

# PRESTON

## OF AIRDRIE

**SIR JOHN PRESTON OF FENTONBARNES AND PENNICUIK**, was appointed a Senator of the College of Justice in March of 1595 and was nominated President of that body in June of 1609. He obtained the lands of Pennicuik from Alexander Pennicuik of that Ilk, for which he had a charter of confirmation under the Great Seal dated 30 March, 1604. He *m.* firstly, Elizabeth Fawside, secondly, Lilius Gilbert and, thirdly, Margaret Collace. He *d.* on 14 June 1616, and was father of,

1. Sir John Preston of Pennicuik and Airdrie, (*see below*).
2. Sir Michael Preston, styled as a son by Lilius Gilbert in a ratification by him upon his reaching 21 years of age of the terms of his brother John Preston's marriage contract with Elizabeth Turnbull, dated 25 December, 1611.<sup>1</sup> He had a renunciation from his brother John Preston of the lands of Fentonbarnes, Lutters and Liberton on 19 October, 1612. He *m.* Marion Hay and had issue,
  - 2a) John Preston of Fentonbarnes, succeeded his father and *dsp* prior to 29 June, 1646.
  - 2a) Alexander Preston of Fentonbarnes, infeft in the lands of Fentonbarnes as heir to his brother John Preston on 29 June, 1646, and *dsp* prior to 14 March, 1649.
  - 2a) Marion Preston, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 2 October 1617, *m.* William Cowper, Bishop of Galloway, and was infeft in the lands of Fentonbarnes as heir to her brother Alexander Preston of 14 March, 1649.<sup>2</sup> They had issue.
3. Catherine Preston, *m.* Robert Nairn, 6<sup>th</sup> of Mukkarsy, (he *d.* in February of 1652), and had issue.

**SIR JOHN PRESTON OF PENNICUIK AND AIRDRIE**, *m.* firstly, Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of William Turnbull of Airdrie, with whom he had a charter from his father for the lands and barony of Pennicuik to be held by they and their heirs, confirmed under the Great Seal on 14 February, 1613.<sup>3</sup> He had a charter from his father-in-law for the lands of

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<sup>1</sup> GD18/11

<sup>2</sup> GD6/47

<sup>3</sup> RMS 1609-1620. No. 82

Airdrie which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 15 July, 1623,<sup>1</sup> was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia on 22 February 1628, with remainder to himself and the heirs male whatsoever, and with the consent of John, his eldest son and heir, he sold the lands and barony of Pennicuik to Margaret Scott, Countess of Eglinton and Alexander, Earl of Eglinton, her spouse, on 5 May, 1646. By this first wife he was father of;

1. Sir John Preston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet of Airdrie, (*see below*).

He *m.* secondly, Agnes Lundy, (she *d.* on 28 April, 1668<sup>2</sup>), by whom he was father of,

2. James Preston, had a charter from his father for an annualrent of 3200 merks from the lands of Pennicuik on 6 June, 1640, and in which he is styled as eldest son by his father's second marriage.<sup>3</sup> He *d.* on 31 January, 1662.<sup>4</sup>
3. William Preston, appointed Regent in the Old College, St. Andrews, in January of 1654, and *d.* on 17 March, 1657, aged twenty-six years.<sup>5</sup>
4. Thomas Preston,

**SIR JOHN PRESTON, 2<sup>ND</sup> BARONET OF AIRDRIE**, was served heir to his mother Elizabeth Turnbull in the lands of Cluny, and others in the regality of St. Andrews, on 10 January 1627,<sup>6</sup> and to his grandfather William Turnbull of Airdrie in a house belonging to the Priory of Haddington on 15 July 1640. He and his father disposed the lands of Pennicuik to Margaret Scott, Countess of Eglinton, in 1647. He *d.* on 10 June, 1660,<sup>7</sup> having *m.* firstly, Christina, daughter of Mr. Andrew Ayton of Logie, with whom he had a charter on his father's resignation dated 12 March, 1645,<sup>8</sup> and by whom he was father of,

1. Sir John Preston, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet of Airdrie, (*see below*).

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1620-1633. No. 49

<sup>2</sup> Lamont's Diary. P. 20

<sup>3</sup> GD18/13

<sup>4</sup> Lamont's Diary P. 14

<sup>5</sup> Lamonts Diary P. 97 See also St. Andrews Monumental Inscriptions

<sup>6</sup> Retours. Fife. No. 383.

