

MURRAY

OF BLACKBARONY

JOHN MURRAY OF BLACKBARONY, is, apparently descended from Murray of Fallahill but there is little credible evidence of this. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Hopper, (she *m.* secondly, to Sir Archibald Douglas, King's Treasurer), with whom he had a charters from the King for (1) his lands of Haltoun, alias Blackbarony on 4 May 1507,¹ (2) the lands of Kingslands on 4 November 1512, and (3) the united parts of the lands of Kingsland on 30 July 1513. He was *k.* at the battle of Flodden on 9 September 1513, and was father of :

1. Andrew Murray of Blackbarony, (*see below*).
2. Margaret Murray, *m.* William Little, (*c/m* 26 October 1532²).
3. Agnes Murray, who on 18 June 1525, was contracted to marry Alexander Napier of Merchiston although this was not undertaken.³

ANDREW MURRAY OF BLACKBARONY, succeeded and was retoured heir to his father John Murray of Blackbarony who had been killed with the King at the battle of "Twiselhauth, in England" in the lands of Blackbarony and others, on 15 February 1514.⁴ He *m.* firstly, Elizabeth, daughter of William Lockhart, Burgess of Edinburgh, and to whom on 14 June 1533, James Foulis, Clerk Register and Hugh Douglas, Burgess of Edinburgh, obliged themselves to keep from harm.⁵ By her he was father of :

1. Marion Murray, the only apparent child by the first marriage. She *m.* James Hoppringall of Whitebank, (*c/m* 14 December 1566). She *d.* in May of 1585.

¹ GD32/11/3

² GD32/26/25

³ GD430/190

⁴ GD32/11/6

⁵ GD32/2/1

He *m.* secondly, Grizel, daughter of John Bethune, 2nd of Creich, (*c/m* 8 February 1551.¹ She was widow of Sir Walter Scott, younger of Buccleuch, and *d.* on 18 August 1579). He *d.* on 1 September of 1573, and was father of,

2. Sir John Murray of Blackbarony and Eddleston, (*see below*).
3. Andrew Murray, included in the remainder of a resignation by his father of the lands of Blackbarony in favour of his brother John Murray dated 10 February 1565.
4. William Murray, included in the remainder of a resignation by his father of the lands of Blackbarony in favour of his brother John Murray dated 10 February 1565, and was witness to several charters by his brothers Sir John and Sir Gideon Murray. He was alive on 13 August 1606, when he was witness to a charter by James Douglas, Commendator of Melrose, granting the lands of Langhoip to Walter Scott of Harden.² (*see Murray of Newton & Dunerme*).
5. Gideon Murray, 1st of Elibank, a child by his father's marriage with Grisel Bethune. He is included in the remainder of a resignation by his father of the lands of Blackbarony in favour of his brother John Murray dated 10 February 1565. (*see Murray of Elibank*).
6. Elizabeth Murray, *m.* firstly, James Borthwick of Glengelt, (*c/m* 20 April 1572), and secondly, Thomas Hamilton of Priestfield.
7. Agnes Murray, *m.* Patrick Murray of Fallahill, (*c/m* 9 April & 6-8th May 1580.³ He *d.* in 1601).

SIR JOHN MURRAY OF BLACKBARONY & EDDLESTON, to whom his father made a resignation of the lands of Blackbarony on 10 February 1565,⁴ which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 26th February following, and to whom he was retoured heir on 13 February 1580. He *m.* Margaret, sister of Alexander Hamilton of Innerwick, (*c/m* 24 September 1573⁵), and was father of :

1. Andrew Murray, the eldest son, who gave his consent to the granting of an annualrent to Margaret Maule, spouse to his brother Sir Archibald Murray of Darnhall, on 17 August 1607.⁶ He *dsp.*

