

SIMSON

OF BRUNTON & PITCORTHY

WILLIAM SIMSON OF BRUNTON, acquired the lands of Brunton from James Law of Brunton and *m.* on 21 January 1710, to Jean Wallace. He was father of :

1. John Simson of Brunton, (*see below*).
2. George Simson, *bap.* at Falkland on 28 February 1717.
3. Euphemia Simson, *bap.* on 11 April 1714.
4. Jean Simson, *bap.* on 13 August 175.

JOHN SIMSON OF BRUNTON, succeeded his father and *d.* in October of 1779¹ having *m.* firstly, on 16 November 1744, to Anne, daughter of Patrick Murray, 1st of Ayton,² by whom he was father of :

1. Mary Simson, *b.* on 30 December 1745.
2. Jean Simson, *b.* on 5 January 1748.
3. Anne Simson, *b.* on 10 October 1749, and *m.* on 23 March 1783, to Lieutenant James Seton, third son of George Seton of Carriston. They had issue.

He *m.* secondly, on 25 August 1751, to Agnes, daughter and heiress of James Graham W.S.,³ (she was served heir-portioner to her father on 6 March 1764), and by her he had further issue :

4. William Simson of Pitcorthie, *bap* on 14 August 1757, and led a military life, being raised to Lieutenant-General. He *d.* at Ferrybridge, Yorkshire, on 8 July 1818,⁴ with his brother, George, being served his heir on 29 October 1824. He was father of a natural son :
4a} George Belshes Simson, *dsp* on 26 June 1839.⁵

¹ Chancery records.

² OPR – Abdie.

³ OPR – Markinch.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 1st August 1818.

⁵ Chancery records.

5. James Simson, *bap.* on 7 March 1759, and *dsp.*
6. George Simson of Brunton, (*see below*).
7. Mary Simson, *m.* on 13 November 1768, to Alexander Duncan W.S.
8. Christian Simson, *bap.* on 10 November 1754.
9. Betty Simson, *bap.* on 22 April 1762.
10. Agnes Simson, *bap.* on February 1766.
11. Jane Simson, *d.* at Edinburgh on 10 November 1825.

GEORGE SIMSON OF WOODMILL, PITCORTHIE AND BRUNTON, *bap.* on 20 March 1767, became a Merchant in London and was served heir to his father in the husband lands of Falkland on 30 November 1819, and to his brother, William, on 29 October 1824. He spent a number of years at his property of Sillwood Park, Sunning Hill, Berks, before once again settling in Fife. He *m.* in 1792, to Mary, daughter of John Ramsay, grandson of Sir Gilbert Ramsay, 1st Baronet of Balmain, (she *d.* at Sillwood Park on 17 March 1820¹), *d.* at Pitcorthie House on 7 August 1848,² and was father of :

1. George Simson of Brunton, (*see below*).
2. James Bruce Simson, entered the Bombay civil service and *m.* at Bombay on 13 February 1822, to Harriet, daughter of George Warden. He was father of,
 - 2a) Roderick George Long Simson, *b.* at Belgaum, Bengal, on 3 June 1837.
 - 2a) Mary Jane Simson, *b.* at Poona, Bombay, on 29 March 1823, and *d.* at Eastern House, Alverstoke, on 18 July 1866.³
 - 2a) Harriet Bruce Simson, *d.* at York Road, Brighton, on 30 December 1892.⁴
 - 2a) Emma Simon, *c.* at Northbourne on 1 November 1829.
 - 2a) Agnes Charlotte Simson, *d.* at Southsea on 27 May 1889.⁵
3. John Simson, entered the Bengal civil service and *d.* unmarried at Calcutta on 19 September 1820, aged 21 years.⁶
4. William Simson, entered the Bombay civil service and *m.* Dora Lushington, daughter of Guy Lenox Prendergast. He was father of :

¹ Caledonian Mercury, 27th May 1820, edition.

