

RAMSAY

OF DOUNEFIELD

THOMAS RAMSAY OF DOUNEFIELD, is the first for whom there is evidence. He had Sasine for the lands of Dounefield in 1456,¹ *d.* by May of 1491 and was father of :

LAURENCE RAMSAY OF DOUNEFIELD, succeeded by 19 May 1491, when he was complained of by Arthur Forbes of Rires for having been a member of an assise which delivered a verdict that Elizabeth Dischington, widow of John de Wemyss, had a right to a terce of the lands of Rires,² and he executed a Notarial Instrument on 6 April, 1495, narrating that he had made an agreement with Henry Pitcairn of that Ilk to the effect that John Ramsay, his son and heir, would marry Elizabeth Pitcairn, sister to the said Henry.³ He *d.* in about 1500 and was father of :

JOHN RAMSAY OF DOUNEFIELD, had Sasine for the lands of Dounefield in 1493⁴ and succeeded his father. He granted part of his lands of Dounefield to Mr David Pitcairn, Archdeacon of Brechin, on 15 March, 1500, and alienated a sixth-part of the lands of Dounefield to George Airth, Burgess of Cupar, on 20 January, 1511. He *d.* prior to 2 January, 1515, probably at the battle of Flodden in September of 1513, having *m.* in around 1495 to Christian, sister of Henry Pitcairn of that Ilk, by whom he was father of :

1. **JAMES RAMSAY OF DOUNEFIELD**, was infeft in the lands of Dounefield as heir to his deceased father on 2 January, 1515,⁵ and *dsp* prior to April of 1536 when his sister Christian became heir to the lands of Dounefield.

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. IX. P. 664.

² PA2/6/f.46r-v

³ Laing Charters No. 222 Laurence Ramsay must then have been in poor health as he states that he was glad he would live to see the marriage solemnized

⁴ Ex. Rolls. Vol. X. P. 768.

⁵ Laing Charters. No. 306 & 30

2. Christian Ramsay, *m.* prior to 18 April, 1536, to John Couper, disposed the lands of Dounefield to David Pitcairn of that Ilk and Elizabeth Dury, his spouse, on 28 March, 1541.

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