

NAIRN

OF MUKKARSY

MR JOHN NAIRN, 1ST OF MUKKARSY, was a Notary Public of the Diocese of Dunkeld and was based in the vicinity of Dunkeld by 31 January 1493, when he was witness to a charter executed in Dunkeld by George, Bishop of Dunkeld, granting the churchlands of Dollar to Sir Archibald Campbell, Earl of Argyll.¹ He was witness to a charter by Mr. Robert Boswell, Dean of Restalrig and Canon of Dunkeld, for the lands of Easter and Wester Logy to Walter Cargill of Kinloch on 26 August 1505, and is styled as brother to David Nairn of Sandford in a charter by this David Nairn granting the lands of Collace to Christine, daughter of the then deceased John Brown, Burgess of Perth, and William West, her spouse, dated 28 June 1499, and in which Mr. John Nairn is included as a provisional heir should Christine and her her husband's heirs fail. He had the gift of the marriage of his nephew Alexander Nairn, eldest son and heir to his brother David Nairn of Sandfurd, on 12 February 1508,² and with his wife, Margaret, he had a remission dated 27 January 1511, for the spoilation of the house and lands of the said William West. He had a charter for the lands of Mukkarsy with the fishing on the River Tay there, from George, Bishop of Dunkeld, dated 7 December 1511,³ with remainder to himself and Margaret Oliphant, his spouse, and their heirs male, which failing, to return to the Bishops of Dunkeld and had *d.* by January 1537. He was father of :

GEORGE NAIRN, 2ND OF MUKKARSY, had succeeded his father by 31 January 1537, when he was a member of an assize that adjudged the debts due from the lands of Kirkton Mailer⁴ and was witness to a charter by William, Lord Crichton of Sanquhar, concerning certain lands in Kinnoull on 6 July 1553.⁵ He was father of,

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2354

² RPS Vol. I. No. 1608

³ RMS 1514-1546. No. 3080.

⁴ RMS 1514-1546. No. 1791.

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 820.

GEORGE NAIRN, 3RD OF MUKKARSY, witness with his father to the above charter by William, Lord Crichton, on 6 July 1553, and *m.* firstly, Elizabeth Ogilvy with whom, and with their son John Nairn, he had a Tack of the lands of Tulliefergus from Donald, Abbot of Coupar Angus, on 31 August 1550,¹ and by whom he had issue. He *m.* secondly, Elizabeth Davidson, (*c/m* 29 April 1558. She was widow of Adam Ramsay, Burgess of Perth, and of Finlay Anderson, Burgess of Perth, and *d.* prior to February of 1563), and *d.* in February of 1593.² He was father of :

1. John Nairn, 4th of Mukkarsy, (*see below*).
2. George Nairn,
3. William Nairn, became a Burgess in Dunkeld. A Precept passed the Privy Seal on 5 August 1584, for a charter confirmation of a grant in his favour by Patrick Davidson, Vicar of Kinclaven, of the Kirklands of the vicarage of Kinclaven. He had *dsp* prior to 9 October 1599, when his brother John Nairn of Mukkarsy is styled his heir and granted a charter for the church lands of the vicarage of Dunkeld to Mr. Alexander Ireland, Burgess of Perth, and Isobel Scott, his spouse.³
4. Robert Nairn,
5. James Nairn,
6. Thomas Nairn,
7. Isobel Nairn, all of whom are named in their father's Testament.

JOHN NAIRN, 4TH OF MUKKARSY, who, with his father and mother Elizabeth Ogilvy, had a Tack of the lands of Tulliefergus from Donald, Abbot of Coupar Angus, on 31 August 1550.⁴ He had *m.* by this date to Giles, daughter of Lawrence Mercer of Meikelour, in right of whom he was entered a Burgess of Perth on 14 September 1594,⁵ and was father of,

¹ Cart Coupar Angus.

² Edinburgh Tests.

³ RMS 1593-1608. No. 976

⁴ Cart. Coupar Angus.

