

# STIRLING

## OF ARDOCH

**WILLIAM STIRLING, 1<sup>ST</sup> OF ARDOCH**, was second son to Sir John Stirling of Keir, by Margaret, daughter of Walter Forrester of Torwood, and acquired the lands of Ardoch upon his marriage with Marion, daughter and heiress of Henry Sinclair and his wife Beatrix, daughter of Edmund Chisholm, 1<sup>st</sup> of Cromlix.<sup>1</sup> He had *d.* by 9 December 1573 and was father of :

1. Henry Stirling, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Ardoch, (*see below*).
2. James Stirling, of Easter Feddall, was a witness to a charter by William Sinclair, son and heir of the deceased Edward Sinclair of Galivmor, on 14 April 1581 in which he is styled as brother to Henry Stirling of Ardoch.<sup>2</sup> He became and Advocate, obtained the eastern-part of the lands of Feddall and *m.* Isabel, daughter of David Borthwick of Lochill, (she was widow of Sir Robert Crichton of Cluny, King's Advocate). He *d.* before 31 May 1614 and was father of :

2a) William Stirling of Easter Feddall, succeeded his father and sold these lands to his cousin William Stirling, fiar of Ardoch, by Disposition dated 21 January 1618.<sup>3</sup>

3. John Stirling, witness to a Sasine in favour of his cousin Stirling of Keir on 22 October 1579 and *m.* by 28 August, 1588, to Margaret, daughter of Alexander Alexander of Menstrie, (she was buried at Logie in February of 1592/3), with whom he had a charter from Sir Alexander Bruce of Airth confirming to them

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<sup>1</sup> GD24/1/119.

<sup>2</sup> RPS Vol. VI. No. 1246

<sup>3</sup> GD24/2/1/27.

an annualrent of 100 merks to be uplifted from the lands of Airth in which he is styled as brother of Henry Stirling of Ardoch.

4. Mr. William Stirling, was admitted Parson of Aberfoyle and Kilmadock on 27 August 1571 as successor to the deceased Mr. James Kennedy and acquired the Wester half of the lands of Easter Feddall from his brother James Stirling. He was witness to his niece Katherine Kinross's marriage contract on 25 October 1586 and *m.* Giles, daughter and one of the four coheiress of Walter Bisset of Kinneff, (*c/m* 29 July 1581<sup>1</sup>). He *d.* by 21 January 1618 and was father of,

4a) William Stirling, was a cautioner in a contract of sale between his cousins, William Stirling of Easter Feddall, and William Stirling, fiar of Ardoch, for the disposing of the lands of Easter Feddall in favour of the latter, dated 17 February 1618.<sup>2</sup>

4a) Helen Stirling, *m.* firstly in February of 1610, to Andrew Allan, Minister of Aberfoyle, which was soon afterwards annulled due to her infidelity, and secondly, to Sir James Chisholm, 5<sup>th</sup> of Cromlix, by whom she had issue.

5. Jean Stirling, *m.* James Kinross of Kippenross,<sup>3</sup> and had issue.

6. Beatrix Stirling, *m.* William Sinclair, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Galivmor, and granted a renunciation of an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Over Ardoch in favour of her brother Henry Stirling on 26 January 1581. They had issue.

7. Elizabeth Stirling, *m.* by 21 May 1586, to Thomas Drummond, 1<sup>st</sup> of Corskaplie, when they granted a renunciation to her brother, Henry Stirling of Ardoch, of an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Ardoch.<sup>4</sup> They had issue.

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<sup>1</sup> NRAS792/6/2

<sup>2</sup> GD24/2/1/28.

<sup>3</sup> RPS Vol. V. Pt. I. No. 1378.

<sup>4</sup> GD24/2/1/13.

8. Helen Stirling, *m.* Henry Dow of Arnhall, *d.* in November of 1618,<sup>1</sup> and had issue.
9. A daughter, apparently *m.* Mr. James Burdon, Minister of Muthill, and had issue.

**HENRY STIRLING, 2<sup>ND</sup> OF ARDOCH**, to whom his mother, Marion Sinclair, disposed her lands of Nether Ardoch and Drumlacock on 9 December 1573.<sup>2</sup> He succeeded his father and had a novodamus from the King for the church lands of Over and Nether Ardoch, on 3 February 1591. He *m.* Helen, daughter of Sir John Haldane of Gleneagles, *d.* in February of 1628<sup>3</sup> and was father of,

1. William Stirling, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Ardoch, (*see below*).
2. John Stirling, witness to a charter by his father on 4 June 1603 and was still living in 1656.<sup>4</sup>
3. James Stirling, witness with his brother to a charter by their father on 4 June 1603.<sup>5</sup>
4. Archibald Stirling, apprenticed to Thomas Foulis, Goldsmith in Edinburgh, on 23 September 1595.<sup>6</sup>
5. George Stirling, witness to a resignation by his father on 9 December 1616<sup>7</sup> and is styled as brother to William Stirling of Ardoch when he was witness to an agreement between Robert Buchanan of Leny and certain MacGregors concerning the settlement of a feud between them on 3 April 1632. He assigned three bonds to his nephew, Henry Stirling of Ardoch, on 16 December 1650.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Dunblane Tests

<sup>2</sup> GD24/2/1/8.

<sup>3</sup> Dunblane Tests

<sup>4</sup> GD24/Misc Ardoch writs.

