

GRAHAM

OF MORPHIE

SIR DAVID DE GRAHAM, was father of a younger son :

JOHN DE GRAHAM, 1ST OF AUCHANCLOICH, was father of :

SIR GILBERT GRAHAM OF MORPHIE, had the wadset of the lands of Blacklaws and part of Fisherton, in the barony of Kinneff, from John Dallas,¹ and disputed fishing rights with the Priory of Restenneth which caused him to destroy facilities to such an extent that the Prior received compensatory payments from the Royal treasury from 1387-1391.² He is said to have had the wadset of the lands of Morphy from the Earl of Crawford in 1398. He was father of :

WILLIAM GRAHAM OF MORPHY, succeeded by 12 August 1428, when he was witness to a Sasine and charter for the lands of Wester Powrie in favour of Thomas Fotheringham of Powrie.³ He was witness to a Notarial Instrument relating to the rights of the Bishop of Brechin's right to a portion of the Muir on Montremounth dated 8 July 1434,⁴ and was a member of the inquest to determine the rights of the Abbey of Abroath to the lands of Scottston, Halfdavach and the multures of the mill of Conveth on 11 November 1460.⁵ He was witness to the determination of the rights of the Abbey of Arbroath to an annualrent to be uplifted from the burgh of Aberdeen on 4 June 1464,⁶ had an action against William, Lord Graham, over the extraction of water from the river North Esk to the mill at Kynnaber brought before the Lords Auditors in 1467. He *d.* after 26 July 1473, and before 1479, when his son David had succeeded him. He was father of :

¹ Robertson's Index.

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. III. P. 155, 199, 216 & 260.

³ GD121/3/47

⁴ Carnegie Charters. No. 62.

⁵ Reg. Arbroath. No. 132.

⁶ Reg. Arbroath. No. 155.

DAVID GRAHAM OF MORPHY, styled as son and heir apparent to William Graham of Morphie when witness to an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Dun in favour of John Erskine, eldest son and heir of John Erskine of Dun, dated 26 July 1473,¹ and had succeeded his father by 13 October 1479, when he and John Erskine of Dun were pursued by Christian, Lady Graham, for the withholding of three chalders of meal and barley.² He *d.* by 1492, and was father of :

1. Henry Graham of Morphy, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Graham, acted as Tutor to his nephew and *m.* prior to 3 June 1487, to Catherine, daughter of David Arbuthnott of that Ilk.

HENRY GRAHAM OF MORPHIE, had Sasine for the lands of Morphy in 1492,³ and resigned his lands into the hands of the King who, for his good services, erected them into a barony and for which he had a confirmation under the Great Seal dated 30 March 1507.⁴ He had a grant of the fishing on the north side of the River North Esk from Walter Hilton, Provost of Montrose, on 26 July 1506, was infeft in the fishing rights at Cruvie on the Northesk on 28 November 1509,⁵ and *d.* prior to January of 1511, when the King gifted the ward of his lands and the marriage of his heir to Mr. Patrick Paniter.⁶ He *m.* Giles, daughter of Robert Arbuthnott of that Ilk, (she *m.* secondly, Andrew Fraser of Tibbertie, and thirdly, to Thomas Fraser of Stonywood), and was father of :

1. Robert Graham of Morphie, (*see below*).
2. John Graham, acted as procurator to his mother in actions by Mr. John Fraser and Gilbert Fraser, his brother, relating to the estate of their deceased father Thomas Fraser of Stonywood, on 25 May 1536.⁷

¹ Dun Papers.

² Acta Dom Conc.

³ Ex. Rolls. Vol. X. P. 766.

⁴ RMS 1424-1513. No. 3087

⁵ GD70/350

⁶ RPS Vol. I. No. 2186.

⁷ Protocol Book of John Cristisone. No. 191.

