

NASMYTH

OF POSSO

MICHAEL NASMYTH OF POSSO, was a servant to the Queen and then to the Archbishop of St. Andrews and was appointed one of the tutors to Thomas Lowis of Manner, in which capacity he is styled on 20 December 1560. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John Baird of Posso, with whom he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Stirkfield on 30 October 1564,¹ and was father of :

1. Mr. Thomas Nasmyth, (*see below*).

2. John Nasmyth, was a physician of some skill and after a varied and interesting career, he was appointed royal phycisian for life. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 26 March 1600, to Helen, daughter of Alexander McMath, Merchant, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, to Patrick Murray, Cup-Bearer to the King), and *d.* at London on 16 September 1615, with his body being conveyed to Scotland and buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh.² He was father of :

2a} Henry Nasmyth, was retoured heir to his father in annualrents from tenements in Edinburgh on 11 March 1616,³ and *dsp* by June 1625.

2a} James Nasmyth, who was retoured heir to his brother Henry in various annualrents to be uplifted from tenements in Edinburgh on 11 June 1625.⁴

MR. THOMAS NASMYTH, in whose favour his mother resigned the third-part of the lands Posso, reserving the liferent to his father, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 31 March 1554.⁵ He *m.* Jean, daughter of William Veich of Dawick, (*c/m* 27 June 1578⁶), and *d.* prior to November of 1609 being father of :

1. James Masmyth of Posso, (*see below*).

¹ RMS 1546-1580. No. 1560.

² Greyfriars Inscriptions.

³ Retours. Edinburgh. No. 347.

⁴ Retours. Edinburgh. No. 544.

⁵ RMS 1546-1580. No. 919.

⁶ RH6/2540B

2. John Nasmyth, was apprenticed to Andrew Scott, cherurgeon in Edinburgh, on 23 May 1615.¹

JAMES NASMYTH OF POSSO, was retoured heir to his father in the half of the lands of Posso, in the sheriffdom of Peebles, on 9 November 1609,² and had a novodamus for these lands with the manor and fortalice there, to be held by jointly with Agnes Burnett, his wife, dated 9 March 1611.³ He was retoured heir to his grandfather, Michael Nasmyth of Posso, in the lands of Dillerburne on 13 January 1624,⁴ and *m.* the said Agnes, daughter of William Burnett of Barns, by whom he was father of :

1. Sir Michael Nasmyth of Posso, (*see below*).

2. John Nasmyth, was admitted to Burgess of Edinburgh on 2 August 1671, and is then styled as brother germain to Nasmyth of Posso.⁵ He *m.* Isabel, daughter of Sir James Murray, fiar of Philiphaugh, and was father of :

2a) **SIR JAMES NASMYTH, 1ST BARONET OF POSSO**, (*see below*).

3. Mr. James Nasmyth, who was father of :

3a) James Nasmyth, who was appointed Under Clerk of Council and Session and was admitted a Burgess of Edinburgh on 30 August 1704, being then styled as son to umquhille Mr. James Nasmyth, brother germain to Sir Michael Nasmyth of Posso.⁶

He was also father of a natural son :

4. Thomas Nasmith,⁷

SIR MICHAEL NASMYTH OF POSSO, in favour of whom his parents exchanged the $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the lands of Langhaugh for those of the middle-third of Posso which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 5 February 1618.⁸ He had succeeded his father by 1 February 1656, when he had his lands of Stobo and Carlips appraised by Mr. Robert Burnett,

¹ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

² Retours. Peebles. No. 43.

³ RMS 1609-1620. No. 443.

⁴ Retours. Peebles. No. 61.

⁵ SRS Roll of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁶ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices

⁷ RD2/13/183.

⁸ RMS 1608-1620. No. 1769.

