

MURRAY

OF CAMERON & MELGUM

SIR ROBERT MURRAY OF CAMERON AND PRIESTFIELD, was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh by right of his father, James Murray of Deuchar, on 6 March 1639, and is then styled as second son.¹ He was a successful merchant in Edinburgh and also served for some time as Lord Provost of that city. He acquired various lands including Priestfield for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 13 July 1663, and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 8 February 1672,² having *m.* firstly, at Edinburgh on 4 June 1646, to Anna, daughter and one of the coheirs of Alexander Hay, fiar of Kennet,³ (she was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 20 June 1663⁴), by whom he was father of :

1. James Murray, who *d.* young.
2. Alexander Murray of Priestfield and Melgum, (*see below*).
3. John Murray, *bap.* on 29 June 1656.
4. Robert Murray, *bap.* on 19 August 1659, and served as a Captain in the Royal Regiment of Footguards in which capacity he was admitted to Burgess of Edinburgh by right of his father on 4 May 1687.⁵ He *m.* in 1712, to Margaret Therese Boomnerk, *d.* in 1719, and was father of :

4a) **SIR JOSEPH MURRAY, 3RD BARONET OF MELGUM**, *b.* on 6 August 1718, succeeded his cousin Sir Alexander Murray on his death in 1736, to whom he was served heir male on 28 March 1771, and was created Count Murray and Melgum in the Austrian Empire on 25 November 1761. He *m.* firstly, to Christine de Maringle, (she *dsp* in 1753), and secondly, on 23 January 1765, to Maria Colette, Countess von Lichtervelde, and *d.* on 5 June 1802, being father of :

4b) **SIR JOSEPH ALBERT MURRAY, 4TH BARONET AND 2ND COUNT OF MELGUM**, *b.* on 26 August 1774, and succeeded his father on his death in 1802. He *m.* on 6 September 1815, to Alemira Franziske Ursula, Countess Esterhazy von Galantha,

¹ SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

² Greyfriars Burial Register

³ OPR – Edinburgh. She is variously styled as Anna [RMS 1661-1668. No. 74] and Helen.

⁴ Greyfriars Burial Register

⁵ SRS Roll of Edinburgh Burgesses.

and *d.* without male issue on 6 February 1848, with Murray of Philiphaugh being afterwards served his heir in the Baronetcy.

4b) Christina Theresa Murray, *m.* at Brussels in 1779, to James Ogilvy, 7th Earl of Findlater, (he *dsp* at Dresden on 5 October, 1811¹), and *dsp* at London on 24 May, 1813, aged 59 years.²

5. William Murray, *bap.* on 22 April 1662, and was apprenticed to George Smailhome, merchant in Edinburgh, on 6 December 1676.³

He *m.* secondly, on 1 June 1665, to Jean, daughter of John Dickson of Hartree, (she was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 4 February 1677⁴), and by her he had further issue :

6. James Murray, *bap.* on 18 February 1668.

7. Jean Murray, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 28 July 1670.

8. Eupham Murray, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 21 September 1671, and *m.* firstly, on 12 September 1702, to Sir Walter Seton, 2nd Baronet, (he *d.* at Preston, near Linlithgow on 3 January 1708), and secondly, on 8 April 1714, to Dr. William Eccles.

ALEXANDER MURRAY OF PRIESTFIELD AND MELGUM, succeeded his father on his death and was served his heir in the lands of Priestfield and Melgum on 7 May 1672.⁵ He *m.* Janet, daughter of Sir James Rothead of Inverleith, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh on 4 April 1691, to Sir David Dalrymple of Hailes⁶; and *d.* on 26 December 1726), *d.* in 1682 and was father of :

SIR ALEXANDER MURRAY, 1ST BARONET OF MELGUM, was *b.* on 2 August 1682, and was served heir to his father in the barony of Melgum on 10 September 1687.⁷ He was created a Baronet on 26 January 1704, and *d.* in 1713 having *m.* Grisel, daughter of

¹ Chancery records. Service of Lewis Alexander Grant as his heir on 14 March 1814.

² Scots Magazine, 7th June 1813, edition.

³ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁴ Greyfriars Burial Register

⁵ Retours. Gen. No. 5522 & Retours. Forfar. No. 455.

⁶ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁷ Retours. Forfar. No. 508.

Patrick Kininmont of that Ilk, (she survived him and *m.* secondly at Edinburgh on 19 August 1714, to Thomas Kennedy, Lord Advocate¹), by whom he was father of :

SIR ALEXANDER MURRAY, 2ND BARONET OF MELGUM, *b.* at Edinburgh on 8 December 1705, succeeded his father and *m.* in October of 1735, to Jean, daughter of John Graham of Balgown, (*c/m* 27 September 1735.² She *d.* at Balgowan in Fenruary 1742³). He *dsp* at Fountainbridge on Sunday 7th March 1736,⁴ being buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 11th following. He was succeeded by Hugh Dalrymple, son of his grandmother's second marriage to Sir David Dalrymple, who assumed the name of Hugh Murray Kynnynmond and was served his heir of tailzie and provision on 3 June 1736.

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² GD155/335

³ Caledonian Mercury, 8th February 1742, edition.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury, 9th March 1736, edition. See also: Greyfriars Burial Register.