

# OLIPHANT

## OF CULTEUCHAR

**WILLIAM OLIPHANT, 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EASTER HILLHOUSE**, of uncertain parentage, is the first for whom there is evidence. He had a charter for the lands of Easter Hillhouse, in the Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, from Andrew Sandilands, son of the deceased John Sandilands of Easter Hillhouse, on 27 September, 1509,<sup>1</sup> and had *m.* by this date to Beatrice Blackadder,<sup>2</sup> apparently natural daughter to Mr. Baldrid Blackadder, a canon of Glasgow. He *d.* by April of 1530 and was father of :

**NINIAN OLIPHANT, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF EASTER HILLHOUSE**, who was underage at his father's death with his Ward being granted under the Privy Seal to William Sandilands on 8 April, 1530.<sup>3</sup> He had Sasine for the lands of Easter Hillhouse in 1543. He *m.* Margaret Millar, (she *m.* secondly, Laurence Oliphant), *d.* in around 1563/4 and was father of,

**NINIAN OLIPHANT, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF EASTER HILLHOUSE AND 1<sup>ST</sup> OF CULTEUCHAR**, is styled as servant to Laurence, Lord Oliphant, in 1582, and had a Precept of Sasine for the lands of Easter Hillhouse on 16 June, 1587, which had been in the King's hands for the space of 23½ years being 15½ in ward and 8 in non-entry and. He sold these lands to Henry Drummond of Riccarton on 22 June, 1587,<sup>4</sup> and obtained those of Over Culteuchar by 29 January, 1588. He *m.* Isobel, daughter of Alexander Bonar of Culteuchar, (she *d.* on 24 October, 1614,<sup>5</sup>), *d.* on 1 March, 1621,<sup>6</sup> and had issue,

1. Ninian Bonar, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Culteuchar, (*see below*).

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1424-1513. No. 3396

<sup>2</sup> She, apparently, was a natural daughter to Mr. Roland Blackadder, natural son of Patrick Blackadder of Tulliallan.

<sup>3</sup> RPS Vol. II. No. 643

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1546-1580. No. 1291

<sup>5</sup> St. Andrews Tests

<sup>6</sup> St. Andrews Tests

2. Laurence Oliphant, 1<sup>st</sup> of Pitkeathly, mentioned in his mother's Testament in 1614 and had a charter for the quarter part of the lands of Pitkeathly called "Stewart's quarter" from his father which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 8 June, 1620.<sup>1</sup> He had issue, (*see Oliphant of Pitkeathly*).
3. William Oliphant, 1<sup>st</sup> of Carpow, mentioned in his mother's Testament in 1614 and obtained the lands of Carpow from William Oliphant of Balgonie, and John Oliphant of Carpow, his son, on 14 October, 1654.<sup>2</sup> He had issue, (*see Oliphant of Carpow & Bachilton*).
4. Katherine Oliphant, *m.* at Dunbarney on 15 August, 1615, John Gib of Toulaine.
5. Janet Oliphant,
6. Anna Oliphant, *m.* John Elder, eldest son of John Elder of Balbrichty, (*c/m* 12 January, 1630).
7. Helen Oliphant,
8. Isobel Oliphant,
9. Mayes Oliphant, all of whom are named in their mother's Testament, in 1614.

**NINIAN OLIPHANT, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF CULTEUCHAR**, styled as eldest lawful son and heir to his father in his mother's Testament in March of 1615, and had a charter for the fee of the lands of Ardargie, with his father being infeft in the liferent, from Sir John Wemyss of that Ilk, on 29 June, 1615.<sup>3</sup> He was retoured heir to his father on 17 July, 1622, *m.* Helen, daughter of William Oliphant, 1<sup>st</sup> of Gask (*c/m* 7 November, 1615. She *m.* secondly by 31 January, 1641, George Hay, in Murie, brother to Peter Hay, 7<sup>th</sup> of Megginch, and had issue), *d.* in 1631 and had issue,

