

GRAHAM

OF GORTHY & BRACO

GEORGE GRAHAM, 1ST OF GORTHY, was second son of George Graham. 2nd of Inchbraikie, and was consecrated Bishop of Orkney in 1615. He had a charter under the Great Seal confirming to him in liferent and his eldest son David in fee, the Barony of Gorthy, the middle-part lands of Dalpatrick, the lands of Myreside with the office of Sergeant of the Lordship of Methven, and the lands of Pitmurthlie on 23 December 1631.¹ He *m.* against her father's wishes to Marion, daughter of Sir Robert Crichton of Cluny, King's Advocate, (she *d.* in April of 1633) and *d.* in the closing months on 1643 being father of :

1. David Graham, 2nd of Gorthy, (*see below*).
2. George Graham, appointed Minister of Sandwick and Stromness and *m.* Katherine, daughter of Harry Aitken of Groundwater, (*c/m* 8 December 1637²).
3. John Graham, 1st of Breckness, (*see Graham of Beckness*).
4. Patrick Graham 1st of Graemeshall, (*see Graham of Graemeshall*).
5. James Graham, apprenticed to David Graham, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 15 August, 1638, and *m.* Margaret, daughter of David Hart of Rusland, (*c/m* 21 February, 1644), with whom he had a Disposition from Robert, Earl of Morton, for the lands of Knarstane, Lingrow, Tofts, Warbuster and Hatstane, in the Parish of St. Ola on 16 April, 1649, in which he is styled as son of the deceased George Graham of Myreseide.³ He *m.* secondly to Margaret Nisbet, and *d.* on 10 January, 1667, having left issue by both wives :
 - 5a) William Graham, styled as eldest son of his father in a Deed dated 22 January, 1668, and *dsp* prior to 1684.
 - 5a) John Graham, styled as eldest lawful son in life of his father by his first wife in 1684.
 - 5a) Thomas Graham, styled in 1684 as eldest lawful son of his father by his second wife and resided at Skail, in Sandwick, Orkney. He purchased the lands of Muirhouse and Quoy

¹ RMS 1620-1633. No. 1888

² RH9/7/13

³ GD150/1666

from Harrie Graham of Breckness on 20 March, 1707, *m.* to Helen Dudeon and was father of,

5b) Harie Graham, *bap.* at Stromness on 29 September, 1700, and is mentioned with his father when he purchased the lands of Muirhouse in 1707.

5b) Duncan Graham, styled as a son to Thomas Graham in Skaill on 24 January, 1727.

5b) Nicola Graham, *m.* to John Irvine in Burwick, Sandwick, by 13 December, 1712, when they executed a settlement in favour of their children.

6. Mungo Graham, apprenticed to David Graham, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 18 June, 1634, and *dsp* prior to 24 June, 1645, when his brother Mr. Patrick Graham, Minister of Holm, was retoured his heir general.¹

7. Robert Graham, (*see Graham of Airth*).

8. Catherine Graham, *m.* Patrick Smith, 5th of Braco, (*c/m* 24 June, 1618.² He *m.* secondly in 1639 to Margaret, daughter of Henry Stewart of Killinan, and *d.* in 1651), and *d.* on 13 October, 1637. They had issue.

9. Marjory Graham, *m.* firstly to George Drummond, 4th of Blair, (*c/m* 17 August 1633³), and had issue ; and secondly, George Drummond, 6th of Balloch, (he was widow of Agnes, daughter of John Napier, of Merchiston, whom he had *m.* by *c/m* 30 July 1620, and by whom he had issue), and had issue. She *m.* thirdly at Blairgowrie on 14 August, 1654, Major James Stewart, 1st of Banchrie,⁴ (he *m.* secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of John Drummond, 8th of Colquhalzie, who was then widow of Mr. George Wemyss, Minister of Scone, who had *d.* in July of 1666, and had issue), and had issue to all.

10. Margaret Graham, *m.* in around 1630, William Henderson of North Ronaldsay, eldest son and heir of Robert Henderson of Holland, in Orkney. They had a charter for the lands of North Ronaldsay from his father on 17 November, 1630,⁵ and had issue.

11. Elizabeth Graham, *m.* James Scrimgeour, younger of Kirkton, eldest son of John Scrimgeour of Kirkton, and had no issue.

12. Agnes Graham, *m.* Adam Bellenden of Serness, in Orkney.

13. Jean Graham, *d.* on 5 September, 1623, aged 14, and was buried at Sandwick, in Orkney.

¹ Retours. Gen. No. 3060.