¹ GD32/2/2

² RMS 1594-1608. No. 1826

³ GD32/26/25

⁴ GD32/11/7

⁵ GD32/2/3

⁶ GD32/17/6

2. Sir Archibald Murray of Blackbarony & Darnhall, (*see below*).
3. Walter Murray, served as a Colonel in the army and *m.* Jean Balfour with whom he had an annualrent from William, Earl of Lothian, on 1 March 1639.¹ He was father of :
 - 3a) Jean Murray, *m.* by 15 September 1664, Captain David Alexander Robertson alias Colyear when they had Sasine for the lands of Dolphinton and is then styled as daughter of the deceased Colonel Walter Murray, brother of the deceased Sir Archibald Murray of Blackbarony.²
 - 3a) Elizabeth Murray, buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 18 November 1663.
4. Sir John Murray of Ravelrig, had a Disposition from James King, Chaplain of St Mungo's Chapel in the Laigh Kirk of Glasgow, for the lands of Burnhouse, dated 8 December 1586, and in which he is styled as third son.³ He served as Colonel of the Guard in Scotland and had a charter under the Great Seal for the liferent of the lands of Ravelrig on 16 January 1620, with his son John Murray, having the fee.⁴ He *m.* Helen Learmonth and was father of :
 - 4a) John Murray, to whom the fee of the lands of Ravelrig was assigned on 16 January 1620, and is then styled as the only son.
5. Alexander Murray, who was father of :
 - 5a) John Murray, was apprenticed to Archibald Graham, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 5 June 1650.
6. Agnes Murray, *m.* John Riddell, eldest son and apparent heir of Andrew Riddell of that Ilk, (*c/m* 13 May 1600⁵).
7. Christian Murray, *m.* William Veitch of Dawick, (*c/m* 4 February 1613⁶).
8. Maragret Murray, *m.* Sir Robert Halket of Pitferran, and had issue.
9. Elizabeth Murray, *m.* Sir Robert Kerr, 1st Earl of Ancrum.
10. Grisel Murray, *m.* Sir William Douglas of Cashogle.

SIR ARCHIBALD MURRAY, 1ST BARONET, OF DARNHALL, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Haltoun Murray alias Blackbarony, Smithlands, Eddleston and

¹ RMS 1634-1651. No. 907. He is then styled as brother german to the deceased Sir Archibald Murray of Blackbarony.

² GD40/1/141

³ GD32/10/11

⁴ RMS 1620-1633. No. 116

⁵ GD32/2/6

⁶ GD32/2/8

others uniting them into the Barony of Blackbarony on 13 August 1607.¹ He was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia on 15 May 1628,² *m.* Margaret, third daughter and coheirress of William Maule, Merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh, (*c/m* 6 August 1607³), and *d.* in around 1634, being father of :

1. Sir Alexander Murray, 2nd Baronet of Blackbarony, (*see below*).
2. Walter Murray of Halmyre, *m.* Sophia, daughter of William Johnstone of Halmyre, (*c/m* 12 & 13 December 1644), with whom he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Halmyre on 20 December 1653,⁴ and was father of :
 - 2a) Alexander Murray, to whom the fee of the lands of Halmyre was assigned in 1653.
3. Robert Murray, was apprenticed to Alexander Lowrie, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 13 April 1636, and was father of :
 - 3a) Agnes Murray, *m.* at Edinburgh on 29 January 1691, John Stirling, third son of James Stirling, brother to Sir Archibald Stirling, 7th of Keir, and had issue.
4. Helen Murray, *m.* Sir John Carstairs of Kilconquhar, (he was widow of Agnes, daughter of Adam Rae of Pitsindy, by whom he had issue ; and also of Agnes Murray, by whom he had issue), and had no apparent issue.
5. Margaret Murray, *m.* on 22 July 1627, Sir John Hope, 2nd Baronet of Craighall, (he *d.* in April of 1654), and *d.* on 3 October 1641. They had issue.
6. Bethia Murray, *n.* first, Sir William Forbes, 1st Baronet of Craigievar, (*c/m* at Edinburgh on 13 August 1635⁵), and had issue ; and secondly, in 1649, Sir Alexander Forbes of Tolquhoun.

He was also father of a natural son :

6. Archibald Murray, was apprenticed to John Cunningham, Tailor in Edinburgh, on 1 July 1618.⁶

¹ GD32/11/15

² RH1/2/606

³ GD32/17/6

⁴ RMS 1652-1660. No. 221. In which he is styled as brother german to Sir Alexander Murray of Blackbarony.

