

# FLETCHER

## OF BALINSCHO

**ROBERT FLETCHER, 1<sup>ST</sup> OF BALINSCHO**, acquired the lands of Ballinscho, by Kirriemuir, and had a charter from Ludovic, Earl of Crawford, for those of Craignathrow on 2 November 1639.<sup>1</sup> He is styled as brother to Sir Andrew Fletcher of Innerpeffer in a Bond by this Andrew to George Hay Earl of Kinnoul, dated 11 December 1641.<sup>2</sup> He *m.* Elizabeth, sister of Colonel Ludovic Lindsay, and as his spouse, she complained to the Privy Council on 26 March 1635, that her brother Ludovic had assigned to she and her husband, two obligations due by the deceased Sir John Lindsay of Bath and the deceased George, Earl of Crawford, and that intimation of this had been sent to Alexander, Lord Spynie. Spynie immediately confronted her and demanded sight of the documents which he snatched from the notary and made off. Following and confronting him, “he violentlie thrust his elbow in her side verie dangerouslie, she being great with child, and ranne in haist to ane other rume, whither the said Mistris Elizabeth having followed him and in faire terms desired him to redelyver the said assignation, promising if he restored the same she sould freilie forgive him this wrong, he, in furie, with manie execrable oaths, threatened her of her lyfe, drew his suord, and vowed to God if her husband entered in such a course against thame he sould thrust the same throw his bodie.”<sup>3</sup> He *d.* by September of 1658, when his son, Robert, was served his heir, and was father of :

**ROBERT FLETCHER, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF BALINSCHO**, possibly born in 1635. He succeeded his father and was retoured his heir in the lands of Balinshoe on 7 September 1658.<sup>4</sup> He *d.* in December of 1700<sup>5</sup> having *m.* firstly, Marion Graham, by whom he was father of :

1. Robert Fletcher, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Balinscho, (*see below*).

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<sup>1</sup> Laing Charters. No. 2266.

<sup>2</sup> GD16/24/94

<sup>3</sup> Reg. Privy Council. Second Series. Vol. V. P. 530-531.

<sup>4</sup> Retours. Forfar. No. 370.

<sup>5</sup> Chancery record.

2. Andrew Fletcher,
3. David Fletcher,

He *m.* secondly, to Clara, daughter of Sir Thomas Ogilvy, second son of James Ogilvy, Earl of Airlie, (*c/m* 22 August 1664<sup>1</sup>), by whom he had further issue :

4. Clara Fletcher, *m.* Alexander Foular, fiar of Kirkton of Essie, (*c/m* 8 August 1694<sup>2</sup>).

**ROBERT FLETCHER, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF BALINSCHO**, succeeded his father and to whom he was served heir general on 26 February 1702. He *m.* first, *m.* Elspeth, daughter of John Lyon, 1<sup>st</sup> of Wester Ogill, to whom on 17 January 1690, he granted a Bond of Provision in lieu of the marriage contract and to which her brother George Lyon of Wester Ogill was attorney, and secondly, in 1695, to Jean, sister of David Graham of Fintry, and was father of :

1. Robert Fletcher of Ballinscho, (*see below*).
2. Elizabeth Fletcher, *m.* David Nevay in Nevay, (*c/m* 20 July 1713).

**ROBERT FLETCHER, 5<sup>TH</sup> OF BALINSCHO**, succeeded and was served heir to his grandfather in the lands of Craignathrow on 4 June 1752. He *m.* Ann, daughter of Robert Graham of Fintry, (she *d.* at Dundee on 3 September 1806<sup>3</sup>), *d.* on 4 April 1782, and was father of :

**THOMAS FLETCHER OF BALINSCHO AND LINDERTIS**, *m.* Anne Hunter, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh on Saturday 12 February 1785, to Thomas Mylne of Mylnefield<sup>4</sup>), and was father of :

1. Robert Fletcher of Balinscho, (*see below*).

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<sup>1</sup> GD16/44/29

<sup>2</sup> GD15/733

<sup>3</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> September 1806, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 14<sup>th</sup> February 1785, edition.

2. Emily Fletcher, *m.* on 23 November 1794, to George Mylne<sup>1</sup> in London and was served heir of provision to her father on 10 July 1799. She *d.* at Edinburgh on 20 November 1837.<sup>2</sup>

**ROBERT FLETCHER OF BALINSCHO**, was served heir to his grandfather, Robert Fletcher of Balinscho, in the lands of Craignathrow on 23 November 1786, and as heir general to his father on 14 January 1800, and sold his estate in November of 1799. He *m.* on 8 June 1801, to Margaret, daughter of William Graham, younger of Gartmore.

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<sup>1</sup> OPR – Longforan.

<sup>2</sup> Perthshire Courier, 30<sup>th</sup> November 1837, edition.