ROBERT GRAHAM OF MORPHIE, succeeded his father and was infeft as his heir in the fishing on the North Esk on 5 February 1512.¹ He was *d.* by 24 August 1515, probably k. at the battle of Flodden in September of 1513, and was father of :

JAMES GRAHAM OF MORPHIE, succeeded his father and was dead by 24 August 1515, when the King gifted the ward of the lands of Morphie and the marriage of the heir to Sir John Hamilton.² He was *d.* by May of 1536 and was succeeded either by his son or, more probably, his brother :

ROBERT GRAHAM OF MORPHY, succeeded by 18 May 1536, and was witness with his eldest son and heir, Sir Henry Graham, to a charter by David, Bishop of Ross, for the lands of Throsk in favour of John Abercromby on 5 September 1558. He *m.* Katherine, daughter of Patrick Panter, *d.* after 10 February 1583, and before 14 November of that year when his son Robert was infeft as his heir in fishing rights on the North Esk, and was father of :

1. Sir Henry Graham of Morphie, (*see below*).
2. Mr. Andrew Graham, Bishop of Dunblane, styled as son of the then deceased Robert Graham of Morphie, in a charter under the Great Seal confirming to him the lands of Easter Kinneff alias Fairnieflett on 30th August 1589, which had been resigned in his favour by Margaret Bisset, daughter and one of the heirs of Walter Bisset of Easter Kinneff, and James Edmonstone of Newton, her husband. On 29th July 1581, Mr. Andrew Graham, Bishop of Dunblane, and Jane Bisset, his spouse, daughter of the late Walter Bisset of Easter Kinneff, were parties to the marriage contract of Giles Bisset, sister of the said Jane and daughter of the said Walter, to Mr. William Stirling, Parson of Aberfoyle. He was consecrated Bishop of Dunblane in succession to William Chisholm on 17 May, 1575,³ and *m.* first, to Jane, daughter and coheir of Walter Bisset of Kinneff, (*c/m* 29 July 1581⁴), with whom he acquired the lands of Fairneyflett, in Kincardineshire, and secondly, by Febraury 1607, to Isobel Moncur. He was father of :

¹ GD70/351

² RPS Vol. I. No. 2607. It is probable that he was killed at the battle of Flodden in September 1513.

³ RPS Vol. VII. No. 186

⁴ NRAS792/6/2

- 2a) Robert Graham, fiar of Fairnyflett, in whose and that of Katherine Rait, his wife, favour his father resigned the Mains of Easter Kinneff otherwise known as Fairnyflett to be held by he and the heirs male of his body for which he had a confirmation under the Great Seal on 26 February 1607,¹ and which all parties resigned in favour of John, Earl of Montrose, in the May following.²
3. James Graham of Leuchland, to whom David Straiton of Craigie resigned the 2/3 of the lands of Craigie for which a Precept was issued on 10 February 1583, and in which he is styled as son to Robert Graham of Morphy.³ On 29 July 1584, he had a Precept for a charter of confirmation for the lands of Leuchland resigned in his favour by David Seton of Parbroath.⁴ He *m.* Catherine Fullarton, *d.* by March of 1616 and was father of :
- 3a) James Graham, pursued his brother's killer, Robert Symmer, in 1616.
- 3a) David Graham, witness with his father to a charter by Sir John Wood of Fettercairn granting the lands of Balmaqueins to Mr. David Rait, Principal of King's College, Aberdeen, on 1 June 1613.⁵ He was run through with a rapier by Robert Symmer, son to Balzeordie, while at the Haugh of Inch, near Brechin, on 29 April 1616, from which he *d.* within a week.⁶
4. Robert Graham, *m.* Barbara, daughter and co-heiress of Walter Bisset of Easter Kinneff, by 27 July 1584, when he had a Precept for a charter under the Great Seal for the shadow half of the lands of Easter Kinneff, and is then styled as brother german to Henry Graham of Morphy.⁷
5. Katherine Graham, *m.* by 20 June 1545, to Robert Erskine of Dun,⁸ and had issue.
6. Elizabeth Graham, *m.* John Arbuthnott of Mondyes, (he was widow of Katherine Pitcairn, who *d.* in April of 1570), *d.* in September of 1613 and had issue.
7. Giles Graham, *m.* William Douglas, 9th Earl of Angus, (*c/m* 14 February 1551.⁹ He *d.* on 1 July 1591), and had issue.

¹ RMS 1594-1608. No. 1864.