⁵ SRS Perth Guildry Book.

1. George Nairn, the eldest son, was witness to a Sasine in favour of Patrick Kinnaird of that Ilk for the lands of Milnquarter of Mains of Kinnaird on 17 October 1573.¹ He *dsp vita patris*.
2. Thomas Nairn, 5th of Mukkarsy, (*see below*).
3. Archibald Nairn, is styled as son to John Nairn of Mukkarsy when witness to a charter by his father to Mr. Alexander Ireland, Burgess of Perth, for the churchlands of Kinclaven on 9 October 1599. He *m. Catherine Ramsay, d. by 7 April, 1627*, and was father of,
 - 3a) John Nairn 1st of Seggieden, who, with Catherine Ramsay, his mother, had a charter from Sir George Hay of Innernytie for the east half of the lands of the lordship of Kinclaven on 7 April 1627, in which he is styled as a Writer in Edinburgh and son of the deceased Archibald Nairn, brother of the deceased Thomas Nairn of Mukkarsy.² He obtained the lands of Seggieden and *m. Anna*, daughter of Matthew Moncrieff of Kintullo, (she was widow of Laurence Oliphant, 1st of Pitkeathly, by whom she had issue), and was father of,
 - 3b) John Nairn, 2nd of Seggieden, *m. at Kinfauns on 17 September 1665*, Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. James Fowler, Minister of Kinfauns,³ (*c/m 20 September 1665*⁴), and was father of,
 - 3c) Elizabeth Nairne, *m. John Nairne of Craigie, (c/m 30 June 1684*⁵), and to which whom her parents disposed the lands of Seggieden in which they were infeft on 12 May 1685. They had issue :
 - 3d) John Nairn, 4th of Seggieden, *bap. at Kinfauns on 31 July, 1685*, succeeded his father and *dsp* on 26 February 1728.⁶
 - 3d) Margaret Nairn, *bap. at Seggieden on 5 November, 1685*, and *dsp*.
 - 3d) Patrick Nairn, *bap. at Kinfauns on 15 February, 1687*, and *dsp*.
 - 3d) Alexander Nairn, *bap. at Kinfauns on 7 March, 1689*, and *dsp*.
 - 3d) Thomas Nairn, *bap. at Kinfauns on 29 July, 1690*, and *dsp*.
 - 3d) Elizabeth Nairn, *bap. at Kinfauns on 6 July, 1691*, and *dsp*.
 - 3c) Anna Nairn, *bap. at Kinfauns on 29 February, 1668*, and *m. at Kinfauns on 21 June, 1688*, to Mr. James Paton, Minister in Caithness.⁷

¹ MS100/1/101

² RMS 1620-1633. No. 1083.

³ OPR – Kinfauns.

⁴ RS52/3/f.121

⁵ RS52/9/f.295r

⁶ Dated narrated in the service of his aunt, Barbara, as his heir in 1729.

⁷ OPR – Kinfauns.

3c) Margaret Nairn, *bap.* at Kinfauns on 25 January, 1672.

3c) Barbara Nairn, *bap.* at Kinfauns on 22 October, 1673, and was served heir to her nephew John Nairn of Seggieden, in these lands on 24 March, 1729. She *m.* Patrick Hay, younger son of James Hay, 3rd Pitfour, and had issue.

4. Alexander Nairn, witness to the above cited charter to Mr Alexander Ireland, Burgess of Perth, dated 9 October 1599.
5. Helen Nairn, named in her father's Will.
6. Margaret Nairn, *m.* William Gray, portioner of Lynedoch, (*c/m* 28 August, 1578¹), and had issue.

