Andrews on 29 May, 1659.
  - 2a) Barbara Falconer, *bap.* at St. Andrews on 25 September, 1660.
3. Barbara Falconer, *m.* Mr James Halkerston, student of Philosophy at St. Andrews, (*c/m* 1647<sup>3</sup>), and had issue.

**ROBERT FALCONER, PORTIONER OF CRAIGFOODIE**, succeeded his father and *m.* Jean, daughter of David Wemyss of Fingask, (*c/m* 23 June, 1637.<sup>4</sup> She survived him and *m.* secondly, David Balfour of Nether Sandford). He was father of :

1. Mr. David Falconer of Craigfoodie, (*see below*).

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<sup>1</sup> GD137/348

<sup>2</sup> St. Andrews Monumental Inscriptions

<sup>3</sup> GD137/59

<sup>4</sup> GD137/348

2. John Falconer of Balshanner, styled as uncle to Janet Falconer, daughter of the deceased Dr. David Falconer in her marriage contract with Alexander Scrimgeour in 1697. He had issue,
  - 2a) David Falconer of Balmashanner, succeeded his father and was served heir to him on 31 May 1707.

**MR. DAVID FALCONER**, was one of the Professors of Philosophy at the University of St. Andrews until being presented Minister of the Church of Crammond on 20 February, 1666. He was appointed Professor of Divinity at St. Andrews in 1674, and is styled as eldest son of the deceased Robert Falconer, portioner of Craigfoodie, on 13 May 1669. He *m.* on 20 June, 1666, Margaret, daughter of Andrew Brydie, in St. Andrews,<sup>1</sup> *d.* in January of 1682,<sup>2</sup> and was father of :

1. John Falconer of Allenhill and Craigfoodie, (*see below*).
2. Janet Falconer, *m.* Dr. Alexander Scrimgeour, Professor of Divinity at the University of St. Andrews, second son of John Scrimgeour of Kirkton, (*c/m* 16 September, 1697<sup>3</sup>), and had issue.
3. Helen Falconer, *bap.* at St. Andrews in February of 1675, and *d.* young

**JOHN FALCONER OF ALLENHILL AND CRAIGFOODIE**, was admitted an Advocate and was served heir to his great-uncle David Falconer in the lands of Allanhill and one-third of Lambieytham, on 16 October, 1712. He disposed his lands of Craigfoodie to John Bethune. He *m.* on 4 September 1709, to Margaret, daughter of Lewis Craig of Riccarton,<sup>4</sup> *d.* in June of 1720 and was father of :

1. David Falconer, (*see below*).
2. Lewis Falconer, *b.* on 31 March, 1714, and *dsp.*
3. Margaret Falconer, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 15 May, 1711, and *dsp.*
4. Elizabeth Falconer, *d.* at Edinburgh on 11 February 1776.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OPR – St. Andrews.

<sup>2</sup> GD137/60

<sup>3</sup> GD137/82

<sup>4</sup> OPR – Currie.

<sup>5</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 12<sup>th</sup> February 1776, editon.

**DAVID FALCONER**, *b.* on 5 March, 1712, was admitted an Advocate and was nominated one of the Tutors to the children of his cousin, David Wedderburn of Birkhill, on 19 November, 1753. He *dsp* at Long Hermiston on 26 July 1776,<sup>1</sup> Henry Scrimgeour Wedderburn of Wedderburn and Birkhill, being served his heir on 15 January, 1812.

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<sup>1</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 30<sup>th</sup> July 1776, edition.