1. **NINIAN OLIPHANT, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF CULTEUCHAR**, had a charter for the lands of Culteuchar on 15 December, 1634, and *dsp* prior to 8 February, 1645, when his immediate younger brother John Oliphant, was retoured his heir.
2. **JOHN OLIPHANT, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF CULTEUCHAR**, was served heir to his immediate elder brother Ninian Oliphant of Culteuchar on 8 February, 1645, and *dsp* in January of 1658.<sup>4</sup>
3. William Oliphant, 5<sup>th</sup> of Culteuchar, (*see below*).
4. Catherine Oliphant, styled as sister to the deceased William Oliphant of Culteuchar when she had an Assignation of a Bond from Sir William Blair of Kinfauns on 11 August, 1676, and *d.*

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1620-1633. No. 25

<sup>2</sup> RS52/2/f.171v

<sup>3</sup> RMS 1608-1620. No. 1267

<sup>4</sup> St. Andrews Tests

unmarried in December of 1688 having bequeathed her entire estate to George Oliphant of Clashbennie and his children.<sup>1</sup>

5. Elizabeth Oliphant, styled as sister to the deceased William Oliphant of Culteuchar in her Testament on 16 May, 1676.
6. Anna Oliphant, *c.* at Dunbarney on 21 July, 1615.

**WILLIAM OLIPHANT, 5<sup>TH</sup> OF CULTEUCHAR**, served heir to his brother John Oliphant in the lands of Culteuchar on 8 January, 1658, and to his father Ninian Oliphant in the lands of Ardargie on the same day. He *m.* Jean, daughter of David Drummond, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Innermay, (*c/m* 12 May, 1659. She *m.* secondly, Thomas Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Ladywell, and had issue), *d.* by 11 August, 1676, and was father of,

1. William Oliphant, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 17 March, 1661, and *d.* young.
2. David Oliphant, 6<sup>th</sup> of Culteuchar, (*see below*).
3. John Oliphant, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 23 August, 1673, and *dsp.*
4. James Oliphant, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 8 January, 1675, and *dsp.*
5. George Oliphant, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 8 February, 1676, and *dsp.*
6. Isabel Oliphant, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 25 December, 1660, *m.* Archibald Napier of Bankeill, and had issue.
7. Margaret Oliphant, *m.* at Edinburgh on 24 June, 1705, Mr. Thomas Simpson, Minister of Broughton, and was retoured heir to her brother David Oliphant of Balleid on 2 March, 1733.
8. Helen Oliphant, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 3 January, 1663.
9. Anna Oliphant, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 20 June, 1672
10. Katherine Oliphant, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 22 July, 1670, and *m.* John Robertson, 5<sup>th</sup> of Tennandry, (*c/m* 3 February, 1687.<sup>2</sup> He *dsp* in April of 1692<sup>3</sup>).

**DAVID OLIPHANT, 6<sup>TH</sup> OF CULTEUCHAR**, *bap.* at Forgandenny on 7 March, 1668, and was under age at his father's death with his nearest agnate being John Oliphant, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Carpow, who appointed his Tutor on 16 January 1672. He was retoured heir to his father on 2 March, 1683, and was imprisoned in Edinburgh Tolbooth on 1 March, 1690, with George Graham, 6<sup>th</sup> of Inchbraikie and George Graham of Pitcairns for having toasted the

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<sup>1</sup> St. Andrews Tests

<sup>2</sup> GD38/1/403

<sup>3</sup> Dunkeld Tests

health of King James VII. at an Inn in Dunning and afterwards threatening Lord Rollo. He was released later that year after paying a fine of £50 and for finding caution in a bond for £200. He was retoured heir portioner to his maternal uncle David Drummond of Innermay on 17 September, 1719, sold the lands of Westend of Forgandenny to Robert Oliphant of Rossie on 3 December, 1719, and obtained those of Balleid for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 22 June, 1725. He *m.* firstly, Mary, second daughter of William Crichton, (*c/m* 3 May, 1699), by whom he had no issue; and secondly, at Kinloch on 23 July, 1730, Helen, daughter of Alexander Robertson of Wester Straloch, and *dsp* in September of 1731.

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