THOMAS NAIRN, 5TH OF MUKKARSY, styled as eldest son and apparent heir of his father when he witnessed his sister Margaret's contract of marriage with William Gray of Lyneoch on 28 August 1578. He acquired lands of Mains of Ochtergaven from Christina, daughter and coheirress of John Ross of Ochtergaven, by contract dated 14 May 1605, and confirmed under the Great Seal on 5 June following with remainder to himself and Elizabeth Fyffe, his spouse, jointly and the heirs male between them, which failing, by his own heirs male and assignees whatsoever.² He *m.* Elizabeth Fyfe with whom he granted a Reversion to George Stewart of Arntullie over the half lands of Arntully on 4 June 1590,³ and then a Renunciation of the half part of the lands of Lynedoch to Lawrence Mercer of Meikleour on 3 June 1611,⁴ and was father of :

1. George Nairn, is styled as eldest son and heir of Thomas Nairn of Mukkarsy firstly when they are included in a roll of creditors of Robert Crichton of Cluny in a contract dated 21 May 1609,⁵ and then in a Renunciation by his parents of the lands of Lynedoch in favour of Lawrence Mercer of Meikelour, on 3 June 1611.⁶ He apparently *dsp* in his father's lifetime or shortly after succeeding him as his brother, Mr. Robert, was in possession of Mukkarsy by July 1621.
2. Robert Nairn, 6th of Mukkarsy, (*see below*).

¹ RMS 1546-1580. No. 460

² RMS 1594-1608. No. 1614.

³ GD1/446/35.

⁴ GD155/153.

⁵ GD16/3/65.

⁶ GD155/153

ROBERT NAIRN, 6TH OF MUKKARSY, was trained to the law and admitted Advocate on 22 May 1605. He had succeeded to the lands of Mukkarsy by 19 July 1621, when he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Redgorton, Blackhall, Auchtergaven and numerous others with appurtenances, all of which the King then erected into the Free Barony of Strathurd.¹ He *m.* Catherine, daughter of Sir John Preston of Pennicuik, Lord President of the Court of Session, and *d.* in February of 1652. He was father of :

1. Robert Nairn, of Strathurd, (*see below*).
2. John Nairn, 7th of Mukkarsy, to whom his father disposed these lands and in which he was infeft on 7 February 1665. He was admitted Advocate on 6 July 1647, and was acting Sheriff-Depute of Perthshire in December of 1657. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 25 February, 1647, Barbara, daughter of John Cant of Morton,² *d.* prior to 6 April 1674, when his brother Sir Robert Nairn was infeft in his lands of Mukkarsy as his heir-male. He was father of :
 - 2a) Robert Nairn, *bap.* at Perth on 10 January 1654, and *dsp.*
 - 2a) John Nairn, *bap.* at Perth on 3 May 1657, and *d.* in infancy.
 - 2a) John Nairn, *bap.* at Perth on 30 October 1659, and *dsp.* on 24 March 1663.³
 - 2a) Margaret Nairn, *b.* in around 1660 and was served heir to her father in the lands of Benchills on 30 April 1675.⁴ She was served heir to her sister, Jean, on 11 May 1683,⁵ and *m.* Alexander Carnegie of Kinfauns, (he was widow of Anna, daughter and heiress of Sir William Blair of Kinfauns, whom he had *m.* on 8 August, 1671, and by whom he had issue), and had issue.
 - 2a) Jean Nairn, *bap.* at Perth on 7 August 1662, and was retoured heir to her father in the lands of Benchills on 30 April 1675.⁶ She *d.* prior to 11 May, 1683, when her sister Margaret was retoured her heir.
3. Alexander Nairn of Greenyards, *b.* on 10 September 1630, and was admitted an Advocate on 22 November, 1656. He *m.* Euphame, third daughter and coheiress of John Easton of Coustone,⁷ (she *d.* in May of 1686⁸), *d.* in January of 1684 and had issue :

¹ RMS 1620-1633 No. 209.

² OPR – Edinburgh.

³ Chronicle of Perth.

⁴ Retours. Perth. No. 873.

⁵ Retours. Gen. No. 6477.

⁶ Retours. Perth. No. 873.

