

RUTHVEN

OF FREELAND

SIR ALEXANDER RUTHVEN, 1ST OF FREELAND, was younger son of William, 2nd Lord Ruthven, and was served heir provisional to his brothers James, Henry and William in the lands of Ballindene on 8 May, 1543. He obtained the lands of Freeland and was present with his brother Patrick, Lord Ruthven, in the Chamber of Queen Mary. He was subsequently charged with the actual murder of David Ricco, the Queen's favourite, for which he was forfeited and his lands gifted to Thomas Oliphant of Williamstone on 16 April, 1566.¹ He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Moncrieff of that Ilk, *d.* on 9 October, 1599, and was father of,

1. William Ruthven, 2nd of Freeland, (*see below*).
2. Henry Ruthven, Tutor of Freeland, mentioned with his father in a bond of caution dated 3 September, 1594, and was appointed Tutor to his young nephew William Ruthven, younger of Freeland, in 1599. He was an accessory to the Gowrie Conspiracy and for which he suffered forfeiture by Act of Parliament dated 15 November, 1600. He *m.* Bessie Matthew and was father of,
 - 2a) Henry Ruthven, to whom Christian Watson, spouse to John Dykes, Merchant and Burgess of Perth, disposed certain tenements and houses in Perth on 30 May, 1608, and he is then styled as second son of Harrie Ruthven, Tutor of Freeland.²
3. Alexander Ruthven, mentioned in a bond of caution dated 3 September, 1594. He was forfeited for his part in the Gowrie Conspiracy and is styled as son of the deceased Alexander Ruthven of Freeland in Letters of Remission in favour of David Spalding of Ashintully, for having given him hospitality on 11 March, 1630. He was father of,
4. Patrick Ruthven, retoured heir to his father on 22 March, 1665.
5. Patrick Ruthven, acted as bailie to his brother William Ruthven of Freeland, in a Sasine infesting the said William as heir to the deceased Sir William Ruthven of Ballindean, his father, in the lands of Moneydie on 24 April, 1606.³

¹ RPS Vol. V. Pt. II. No. 2778

² B59/13/36/1/f.64v

³ RS48/7/f.9v

6. Jean Ruthven, *m.* Laurence Mercer, 1st of Clevadge, (*c/m* 23 & 24 May, 1587,) and had issue.
7. Margaret Ruthven, *m.* John Reid of Straloch by 18 September, 1595, when both are mentioned in a contract of Feu between David Maxwell of Tealing and Hugh Maxwell, his son, and had issue.
8. Barbara Ruthven, *m.* Henry Rattray of Kincarrochy.
9. Anna Ruthven, *dsp* at Forgandenny in August of 1602.

WILLIAM RUTHVEN, 2ND OF FREELAND, retoured heir to his father on 13 February, 1600, and was infest as his heir in the lands of Moneydie and Balinblair as his heir on 24 April, 1606.¹ He *m.* Isabella, daughter of Thomas Fotheringham of Powrie, and *d.* of the Plague on 20 October 1608. He was father of,

1. Sir Thomas Ruthven, 3rd of Freeland, (*see below*).
2. Maria Ruthven, *m.* George Hay, 2nd of Naughton, eldest son and heir of Peter Hay of Durdie and 1st of Naughton, (*c/m* at Broughty Ferry on 28 April 1621²), and had issue.
3. Elizabeth Ruthven, who, at her father's death, had her paternal uncle Henry Ruthven appointed her Tutor on 6 July, 1611. She *m.* Sir David MacGill, younger of Rankeillour, son and heir of Sir James MacGill of Rankeillour (*c/m* at Dundee and Rankeillour in January of 1629³), and had issue.

SIR THOMAS RUTHVEN, 1ST LORD RUTHVEN OF FREELAND, as a minor at his father's death and was placed under the care of his uncle Harry Ruthven. He was retoured heir to his father and grandfather on 16 December, 1609, and was raised to the Peerage as Lord Ruthven of Freeland by King Charles II. in 1651. He *m.* Isabel, third daughter of Robert, 2nd Lord Balfour of Burleigh, *d.* on 6 May 1673, and was father of,

1. **DAVID, 2ND LORD RUTHVEN OF FREELAND**, served heir to his father in the lands of Forteviot on 16 May 1673, and was appointed one of the Lords of the Treasury during the reign of King William III. He *dsp* in April of 1701 and was succeeded by his great-nephew, James Johnston who was retoured his heir on 9 December 1732.

