

# STEWART

## OF DUNEARN

**ARCHIBALD STEWART, 1<sup>ST</sup> OF DUNEARN**, was a younger son of James Stewart, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Moray, and was *bap.* at Edinburgh on 28 February, 1643. He obtained the lands of Dunearn and *m.* on 14 March, 1669, Anne, daughter of Sir John Henderson of Fordell, (she *m.* secondly, Captain Walter Denholme, son of Robert Denholme, of Westfield, and *d.* in March of 1708). He *d.* in February of 1688<sup>1</sup> and was father of :

1. Charles Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Dunearn, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Stewart, *bap.* at Crammond on 3 October, 1681.
3. Margaret Stewart, *m.* Sir Archibald Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet of Burray, (he *d.* in 1704), and had issue ; and secondly, David Leslie, 4<sup>th</sup> Lord Lindores, (he *dsp* in July of 1719). She *d.* in October of 1719.
4. Elizabeth Stewart, *m.* at Edinburgh on 1 February, 1701, Alexander Gillon of Wellhouse.<sup>2</sup>
5. Emilia Stewart, *m.* at Edinburgh on 30 January, 1701, Archibald Nisbet of Carfin,<sup>3</sup> (he *d.* on 29 September, 1740).

**CHARLES STEWART, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF DUNEARN**, had a Precept of Clare Constat as heir to his father in an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Fordell on 11 August, 1712, and was retoured heir general to his mother, Ann Henderson, on 16 February 1715. He *d.* in 1732 having *m.* firstly at Edinburgh on 13 February, 1697, Christian, daughter of Sir William Bennet of Grubbet,<sup>4</sup> by whom he was father of :

1. **ALEXANDER STEWART, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF DUNEARN**, was a child by his father's first marriage and whosucceeded to the lands of Dunearn on his father's death. He attained the rank of Captain the

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<sup>1</sup> Stirling Tests

<sup>2</sup> OPR - Edinburgh

<sup>3</sup> OPR - Edinburgh

<sup>4</sup> OPR - Edinburgh

11<sup>th</sup> Dragoons and served as aide-de-camp to Lord Mark Ker at the battle of Culloden in April of 1746. He *m.* to Christian Boterel and *dsp* on 13 February, 1786.

He *m.* secondly at Edinburgh on 24 August, 1700, Jean, daughter of Alexander Hamilton of Dalziel,<sup>1</sup> and by her he was father of :

2. Charles Stewart, *bap.* at Aberdour on 10 May, 1702, and *dsp.*
3. Walter Stewart, *bap.* at Aberdour on 27 June, 1703, and *dsp.*
4. Archibald Stewart, *bap.* at Aberdour on 2 August, 1707, and *dsp* in 1730/31.
5. James Stewart, (*see below*).
6. Anna Stewart, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 11 April, 1701, and *m.* at Aberdour on 16 December, 1724, Robert Blackwood of Pittreavie. She *d.* on 12 April, 1783.
7. Mary Stewart, *bap.* at Aberdour on 4 June, 1704, and *m.* on 25 November, 1729, Colonel John Erskine, 1<sup>st</sup> of Carnock, (he was widow of Jane, daughter of William Mure of Caldwell, whom he had *m.* on 14 March, 1690, and for which marriage the *c/m* 12 March, 1690. He was also widow of Anna, daughter of William Dundas, of Kincavil, whom he had *m.* at Edinburgh on 5 January, 1691, and who had *d.* on 26 June, 1723, and of Lilius, daughter of Sir John Stirling of Keir, whom he had *m.* on 28 April, 1725, and who had *d.* on 27 March, 1729, and *d.* on 13 January, 1743). They had issue.
8. Jean Stewart, *bap.* at Aberdour on 26 June, 1705, and *m.* at Aberdour on 11 October, 1732, William Hogg, Merchant in Edinburgh. They had issue.
9. Bethia Stewart, *bap.* at Aberdour on 26 July, 1706, and *m.* at Edinburgh on 2 September, 1733, Archibald Wallace, Merchant in Edinburgh.

**JAMES STEWART**, *bap.* at Aberdour on 8 November, 1708, was elected and served as Lord Provost of Edinburgh from 1764-65 and 1768-69. He *m.* firstly at Edinburgh on 17 April, 1737, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Adam Drummond, fourth son of Adam Drummond, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Megginch, (she *d.* on 11 November, 1752), and secondly at Edinburgh on 4 April, 1756, Alison, daughter of James Spittal, fiar of Leuchat.<sup>2</sup> He *d.* on 10 June, 1777, and was father of :

1. Charles Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Dunearn, (*see below*).

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<sup>1</sup> OPR - Edinburgh

<sup>2</sup> OPR - Edinburgh

2. Margaret Stewart, *c.* at Edinburgh on 22 September, 1751, *m.* at Edinburgh on 7 October, 1770, John Gordon of Balmuir,<sup>1</sup> (he *d.* in 1789), and *d.* in 1831.