² RMS 1594-1608. No. 1924. Confirmed under the Great Seal on 14 June 1607.

³ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 1143.

⁴ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 2237.

⁵ RMS 1609-1620. No. 869.

⁶ Pitcairn's Criminal Trials.

⁷ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 2234.

⁸ Dun Papers.

⁹ Douglas Charters. No. 204.

SIR HENRY GRAHAM OF MORPHY, witness with his father to a charter David, Bishop of Ross, granting the lands of Throsk to John Abercromby, son of the deceased William Abercromby in Kersie, dated 5 September 1558,¹ and had Sasine for the lands of Morphy Meikle on 1 November 1583.² He *m.* first, to Elspeth Strachan, (she *d.* in 1581), secondly, to Janet Graham, (she *d.* in 1590), and thirdly, to Agnes Lindsay, (*c/m* 14 March 1587).³ She was widow of William Fullerton of Craigo and *d.* in 1605), to whom a liferent was confirmed on 16 December 1597, and was father of :

1. John Graham, fiar of Morphy, (*see below*).
2. Robert Graham, witness to the charter by his father granting the lands of Morphy to his brother John Graham and his nephew Robert Graham on 16 December 1597.
3. Katherine Graham, *m.* John Fullarton of Kynnaber, (*c/m* 22 June 1586), *d.* in February of 1592, and had issue.

JOHN GRAHAM, FIAR OF MORPHY, had a charter from his father for the liferent of the lands of Morphy on 16 December 1597, to be held by he and Robert Graham, his eldest son.⁴ He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of John Ogilvy of Inverquharie,⁵ *d.* by September of 1613 and was father of :

SIR ROBERT GRAHAM OF MORPHY, to whom his grandfather Sir Henry Graham granted the lands of Morphy on 16 December 1597. He had succeeded to the lands of Morphy and had been knighted by 17 September 1613, when he had a charter from George Barclay of Jackston, for the lands of Jackston, in the sheriffdom of Kincardine, and to whom David Erskine, eldest son and heir of Sir Alexander Erskine of Dun, resigned the lands of Dun on 6 February 1656. He *m.* firstly, Euphame, daughter of David Carnegie of Colluthie, (*c/m* 15, 16 & 20 October 1599), and had issue ; and secondly, Helen, daughter of Alexander Burnet of Leys, with whom, on his own resignation, they had a charter of confirmation under the Great Seal for the lands of Balmedie, Balmannoch, Haltoun and

¹ RMS 1580-1593. No. 1292.

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. XXI. P. 494.

³ GD1/383/8

⁴ RMS 1593-1608. No. 633.

⁵ Msdep115/1/18

Smiddiehill, Canterland, Kinnaird, and others, all in the barony of Morphy, on 8 August 1635.¹ He *d.* prior to 24 September 1661, and was father of :

1. Sir Robert Graham of Morphie, (*see below*).
2. John Graham of Craigie, styled as son of Sir Robert Graham of Morphie in a Bond dated 1666. He *m.* by 1628, Rachel, daughter of Dr. Peter Bruce, Regent of St. Leonards College. St. Andrews, and was father of,
 - 2a) Robert Graham of Craigie, who was father of,
 - 2b) Helen Graham,
 - 2b) Eupham Graham, *m.* David Scott, son of James Scott of Logie, (*c/m* 1698²).
3. Eupham Graham, *m.* David Bethiune, 8th of Creich, (he *dsp* on 4 March 1660), and had no issue.

SIR ROBERT GRAHAM OF MORPHY, retoured heir to his father in the lands of Mains of Dun and others, on 24 September 1661,³ and *m.* by 29 March 1628, to Mary, eldest daughter of Alexander Irvine of Drum, (*c/m* 5 January 1628⁴) when they had a charter for the lands of Morphy from his father.⁵ He *d.* by 24 March 1669, and was father of :

1. Robert Graham of Morphie, (*see below*).
2. David Graham, apprenticed to George Suttie, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 28 February 1666.
3. Henry Graham, styled as brother to the Laird of Morphie in a Bond dated 1682.

