

MURRAY

OF STROWAN

JAMES MURRAY, 1ST OF KELAUCH, had a charter for the lands of Dalquhirla and Serymbyr from Maurice Drummond of Concraig by Charter dated 3 October, 1466, in which he us styled as son of David Moray of Tullibardine,¹ and, for services, advice and friendship rendered, he had a further charter from this Maurice for the lands of Kelauch dated 2 January, 1468.² He acquired the half lands of Auchinshalloch from John Adamson on 29 July, 1477,³ *m.* Margaret Fraser⁴ and *d.* in around 1480 being father of :

JOHN MURRAY, 2ND OF KELAUCH, succeeded his father in around 1480 and had a Charter for the lands of Kingarth from John Comrie of that Ilk on 14 May, 1484.⁵ He had a Charter for the East half of the lands of Finglen from Finlay Donaldson, Lord of Finglen, on 31 January, 1485, and had a Charter for the half lands of Dalmayock from Malcolm Neilson of Auchinshalloch on 19 October, 1495. He had a Charter of Confirmation under the Great Seal for the Crown lands of Strowan, the Middle Part lands of Innergeldy, Wester and Easter Dalginross, Little-Coldoch, Douny, Easter Glentarff *alias* Cluny, to be held by his heirs male whom failing by his heir female on 24 May, 1510, and *m.* Margaret Hepburn. He *d.* after 30 July 1512, when he had an obligation from Finlay Orr of Finglen, and by 6 November following when his eldest survivign son, James Murray, was infeft as his heir in the lands of Auchinshalloch.⁶ He was father of :

¹ HMC Atholl Papers. No. 52

² HMC Atholl Papers. No. 55

³ GD196/2

⁴ Ex. Rolls. She is mentioned in 1490 with her sister Elizabeth Fraser who was then widow of Alexander Murray, when both Margaret and John Murray, her eldest son, were granted the lands of Strowan which had previously belonged to the said Elizabeth.

⁵ GD279/6 see also GD196/3

⁶ Atholl charters.

1. Alexander Murray, the eldest son and heir, who appears to have *d.* prior August of 1512, and certainly by 14 July 1515.¹
2. James Murray, 3rd of Kelauch and Strowan, (*see below*).
3. David Murray, had the rental of the Crown lands of Wester Glentarff following upon a resignation in his favour by Maurice Neissoun and Murrock, his mother, on 5 April 1512, and is then styled as son of John Murray of Strowan.² He was father of,
 - 3a) David Murray of Wester Glentarff, succeeded his father and granted a renunciation of these lands in favour of James Murray, son of Charles Murray, on 29 October, 1558. He *m.* Helen, daughter of Henry Reidheugh, 1st of Aberlednock, (*c/m* 26 May, 1559,³) and apparently *dsp* on 1 December, 1578.
4. John Murray of Wallaceton, had a grant of the lands of Drumdewan from his sister Agnes Murray, wife of Roger Williamson of Drumdewan, and daughter of the late John Murray of Strowan, on 11 July, 1542.⁴ He had issue, (*see Murray of Tibbermuir*).
5. Agnes Murray, *m.* Roger Williamson of Drumdewan, who granted her a charter for a liferent of the lands of Drumdewan on 10 February, 1513.⁵ They had issue.

JAMES MURRAY, 3RD OF KELAUCH AND STROWAN, the ward of whom was gifted firstly to his mother on 26 August, 1512, and following her death to James Sinclair on 1 February, 1516.⁶ He had Sasine of the lands of Kelauch and Strowan, in 1512, and had an Instrument of Sasine from Malcolm Drummond of Kilbride for the land of Nyne Acres on 11 October, 1512, in which he is styled as son and heir of the deceased John Murray of Kelauch.⁷ He was put to the horn with his brother David Murray, John, son to David Murray of Lochlan, and certain other Murrays for the slaughter of Nevin Dewar and David Phillane, in 1526, for which he was respited on 30 May, 1526,⁸ and *m.* after 1 February, 1516, Beatrix, second daughter of Edmund Chisholm, 1st of Cromlix, (she *m.* secondly, Henry Sinclair and had issue). He *d.* by 4 November 1548, and was father of :

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. 15. P. 578-579.