**CHARLES STEWART, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF DUNEARN**, *c.* at Edinburgh on 24 January, 1748, succeeded his uncle, Alexander Stewart, in the lands of Dunearn and practiced as a physician, serving as President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. He *m.* firstly at Edinburgh on 23 October, 1773, Mary, daughter of John Erskine of Carnock,<sup>2</sup> (she *d.* at St. George's Square, Edinburgh, on 15 April, 1817<sup>3</sup>), and had issue ; and secondly at Edinburgh on 16 January, 1819, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Parlane, Surgeon in Glasgow,<sup>4</sup> (she *d.* on 10 November, 1821<sup>5</sup>). He *d.* at his house in George Square, Edinburgh, on 28 May 1826,<sup>6</sup> and was father of :

1. James Stewart, 4<sup>th</sup> of Dunearn, (*see below*).
2. John Alexander Stewart of Carnock, who, on 16 April 1838, was served heir of provision to his uncle David Erskine of Carnock following his death at Arbroath on 16 March of the previous month.<sup>7</sup> He *d.* at Dresden on 3 November 1869,<sup>8</sup> and was father of :
  - 2a) Charles Stuart, was *b.* at Woodhall Bank, Juniper Green, on 30 March 1825, and was educated at the Edinburgh Institution and Edinburgh University from where he graduated M.D., in 1846. He practiced first at Allanton but relocated to Chirnside where he remained for 52 years until his death in 1902.
  - 2a) Francis Douglas Stuart, *b.* on 17 July 1828.
  - 2a) Mary Stuart, *b.* on 1 July 1826.
  - 2a) Margaret Murray Stuart, *b.* on 25 April 1830.
  - 2a) Christian Erskine, *b.* on 14 February 1832.
  - 2a) Elizabeth Ann Stuart, *b.* on 5 December 1833, and *d.* at Dresden on 9 December 1912.<sup>9</sup>
3. Elizabeth Ann Stewart, *d.* at Archibald Place, Edinburgh, on 3 April 1836.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OPR - Edinburgh

<sup>2</sup> OPR – St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.

<sup>3</sup> Perthshire Courier, 24<sup>th</sup> April 1817, edition.

<sup>4</sup> OPR - Edinburgh

<sup>5</sup> Perthshire Courier, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1821, edition.

<sup>6</sup> The Scotsman, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1826, edition.

<sup>7</sup> Perthshire Courier, 29<sup>th</sup> March 1838, edition.

<sup>8</sup> Glasgow Herald, 8 November 1869, edition.

<sup>9</sup> Aberdeen Journal, 13<sup>th</sup> December 1912, edition.

4. Mary Stewart, *m.* John Burnett of Kemnay, and *d.* at Balbithan House on 1 March 1872.<sup>2</sup>

**JAMES STEWART, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF DUNEARN**, who was bred to the law and admitted a Writer to the Signet in 1798. He was active politically and attracted a good deal of attention upon himself. This made him the subject of continual scurilous attacks in the press. It came to light that Sir Alexander Boswell of Auchinleck had been the author of many of the worst of these and Stewart challenged him to duel which too place at Auchtertool in of the afternoon of Tuesday 26 March 1822. His own musket ball struck his Boswell in the shoulder, shattering the bone and was believed to have entered the spine as he fell to the ground immediately paralysed and died some days afterwards. He suffered financial difficulties and speculated in land but at the crash of 1825, he suffered considerably and had his estate sequestrated and sold by public auction in 1829. He afterwards went to America and on his return in 1833 he obtained a discharge of his bankruptcy but did not maintain his legal position in Edinburgh, being appointed an inspector of factories by Lord Melbourne. He was served heir to his granduncle, Alexander Stewart of Dunern, on 13 November 1835, and to his maternal uncle, David Erskine of Carnock, in the lands of Carnock, on 14 April 1838, and settled at Notting Hill, London, where he died on Saturday 3 November 1849.<sup>3</sup> He *m.* on 29 April 1802, to Eleanor Maria Anna, daughter of Robert Moubray of Cockairnie,<sup>4</sup> (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 2 December 1867<sup>5</sup>), and left no issue.

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<sup>1</sup> Fife Herald, 14<sup>th</sup> April 1836, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Statutory record.

<sup>3</sup> Glasgow Herald, 9<sup>th</sup> November 1849, edition.

<sup>4</sup> OPR – Aberdour.

<sup>5</sup> Statutory record.