Advocate, and *m.* firstly, to Barbara, daughter and heir of Mr. Andrew Young, one of the Regents in Edinburgh College,¹ with whom he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Dullarburne to be held by them and their heirs male, which failing, by his heirs male whatsoever bearing the name and arms of Nasmyth, dated 26 September 1635.² He *m.* secondly, on 17 October 1661, to Janet, daughter of Sir William Bruce, 1st Baronet of Stenhouse,³ (*c/m* 23 September 1661.⁴ She was widow of Lieutenant-General William Baillie of Letham), was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 23 February 1686,⁵ and was father of :

1. **JAMES NASMYTH OF POSSO**, who succeeded his father in his death in 1686, and *m.* Janet, daughter of Mr. Hugh Ker, Parson of Lyne.⁶ He *d.* unmarried on 24 March 1706,⁷ being succeeded by his immediate younger brother Robert.
2. **ROBERT NASMYTH OF POSSO**, was apprenticed to John Jossie, apothecary in Edinburgh, on 19 March 1673.⁸ He succeeded his brother James on his death and was served his heir in the lands and barony of Posso on 1 November 1706. He was served heir general to his mother, Barbara Young, on 11 April 1712, and *dsp* soon afterwards.
3. Michael Nasmyth, apprenticed to Mr. Matthew MacKell, Apothecary in Edinburgh, on 10 March 1658.⁹
4. Christian Nasmyth, *m.* William Brown, eldest son of Patrick Brown of Stevenston, (*c/m* 20 October 1690¹⁰).
5. Anna Nasmyth, *m.* firstly, to George Carbeth, Merchant in Edinburgh, and secondly, at Edinburgh on 28 August 1693, to John Callander, 1st of Craigforth, (he was widow of Janet Taylor and after the death of Anna Nasmyth, he *m.* for a third time, on 1 February 1708, to Elizabeth Thomson, widow of James Murray of Deuchar). She *d.* in January of 1707 having had issue.

¹ RD/4/f.785.

² RMS 1634-1651. No. 409.

³ OPR – Airth.

⁴ RD2/13/207

⁵ Greyfriars Burial Register.

⁶ RD3/12/334

⁷ Chancery records. See also: Lyon Court records.

⁸ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁹ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

¹⁰ RH15/55/3

SIR JAMES NASMYTH, 1ST BARONET OF POSSO, was an Advocate and acquired the lands of Dawick from Mr. Roderick MacKenzie of Pretonhall, by Disposition dated 13 March 1691.¹ He succeeded his cousin Dr. Robert Nasmyth in the lands of Posso on his death without issue in circa 1712, and was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia on 31 July 1706. He *m.* firstly, on 30 March 1688, to Jane, daughter of John Stewart of Ladywell,² (she was widow of Sir Ludovic Gordon of Gordonston), secondly to Janet, sister of Sir David Murray of Stanhope, (she was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on Friday 5 January 1700³), and thirdly, to Barbara, daughter of Andrew Pringle of Clifton.⁴ He *d.* on 20 July 1720, being father of :

1. Sir James Nasmyth, 2nd Baronet of Posso, (*see below*).
2. Charles Nasmyth,
3. Violet Nasmyth, *m.* at Edinburgh on 19 February 1740, to James Carnegie of Finavon.⁵

SIR JAMES NASMYTH, 2ND BARONET OF POSSO, succeeded his father and was served his heir general on 8 July 1721, and to his mother, Barbara Pringle, on 17 July 1776. He *m.* Jean, daughter of Thomas Keith, *d.* in February of 1779, and was father of :

1. Sir James Nasmyth, 3rd of Posso, (*see below*).
2. John Nasmyth, was Clerk to the Admission of Notaries and *dsp* on 10 August 1764, with his brother Sir James being served his heir in the lands of Chapellgill on 28 April 1775.
3. Robert Nasmyth, *dsp* on 29 March 1760, with his brother Sir James being served his heir in the lands of Mossfennan and others, on 28 April 1775.