² Ex. Rolls. Vol. XV. P. 579.

³ RD1/3/248

⁴ Blair Castle Archives Box 2 Parcel VII. No. 8

⁵ Blair Castle Archives Box 2 Parcel VII. No. 6

⁶ RPS Vol. I. No. 2695

⁷ GD196/7

⁸ RPS Vol. I. No. 3374

1. Alexander Murray, 4th of Strowan, (*see below*).
2. William Murray, appointed curator of his nephew John Murray of Strowan following the death of his brother Alexander of Strowan and is mentioned in this capacity in an Instrument of Sasine in favour of the said John and Grissell Bruce, his future spouse, on 1 May, 1561.¹ He had obtained the lands of Culbardy, in Aberdeenshire, by this date, *m.* Margaret, daughter of John Leslie of Wards, and had issue,

2a) James Murray of Culbardy, witness to a charter by Alexander Craig of Craigfintry granting to his grandson John Craig, the lands of Craigfintry on 16 May, 1548, and *m.* Elizabeth Stewart, (she was widow of William Sutherland of Duffus, who had *d.* in 1543). He was father of,

2b) Alexander Murray of Culbardy, witness to a charter by George Gordon, Earl of Huntly, granting to Henrietta, daughter of Esme Stewart, Duke of Lennox, certain lands and rights following upon their contract of marriage, on 18 July, 1588, and was cautioner to his stepbrother Alexander Sutherland of Duffus not to harm John Campbell of Cawdor on 28 June, 1600. He was father of,

2c) William Murray of Culbardy, styled as younger of Culbardy when he granted a Bond for his good behavior not to harm Sir David Lindsay of Edzell, or his followers under the pain of £1000. This assurance had become a necessary action for the Privy Council due to there having been a feud between the families of Edzell and Strachan of Thornton, of which camp William Murray was a follower of the latter. He *d.* by October of 1625 and was father of,

2d) Patrick Murray of Culbardy, retoured heir to his father on 5 October, 1625.

2d) William Murray, who, with his brother Patrick Murray, are styled as sons of the deceased William Murray of Culbardy in a Bond of Corroboration by Sir James Melville of Burntisland for a Bond of 3000 merks secured on the lands of Hallhill on 5 October, 1643,² and had a grant of an annualrent of £80 from the lands of Hallhill from his brother Patrick Murray on 20 August, 1657.³

2d) Francis Murray, who resided at Wester Cashe, in Fife, and *m.* to Jean Balcanquhill. He *d.* prior to 1 November, 1654, when his brothers

¹ GD196/9

² GD26/3/760

³ GD26/3/773

Patrick and William were his intromitters on a previous bond granted to Francis by Sir James Melville of Burntisland for £160 Scots.

2a] Alexander Murray, included in Letters of Remission under the Privy Seal to George, Earl of Huntly, on 26 February, 1567, and was murdered by Sir James Crichton of Frendraught, and his accomplices, for which a Gift of their escheat was granted to Sir William Kirkcaldy of Grange on 12 October, 1569.

3. Sybilla Murray, *m.* David Murray, 1st of Wester Lochlan, and had issue.

ALEXANDER MURRAY, 4TH OF STROWAN, had a Charter of Confirmation under the Great Seal for the lands of Straid, Findoglen and Auchinshalloch following on a resignation by his father on 1 June, 1540, and had a Charter for the ninth part of the lands of Ardargy from William, Bishop of Dunblane, on 1 June, 1543. He *m.* Margaret, daughter of James Reidheugh, 2nd of Tulliechettill, *d.* by April of 1558 and was father of :

1. John Murray, 5th of Strowan, (*see below*).
2. William Murray, mentioned in the marriage contract of his sister Margaret in 1574.
3. Margaret Murray, *m.* firstly Robert Colquhoun of Camstradden, and had issue ; and secondly, Andrew MacFarlane of that Ilk (he was widow of Susanna, daughter of George Buchannan of that Ilk, Helen, daughter of Francis Stewart, 1st Earl of Bothwell, and also of Elizabeth, daughter of Archibald Campbell, Earl of Argyll).
4. Grissell Murray, *m.* Patrick Duncanson MacGregor of Innergeldie, and had issue.
5. Janet Murray, *m.* Patrick Colquhoun of Easter Tullichewen, natural son of James Colquhoun, 1st of Garscube, (*c/m* at Tullichewen on 8 September, 1574).