⁵ RMS 1634-1651. No. 633.

⁶ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

SIR ALEXANDER MURRAY, 2ND BARONET OF BLACKBARONY, succeeded and *m.* first, on 18 August 1629, Helen, eldest daughter of Sir Richard Cockburn of Clerkington, (*c/m* 24 July 1629¹). He *d.* in around 1698 and was father of,

1. Sir Archibald Murray, 3rd Baronet of Blackbarony, (*see below*).
2. Richard Murray of Spittalhaugh, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Mains of Clerkington dated 1 December 1665, and is then styled as second lawful son to Sir Alexander Murray by the deceased Helen Cockburn, his wife.² He *m.* first, at Edinburgh on 16 September 1670, Mary, daughter of George Brown of Colston, and had no apparent issue ; and secondly, on 4 July 1678, Jean, daughter of James Davidson. He was father of :

2a) **SIR WILLIAM MURRAY OF SPITTALHAUGH & 5TH BARONET**, *c.* at West Linton on 4 March 1681, and succeeded his cousin the 4th Baronet as heir male. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 8 September 1709, Jean, daughter of James Allan of Southland,³ and was father of,

2b) **SIR RICHARD MURRAY, 6TH BARONET**, *b.* on 20 June 1714, and was apprenticed to Alexander Maitland, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 8 December 1731. He succeeded his father in the Barontecy and *d.* unmarried on 4 October 1781, being succeeded by his brother Archibald.

2b) **SIR ARCHIBALD MURRAY, 7TH BARONET**, *b.* on 23 September 1715, and was apprenticed to Andrew Anderson, Wright in Edinburgh, on 12 October 1744. He succeeded his brother as Baronet on his death in 1781, and had issue, (*see below*).

2d) William Murray, *c.* at West Linton on 3 July 1718.

2b) James Murray, *c.* at West Linton on 25 September 1719.

2b) Robert Murray, *b.* on 24 June 1723.

2b) John Murray, *b.* on 27 September 1732.

2b) Barbara Murray, *b.* on 2 July 1710, and *m.* Christopher Bannatyne. She *d.* on 10 August 1786.

2b) Jean Murray, *b.* on 9 October 1711.

2b) Margaret Murray, *b.* on 6 November 1712, and *m.* Alexander Nicholson.

2a) Archibald Murray, *b.* on 13 December 1682.

2a) Jean Murray, *b.* on 10 June 1684.

2a) Margaret Murray, *b.* on 3 April 1686.

2. Margaret Murray, *m.* Sir John Gilmour of Craigmillar, Advocate, (*c/m* 26 May 1653¹).

¹ GD32/2/13

² RMS 1660-1668. No. 845

³ OPR – Edinburgh.

3. Helen Murray, *m.* Andrew Fletcher, son of Sir Andrew Fletcher of Inverpeffer, (*c/m* 11 June 1655²).

He *m.* secondly, Margaret, daughter of John Murray of Halmyre, (*c/m* 22 & 23 July 1642³), and had issue;

4. John Murray, 1st of Cringeltie, styled as a son of Sir Alexander by Margret Murray on 29 May 1675, and to whom the lands of Cringeltie were assigned. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 24 March 1678, Sophia, daughter of Drummond of Hawthornden, (she *m.* secondly, to Robert Preston of that ilk, by whom she had no issue), from whom he was divorced on the grounds of his impotency and had no issue, being succeeded by his brother Alexander.

5. Alexander Murray, 2nd of Cringeltie, had a Disposition from his mother on 8 August 1685. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 23 December 1684, Susanna, daughter of Douglas of Mains, and had issue, (*see Murray of Cringeltie*).

6. Jean Murray, *m.* John Hay of Hayston, (*c/m* 20 February 1684⁴).

7. Margaret Murray, *m.* John Scott of Sintoune, (*c/m* 8 April 1686⁵).

8. Elizabeth Murray, she and her sister Margaret on reaching the age of 14 years, nominated curators on 19 April 1682. She *m.* at Edinburgh on 15 September 1698, Robert Murray, Merchant in Edinburgh.