¹ RS48/7/f.9v

² RMS 1634-1651. No. 2076

³ RMS 1634-1651. No. 1311

2. Jean Ruthven, retoured heir to her brother David, Lord Ruthven, in the lands of Forteviot and the barony of Kirkton Mailer on 9 September 1721, and *dsp*.
3. Elizabeth Ruthven, (*see below*).
4. Anna Ruthven, *m.* firstly, William Cunningham of Cunninghamhead, (*c/m* 19 August 1661¹), and secondly, William Cunningham, fiar of Craigends, and had issue.

ELIZABETH RUTHVEN, *m.* her kinsman Sir Francis Ruthven of Redcastle, (*see Ruthven of Ballindean*), and by him had issue :

ISABEL RUTHVEN, BARONESS RUTHVEN, *m.* Colonel James Johnston of Gratney and *d.* at Ruthven on 23 June 1732.² They had issue,

1. David Johnstone, *c.* at Edinburgh on 6 October 1702.
2. William Johnstone, *c.* at Edinburgh on 17 April 1706.
3. James, 3rd Lord Ruthven, (*see below*).
4. Jean Johnstone, *c.* at Edinburgh on 11 September 1703.
5. Sophia Johnstone, *c.* at Edinburgh on 2 October 1704.
6. Anne Johnstone, *c.* at Edinburgh on 4 October 1708, *m.* firstly, Henry Rollo, second son of Robert, 4th Lord Rollo, and secondly, to Frederick Bruce.
7. Elizabeth Ruthven, *m.* James Graham, 2nd of Buchlyvie, *d.* in about September 1740,³ and had issue.

JAMES, 3RD LORD RUTHVEN, *c.* at Edinburgh on 20 September, 1710, and was retoured heir to his great-uncle David, Lord Ruthven, in the barony of Kirkton Mailer on 9 December 1732. He *d.* at Edinburgh on Thursday 3 July 1783,⁴ having *m.* firstly, at Forgandenny on 3 December 1732, Janet, eldest daughter of William Nisbet of Dirleton, (*she d.* at Edinburgh in March 1735⁵), by whom he had issue :

1. James, 4th Lord Ruthven, (*see below*).

¹ RH15/28/243

² Caledonian Mercury. 19th June 1732, edition.

³ Scots Magazine. 3rd October 1740, edition.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury. 5th July 1783, edition.

⁵ Newcastle Courant. 22nd March 1735, edition.

2. William Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 16 February 1735, and *dsp.*

He *m.* secondly, in July of 1736, Anne, second daughter of James Stewart, 2nd Earl of Bute, (she *d.* at Cumbernauld House on Tuesday 28 November 1786¹), and was father of :

3. Stewart James Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 5 December 1739, and *d.* young.

4. John Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 7 April 1743, was Captain of the Glory man-of-war, and *dsp* at Knightsbridge on 14 December 1771.

5. Anne Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 8 October 1737, and *m.* to John, 11th Lord Elphinstone, (he *d.* at Cumbernauld House on 19 August 1794). She *d.* on 28 October 1801, and had issue.

6. Isabel Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 13 November, 1738, and *m.* to Captain John MacDougal, younger of MacDougall, (he *d.* at Bombay on 27 April 1775). She *d.* at Bombay on 4 September 1775.²

7. Wortley Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 12 September, 1741, and *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 4 March 1768.

8. Elizabeth Ruthven, *m.* at Edinburgh on 18 July 1763, to Captain Robert Lawrie, only son of Sir Robert Lawrie of Maxwelltown,³ (marriage annulled by divorce on 2 February 1774), and had issue.

9. Jean Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 19 October 1745, *d.* young.

10. Grace Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 5 November 1746, *d.* young.

11. Janet Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 14 December 1747, and *m.* in August of 1765 to Captain Wade Caulfield, of the Queen's Regiment of Dragoons, (he *d.* in August of 1800). She *dsp* at Falmouth on 5 June 1785, returning from Lisbon where she had spent some time for the recovery of her health.⁴

12. Crawford Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 15 July 1749, and *d.* young.

JAMES, 4TH LORD RUTHVEN, *c.* at Forgandenny on 27 December 1733, and succeeded his father on his death in 1783. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 12 November, 1776, Mary, second

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 2nd December 1786, edition.

² Scots Magazine, 1st April 1776, edition.