JOHN MURRAY, 5TH OF STROWAN, had an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Strowan, Easter and Wester Dalginross, Coldoch-Little and Cluny as heir to his then deceased father on 15 April, 1558.¹ He was present at the retour of William Murray, as heir to his grandfather William Murray of Tullibardine, on 27 June, 1583, and *m.* Grissell, daughter of John Bruce, 3rd of Cultmalundy, whom he infeft in a liferent of the lands of West Dalginross on 1 May, 1561.² He *d.* in around 1618 and was father of :

1. James Murray, 6th of Strowan, (*see below*).

¹ GD196/8

² GD196/9

2. John Murray, appointed Tutor to his grand-nephew Alexander Murray, fiar of Strowan. He *m.* Margaret, daughter of William Reidheugh, 1st of Meggar, and gave his consent to his brother-in-law Alexander Reidheugh, of Thomknock and Meggar, granting the lands of Meggar in favour of John MacGruther of Nether Meggar on 4 November, 1630. He obtained the lands of Cowden and had issue :

2a) William Murray, 2nd of Cowden, a charter witness with his father in 1636 and whom he succeeded in the lands of Cowden. He *m.*, Eupham Weems, and resigned these lands in favour of his uncle James Murray of Strowan.

3. Sarah Murray, *m.* John dubh MacGregor, second son of Gregor Roy MacGregor of Glenstrae and brother of Allaster MacGregor of Glenstrae who was executed in Edinburgh in 1604. He had a tack of the lands of Stronvar from John Moray, Earl of Tullibardine, and was killed at the battle of Glenfruin in 1603. They had issue.

JAMES MURRAY, 6TH OF STROWAN, *b.* in around 1560, is styled as eldest son and heir of his father in an Instrument concerning Alexander Bonar of Wester Culteuchar on 4 January, 1580, and had an Instrument of Resignation from his father of the lands of Strowan, and others. and on 26 October, 1602, when still heir apparent of his father, he purchased the lands of Easter Auchnachis and Easter Comrie, in the barony of Menzies, from Patrick Menzies, fiar of Comrie. He had a gift of the escheat goods of his brother-in-law John dubh MacGregor on 10 February, 1604, and had an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Wester Lochlan from William Moray, Earl of Tullibardine, on 18 May, 1613, to be held by himself and his heirs, failing whom, by William Murray of Ochertyre and his heirs, failing whom, by Anthony Murray, of Dollerie, and his heirs, whom failing, by anyone of the name and arms of Murray. He *m.* Jean, daughter of Walter Arnot of that Ilk, (*c/m* 27 May, 1585,¹) *d.* in around 1630 and was father of :

1. James Murray, fiar of Strowan, *b.* in around 1587 and *m.* Anabella, daughter of Maurice Drummond, of Auchtermuthill and Tutor of Bordland. He *d. vita patris* and had issue :

1a) Alexander Murray, 7th of Strowan, succeeded his grandfather, (*see below*).

1a) Sarah Murray, *m.* David Murray, Apothecary and Bailie of Perth, and had issue.

2. John Murray, 1st of Cowden, had a wadsett of the lands of Easter Cowden and Wester Lochlan from his parents on 25 August, 1630,² and was appointed Tutor to his nephew Alexander

¹ GD196/19

² GD196/23

Murray of Strowan in which capacity he is mentioned in Alexander's marriage contract on 12 September, 1640. He, with consent of his wife Marjory, and his son, John Murray, sold the lands of Wester Lochlan to Henry Murray of Lochlan, in 1658. He *m.* Marjory, natural daughter of Mungo Murray, Master of Stormont, (*c/m* at Huntingtower on 3 February, 1627¹), and was father of :