SIR ARCHIBALD MURRAY, 3RD BARONET OF BLACKBARONY, *m.* Marie, daughter of William Keith, 7th Earl Marischal, (*c/m* 3 & 4 July 1662.⁶ She was widow of Sir James Hope, 1st of Hopeton, whom she had *m.* on 29 October 1657, and who had *d.* on 23 November 1661, and by whom she had issue). He was father of :

1. Sir Alexander Murray, 4th Baronet of Blackbarony, (*see below*).

2. Archibald Murray, *b.* on 12 August 1664, served as a Captain in the army and *m.* at Covent Garden, London, on 15 June 1703, Naomi, daughter of James Hamilton, by whom he had issue,

¹ GD32/2/21

² GD32/26/25

³ GD32/2/24

⁴ GD436/2/2/5

⁵ GD436/2/3/1

⁶ GD32/2/22

- 2a) Margaret Murray, upon whom her uncle Sir Alexander Murray of Blackbarony entailed his estate in 1741. She *m.* John Stewart of Ascog who, upon marriage, assumed the surname and arms of Murray of Blackbarony. He was served heir to Sir Alexander Murray of Blackbarony on 2 February 1742, and to his father John Stewart of Ascog, on 19 January 1751, and *dsp* on 21 June 1778. She *dsp* on 5 April 1771, with the lands of Blackbarony passing by virtue of the original entail of 1741, to the Murrays of Elibank, George Murray, son of Alexander, Lord Elibank, being served his heir in Blackbarony, Darnhall etc., on 3 May 1771.
3. John Murray, *c.* at Edinburgh on 11 December 1666, and *d.* unmarried.
 4. William Murray, *c.* at Eddlestone on 13 November 1667, and *d.* unmarried.
 5. George Murray, *c.* at Eddlestone on 1 June 1672, and *d.* unmarried.
 6. Elizabeth Murray, *c.* at Eddlestone on 17 July 1670, and *m.* Mr. Samuel Sempill, Minister of Libberton. She *d.* at Swinton House on 18 January 1748.¹

SIR ALEXANDER MURRAY, 4TH BARONET OF BLACKBARONY, *b.* on 17 May 1663, and was retoured (1) heir general to his grandfather, Sir Alexander Murray of Blackbarony, on 3 January 1710, and as heir male to his father on 13 August 1733. He *m.* on 28 July 1687, Margaret, daughter of William Wallace of Helington, and *dsp* on 31 December 1741, having entailed his estate in 1741 on his niece Margaret Murray, daughter of Captain Archibald Murray, and failing her issue, on the Murrays of Elibank with the Baronetcy passing to his heir-male, William Murray, 2nd of Spittalhaugh.

SIR ARCHIBALD MURRAY, 7TH BARONET OF BLACKBARONY, *b.* on 23 September 1715, and was apprenticed to Andrew Anderson, Wright in Edinburgh, on 12 October 1744.² He succeeded his brother as Baronet on his death in 1781, and *m.* firstly, on 4 May 1760, Mary Moorhead, (she *d.* on 8 December 1779). He *m.* secondly, at London on 27 May 1784, Frances Barry,³ *d.* on 23 June 1794, and was father of :

¹ Scots Magazine, 1st January 1748, edition.

² SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

³ Scots Magazine, 1st May 1784, edition.

SIR JOHN MURRAY, 8TH BARONET OF BLACKBARONY, *b.* on 27 January 1766, and succeeded his father on his death in 1794. He *m.* Anne, daughter of John Digby of Sandylane, co. Limerick, *d.* at London on 30 August 1809,¹ and was father of :

1. **SIR ARCHIBALD JOHN MURRAY, 9TH BARONET OF BLACKBARONY**, *b.* in 1792, and succeeded his father. He *m.* at Cheddon-Fitzpaine, Somerset, on 6 November 1856, to Eliza Hope, only daughter of Samuel Unwin, Solicitor in Manchester,² and *dsp* on 22 May 1860.³
2. Sir John Digby Murray, 10th Baronet of Blackbarony, (*see below*).
3. Anna Maria Murray, *m.* at Westminster on 20 February 1851, to Duke Filippo Santo Montafeltro Della Rovere, and *d.* at Rome on 12 October 1883.⁴

