

FORBES

OF PITTENCRIEFF

JOHN FORBES, 1ST OF PITTENCRIEFF, was a younger son of John Forbes of Culloden. He served as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the army and acquired the lands and barony of Pittencrieff, near Dunfermline, for which he had a charter under the Great Seal dated 22 July 1707. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of James Graham, *d.* in May of 1707¹ and was father of :

1. Duncan Forbes, *bap.* on 27 July 1700, and *d.* young.
2. Arthur Forbes of Pittencrieff, (*see below*).
3. Hugh Forbes, *b.* on 22 July 1704, and became an Advocate.
4. John Forbes, was a posthumous child and was *b.* at Edinburgh on 5 September 1707. He entered the army, serving as a Brigadier-General and Colonel in the 17th Regiment of Foot. He was active in the American War during which he was appointed Commander of H.M. troops in the southern provinces, and *d.* at Philadelphia “of a tedious illness” on 11 May 1759.²
5. Anna Forbes, *b.* at Edinburgh on 12 December 1695.
6. Marion Forbes, *b.* on 8 January 1706.

ARTHUR FORBES OF PITTENCRIEFF, *b.* on 4 January 1703, succeeded his father and to whom he was served heir in the lands and barony of Pittencrieff on 12 June 1741.³ He served in Colonel Stuart’s Regiment in the Service of the States of Holland firstly as a Captain until being raised by the Prince of Orange to Lieutenant-Colonel in July of 1747,⁴ and afterwards disposed the lands of Pittencrieff. He *d.* at Springfield, near Leith,

¹ Services of Heirs.

² Caledonian Mercury, 15th May 1759, edition.

³ Services of Heirs.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury, 23rd July 1747, edition.

on 13 April 1770,¹ having *m.* firstly, at Edinburgh on 14 January 1726, to Agnes, daughter of James Graham, 1st of Airth,² by whom he was father of :

1. James Forbes, *b.* at Edinburgh on 11 December 1726.

He *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh on 20 April 1729, to Ann, daughter of James Gordon of Alan,³ and surviving her, he *m.* thirdly, at Edinburgh in August of 1739, to Katherine, daughter of David Couper of Couper-Grange.⁴

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¹ Scots Magazine, 1st April 1770, edition.

² OPR – Edinburgh.

³ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury, 14th August 1739, edition.