

SCHAW

OF KNOCKHILL

JOHN SCHAW, 1ST OF KNOCKHILL, surrounding whom a controversy arose concerning the circumstances of his marriage to Janet, daughter of Matthew Forrester, Burgess of Stirling, as it transpired to have had been conducted without prior the involvement of her family. To resolve the matter, on 28 November 1481, James Schaw of Sauchie brought Janet to her father's lodgings in Stirling and there had a Notarial Instrument executed which recorded her testimony that she had not been forced or otherwise compelled against her will to marry John, son of the said James, but, rather, she had consented and the couple were then living as husband and wife.¹ He obtained the lands of Knockhill by 1488, and was tenant of the Crown the lands of Grange of Bothkennar, Glenlichern, Newton and Ploro, in 1488. On 20 January 1489, he was appointed joint custodian, with his father, of Stirling Castle and resigned his office of Sheriff of Clackmannanshire in favour of Sir William Menteith of Kerse, who subsequently had a confirmation of this on 25 September 1489. He held the office of Chamberlain of the sheriffdom of Stirling in which capacity he rendered the accounts from 20 June 1490-30 June 1491.² He *m.* by 28 November 1481, Janet, daughter of Matthew Forrester, Provost of Stirling, and sister to Duncan Forrester of Torwood, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, by late 1491, to John Murray, son and heir of Patrick Murray of Fallowhill), *d.* between 30 June 1491, and 12 October following, and was father of,

GEORGE SCHAW, 2ND OF KNOCKHILL, succeeded his father in the lands of Knockhill and obtained those of Fossoway, Larg with the Island Eddralekhaugh, Strongarwald, Ardmakmonone and Branqualze, all in the Lordship of Strathgartney, in which he was infeft on 10 June 1510.³ He is named as one of the Sheriffs of Dumbarton whom King James V., directed on 27 February 1514, to conduct an inquest into the rights of

¹ Stirling Burgh Protocol Book.

² Ex. Rolls Vol. 10.

³ GD112/2/101/1

Alexander Napier to succeed his deceased father Sir Alexander Napier of Edinbellie in various lands in Dumbartonshire and Perthshire. He disposed his six merk lands of Foulshawis, in the bailiary of Cunningham, and sheriffdom of Ayr, to David Cunningham of Bertanholme in 1525,¹ and obtained those of Karenoch and Stank from George Home of Lundies by charter dated 22 October, 1535.² He *m.* Egedia, daughter of Andrew Aytoun of Dunmure, *d.* after 10 July, 1547, and by 28 February, 1550, and was father of,

1. Andrew Schaw, 3rd of Knockhill, (*see below*).
2. James Schaw, styled as son of the Laird of Knockhill when witness to a Discharge by David Schaw of Cambusmoir to Sir John Stirling of Keir on 10 November 1533.³
3. Barbara Schaw, who, with her sister Janet, had a charter from their father for the lands of Stank and Kernoch on 3 January, 1547.
4. Janet Schaw, *m.* Patrick Murray of Ochertyre, by 21 December, 1583, when she granted an annualrent of 6 bolls of victual from the lands of Lecropt in favour of Mungo Murray, son of John Murray of Tulliebardine, and is then styled as sister to the late Andrew Schaw of Knockhill.
5. Margaret Schaw, *m.* Walter Graham, 1st of Gartur, and had issue.
6. Agnes Schaw, *m.* by 18 February 1554, Alexander Schaw of Cambusmoir, and had issue.

ANDREW SCHAW, 3RD OF KNOCKHILL, had an Instrument of Sasine from his father for the lands of Corriekaby as his eldest son and heir on 10 July, 1547, and *m.* firstly, Janet Stirling with whom he had a Precept for a charter for the lands of Kippendavie on 10 March 1536.⁴ He *m.* secondly, Margaret, daughter of John Moray of Abercairney, (*c/m* 30 August 1552⁵), *d.* in 1577⁶ and was father of,

1. William Schaw, 4th of Knockhill, (*see below*).

¹ GD148/108

² GD112/1/45

³ Keir Charters No. 137

⁴ RPS Vol. II. No. 1975

⁵ GD112/1/835

⁶ Edinburgh Tests

2. John Schaw, acted as bailie in a Sasine for the lands of Corriecrombie in favour of Margaret Murray, relict of the deceased Andrew Schaw of Knockhill, on 24 May, 1587, and is then styled as son to the said deceased Andrew Schaw. He *dsp* in January of 1600.¹
3. Alexander Schaw, witness to an Instrument of Sasine in favour of Margaret Murray, relict of the deceased Andrew Schaw of Knockhill, and is then styled as brother of John Schaw, bailie for the Sasine, son of the said deceased Andrew on 24 May, 1587.

WILLIAM SCHAW, 4TH OF KNOCKHILL, who was escheated on 24 May, 1567, and his goods gifted to Robert Bruce, brother of David Bruce of Kinnaird, for having been involved in the murder of John Robertson in Pittendreich two days previous. He succeeded his father and *m.* Mariote, daughter of Thomas Graham of Boquhapple, (*c/m* 7 January 1558²). He *d.* in October of 1599³ and was father of,

1. George Schaw, 5th of Knockhill, (*see below*).
2. John Schaw, witness with his father to a Contract between Alexander Balfour, fiar of Boghall, and various MacGregors dated 1 November 1597.⁴
3. Alexander Schaw,
4. Marjory Schaw, *m.* at Clackmannan on 25 July 1598, Thomas Younger in Craigton,⁵ and had issue.

