

SPALDING

OF ASHINTULLY

The Spaldings of Ashintully are said to descend from a David Spalding who went out to Spain and fought in the King's army as a Colonel. During his time there he was able to amass such a sizeable fortune that on his return to Scotland he purchased lands extending to the one third of Strathardle which included those of Ashintully, where he built the castle in 1583. However adventurous this sounds, it is inconsistent with extant record which proves that Andrew Spalding was in possession of Ashintully by April 1569 at the latest, and which he continued to hold until his death in late 1607. An element of truth probably exists within the tradition, that being that the founder of the family was a David Spalding who lived in the mid-16th century and was father of :

1. **ANDREW SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY**, was witness to an instrument of Sasine by James Wemyss to Janet Rattray, his spouse, of the liferent of his lands of Mill of Urie in the barony of Easter Downie on 16 April 1569,¹ and entered into in a Decreet Arbitral with John MacKomyvoir for the settling of the marches of their lands of Ashintully and Finnegand on 28 October 1572.² He was one of the witnesses to the Testament of John Spalding of Drumclune on 3 January 1580,³ and if the date of the erection the castle of Ashintully in 1583 is correct, then he is the member of the family responsible for such. He *m.* Helen Whytelaw, (she survived him and is styled as his relict in a Disposition by her with consent of her daughter Annabella Spalding, spouse of John Ogilvy of Milnhaugh, her son-in-law, to David Soutar in Alyth of the Mill of Alyth, dated 1 June 1620), *d.* on 30 November 1607,⁴ and was father of,

2a) **DAVID SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY**, acquired the superiority of the lands of Ashintully, and others, from Sir John Wemyss of that Ilk, for which he had a charter under the Great dated 10 January 1615, and in which the King erected his lands into the Free Barony of Ashintully. He made a resignation of his lands in favour of Andrew Spalding of Boirland, his heir-male, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 1 April 1629, and had a

¹ GD112/25/28

² GD1/124/31

³ CC8/8/13/179

⁴ CC8/8/45/490

charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Ashintully to be held by himself and the heirs-male of his body, failing, whom by Andrew Spalding of Boirland and the heirs-male of his body, failing whom, by David Spalding of Drumfork, and the heirs-male of his body dated 16 July 1631. He *dsp* by 28 July 1641, when his cousin William Spalding of Runavy was retoured his heir male.

2a) Annabella Spalding, *m.* John Ogilvy of Milnhaugh of Bello, with whom, as future spouses, she had a Wadset from his brother James Ogilvy of Clova for the lands of Mill of Alyth, on 5 March, 1604.

2a) Elspeth Spalding, *m.* Patrick Stewart, younger son of John Stewart of Pitfourie, (*c/m* 1591).

2. William Spalding, portioner of Boirland, (*see below*).

WILLIAM SPALDING, PORTIONER OF BOIRLAND, is named with his two sons on 14 November 1608,¹ and was father of,

1. Andrew Spalding, portioner of Boirland, (*see below*).

2. David Spalding, named with his father in November 1608.

ANDREW SPALDING, PORTIONER OF BOIRLAND, named with his father on 14 November 1608, and whom he succeeded in his portion of the lands of Boirland. He had a resignation of the lands of barony of Ashintully from David Spalding of Ashintully as his heir male on 1 April 1629, and 16 July 1631, and *d.* prior to July of 1641 being father of :

WILLIAM SPALDING OF RUNAVY & ASHINTULLY, was retoured heir-male of tailzie and provision to David Spalding of Ashintully in the lands and barony of Ashintully and also to his father, Andrew Spalding of Boirland on 28 July 1641,² and was retoured heir general to this David on 16 July 1642, whom is then styled as “nepotis fratris avi.”³ He *m.* Elspeth Campbell, *d.* prior to 6 January 1653, and was father of :

1. Andrew Spalding of Ashintully, (*see below*).

¹ GD16/47/31

² Retours. Perth. No. 498 & Retours. Gen. No. 2585.

³ Retours. Gen. 2721.

2. David Spalding of Whitehouse, *m.* Margaret, daughter of John Robertson of Straloch, (*c/m* 6 April 1666, with a Tocher of 900 merks Scots¹), and had issue :
 - 2a) David Spalding of Whitehouse, succeeded his father and is said to have ruined his inheritance through profligacy.
 - 2a) Charles Spalding, witness to an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Cultalony in favour of Alexander Robertson of Stronamuik on 6 November 1686, and is then styled as lawful son to David Spalding of Whitehouse.
 - 2a) Margaret Spalding, *m.* John Rattray of Bordland.
3. Jean Spalding, *m.* Alexander MacCoul of Easter Kindrogane, (*c/m* at Boirland on 20 January 1658, with a Tocher of 900 merks Scots²).