- 2a) John Murray, styled in a charter of sale concerning the lands of Wester Lochlan in 1658 as the eldest son and heir of his father. He served in the Life Guards of King Charles II.
 - 2a) James Murray, mentioned as having been granted the non-entry duties of the lands of Cruittock and Kelauch which had previously belonged to Alexander Murray of Strowan, his cousin, on 1 December, 1654.
 - 2a) Alexander Murray, witness, with his brother George Murray, to a Bond by his father for 500 merks from John Morrison on 29 January, 1659.²
 - 2a) George Murray,
 - 2a) A daughter, *m.* by 29 January, 1659, Patrick MacGregor *alias* Drummond of Carnlea, when he is styled by Mr. John Murray of Cowden as his son-in-law. They had issue.
 - 2a) Margaret Murray, *m.* in 1664, Thomas Stewart, portioner of Caputh, and had issue.
 - 2a) Anna Murray, *m.* Alexander MacGruther, brother to John MacGruther, of Meggar, (*c/m* at Cowden on 17 September, 1674. He *d.* in November of 1700³).
3. Margaret Murray, *m.* William Stirling, 3rd of Ardoch, (*c/m* 14 and 15 May, 1602,⁴) and had issue.

ALEXANDER MURRAY, 7TH OF STROWAN, retoured heir to his grandfather Alexander Murray of Strowan in the lands of Strowan, Wester and Easter Dalginross, Little Cowden, Easter Glentarff, the half lands of Auchinshalloch, Finglen, Kelauch, Invercrouther and Invercrutage on the 23 July, 1640.⁵ He *m.* firstly, Margaret, daughter of Henry Drummond, 5th of Balloch, by whom he had no apparent issue. He *m.* secondly, Anna, daughter of Robert Moray, fiar of Abercairney, and granddaughter of Sir William Moray, 9th of Abercairney, (*c/m* 12 September, 1640, with her Tocher being 6,000 merks⁶). He *d.* by 1 December, 1654, when his nephew James Murray, of Cowden, had a

¹ RS50/3/f.168

² RD3/f.496

³ Dunblane Tests. In which the contract of marriage is narrated.

⁴ GD24

⁵ GD196/24

⁶ GD196/27

gift under the Privy Seal of the non-entry duties for the lands of Kelauch and Cruittock, having had by his second wife :

JOHN MURRAY, 8TH OF STROWAN, served heir to his father on 8 May, 1662, and had a renunciation from Anna Moray, his mother, of her rights to the lands of Wester Cowden in 1673. He was elected Member of Parliament for Perthshire in which capacity he served from 1704 until 1707 when he opposed every clause of the Treaty of Union with England and sold a large part of his lands including those of half of Auchinshalloch, Findoglen and Kelauch to James Drummond, Earl of Perth, on 4 April, 1692. He *m.* Margaret, eldest daughter and coheirress of John Dow of Arnhall (*c/m* 5 September, 1668¹), *d.* on 13 February, 1725,² and was father of :

1. Henry Murray, who *dsp vita patris*.
2. Æmelia Murray of Strowan, (*see below*).

AMELIA MURRAY OF STROWAN, to whom her father granted a Disposition of all his goods and lands dated 24 September, 1724, "*for all the love he bears her,*" and had a Charter of Confirmation for the lands of Strowan on 29 November, 1725. She was retoured heir general to her father and to brother Henry Murray on 5 May, 1726, and *m.* her cousin Dr. James Murray of Glencarse, (he was *c.* at Perth on 20 January, 1661, and *d.* in March of 1712). She *d.* at Arnhall on 4 March, 1749, and had issue :

ÆMELIA MURRAY OF STROWAN AND GLENCARSE, succeeded to the lands of Strowan and Glencarse and was retoured heir general to her father on 30 July 1754. She *m.* on 3 June, 1728, Lord George Murray, younger son of John, 2nd Marquis of Atholl, (he was the famous Jacobite commander of the 1745 uprising and *d.* in exile on 11 October, 1760, at Medem Blick, Holland), *d.* at Invercauld on 29 March, 1766, and had issue, (*see Moray of Tullibardine*).

¹ GD196/33

² Edinburgh Tests