

FORRET

OF THAT ILK

Anciently possessors of the lands of Forret. William de Foret was witness to (1) the donation of Simon of Kinear to the Brothers Hospitaller of Saint John of certain parts of his lands of Kinear, and others, in around 1270x1280,¹ (2) the donation to Balmerino by Hugh of Kilmanyn six acres of lands at the town of Kinear dated circa 1280² (3) the donation to the Abbey of Balmerino by Hugh de Nydie of a quarter of his lands of Nydie dated circa 1285x1300³ (4) the confirmation of No. 3 by Richard de Nydie, brother of the said Hugh of Nydie.⁴ John de Foret, probably son of William de Foret, was witness to (1) a donation by David de Barclely, Lord of Brechin, and Margaret, his wife, to the Abbey of Balmerino and (2) a donation by John de Hay of Ardnaughton to the Monks at Balmerino in around 1310.⁵

JOHN DE FORRET OF THAT ILK, succeeded to the lands of Forret for which had Sasine in 1445,⁶ and which he resigned in favour of his son and heir, Robert de Forret, in 1470. He *m.* Margaret de Grundistoun and was father of :

ROBERT DE FORRET OF THAT ILK, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Forret on 15 October, 1470.⁷ He was witness to a charter by John, Earl of Mar, to Walter Innes of Invermarkie, on 17 July, 1490, was a member of the assize at the retour of Alexander Ramsay, as heir to his father David Ramsay of Brackmont on 16 April, 1493,⁸ and *m.* to Margaret Kynman. He was father of :

¹ Cart. Balmerino. No. 16

² Cart. Balmerino. No. 18

³ Cart. Balmerino. No. 46

⁴ Cart. Balmerino. No. 47

⁵ Cart. Balmerino. No. 49

⁶ Ex. Rolls. Vol. IX. P. 659.

⁷ RMS 1424-1513. No. 100

⁸ GD82/32

JOHN FORRET OF THAT ILK, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Forret following upon a resignation in his favour by his father on 5 March, 1508,¹ and *d.* by 1 June 1514. He was father of :

JOHN FORRET OF THAT ILK, succeeded his father in the lands and barony of Forret for which he had Sasine on 1 June 1514.² He had a charter for the lands of Bowhill in 1541, and was a member of an assise in 1554. He *m.* firstly, Elizabeth, daughter of John Kinnear of that Ilk, with whom he had a charter for the land Cotton of Forret on his own resignation on 8 January, 1527.³ He *m.* secondly, to Elizabeth Hay, (she was widow of Alexander Robertson, 1st of Faskally, by whom she had issue ; and also of James Campbell, 2nd of Lawers, who had *d.* on 12 February, 1562, and by whom she had issue), and *d.* in 1574. He was father of :

1. David Forret, fiar of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. John Forret, witness to a charter by his brother David Forret, fiar of that Ilk, to Alan Coutts for the lands of Bowhill on 5 August, 1555.⁴

DAVID FORRET, FIAR OF THAT ILK, had a charter for the fee of the lands of Forret upon his father's resignation on 9 September, 1545, and with his father's consent he granted a charter for the lands of Bowhill to Alan Coutts on 5 August, 1555. He *m.* Elizabeth Ramsay, *d. vitae patris* prior to 8 May, 1568, and was father of :

1. David Forret of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. James Forret, who, with his brother David Forret, son of the deceased David Forret, fiar of that Ilk, had a gift of his grandfather's escheat goods on 8 May, 1568.
3. John Forret,

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 320

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 559.

³ RMS 1514-1546. No. 41

⁴ RMS 1547-1580. No. 100

DAVID FORRET OF THAT ILK, had a gift of the escheat goods of his grandfather John Forret of that Ilk, on 8 May, 1568,¹ and had the gift of his own marriage on 11 March, 1574.² He was retoured heir to his father in the lands and barony of Forret on 20 June 1582,³ and had Sasine on 27th following.⁴ He *m.* Christine Meldrum and was father of :

1. James Forret, fiar of that Ilk, (*see below*).
2. John Forret, witness to a charter by his father and brother James, on 17 June, 1606.

JAMES FORRET, FIAR OF THAT ILK, *m.* by 17 June, 1606, to Jean Herring and, with his father, disponded, under reverion, the lands of Easter and Wester Forret to John Meldrum, son of James Meldrum in Seggie.⁵ With his father, he wadset the lands of Easter Forret to Andrew Paterson of Dunmure on 25 August 1615.⁶

¹ RPS Vol. VI. No. 26

² RPS Vol. VI. No. 237

³ RH6/2635

⁴ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XXI. P. 474.

⁵ RMS 1593-1608. No. 196

⁶ GD150/1026