ANDREW SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir on 13 November 1661. He had a novadamus from the King in recognition of his and his predecessors good services, granting to him anew his one third of the lands of Strathardle comprehending Strathardle etc., dated 6 September 1681, to be held by he and his heirs male,³ and *d.* in January of 1705. He *m.* firstly, to Jean, daughter of William MackIntosh of Torcastle and had issue ; and secondly to a woman whose identity has not yet been discovered. He *m.* thirdly, to Grisel, daughter of David Carnegie of Balmachie, (*c/m* 15 February 1686⁴), by whom he had further issue. He was father of :

1. David Spalding of Ashintully, (*see below*).
2. Andrew Spalding of Glenkilrie, obtained the lands of Glenkilrie and served as an officer in the Atholl Brigade of the Jacobite army during the rising of 1745/46. He *d.* prior to October of 1755 and was father of :
 - 2a) George Spalding of Glenkilrie and Ashintully, was appointed judicial factor on the Ashintully estate in 1756 and was served heir to his father on 2 October 1755, and as heir male to his uncle David Spalding of Ashintully in 1/3 of the lands of Strathardle, on 19 August 1790. He *m.* Bethia, daughter of Sir Thomas Nairne of Dunsinane, (she *d.* at Perth on 21 February 1819⁵), *d.* in April of 1804 in his 78th year,¹ and was father of :

¹ RD1/4/19/844-845

² RD4/3/249-252

³ Acta Parl. Scot. 6th September 1681.

⁴ CC7/6/3/324

⁵ Perthshire Courier, 4th March 1819, edition.

2b) William Spalding of Glenkilrie, succeeded his father and was retoured his heir on 9 March 1810, although the lands of Glenkilry were so heavily burdened with debts that he executed a trust deed in February 1810, and sold the lands by public roup the following September. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 4 June 1806, Wilhelmina Nairn, daughter of James Mellis of Newhall,² and was father of :

2c) William Mellis Spalding, *b.* on 9 February 1811, and was admitted a Writer to the Signet. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 30 April 1846, Mary, daughter of William Gordon of Holmyre,³ (she *d.* at Cheltenham on 6 June 1898⁴), *d.* at Edinburgh on 4 September 1857,⁵ and was father of :

2d) Harry Spalding, *b.* 16 May 1849, and *dsp* in 1900.

2d) Louisa Spalding, *b.* 28 December 1847, and *d.* unmarried on 19 October 1919.

2d) Flora Spalding, *b.* 10 November 1853, and *d.* unmarried at West Kensington on 26 June 1930. She was the last member of the immediate family of Ashintully and Glenkilrie.

2b) John Spalding, *dsp* in Jamaica in circa January 1797.

2b) Andrew Spalding, *c.* on 28 July 1778, and *dsp* when in Jamaica with his brother John circa January 1797.⁶

2b) Elizabeth Spalding, *c.* on 12 April 1776.

2a) Anna Spalding, *m.* Andrew Small of Dirnanean, (*c/m* 21 December 1780), and had issue.

2a) Rebecca Spalding,

3. Charles Spalding, was the eldest son of his father's marriage to Grisel Carnegie. He *dsp* prior to August of 1715, with his brother John being served his heir.

4. John Spalding, acted as executor to his brother german Charles and to whom he was served heir general on 28 August 1715.

5. Elizabeth Spalding, *m.* Mr. John Pearson, Episcopal Minister of Kirkmichael, (he was widow of Elizabeth Durham).

¹ Aberdeen Journal, 4th April 1804, edition.

² Scots Magazine, 1st June 1806, edition.

³ Perthshire Courier, 7th May 1846, edition.

⁴ London Evening Standard, 9th June 1898, edition.

⁵ Statutory record. See also: Perthshire Advertiser, 10th September 1857, edition.

⁶ Scots Magazine, 6th February 1797, edition.

DAVID SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY, who while a young man, had the misfortune to accidentally shoot and kill Jean Mercer, daughter of Laurence Mercer in Tullybeigles, in November of 1689, while “shooting of ane mad dog within ye town of Eister Downie.¹” He succeeded his father on his death in 1705 and was retoured his heir on 20 August 1707. He *d.* in May of 1744, having *m.* Grisel Lyon, (she *d.* at Glenkilry in November of 1791²), and by whom he was father of :

1. Daniel Spalding, *c.* on 25 July 1720, and is styled by his contemporaries as being “fatuous.” Because of this, following his succession to his father estate, the lands of Ashintully were placed under judicial factors, the first of these being his cousin George Spalding of Glenkilrie who resigned this office in favour of Duncan MacDonald, in December of 1767, however, the debts were so considerable that the entire estate had had to be sold in 1766. He *dsp* in 1788.
2. Elizabeth Spalding, *d.* unmarried in 1774.

¹ RD4/72/1140-1142

² RH1/2/520