GEORGE SCHAW, 5TH OF KNOCKHILL, was infeft in the fee of the lands of Inverallan with the old mill thereof and the new mill there and the lands of Logy, Blair and Cornton on 18 February 1597, and succeeded his father in the lands of Knockhill on his death in 1599. He *m.* Janet, daughter of James Kinross of Kippenross, (*c/m* 9 August, 1586.⁶ She survived him and *m.* secondly, Colin Campbell, natural son of Duncan Campbell, 2nd of Glenlyon, who acquired the lands of Knockhill, and had issue), *d.* in July of 1612⁷ and was father of,

¹ Dunblane Tests

² RMS 1546-1580. No. 1339. See also, RD1/ which states that the *c/m* is dated 25 April 1558.

³ Edinburgh Tests

⁴ GD112/2/53/6

⁵ OPR – Clackmannan.

⁶ RMS 1580-1593. No. 1528

⁷ CC21/5/1/415

1. James Schaw, 6th of Knockhill, (*see below*).
2. Henry Schaw, *b.* in 1590 and was educated at the University of Edinburgh from where he graduated Master of Arts on 27 July 1609. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Dunblane on 23 August 1615; was admitted Minister of Logie Wallach on 14 April 1617, and was deposed from this office between 25 October and 6 December 1648. He *m.* Marion, daughter of Alexander Menteith of Manar, (*c/m* 19 & 20 April, 1620), *d.* prior to 2 September 1656, and was father of,
 - 2a) John Schaw, was appointed Schoolmaster at Logie.
 - 2a) George Schaw, was educated at the University of Glasgow where he graduated Master of Arts in 1644, and was admitted as his father's successor as Minister at Logie Wallace on 17 January 1649, although he was deprived of his charge by the Privy Council prior to 27 July 1689, for refusing to read the Proclamation of the Estates. He *m.* firstly, Janet Alexander, (she *d.* in August of 1674), and had issue. He *m.* secondly, prior to 1687, to Jean Keith, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, on 1 November 1694, to William Elphinstone), and *d.* prior to November of 1694. He was father of,
 - 2b) George Schaw of Reidheugh, was retoured heir to his brother James Schaw, Writer in Edinburgh, in the lands of Schanbothy, Clackmannan and Comrie, in the parish of Culross, on 29 January, 1684,¹ which he afterwards disposed with his lands of Reidheugh to Mr John Schaw, Minister of Kinnaird, who was infeft therein on 14 May 1684.²
 - 2b) James Schaw, became a Writer in Edinburgh and had a charter of adjudication from King Charles II., for the lands and barony of Clackmannan on 3 March, 1680, in which he is styled as second son Mr George Schaw, Minister at Logie.³ He *d.* prior to 29 January 1684, and was father of,
 - 2c) James Schaw, followed his father as a Writer in Edinburgh and was admitted a Burgess there in his right on 28 April 1708.⁴ He *m.* at Edinburgh on 6 July 1699, Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Hugh Durie, Writer,⁵ and was father of,
 - 2d) John Schaw, became an Apothecary in Edinburgh and was admitted a Burgess there by right of his deceased father on 29 September 1725.⁶

¹ GD11/211 & 212

² GD11/214

³ GD11/207

⁴ SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

⁵ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁶ SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

He was retoured heir to his father on 21 December 1725, and *m.* firstly, at Edinburgh on 28 June 1725, Mary, daughter of Alexander Erskine, Apothecary.¹ He *m.* secondly, at Edinburgh, on 26 April 1730, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Weir, Writer,² and was father of,

2e} John Schaw, *bap.* 5 October 1727.

2e} Bettie Schaw, *b.* 9 August 1726.

2e} Alexander Schaw, *b.* 17 March 1733.

2d} Adam Schaw, *bap.* 13 January 1702.

2d} George Schaw, *bap.* 11 June 1703.

2d} Thomas Schaw, *bap.* 6 February 1705.

2d} Hugh Schaw, *b.* 24 April 1707.

2d} James Schaw, *b.* 11 March 1709.

2b} Alexander Schaw, was retoured heir of provision to his father on 15 July 1701.

2b} John Schaw, was living in May of 1704.

2b} Margaret Schaw, *m.* on 6 August 1702, to Robert Bruce of Grangemuir, (he was *b.* in 1679, and *d.* in April of 1762), and had issue.

3. David Schaw, was apprenticed to Alexander Thomson, Skinner in Edinburgh, on 16 November 1612.³

4. Nicholas Schaw, included in an action raised against her mother, Janet Kinross, and Helen Kinross her sister by Colin Campbell of Ardeonaig on 23 February 1638.⁴

JAMES SCHAW, 6TH OF KNOCKHILL, succeeded his father and was a member of the inquest at the retour of Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir as heir to his father Sir James Stirling of Keir, on 8 July 1613. He disposed his lands of Knockhill to his step-father Colin Campbell, and *m.* Helen, daughter of Robert Bruce of Baldrig. He *d.* in 1636 and was father of,

1. Jean Schaw, who was under age at the time of her father's death.⁵

2. Isobel Schaw, apparently a daughter. She *m.* James Hamilton, second son of Sir Alexander Hamilton of Innerwick, and settled with him in France.¹

¹ OPR – Edinburgh..

² OPR – Edinburgh.

³ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁴ Acts & Decrees. Vol. 503/51

⁵ E16/1/5

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¹ Lyon Court Records. She is styled as daughter of James Schaw of Knockhill.