

HALKERSTON

OF RATHILLET

HENRY HALKERSTON, is said to have been a son of Sir Thomas Halkerston of that Ilk, and to have been the first of the family to settle at Rathillet and, although this narration is contained in the 1772 matriculation of arms, this is not borne out by evidence which shows that the early ancestors of the family were not settled at Rathillet but, instead, at Hilcairney. Henry is said to have *m.* Jean, daughter of William Gourlay of Kinraig, and to have been father of :

JOHN HALKERSTON IN HILCAIRNEY, is he first for whom there is evidence. He *m.* Margaret, daughter of John Paterson of Hiltarvit, with whom he obtained the sunny half of the lands of Hilcairney from John Clephane of Hilcairney on 27 April, 1599,¹ and was father of :

1. William Halkerston, portioner of Hilcairney, (*see below*).
2. James Halkerston, educated at the University of St. Andrews where he graduated from in 1635, and was admitted Minister at Cleish on 8 July, 1651. He obtained the lands of Little Kinnear from Gilbert Paterson of Little Kinnear by disposition dated 5 June, 1636,² which he afterward disposed to Mr William Halkerston, styled his grand-nephew, on 23 April, 1678,³ *m.* Barbara, daughter of Falconer of Craigfoodie, and *dsp* in 1679.
3. John Halkerston, who, as next of kin, was appointed Tutor to his nephew James Halkerston, portioner of Hilcairney on 2 April 1617.
4. Christine Halkerston, *m.* Robert Balfour, eldest son and heir of John Balfour, portioner of Kinloch, (*c/m* 7 February, 1606⁴), and had issue.

¹ RMS 1594-1608. No. 93

² GD137/31

³ GD137/31

⁴ RMS 1620-1633. No. 41

WILLIAM HALKERSTON, PORTIONER OF HILCAIRNEY, to whom the fee of the lands of Hilcairney was assigned with his parents being infeft in the liferent on 6 January, 1607.¹ He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Paterson of Dunmure, (*c/m* 24 October, 1610,) and *d.* by 14 May, 1617. He was father of,

JAMES HALKERSTON, PORTIONER OF HILCAIRNY AND OF RATHILLET, retoured heir general to his father on 14 May, 1617, and to him in his part of the lands of Hilcairney on 16 October, 1633, which he disposed to Thomas Oliphant, portioner of Hilcairney, in 1636.² He *m.* by this date to Margaret, daughter of Falconer of Craigfoodie, and was father of :

1. **DAVID HALKERSTON OF RATHILLET**, retoured heir to his father in the lands of Rathillet on 3 March, 1670, and was a Covenanter. He was tried and brutally executed at Edinburgh on 30 July, 1680,³ for his involvement in the murder of James Sharp, Archbishop of St. Andrews.
2. William Halkerston of Rathillet, (*see below*).
3. George Halkerston, one of the factors at St. Andrews University and is styled as brother to William Halkerston of Rathillet in a Bond dated 16 October 1697.⁴

WILLIAM HALKERSTON OF RATHILLET, who, as a younger son, was trained for the church and graduated from the University of St. Andrews Master of Arts on 8 August, 1666. He succeeded his great-uncle James Halkerston as Minister of Cleish and in which charge he was presented by King Charles II. on 27 December, 1679, although he afterwards demitted on 8 October, 1690. He succeeded his brother in the lands of Rathillet and *m.* on 23 August, 1681, to Margaret, eldest daughter of William Halliday of Tullibole. He *d.* prior to June of 1752 and was father of :

1. Robert Halkerston of Rathillet, (*see below*).
2. John Halkerston, became a Surgeon in Cupar and is styled as second son of William Halkerton of Rathillet when witness to the contract of marriage between Robert Hay of Morton and

¹ RMS 1593-1608. No. 182

² RMS 1634-1651. No. 56

³ Cupar Monumental Inscriptions

⁴ CC20/11/6

Katherine Halkerston on 20 December 1716. He *m.* Anne, daughter of David Balfour of Grange, (she was widow of James Balfour of Raddernie).

3. James Halkerston, *m.* on 23 November, 1722, Isobel, daughter of George Hay of Morton.

ROBERT HALKERSTON OF RATHILLET, succeeded his father and was served his heir father on 4 June, 1752. He *m.* Helen, daughter of Robert Hay of Naughton, *d.* in December of 1759 and was father of :

1. Helenus Halkerston of Rathillet, (*see below*).
2. Robert Halkerston, *b.* on 6 February, 1730.
3. William Halkerston, *b.* on 24 July, 1732.

HELENUS HALKERSTON OF RATHILLET, *b.* in 1724, was served heir to his father 24 September 1761, and matriculated arms as “Halkerston of that Ilk” on 20 July, 1772. He *m.* Barbara, daughter of Hon. Alexander Maitland, younger son of Charles Maitland, 3rd Earl of Lauderdale, (she was widow of Sir Edward Gibson, 2nd Baronet of Cliftonhall, who had *d.* in 1727 and by whom she had issue. She *d.* on 19 June, 1782,) and *d.* prior to 1 March, 1782. He was father of :

CHARLES HALKERSTON, was served heir to her father on 1 March, 1782.