² RS49/1/f.267

³ GD24/1/148

⁴ OPR – Blairgowrie.

⁵ RMS 1634-1651. Nos. 1622, 1624 & 1626.

DAVID GRAHAM, 2ND OF GORTHY, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir in the lands of Myreside, in the barony of Methven, and Callendar-more, in the barony of Kincardine, on 17 June, 1647.¹ He was an adherent of the cause of King Charles I. for which he had his estate sequestrated by act of Parliament dated 11 February 1645, and himself imprisoned and excommunicated by the church. Following this, his lands were disposed to Alexander Lindsay, Lord Balcarres, on 4 February 1646, who afterwards sold them to Patrick Smith of Braco, by disposition dated 4 July 1647, and were subsequently conveyed by Patrick Smith of Braco, the son, to David Graham, Mungo, his eldest son and heir and Helen Murray, Mungo's wife, by contract dated 14 July 1657. This was confirmed under the Great Seal on 17 July 1657, with reservation of the liferent to David and the remainder to Mungo and Helen and their heirs male and assignees.² He *d.* on 11 January 1661, only a few hours after removing the skull of the Marquess of Montrose from the iron spike at the Tolbooth in Edinburgh where it had remained on display for a number of years. He *m.* Katherine, daughter of William Morton of Cambo, (*c/m* 7 September, 1632³), and by her he was father of :

1. **MUNGO GRAHAM, 3RD OF GORTHY**, succeeded his father and *m.* firstly in 1657, Helen, daughter of William Moray 10th of Abercairney.⁴ He *m.* secondly, Mary, daughter of Patrick Murray, 7th of Ochertyre, (*c/m* 1 April, 1666.⁵ She survived him and *m.* secondly, James Graham, 2nd of Grahamshall ; and *d.* in April of 1733), *d.* in May of 1671⁶ and was father of :

2c) **MUNGO GRAHAM, 4TH OF GORTHY**, *hap.* on 23 December 1670,⁷ and was retoured heir to his father firstly, in an annualrent from the lands of Forr, in the parish of Crieff, on 22 August 1672,⁸ and then in the lands and barony of Gorthie, Dalpatrick and Pitmurthly, and heir general on 14 February 1673.⁹ He served for a number of years as one of the principal factors to James, Duke of Montrose, and being contemporary with Rob Roy

¹ Retours. Perth. No. 562.

² RMS 1652-1659. No. 598.

³ RMS 1634-1651. No. 55.

⁴ RD4/11/589

⁵ RS52/3/f.392r

⁶ Dunblane Tests

⁷ GD190/3/122. Extract of his baptism made on 24 December 1698.

⁸ Retours. Perth. No. 842.

⁹ Retours. Perth. No. 850 & Retours. Gen. No. 5607.

MacGregor, he was heavily embroiled in the feud between his master and MacGregor. He *d.* unmarried at Buchanan on 26 November, 1754.¹

2c) Helen Graham, *m.* firstly, James Menzies of Schian, (*c/m* at Edinburgh on 19 July 1692.² He was widow of Grisel, daughter of Alexander Menzies of Aberfeldy, whom he had *m.* by *c/m* 3 March 1658,³ and by whom he had no issue), and had no issue ; and secondly to James Graham, Merchant in Anstruther, and had issue.

2c) Jean Graham, was living on 12 August, 1736.⁴

2. David Graham, 1st of Braco, (*see below*).

3. Patrick Graham, *dsp* in 1671.⁵

4. George Graham of Grahamstoun, *m.* to his cousin Barbara, daughter of Patrick Graham, 1st of Rothiesholm, (she was widow of Patrick Blair of Little-Blair whom she had *m.* at South Ronaldsay on 16 April, 1667), and is styled as uncle to Mungo Graham of Gorthy, in a Letter of Faculty, dated 6 January, 1679. He *d.* on 18 July, 1690.

5. John Graham, who, with his brother David Graham, entered into a feud with Sir Robert Moray of Abercairney in 1690 concerning the marches of their respective lands.⁶ He was infeft in the lands of Whytbank on 29 September, 1675.

6. Anna Graham, *m.* John Drummond of Colquhalzie, (*c/m* 13 May, 1658⁷), and had issue.

DAVID GRAHAM, 1ST OF BRACO, is mentioned in the Will of his brother Mungo of Gorthy in 1671 and was one of the curators of his nephew Mungo Graham, heir to Gorthy. He was appointed Clerk of Bills, and obtained the lands of Braco and Keilour from the Marquis of Montrose in which he and his son James were infeft on 12 April 1705.⁸ He *m.* at Fowlis Wester on 5 July, 1683, Margaret, daughter of Patrick Murray, 2nd of Keilour,⁹ *d.* in 1718 and was father of :

1. James Graham, 2nd of Braco, (*see below*).

¹ Scots Magazine, 4th November 1754, edition.

