

RITCHIE

OF CRAIGTON & BUSBIE

JAMES RITCHIE OF CRAIGTON AND BUSBY, *d.* at Craigton on Friday 31 August 1799,¹ having *m.* firstly on 5 July 1758, to Frances, eldest daughter of Alexander Montgomery of Coelsfield,² (she *d.* at Craigton on 30 June 1763³). By her he was father of :

1. John Ritchie, *b.* on 1 November 1760, served as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the 60th Regiment, and *dsp* at St. Vincent on 12 October 1795, of wounds received in action on 23 September.⁴ He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of George Bogle.
2. Alexander Ritchie, *b.* on 15 June 1763, and *d.* young.
3. Lillias Hamilton Ritchie, *b.* on 19 July 1759, and *m.* at Eaglesham on 7 August 1803, to Hugh Hamilton of Pilmure.⁵
4. Helen Ritchie, *b.* on 7 March 1762.

He *m.* secondly, on Monday 20 May 1765, to Catherine, daughter of Robert Kerr of Newfield,⁶ (she *d.* at Craigton on 24 September 1783⁷), by whom he had further issue :

5. Robert Ritchie, *b.* on 5 April 1767.
6. James Ritchie, *b.* on 22 September 1771.⁸
7. Charles Ritchie, *b.* on 1 September 1772.
8. Henry Ritchie, *b.* on 7 February 1776.
9. **Henry Ritchie of Busby**, (*see below*).

¹ Aberdeen Press and Journal, 2nd September 1799, edition.

² OPR – Govan.

³ Scots Magazine, 4th July 1763, edition.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury, 12th December 1795, edition.

⁵ OPR – Ayr.

⁶ Oxford Journal, 1st June 1765, edition.

⁷ Caledonian Mercury, 27th September 1783, edition.

⁸ OPR – Govan.

10. Eleonora Ritchie, *b.* on 29 March 1766, and *d.* unmarried in March of 1846.
11. Frances Ritchie, *b.* on 12 October 1768, and *m.* at Craighton on 24 August 1788, to Hugh Wallace, Jamaica,¹ and had issue :
 - 11a} **WILLIAM WALLACE OF BUSBY AND CLONCAIRD**, succeeded his uncle, Henry Ritchie of Busby, in his lands of Busby and Cloncaird and *d.* at Wester Dalry House on 14 December 1861.²
 - 11a} Robert Wallace, *b.* on 23 October 1798.
 - 11a} Frances Wallace, *b.* on 24 June 1800.
12. Catherine Ritchie, *b.* on 4 July 1770.
13. Jean Douglas Ritchie, *b.* on 2 January 1779, *m.* at Ayr on 14 August 1830, to William Donaldson, M.D.³
14. Mary Ritchie, *b.* on 18 April 1780, and *m.* at Craighton on 1 March 1805, to Alexander West Hamilton.⁴
15. Margaret Hamilton Ritchie, *b.* on 17 June 1781, and *m.* at Craighton on 8 August 1803, to William Stirling, Merchant in Glasgow.⁵ They had issue.
16. Charlotte Ritchie, *b.* on 19 September 1782.

HENRY RITCHIE OF BUSBY, *b.* on 15 August 1777, succeeded his father on his death in 1799 and was served heir to him, firstly, in the lands of Craighton on 18 February 1799, and then in those of Busby on 25 February 1800.⁶ He *d.* at Cloncaird Castle on 6 November 1843,⁷ having *m.* firstly, at Edinburgh on 14 February 1806, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Cathcart of Genoch,⁸ (she *d.* in 1836), and was father of :

1. Elizabeth Cathcart Ritchie, *b.* on 26 January 1807, and *d.* unmarried at Ayr on 7 December 1826.⁹
2. Catherine Ritchie, *b.* on 12 February 1808, and *d.* unmarried at Marseilles on 28 January 1817.¹

¹ OPR – Glasgow. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 30th August 1788, edition.

² Statutory record. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 17th December 1861, edition.

³ OPR – Ayr.

⁴ OPR – Coylton, Ayr.

⁵ OPR – Glasgow. See also: Aberdeen Press and Journal, 17th August 1803, edition.

⁶ Services of Heirs.

⁷ Perthshire Courier, 6th November 1843, edition.

⁸ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁹ Glasgow Herald, 15th December 1826, edition.

3. Mary Ritchie, *b.* on 22 March 1810, and *d.* unmarried at St. Sebastians on 8 May 1815.²

He *m.* secondly, at Kilkerran on 17 January 1838, to Catherine, daughter of Sir James Ferguson of Kilkerran,³ and had no issue, being succeeded in his estate by his nephew William Wallace.

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¹ Caledonian Mercury, 17th February 1817, edition.

² Caledonian Mercury, 18th May 1815, edition.

³ OPR – Kirkmichael. See also: London Evening Standard, 30th January 1838, edition.