

MUSCHET

OF MILL OF TORR & BIRKHILL

JOHN MUSCHET OF MILL OR TORR, was third son of George Muschet of Tolgarth and Catherine Stirling, and is styled as brother to James Muschet of Tolgarth in a contract dated 26 January 1579.¹ Under the designation of “of Mill of Torr” he was witness to the marriage contract of James Stirling, younger of Keir, and Anna, daughter of Sir George Home of Wedderburn, in August of 1606² and 1610,³ and *m.* Agnes, daughter of John Drummond of Colquhalzie. He was father of :

JAMES MUSCHET OF MILL OF TORR, was father of :

1. George Muschet of Mill of Torr, (*see below*).
2. John Muschet, apprenticed to Andrew Dun, Skinner in Edinburgh, on 5 October 1642.

GEORGE MUSCHET OF MILL OF TORR, named as possessor of the lands of Cuthill in 1649 and was infeft in the lands of Mill of Torr by James, Earl of Perth, on 23 November 1663.⁴ He was admitted a Burgess of Edinburgh on 16 July 1684, *m.* Margaret Muschet and was father of :

JAMES MUSCHET OF MILL OF TORR, *m.* Janet, daughter of Robert Stewart, 3rd of Ardvorlich, (*c/m* 6 July 1680⁵). He was father of :

HENRY MUSCHET OF CUTHILL, *m.* 30 December 1714, Anna, daughter of Alexander Robertson, 3rd of Kincaigie, (she was widow of John Balvaird, younger of Ballowmiln, whom she had *m.* by *c/m* 18 June 1707.⁶ She *d.* in December 1766¹), and was father of;

¹ RD1/35/219

² Keir Charters. No. 205

³ RMS 1609-1620. No. 354

⁴ RS52/10/f.80

⁵ RS52/10/f.80

⁶ RS52/15/f.225r

1. George Muschet, *c.* at Kincardine by Doune on 30 April 1718, and was apprenticed to Walter Muschet, Merchant in Edinburgh on 9 August 1732. He traded as a Merchant in Stirling, acquired the lands of Birkhill from Mr. James Gourlay, for which he had a Disposition dated 9 May 1761, and *d.* prior to 1 November 1782, when his Testament was proved. He was father of,
 - 1a) George Muschet, became a Musician and Music Teacher in Edinburgh and was retoured heir general to his great-great-grandfather George Muschet of Miln of Torr, on 2 February 1790. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 7 January 1776, Ann, daughter of David McGunsy, Excise Officer, *d.* on 31 November 1807, and was father of,
 - 1b) George Muschet, *b.* at Edinburgh on 21 March 1778, and *d.* young.
 - 1b) David Muschet, *dsp* in 1815, and to he and his sisters Ann and Isabella, Dr. John Saunders Muschet of Birkhill, styled their cousin, was retoured heir in a tenement in Scotland Street, Edinburgh, on 20 March 1848.
 - 1b) Ann Muschet, *dsp* in 1835
 - 1b) Isabella Muschet, *dsp* in 1835.
 - 1a) Elizabeth Muschet,
 - 1a) Ann Muschet,
 - 1a) Mary Muschet. She and her sisters Ann and Elizabeth were executors to their father in November of 1782.
2. James Muschet, *c.* at Kincardine by Doune on 15 January 1721, and apparently *dsp.*
3. John Muschet, (*see below*).
4. Henry Muschet, became a drover at Lecropt and is named as one of the executors of his mother in 1766.
5. Margaret Muschet, *c.* at Kincardine by Doune on 11 January 1726.
6. Katherine Muschet, *c.* at Kincardine by Doune on 10 July 1719.
7. Isobel Muschet, *c.* at Kincardine by Doune on 8 July 1726.
8. Christian Muschet, *c.* at Kincardine by Doune on 15 August 1731, and *m.* on 20 July 1749, to Mr. Alexander Brown, schoolmaster in St. Ninians. They had issue.

MR. JOHN MUSCHET, *c.* at Kincardine by Doune on 26 February 1728, and was admitted Minister of Stirling (second charge) in 1758; Minister of Stirling East Church 1780, and Chaplain to Stirling Castle 1789. He *d.* on 21 April 1793, having *m.* firstly, at Stirling on 10 May 1762, Anna, daughter of David Graham of Meiklewood, and by her he was father of :

¹ CC21/6/63/4305

1. David Muschet, *b.* 12 January 1763
2. Patrick Muschet of Birkhill, (*see below*).
3. Anna Muschet, *b.* 23 March 1765.

He *m.* secondly, on 8 July 1767, Martha, daughter of Joseph Williamson, Advocate, (she was widow of Alexander Murray, 2nd of Aytoun, whom she had *m.* on 21 August 1748, and by whom she had issue. She *d.* at Callander on Friday 2 September 1796¹), and was father of :

4. Henry Muschet, *b.* 30 August 1769.
5. Martha Muschet, *b.* 9 November 1773.

DR. PATRICK MUSCHET OF BIRKHILL, *b.* 26 February 1764, and was generally considered to be the senior male representative of the Muschets of Burnbank. He spent some time in Calcutta and soon after returning he *m.* at Edinburgh on 1 March 1804, Agnes, daughter of James Saunders, W.S.² (she *d.* at Birkhill on 16 July 1810³), *d.* at Birkhill on 30 July 1837,⁴ and was father of :

1. Dr. John Saunders Muschet of Birkhill, (*see below*).
2. Margaret Graham Muschet, *c.* at St Ninians on 11 August 1807, and *m.* firstly, at Birkhill on 6 November 1833, to James Saunders, Merchant in Leith.⁵ She *m.* secondly, at Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, on 15 June 1859, to Robert Cathcart McKean, Accountant in Glasgow.⁶
3. Ann Muschet, *c.* at St. Ninians on 26 June 1809, and *m.* at Birkhill on 22 April 1834, Thomas Knox Beveridge, W.S. (he *d.* on 11 April 1858). She *d.* at Birkhill on 9 February 1880.

DR. JOHN SAUNDERS MUSCHET OF BIRKHILL, *c.* at St Ninians on 20 July 1805. He was retoured heir to his cousins David, Ann and Isabella Muschet, children of George

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 8th September 1796, edition.

² Caledonian Mercury. 3rd March 1804, edition.

³ Perthshire Courier. 26th July 1810, edition.

⁴ Perthshire Courier. 10th August 1837, edition.

⁵ Perthshire Courier, 14th November 1833, edition.

⁶ Greenock Advertiser.

Muschet, Musician in Edinburgh, and heir of line of George Muschet of Miln of Torr, on 20 March 1848, and also to his father in the lands of Dryfield of Cambusbarron, on 2 October 1850. He *dsp* on 24 October 1886, aged 85 years.

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