³ Scots Magazine. 4th July 1763, edition.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury. 18th June 1785, edition.

daughter of David Leslie, 6th Earl of Leven,¹ (she *d.* at Freeland House on 7 October 1820²), *d.* at Melville House on 27 December 1789,³ and was father of :

1. **JAMES, 5TH LORD RUTHVEN**, *b.* at Melville House on 17 October 1777, succeeded his father and *m.* at Pencaitland House on 20 December 1813, Mary, daughter of Walter Campbell, of Shawfield & Ilay,⁴ (she *d.* at Winton Castle on 5 April 1885⁵). He *dsp* at Freeland House in the early morning of Wednesday 27 July 1853.⁶
2. David Ruthven, *b.* on 11 December 1781, and *d.* young.
3. James Ruthven, *c.* at Forgandenny on 24 May 1783, and *dsp* at Freeland House on 1 March 1804.
4. David Ruthven, *b.* at Melville House on 22nd August 1787, entered the Bengal Civil Establishment and *dsp* at Madras on 7 September 1808.
5. Wilhelmina Ruthven, *b.* on 30 November 1778, and *dsp*.
6. Janet Ann Ruthven, *b.* on 25 April 1780, and *d.* unmarried at Clifton, near Bristol, on 31 October 1805.⁷
7. Jane Ruthven, *d.* unmarried at Freeland House on 1 March 1804.⁸
8. Isabella Ruthven, *d.* at Melville House on 13 November 1787.
9. Maria Ruthven, (*see below*).
10. Charlotte Ruthven, *d.* at Freeland House on 19 March 1804.⁹

MARY ELIZABETH THORNTON RUTHVEN, *c.* at Forgandenny on 1 October 1784, *m.* at Freeland on 13 September 1806, to Walter Hore of Harperstown, co. Wexford,¹⁰ (he *d.* on 16 April 1878,) and succeeded to the family honours on the death of her eldest brother James in 1853. She *d.* on 13 February 1864, having had issue :

¹ Scots Magazine, 1st November 1776, edition.

² Scots Magazine, 1st December 1820, edition.

³ Caledonian Mercury, 31st December 1789, edition.

⁴ Stamford Mercury, 31st December 1813, edition.

⁵ Statutory record. See also: Edinburgh Evening News, 6th April 1885, edition.

⁶ Fife Herald, 4th August 1853, edition.

⁷ Scots Magazine, 1st November 1805, edition.

⁸ Scots Magazine, 1st March 1804, edition.

⁹ Scots Magazine, 1st March 1804, edition.

¹⁰ Scots Magazine, 1st October 1806, edition.

1. William Hore, (*see below*).
2. James Ruthven Hore, *b.* on 12 January, 1813, and *d.* in infancy.
3. Walter Hore, *b.* on 30 January, 1814.
4. Alexander Leslie Melville Hore, *b.* on 23 February, 1817, and *dsp* on 11 May, 1877.
5. James Stopford Hore, *b.* on 13 April, 1821, and *d.* in January of 1827.
6. Cavendish Bradstreet Hore, *d.* on 22 October, 1854, of wounds recieved at the seige of Sebastopol.
7. Mary Elizabeth Hore, *b.* on 4 January, 1808.
8. Eleanor Catherine Hore, *b.* on 26 June, 1809.
9. Anne Hore, *b.* on 14 June, 1810.
10. Wilhelmina Ruthven Hore, *b.* on 8 August, 1815.
11. Jane Stewart Hore, *b.* on 14 December, 1818, *m.* on 1 May, 1858, George O'Grady of Plattendon, (he *d.* on 11 November 1872), and *dsp* on 6 October 1917.
12. Georgiana Jocelyne Hore, *b.* on 3 March 1820.

WILLIAM HORE, *b.* on 2 July 1811, *m.* on 16 May 1836, Dells Honoria, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Pierce Lowen (she *d.* on 9 November 1883), and *d. vita patris* on 12 May 1847. He was father of,

1. **WALTER JAMES HORE, 6TH LORD RUTHVEN**, *b.* on 14 June 1838, and succeeded his grandmother in the honours of Ruthven. He *m.* on 21 August 1869, Caroline, eldest daughter of 4th Earl of Arran (she *d.* on 17 December 1914), and *d.* on 28 February 1921. He had issue.
2. Charles Edward Stewart Hore, *b.* on 21 April 1840, *m.* on 20 September 1875, Mariana, daughter of Colonel Edward Robert Wood (she *d.* on 18 November 1941) and *d.* in 1920. He had issue.
3. Maria Lowen Hore, *m.* on 7 June 1860, to Rev. Walter Sutton, and *d.* on 4 February 1869. They had issue.
4. Wilhelmina Dells Owena Hore, *m.* on 19 June 1879, Rev. Charles Griffith, *d.* on 29 October 1933, and had issue.
5. Maria Frederick Hore, *d.* unmarried on 14 August 1897.
6. James Hore, *dsp* in January of 1839.