ROBERT GRAHAM OF MORPHY, was retoured heir to his his father in the barony of Dun on 24 March 1669,⁶ to his grandfather Sir Robert Graham of Morphy, in the lands of Morphy-Fraser and others, on 9 August 1673, and to his father in the lands of Stean of Morphy, on 19 August following.⁷ His estate was heavily burdened with debts and on 12 April 1675, Mr David Graham, brother to John Graham of Claverhouse, stood cautioner for his release from the Tolbooth in Aberdeen, “where he was imprisoned for debts due to

¹ RMS 1634-1651. No. 393.

² MS3064/1/2/29

³ Retours, Forfar. No. 378.

⁴ MSdep115/1/8

⁵ RMS 1620-1633. No. 1240.

⁶ Retours, Forfar. No. 438.

⁷ Retours, Forfar. Nos. 112 & 123.

many persons” and from which the King also issued a protection. He resigned his lands of Morphie Meikle, Stane of Morphie, Hill of Morphie, and others all in the barony of Morphie, in favour of John Scott of Comieston on 29 June 1677,¹ and *m.* Magdalen, daughter of William Graham, 6th of Claverhouse, (she *d.* in November of 1710²), whom, as his future spouse, he infeft in a liferent of his lands on 24 August 1665.³ He was father of :

FRANCIS GRAHAM OF MORPHY, named in his mother’s Testament in 1710, and on 10 May 1743, he executed an entail of his lands which were on his death to descend to his maternal cousin William Barclay, eldest son of James Barclay of Balmakewan, by his wife Anne, daughter of William Graham, 6th of Claverhouse, and sister to his mother.⁴

WILLIAM BARCLAY GRAHAM OF MORPHY, succeeded to the lands of Morphy as heir of entail to his cousin Captain Francis Graham of Morphy and for which he had a charter of confirmation under the Great Seal on 13 February 1744. He *d.* at Balmakewen on 25 July 1776,⁵ having *m.* first, on 27 September 1748,⁶ Catherine, daughter of John Ogilvy of Lunan and Balbegno, by whom he had issue :

1. Isabella Graham, *m.* on 12 November 1775, to John, 7th Viscount Arbutnot.

He *m.* secondly, on 18 October 1761,⁷ to Wilhelmina Barclay, (she *d.* at Balmakewen on 28 January 1774⁸), and had issue :

¹ GD70/385

² St Andrews Tests

³ GD70/366

⁴ Registered on 6 January 1744.

⁵ Caledonian Mercury. 31st July 1776, edition. See also Scots Magazine. 1st July 1776, edition. The retour of Robert Graham his son, as his heir, incorrectly states that he had died in August 1776.

⁶ Marykirk Register

⁷ Marykirk Register

⁸ Scots Magazine. 1st January 1774, edition.

1. **ROBERT GRAHAM OF MORPHY**, *c.* at Marykirk on 17 November 1763, and was served heir to his father in the lands of Morphy on 13 August 1787. He *d.* in December of 1792, and was father of :
 - 1a) A son, who *d.* in infancy.
 - 1a) Sarah Graham, who, in 1829, raised an action of reduction against her uncle Francis Graham's retour as heir to her father, Robert, on the grounds of his succession being contrary to the terms of an entail contained with her grandfather, William Graham's contract of marriage. She *m.* at Rosebank on 10 August 1816, to Francis Birmingham, brother of Lord Atheryn.¹
2. **FRANCIS GRAHAM OF MORPHY**, *c.* at Marykirk on 16 January 1766, was served heir to his brother Robert in the lands of Morphy on 16 May 1796, and *dsp* on 7 March 1847.
3. James Graham, *c.* at Marykirk on 21 February 1767, and *m.* at Aberdeen on 29 November 1787, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Ewen, Jeweler in Aberdeen. He is generally said to have abandoned his wife and family, however, his wife writing to their son Barron in 1814 states "nothing would please my father but his [James's] going abroad and he got him to do so and bitter have the consequences been to all members of his unhappy family." He *d.* as a result of a fall from his gig near Dunkeld on 12 August 1837,² and was father of :
 - 3a) John Graham, *c.* at Aberdeen on 9 November 1788, and *dsp*.
 - 3a) Barron Graham of Morphie, (*see below*).
 - 3a) Elizabeth Graham, *c.* at Aberdeen on 25 June 1791.
4. Elizabeth Graham, *c.* at Marykirk on 17 January 1765, and *m.* at Arbroath on 6 May 1785, to Dr. James Hutchison, M.D. She *d.* at the Priory, Pitenweem, on 7 May 1844.³
5. Wilhelmina Graham, *m.* William Duncan, Teacher in Aberdeen Grammar School, and *d.* on 7 August 1848.⁴ They had issue.