SIR JAMES NASMYTH, 3RD BARONET OF POSSO, succeeded his father and was served his heir in the barony of Posso on 22 April 1779, also to his two brothers John and Robert, on 28 April 1775, He *d.* on 4 December 1828, having *m.* firstly, at Saint Cuthberts,

¹ GD100/239

² OPR – Edinburgh.

³ GD110/1098.

⁴ RS1/98/f.158.

⁵ OPR – Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, on 23 April 1785, to Eleanor, second daughter of John Murray of Philiphaugh, (she *d.* at York Place, Edinburgh, on 25 March 1807¹), by whom he was father of :

1. James Edmonstone Nasmyth, *b.* on 25 July 1801, and *d.* at Edinburgh on 21 July 1812.²
2. Sir John Murray Nasmyth, 4th Baronet of Posso, (*see below*).
3. Robert Campbell Nasmyth, *b.* at New Posso on 20 June 1805.
4. Eleanor Murray Margaret Nasmyth, *b.* on 1 October 1793, and *m.* in October of 1811, to G. W. Villiers Villiers.
5. Jean Ann Nasmyth, *b.* on 21 August 1795, and *m.* at Marylebone, London, 24 November 1813, to John MacQueen.³
6. Mary Christina Nasmyth, *b.* on 19 May 1797, and *m.* firstly, at Edinburgh on 12 June 1815, to Captain James Dalrymple, of the East India Company's ship "Marquis of Ely." She *m.* secondly, at Guernsey on 20 March 1821, to Fitzhubert MacQueen.⁴
7. Joanna Nasmyth, *b.* on 20 May 1798, and *d.* at Woodbridge on 7 October 1885.⁵
8. Charlotte Nasmyth, *b.* on 8 December 1802, *m.* at Edinburgh on 16 April 1828, to David Anderson of St. Germain's,⁶ and *d.* at St. Germain's on 30 January 1868.⁷
9. Harriet Elizabeth Nasmyth, *m.* at Seven Oaks on 1 October 1818, to William Lambard, eldest son of M. Lambard of Seven Oaks.⁸

He *m.* secondly to Harriet Jones, (she *d.* at Lower Norwood on 21 April 1879⁹), and had by her he had further issue :

10. **SIR MICHAEL GEORGE NAESMYTH, 6TH BARONET OF POSSO**, *b.* on 18 October 1828, and succeeded his nephew Sir James Nasmyth on his death without issue in 1896. He *m.* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, on 1 August 1863, to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. John

¹ Scots Magazine, 1st March 1807, edition.

² Perthshire Courier, 30th July 1812, edition.

³ Caledonian Mercury, 2nd December 1813, edition.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 1st May 1821, edition.

⁵ Bury and Norwich Post, 13th October 1885, edition.

⁶ Edinburgh Evening Courant, 17th April 1828, edition.

⁷ Edinburgh Evening Courant, 1st February 1868, edition.

⁸ Scots Magazine, 1st November 1818, edition.

⁹ SC70/1/195

Nicholls, Lord Chancellor's Court, Westminster,¹ and *d.* at Cairngorm, Hastings, on 8 September 1907,² being father of :

10a) **SIR JAMES TOLME NAESMYTH, 7TH BARONET OF POSSO**, *b.* in 1864 and succeeded his father on his death in 1907. He *d.* on 24 July 1922.

10a) Arthur Charles Naesmyth, *b.* on 31 December 1865, and *d.* unmarried at Beckenham on 22 February 1893.³

10a) Donald Luttrell Kilve Naesmyth, *b.* in 1874, *m.* in 1901 to Flora, daughter of W. H. Burrage, (she *d.* at Little Dawick on 27 October 1945), and *d.* at Ashstead on 25 March 1919.⁴ He was father of :

10b) **SIR DOUGLAS ARTHUR BRADLEY NAESMYTH, 8TH BARONET OF POSSO**, *b.* on 1 January 1905, and succeeded his uncle Sir James on his death in 1922. He *dsp* in January 1928 with the lands of Posso being afterwards sold.