SIR JOHN DIGBY MURRAY, 10TH BARONET OF BLACKBARONY, *b.* on 17 April 1798, and succeeded his brother Archibald on his death in 1860. He *d.* at Florence, Italy, on 8 May 1881,⁵ having *m.* firstly, at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, on 10 March 1823, to Susannah, youngest daughter of James Ramsay Cuthbert,⁶ (she *d.* at Plymouth Dock on 10 December 1823, of the effects of childbirth⁷), by whom he was father of :

1. John Cuthbert Murray, *b.* on 3 December 1823, and *d.* unmarried at Sandhurst, Australia, on Saturday 11 May 1861.⁸

He *m.* secondly, on 12 June 1827, to Frances, third daughter of Peter Patten Bold, of Bold Hall, Lancashire, (she *d.* at Florence, Italy, on 17 June 1885⁹), and was father of :

2. Sir Digby Murray, 11th Baronet of Blackbarony, (*see below*).
3. Archibald John Murray, *b.* at Lightoakes, Staffordshire, on 12 April 1831.

¹ Perthshire Courier, 14th September 1809, edition.

² Morning Post, 8th November 1856, edition.

³ Statutory record.

⁴ London Evening Standard, 22nd October 1883, edition.

⁵ Illustrated London News, 21st May 1881, edition.

⁶ Morning Post, 11th March 1823, edition.

⁷ Morning Post, 17th December 1823, edition.

⁸ The Scotsman, 30th July 1861, edition.

⁹ London Evening Standard, 22nd June 1885, edition.

4. Kenelm Digby Murray, *c.* on 11 February 1839, served as Captain in the 89th Regiment. He *m.* at St. Peter's Church, Bayswater, on 23 May 1870, to Caroline, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomson, Bengal Engineers.¹ He *d.* on 19 February 1915,² and was father of :
- 4a) Archibald Digby Murray, *b.* at Dublin on 30 April 1878.
 - 4a) Kenelm Bold Murray, *b.* at Dublin on 13 October 1879.
 - 4a) Frances Anna Murray, *b.* at Bangalore, Bengal, on 12 August 1871.
 - 4a) Margaret Digby Murray, *b.* at Bangalore, Bengal, on 13 February 1873, and *d.* at Mercara, Bengal, on 12 April 1874.
 - 4a) Ethel Mary Murray, *b.* at Bangalore, Bengal, on 19 August 1874.
5. Allan Murray, *c.* on 1 May 1840.
6. A daughter, still-born at Warsash House on 22 July 1828.³
7. Frances Murray, *b.* on 31 October 1832.
8. Marion Murray, *c.* on 3 February 1842, and *m.* at the British Embassy, Florence, on 12 November 1867, to Spencer, eldest son of Spence H. Walpole.⁴

SIR DIGBY MURRAY, 11TH BARONET, *b.* on 31 October 1829, succeeded his father on his death in 1881, and *m.* Helen Cornelia, daughter of Gerry Sanger, Utica, U.S.A. He *d.* at Hothfield, Parkstone, Dorset, on Friday 5 February 1906,⁵ and was father of :

1. Sir John Digby Murray, 12th Baronet of Blackbarony, (*see below*).
2. Helen Murray, *b.* on 27 September 1865.

SIR JOHN DIGBY MURRAY, 12TH BARONET OF BLACKBARONY, *b.* on 12 January 1867, succeeded his father on his death in 1906, and *m.* Edith Mary, daughter of George Raby of Valparaiso. He *d.* at his farming estate at Vallendar, Chile, in 1938, and was father of :

SIR KENELM MURRAY, 13TH BARONET OF BLACKBARONY, *b.* on 26 May 1898, and succeeded his father on his death in 1938.

¹ Morning Post, 28th May 1870, edition.

² The Scotsman, 15th June 1915, edition.

³ Morning Post, 25th July 1828, edition.

⁴ Morning Advertiser, 21st November 1867, edition.

⁵ Western Gazette, 12th January 1906, edition.