² RS52/11/f.294.

³ RS51/5/f.80r

⁴ GD220/5/1400

⁵ Dunblane Tests

⁶ Reg. Privy Council. 1690.

⁷ RS51/5/f.140r

⁸ GD23/1/1001

⁹ OPR – Fowlis Wester. See also: RD4/57/520

2. Mungo Graham, *bap.* at Dalkeith on 24 May, 1688, and was father of :

2a) Mungo Graham, was retoured heir to his cousin John Drummond of McCorrastone, in July of 1724 and is then styled nephew to James Graham of Braco.

3. Patrick Graham, a correspondant with Mungo Graham of Gorthie in 1735.¹

4. Barbara Graham, *bap.* at Dalkeith on 19 October, 1689.

5. Helen Graham, *bap.* at Dalkeith on 11 July, 1691.

JAMES GRAHAM, 2ND OF BRACO, *bap.* at Dalkeith on 13 July, 1686, succeeded his father and *m.* firstly, to Margaret, daughter of Sir James Dunbar of Mochrum, by whom he had no apparent issue. He *m.* secondly on 11 October, 1713, to Catherine, daughter of Sir William Stirling, 2nd Baronet of Ardoch, *d.* in February of 1736² and was father of :

1. David Graham, 3rd of Braco and Gorthy, (*see below*).

2. Henry Graham, *b.* on 17 October, 1720, attained the rank of Major in the army and was appointed Governor of St. Helena. He obtained the estate of Hanwell, in Middlesex, *m.* Anne, sister and heir of Henry Hodges of Broadwell, and *d.* in 1786. He was father of :

2a) Anne Graham, *m.* in 1779 to Sir Andrew Hammond of Hollygrove, and had issue.

3. Mungo Graham, was apprenticed to Napier and Hasenfeller, Merchants at Saint Petersburg, on 22 March 1736.³ He wrote to his uncle, Sir Harry Stirling at Saint Petersburg on 20 September and 11 November 1740 complaining that he was in Persia and had been abandoned there by Captain Elton, and that due to the Tarta's incursion into the Province of Shirvan, he would have to remain there for the winter. Napier, his master, describes that "he is like to turn out a clever young fellow. Pray get some letters ready to the Duke of Montrose or who you think would be of use." He was killed in 1743.⁴

4. Mary Graham, *b.* on 30 September, 1714, and *m.* David Smythe, 3rd of Methven, (*c/m* at Methven Castle on 4 November, 1742.⁵ He survived her and *m.* secondly at Edinburgh on 5 April, 1761, to Katherine, daughter of Patrick Campbell, 6th of Monzie ; and *d.* in 1764). They had issue.

¹ GD220/5/1349

² Dunblane Tests. Proved 27 May 1736.

³ GD24/1/454

⁴ GD24/1/454/2-32

⁵ GD190/3/289

5. Margaret Graham, *b.* on 22 June, 1722, and *m.* at Alloa on 4 December, 1753, to Francis Masterton, 2nd of Gogar,¹ (he *d.* at Braco Castle on 1 May 1795). They had issue.

DAVID GRAHAM, 3RD OF BRACO AND GORTHY, *c.* at Fowlis Wester on 8 February, 1716, and entered the military at a very young age. On 25 July 1735, he was at Bergen-op-Zoom and writing home to solicit help in going to Muscovy where his relation, Sir Harry Stirling of Ardoch, was then residing.² He was serving as an officer in the Dutch army by 17 July 1739, was in Edinburgh recruiting on 4 March 1740, and upon settling back in Scotland, he was appointed Secretary to the Queen and served as Colonel of the Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Highlanders in which capacities he is styled when entered a Burgess of Edinburgh "for great and important services" on 27 January, 1762. He *m.* Catherine, daughter of James Hepburn of Keith, and *d.* at George Street, Edinburgh, on Thursday 19 January 1797,³ with the lands of Gorthy thereafter being sold by his Trustees to Sir Thomas Moncrieff for £26,000. He was father of :

CATHERINE GRAHAM, *m.* at Saint James, Westminster, on 13 June, 1768, to Thomas Hampden, 2nd Viscount Hampden.

¹ OPR – Alloa.

² GD220/5/1354

³ Caledonian Mercury, 26th January 1797, edition.