11. Jemima Nasmyth, *b.* on 30 August 1824, and *m.* at Marylebone, London, in January of 1842, to John Boulger, Barrister-at-law, King's Inn, Dublin. She *d.* at Upper Northwood on 19 April 1903.⁵

SIR JOHN MURRAY NASMYTH, 4TH BARONET OF POSSO, *b.* on 30 December 1803, and succeeded his father on his death in 1828, being served his heir in the barony of Dawick on 9 January 1830. He *d.* at Dawick House on 19 July 1876,⁶ having *m.* firstly, at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London, on 19 May 1826, to Mary, fourth daughter of Sir John Marjoribanks, Baronet,⁷ (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 20 December 1837⁸), and by her he was father of :

1. Sir James Nasmyth, 5th of Posso, (*see below*).
2. Stuart John Nasmyth, *b.* on 19 January 1828.

¹ Morning Post, 5th August 1863, edition.

² The Scotsman, 13th September 1907, edition.

³ Statutory record.

⁴ The Scotsman, 28th March 1919, edition.

⁵ London Daily News, 24th April 1903, edition.

⁶ Statutory record. See also: The Scotsman, 21st July 1876, edition.

⁷ Perthshire Courier, 1st June 1826, edition.

⁸ London Courier, 2nd January 1837, edition.

3. Stewart Charles Nasmyth, *b.* at Edinburgh on 29 April 1829, and *d.* at Edinburgh on 20 December 1837, being the same day as his mother.¹
4. John Marjoribanks Nasmyth, *b.* at Cringletie on 11 June 1833, and *d.* at Kerfield, near Peebles, on 18 November 1836.²
5. Robert Nasmyth, *b.* in 1834, and *d.* at Kerfield on 19 November 1836.³
6. Alice Mary Nasmyth, *b.* at Edinburgh on 12 July 1830, and *m.* at Hushiarpur, Punjab, on 22 September 1851, to Francis Whitworth Russell, 5th Bengal Cavalry.⁴

He *m.* secondly, at Putney Church on 8 July 1839, to Eleanor Powys, daughter of 2nd Lord Lilford,⁵ (she *d.* at Turnbridge Wells on 13 March 1880, aged 80 years⁶), and by her he had further issue :

7. A son, who was stillborn at Killermont on 23 November 1841.⁷
8. Ada Eleanor Nasmyth, *b.* in 1841, and *d.* at Turnbridge Wells on 31 May 1934.

SIR JAMES NASMYTH, 5TH OF POSSO, *b.* on 9 February 1827, and entered the Bengal Civil Service. He *m.* firstly, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's, Calcutta, on 19 November 1849, to Eliza Gordon Brodie, eldest daughter of Francis Whitworth Russell, of the Bengal Civil Service,⁸ and secondly, at St. Thomas's Church, Turnbridge Wells, on 5 April 1888, to Agnes Carns Wilson, daughter of Rev. David Barclay Bevan, of Courtlands,⁹ (she *d.* at Turnbridge Wells on 17 May 1924¹⁰), and *dsp* at Dawick House in October 1896.¹¹

¹ London Courier, 2nd January 1837, edition.

² London Courier, 28th November 1836, edition.

³ London Courier, 28th November 1836, edition.

⁴ Aberdeen Journal, 12th November 1851, edition.

⁵ OPR – Saint Mary, Putney. See also: Perthshire Courier, 18th July 1839, edition.

⁶ Dundee Advertiser, 19th March 1880, edition.

⁷ Perthshire Courier, 2nd December 1841, edition.

⁸ Morning Chronicle, 29th January 1850, edition.

⁹ OPR – Turnbridge Wells.

¹⁰ Southern Reporter, 29th May 1924, edition.

¹¹ Statutory record. See also: SC42/20/14