² London Evening Standard, 12th July 1848, edition.

³ Alnwick Mercury, 28th July 1866, edition.

⁴ London Evening Standard, 6th January 1893, edition.

⁵ Morning Post, 1st June 1889, edition.

⁶ Morning Post, 15th March 1821, edition.

- 4a) Francis Bruce Simson, *b.* at Bombay on 22 September 1827.
 - 4a) Paulina Simson, *b.* at London on 2 March 1834.
 - 4a) Caroline Lushington Simson,
5. Mary Simson, *d.* unmarried at Sunning Hill on 26 March 1822.¹

GEORGE SIMSON OF PITCORTHIE AND BRUNTON, *b.* on 28 August 1796, and was served heir to his father in the lands of Easter and Wester Pitcorthie on 4 September 1848. He *m.* on 26 November 1822, to *m.* Mary Ann, daughter of James Sutherland, (she *d.* at Brunton on 13 June 1880), *d.* at Pitcorthie House on 21 February 1869, and was father of :

1. George Sutherland Simson, *b.* on 31 October 1823, and served as Major in the Bengal Army. He *dsp* on 6 June 1892, aged 68 years.
2. Henry Bruce Simson of Brunton, (*see below*).
3. Mary Simson, *b.* on 19 February 1825, and *m.* John Hamilton of St. Ernans.
4. Elizabeth Harriet Simson, *b.* on 1 August 1827.
5. Agnes Christian Simson, *b.* on 19 February 1825, and *d.* at Stuttgart on 10 November 1880.
6. Frances Katherine Simson, *c.* at Egham, Surrey, on 28 November 1836, and *d.* Brunton on 21 December 1889.

HENRY BRUCE SIMSON OF BRUNTON, *b.* on 22 January 1832, and entered the Bengal Civil Service. He *m.* at Poosah, Bengal, on 14 April 1857, to Madge, second daughter of Lieutenant-General William Vincent, Bengal Army,² (she *d.* at St. Andrews on 8 April 1909³), *d.* at St. Andrews on 11 August 1899,⁴ and was father of :

1. Anstruther Frank Simson of Brunton, (*see below*).
2. George Henry Lindsay Simson, *b.* at Calcutta on 28 February 1872, and entered the Bengal civil service. He *d.* at St. Andrews on 2 January 1955,⁵ and was father of :

¹ Morning Post, 29th March 1822, edition.

² Edinburgh Evening Courant, 2nd July 1857, edition.

³ Statutory record.

⁴ Statutory record.

⁵ Statutory record. See also: Dundee Courier, 4th January 1955, edition.

- 2a) George Vincent Simson, *m.* at The Holy Rood, Wool, on 20 September 1939, to Margaret Jean, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Plant, of Oakdene, Poulton-le-Fyde.¹ At the outbreak of WWII., he was called up and served in the Royal Armoured Corps, seeing action in France then in Libya, where he was wounded, until being *k.* in action at Crete on 20 May 1941. He had issue.
3. Ellen Frances Margery Simson, *b.* at Patna, Bengal, on 27 July 1859.
4. Mary Cunliffe Simson, *b.* at Calcutta on 3 December 1860, and *m.* Colonel Walter Cook.
5. Agnes Lucy Simson, *b.* at Darjeeling, Bengal on 1 September 1863.
6. Katherine Louisa Simson, *d.* at Chittagong, Bengal, on 29 December 1871, aged 3 years and 11 months.²

ANSTRUTHER FRANK SIMSON OF BRUNTON, *b.* on 9th January 1858, and was *c.* at Bengal on 6 April following. He became a Chartered Accountant and *m.* at Shahpur, Bengal, in 1895, to Agnes Maxwell, third daughter of Mr. Norman MacLeod, Minister of Barony.³ He *d.* on 1 December 1930.

¹ Fife Herald, 4th October 1939, edition.

² Fife Herald, 15th February 1872, edition.

³ Dundee Evening Telegraph.