

# HOPE

## OF KERSE

**SIR THOMAS HOPE OF WEST GRANTON & 1<sup>ST</sup> OF KERSE**, was second son of Sir Thomas Hope, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet of Craigiehall, and was *b.* on 6 August 1606. He was bred to the law and was admitted an Advocate on 17 July 1631. He was Knighted by King Charles I., on 16 July 1633, and was appointed a Lord of Session and Lord Justice-General on 13 November 1641. He *m.* Helen, daughter and coheir of Adam Rae of Pitsindy, with whom he was infeft in the Barony of Merton on 23 September 1636,<sup>1</sup> *d.* at Edinburgh on 23 August 1643, and was father of :

1. **THOMAS HOPE, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF KERSE**, succeeded his father and with his mother, he disposed the Barony of Airth, to Sir Thomas Hope of Craighall on 21 October 1645.<sup>2</sup> He *dsp* prior to 1<sup>st</sup> December 1646, and was succeeded in the lands of Kerse by his brother Alexander Hope.
2. Sir Alexander Hope, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Kerse, (*see below*).
3. Henry Hope, *c.* at Edinburgh on 3 March 1639.
4. John Hope, *c.* at Edinburgh on 14 November 1643, and is styled as youngest brother to the deceased in a caption anent the tenants of the lands of Airth on 1 December 1646.<sup>3</sup>
5. Anna Hope, *c.* at Edinburgh on 22 November 1634.
6. Mary Hope, *c.* at Edinburgh on 9 November 1640, and *m.* firstly, Sir John Young of Leny, (*c/m* 13 August 1663<sup>4</sup>), by whom she had issue. She *m.* secondly, on 30 May 1703, to Sir Thomas Moncrieff, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet of Moncrieff, (he was widow of Bethia, daughter of Alexander Hamilton of Hill, whom he had *m.* on 27 February 1662, and *dsp* on 15 January 1715).
7. Helen Hope, *c.* at Edinburgh on 1 April 1642.

**SIR ALEXANDER HOPE, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF KERSE & 1<sup>ST</sup> BARONET**, *b.* on 12 December 1637, succeeded his brother Thomas Hope of Kerse in the lands of Kerse and to whom he was retoured heir general on 25 December 1647. He was retoured heir general to his father on

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<sup>1</sup> GD157/319

<sup>2</sup> GD37/138

<sup>3</sup> GD37/140

<sup>4</sup> RH9/7/64

19 February 1648, and was created a Baronet on 30 May 1672. He *m.* at Delft on 12 December 1659, to Louisa Hunter, was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 1 January 1674,<sup>1</sup> and was father of :

1. Sir Alexander Hope, 4<sup>th</sup> of Kerse & 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet, (*see below*).
2. James Hope, was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 20 February 1690.<sup>2</sup>
3. Thomas Hope, served as a Lieutenant on board the Unicorn and *d.* during the Darien expedition.<sup>3</sup>

**SIR ALEXANDER HOPE, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF KERSE & 2<sup>ND</sup> BARONET**, *b.* on 13 August 1663, and was retoured heir to his father in the Barony of Kerse and the lands of Randiford on 17 December 1674, and to his grandfather Sir Thomas Hope on 15 August 1696. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 6 April 1690, to Nicholas, daughter of John Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Bargeny,<sup>4</sup> *d.* in February of 1719 and was father of :

1. Sir Alexander Hope, 5<sup>th</sup> of Kerse & 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet, (*see below*).
2. John Hope, *b.* on 15 February 1691.
3. William Hope, *c.* at Falkirk on 13 June 1698.
4. Charles Hope, *c.* at Falkirk on 11 September 1700.
5. James Hope, *c.* at Falkirk on 9 January 1702.
6. Jean Hope, *c.* at Falkirk on 25 January 1692.
7. Mary Hope, *c.* at Falkirk on 27 July 1693.
8. Margaret Hope, *b.* on 5 June 1695, and *m.* at Falkirk on 28 August 1716, to Robert Johnstone of Keltoun.
9. Anna Hope, *b.* on 20 October 1704, and to whom her nephew Sir Alexander Hope was served heir on 10 March 1758.

**SIR ALEXANDER HOPE, 5<sup>TH</sup> OF KERSE & 3<sup>RD</sup> BARONET**, *b.* at Edinburgh on 3 January 1697, and was served heir to his father in the barony of Kerse on 21 July 1719. He *d.* on

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<sup>1</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>2</sup> Greyfriars Burial Register.

<sup>3</sup> Edinburgh Tests

<sup>4</sup> OPR - Edinburgh

Friday 24 February 1749,<sup>1</sup> having *m.* firstly, at Falkirk on 12 June 1720, to Anne, daughter of David Carnegie, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Northesk, (she *d.* on 1 February 1733), and by her he was father of :

1. Sir Alexander Hope, 6<sup>th</sup> of Kerse & 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet, (*see below*).
2. James Hope, *b.* on 2 June 1732, and *d.* at Bengal in 1766.<sup>2</sup>
3. Margaret Hope, *c.* at Falkirk on 2 July 1721.
4. Christian Hope, *b.* on 3 December 1723, and *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 2 May 1769.<sup>3</sup>
5. Elizabeth Hope, *c.* at Falkirk on 12 December 1724.
6. Anne Hope, *b.* on 6 December 1727, and *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 2 September 1787.<sup>4</sup>
7. Margaret Hope, *c.* at Falkirk 5 May 1729.
8. Isabella Hope, *c.* at Falkirk on 26 September 1730.

He *m.* secondly, to Margaret, daughter of Alexander Drummond, Writer in Edinburgh, although this seems to have been problematic and she had a Declarator of marriage against him on 2 August 1744. By her he was father of :

9. Alexander Hope, (*secundus*) who *d.* young and prior to 2 August 1744.
10. Grace Hope,
11. Mary Hope,

**SIR ALEXANDER HOPE, 6<sup>TH</sup> OF KERSE & 4<sup>TH</sup> BARONET**, *c.* at Falkirk on 24 October 1726, succeeded his father and sold the lands of Kerse to Sir Laurence Dundas. He was served heir to his aunt Anna Hope on 10 March 1758, and was then serving as a Captain in the army and is said to have *dsp* in around 1794.

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<sup>1</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 27<sup>th</sup> February 1749, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> August 1766, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> April 1769, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Scots, Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> September 1787, edition,