BARRON GRAHAM OF MORPHY, was *c.* at Aberdeen on 10 December 1792. He was served heir to his uncle Francis Graham of Morphy in the lands of Morphy on 19 December 1847, and in the lands of Little Miln, with the teinds, on 5 June 1854. He *m.* at London on 12 April 1816, to Caroline Keisling, daughter of Swedish Naval officer, although this does not appear to have been a happy union and he petitioned to have the marriage dissolved on the grounds that he wished to be free to marry again. He *m.*

¹ Perthshire Courier. 15th August 1816, edition.

² Perthshire Courier. 10th August 1837, edition.

³ Aberdeen Journal. 22nd May 1844, edition.

⁴ Aberdeen Journal. 16th August 1848, edition.

secondly, at Currie on 1 June 1831, to Somerville, daughter of Sir Alexander Morrison, (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 23 June 1881), *d.* in 1877, and was father of :

1. **FRANCIS BARCLAY GRAHAME OF MORPHY**, *b.* on 14 April 1838, succeeded his father on his death in 1877, and *d.* in June 1913, being succeeded by his brother James.
2. John Barclay Graham, *b.* on 7 March 1842, and *dsp* on 8 November 1882.¹
3. James Barclay Grahame of Morphy, (*see below*).
4. Alexander Barclay Grahame, *b.* on 22 October 1846.
5. Mary Barclay Grahame, *b.* on 19 February 1834.
6. Marion Barclay Grahame, *b.* on 21 February 1836, and *m.* first, to Charles W. Kerr of Arthurstane, and secondly at Edinburgh on 8 November 1870, to Sir William Fettes Douglas, President of the Royal Scottish Academy. She *d.* at Colinton in September of 1916.
7. Frances Barclay Grahame, *b.* on 4 May 1840, and *d.* at Spylaw Bank, Colinton, in March of 1935, in her 95th year.²
8. Somerville Grahame, *b.* on 16 August 1848, and *m.* at Rosslyn Chapel on 1 September 1873, to David Ferguson Ochterlony, eldest son of Sir Charles M. Ochterlony, Baronet. She *d.* in 1930.
9. Ann Barclay Grahame, *b.* on 5 February 1849, and *m.* at Kensington on 30 March 1875, to Frederick George Cotman.³
10. Wilhelmina Barclay Grahame, *b.* on 24 August 1842, and *d.* at St. Andrews on 7 December 1859.⁴

JAMES BARCLAY GRAHAME OF MORPHY, *b.* on 6 June 1844, and *m.* at St. Andrews on 23 November 1875, to Barbara Mary, daughter of John Thoms, of Clepington.⁵ He *d.* in March of 1918, and was father of :

1. Barbara Marion Grahame, *m.* in 1912, to David Rodan, who assumed the additional surname of Barclay Grahame.
2. Somerville Catherine Grahame, *m.* at St. Andrews on 22 March 1904, to John Barnes Graham, son of A. Barnes Graham of Craigallan.
3. Agnes Muriel Barclay Grahame,

¹ Dundee Evening Telegraph. 10th November 1882, edition.

² Statutory Record. See also Dundee Courier. 12th March 1935, edition.

³ Ipswich Journal. 6th April 1875, edition.

⁴ Statutory record. See Also Aberdeen Journal. 15th December 1869, edition.

⁵ Statutory record. See also Dundee Courier. 26th November 1875.

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4. Joanna Olive Grahame, *m.* at St. Leonard's Church, St. Andrews, on 6 June 1906, to Edward Kynaston Williams.

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