<sup>7</sup> Lamont's Diary P. 12

<sup>8</sup> RMS 1634-1651. No. 1607

2. Walter Preston,
3. Elizabeth Preston, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 10 February 1626, and *m.* Robert Balfour, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Balbirnie. They had issue.
4. Anna Preston, *m.* firstly on 2 January, 1662, to Robert Wemyss of Unthank,<sup>1</sup> and had issue ; and secondly to Henry Sibbald, second son of Sir David Sibbald of Over Rankeilour, (*c/m* 10 March, 1670<sup>2</sup>).
5. Margaret Preston, *m.* at Crail on 2 October, 1668, to Major James Law of Brunton,<sup>3</sup> and had issue.
6. Helen Preston, *m.* on 29 September, 1665, to Robert Lumsdain of Strathvitie,<sup>4</sup> (he *d.* in 1680), and had issue.

He *m.* secondly, at Tarvit, on 29 April, 1652, Marjory, daughter of Sir John Carnegie, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Northesk,<sup>5</sup> (she was widow of Sir James Scott of Scottstarvit, who had *d.* in May of 1650), and was father of :

7. Simon Preston, who *d.* in 1669.<sup>6</sup>
8. James Preston, *bap.* at Cupar on 7 August, 1655, and obtained the lands of Lindiffren by 1680 when he granted certain discharges to George Maule, Earl of Panmure, in which he is styled as son of Sir John Preston of Airdrie.<sup>7</sup>
9. Thomas Preston,
10. Jean Preston, *bap.* at Cupar on 9 July, 1655.

**SIR JOHN PRESTON, 3<sup>RD</sup> BARONET OF AIRDRIE**, retoured heir to his father in the lands and barony of Airdrie on 3 March, 1663,<sup>8</sup> which he afterwards sold. He *m.* on 20

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<sup>1</sup> OPR – Cupar.

<sup>2</sup> GD364/1/34

<sup>3</sup> OPR – Crail. See also: Lamont's Diary.

<sup>4</sup> Lamont's Diary.

<sup>5</sup> Lamont's Diary.

<sup>6</sup> Lamont's Diary P. 20

<sup>7</sup> GD45/17/53

<sup>8</sup> Retours. Fife. No. 938.

November, 1670, Jean, eldest daughter of Sir James Lumsden of Innergeldie,<sup>1</sup> *d.* in March of 1675 and was father of :

1. **SIR JOHN PRESTON, 4<sup>TH</sup> BARONET**, was served heir to his father in the lands of Thomaston *alias* Prestonhall on 30 January 1701, and in those of Castlefield and Hospital on 25 March 1701. He was a Jacobite supporter during the rising of 1715 for which he suffered forfeiture and *d.* soon afterwards. He *m.* on 16 February, 1692, Margaret, daughter of John Elphinston, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Balmerino, and was father of :

1a) **SIR JOHN PRESTON OF PRESTONHALL, 5<sup>TH</sup> BARONET**, who petitioned the Barons of the Exchequer to be allowed to succeed to his father's forfeited estate, in 1719. He *dsp* some time before 17 July 1782, when his cousin and heir male, Rev. Robert Preston, had himself served heir to their grandfather, Sir John Preston.

1a) Hughina Preston, appealed against the forfeiture of her brother Sir John in 1715.

2. Alexander Preston, became a Merchant in Dundee and *m.* Janet, eldest daughter of John Scrimgeour of Kirkton, (*c/m* 4 June, 1694<sup>2</sup>). He was father of,

2a) Robert Preston, 6<sup>th</sup> Baronet, (*see below*).

**SIR ROBERT PRESTON, 6<sup>th</sup> BARONET**, *b.* in 1706, and was admitted Minister of Cupar. He was served heir to his grandfather, Sir John Preston, on 17 July, 1782, and *d.* at Dundee on 1 September 1791, in his 86<sup>th</sup> year,<sup>3</sup> when the baronetcy became dormant. He *m.* firstly, on 29 October, 1749, to Jean, daughter of Mr. Andrew Melville, Minister of Monimaill,<sup>4</sup> and by her he was father of :

1. Alexander Preston, *bap.* at Arbirlot on 23 October, 1750, and *d.* on 22 July, 1761.

He *m.* secondly, on 11 September, 1755, to Margaret, daughter of Robert Speed of Ardovie,<sup>5</sup> (she survived him and *d.* at Dundee on 3 September 1794<sup>6</sup>), and was father of :

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<sup>1</sup> Lamont's Diary P. 22

<sup>2</sup> GD121/3/196 In which he is styled as second son of the deceased Sir John Preston of Prestonhall

<sup>3</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> September 1791, edition.

<sup>4</sup> OPR – Edinburgh.

<sup>5</sup> OPR – Dundee.

<sup>6</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> October 1794, edition.

2. Sir Robert Preston, *bap.* at Arbirlot on 11 June, 1756.
3. James Preston, *bap.* at Arbirlot on 31 July, 1757.
4. George Preston, *bap.* at Cupar on 4 March, 1759.

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