⁷ B59/13/36/2/f.24r

⁸ Stirling Tests

- 3a) David Nairn of Greenyards, succeeded his father and *dsp*. He was buried in Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 25 March, 1686.¹
- 3a) Alexander Nairn, 1st of Drumkilbo, was served heir to his father in the lands of Easter Greenyards on 7 June, 1699, and acquired those of Drumkilbo. He had issue, (*see Nairn of Drumkilbo*).
- 3a) John Nairn of Greenyards, *bap.* at Perth on 11 April 1658, and was apprenticed to James Nairn, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 24 April 1696.² He *m.* on 26 December, 1706, to Agnes, daughter of his Master, James Nairn, Merchant in Edinburgh,³ d. at Edinburgh on 26 November 1752, “in an advanced age,”⁴ and was father of,
- 3b) James Nairn, *b.* on 11 December, 1708.
- 3b) Alexander Nairn, *b.* on 24 March, 1713.
- 3b) Eupham Nairn, *b.* on 27 February, 1710.
- 3b) Anne Nairn, *b.* on 2 December, 1711.
- 3a) Robert Nairn, was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh on 13 September 1704, and is then styled as brother of Alexander Nairn of Greenyards.⁵ He *dsp* by 16 March 1749, when his brother, John Nairn of Greeyards, was served his heir of line.
- 3a) Charles Nairn, apprenticed to Joseph Young, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 23 December 1685.⁶
- 3a) Margaret Nairn, *bap.* at Perth on 30 May 1676.
4. James Nairn, *b.* on 6 December 1631.
5. William Nairn, said to have been a Captain in the service of King Charles II. and to have been killed at the battle of Worcester in 1651.
6. Katherine Nairn, *m.* firstly, Walter Stewart of Dowallie, (*c/m* 4 November 1636⁷), and had issue ; and secondly in around 1648, to James Ogilvy of Muirton, by whom she had further issue.
7. Agnes Nairn, *m.* William Blair, 3rd of Tarsappie, and had issue.
8. Elizabeth Nairn, *b.* on 6 April, 1635, *m.* Sir David Falconer of Newton, Lord President of the Court of Session, and was buried in Greyfriars on 20 January 1676.⁸

¹ Greyfriars Burial Register.

² SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

³ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 6th November 1752, edition.

⁵ SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

⁶ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁷ GD16/41/339

⁸ Greyfriars Burial Register.

SIR ROBERT NAIRN OF STRATHURD, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 1 June 1615, and was admitted Advocate on 20 February 1644. He was with the Royalist forces at the battle of Alyth on 27 August 1651, when he was then taken prisoner and was taken to London where he remained until the restoration of King Charles II. in 1660. On 19 January 1661, he was appointed one of the Senators of the College of Justice, then one of the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary, and was created Lord Nairn by Patent dated at Whitehall on 27 January 1681, with special remainder to the heirs-male of his body, whom failing, by Lord George Murray, youngest son of the Marquis of Atholl, or failing him to any other son who should be the husband of Margaret, his only child.¹ He *m.* Margaret, daughter of Patrick Graham, 5th of Inchbraikie, (she was buried on 3 May 1704²), *d.* on 30 May, 1683, and was father of :

1. A Child, *b.* on 16 December, 1669, and was buried in Greyfriars on 24 March, 1670.³
2. Margaret Nairn, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 16 December, 1669, and succeeded her father, being served heir to him in the barony of Strathurd on 25 July 1683.⁴ She was contracted in marriage to George Murray, youngest son to John Murray, Marquis of Atholl, on 15 July, 1676, but owing to his bad health this contract was annulled and a new one drawn up on 18 January and 28 February, 1690,⁵ substituting William Murray, fourth son of the said John, whom she *m.* in February of 1690. They had issue, (*see Moray of Tullibardine and Atholl*).

¹ GD38/1/46

² GD155/830

³ Greyfriars Burial Register.

⁴ Retours. Perth. No. 925.

⁵ GD155/327