<sup>5</sup> GD24/Misc Ardoch writs.

<sup>6</sup> SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

<sup>7</sup> GD24/Misc Ardoch writs.

<sup>8</sup> GD24/2/1/84.

6. Henry Stirling, styled as son of the Laird of Ardoch when he appears on an Assize on 5 March 1613.
7. Grizel Stirling, *m.* George Graham of Dounans, second son of William Graham, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Menteith.
8. Elizabeth Stirling, *m.* Robert Buchannan, 8<sup>th</sup> of Leny, (he *d.* in January of 1615), and had issue.
9. Jean Stirling, *m.* George Lundy of Gorthy, (*c/m* 3 February 1611.<sup>1</sup> He was widow of Helen Lundy), and had issue.
10. Helen Stirling, *m.* by 1615, Laurence Graham, 4<sup>th</sup> of Calendar, (he was widow of Elisabeth Reddoch).

**WILLIAM STIRLING, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF ARDOCH**, is styled as fiar of Ardoch when was witness to a charter by Sir John Stirling of Garden for the lands of Ochiltree in favour of John Stirling, his eldest son and heir on 8 May 1624 and was served heir to him in the lands of Rohalloch, in the parish of Strogeith, on 16 August 1628.<sup>2</sup> He *m.* Margaret, daughter of James Murray, 6<sup>th</sup> of Strowan, (*c/m* 14 and 15 May 1602<sup>3</sup>), *d.* in January of 1652 and was father of,

1. Henry Stirling, 4<sup>th</sup> of Ardoch, (*see below*).
2. William Stirling, living in August of 1649.
3. John Stirling, served as a Captain in the Scots Regiment in 1646.
4. Robert Stirling, *b.* in around 1614 and was guardian to the successive lairds of Ardoch and managed the estate until 1683. He lived until the year 1716 and *d.* at the great age of 112 years.
5. James Stirling, was apprenticed to William Clerk, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 12 February 1635.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> GD24/Misc Ardoch writs.

<sup>2</sup> Retours. Perth. No. 362.

<sup>3</sup> GD24/Misc Ardoch writs.

<sup>4</sup> SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

6. George Stirling, witness to a Disposition by his father on 25 September 1635.<sup>1</sup>
7. Margaret Stirling, *m.* Mr. James Row, Minister at Monzievairst (he was son of Archibald Row, Minister of Perth, and was admitted to the charge of Muthill in 1635. He was deprived of his offices for his Royalist sympathies and was admitted Minister of Monzievairst in 1655. He had a grant from Parliament on 12 July 1661 in recognition of his sufferings). They had issue.
8. Elspeth Stirling, *m.* William Oliphant of Binzeane, third son of Laurence Oliphant, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Condie, and had issue.
9. A daughter, *m.* Dr. John Paton.

He was also father of a natural daughter :

10. Grissell Stirling, *m.* Alexander Reidheugh of Thomknock.

**SIR HENRY STIRLING, 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 1<sup>ST</sup> BARONET OF ARDOCH**, to whom his father conveyed the lands of Ardoch in 1635,<sup>2</sup> and whom he succeeded on his death in 1652 He was knighted by King James VI. and created a Baronet by Patent dated 2 May 1666 with remainder to the legitimate heirs-male of his body. He *m.* Isabel, daughter of Sir John Haldane, 13<sup>th</sup> of Gleneagles, *d.* in February of 1669<sup>3</sup> and was father of,

1. Sir William Stirling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet of Ardoch, (*see below*).
2. James Stirling, *b.* on 19 May 1668 and *dsp* on 19 July 1693.

He was also father of at least two natural children :

3. George Stirling,
4. Grizzell Stirling,

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<sup>1</sup> GD24/Misc Ardoch writs.

<sup>2</sup> GD24/Misc. Ardoch writs.

<sup>3</sup> Dunblane Tests

**SIR WILLIAM STIRLING, 2<sup>ND</sup> BARONET OF ARDOCH**, succeeded his father on his death in 1669, and was served heir to him in the lands of Ardoch on 10 March 1670,<sup>1</sup> in which he was infeft in on 27 March 1671.<sup>2</sup> He *m.* firstly at Alva on 11 January 1685, Mary, eldest daughter of Sir Charles Erskine of Alva,<sup>3</sup> (*c/m* 22 January 1685<sup>4</sup>), and secondly, on 29 April 1699, to Janet, daughter of John Murray of Touchadam,<sup>5</sup> (*c/m* 24 May 1699. She survived him and *m.* secondly on 3 December 1702, to Robert Moray, second son of Sir Robert Moray, 11<sup>th</sup> of Abercairney). He *d.* on 20 February 1702 and was father of,

1. Sir Henry Stirling, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet of Ardoch, (*see below*).
2. James Stirling, living in 1694.
3. Isabel Stirling, *m.* Patrick Linton of Pittendreich, (*c/m* 19 December, 1718.<sup>6</sup> *dsp* at his house of Pittendreich on 2 November 1752<sup>7</sup>), and *dsp* in 1761.
4. Catherine Stirling, *m.* on 11 October 1713, to James Graham of Braco and Gorthy, (he was widow of Margaret, daughter of Sir James Dunbar of Mochrum, and *d.* in February of 1736<sup>8</sup>), and had issue.
5. Christian Stirling, *m.* John Stirling, 5<sup>th</sup> of Herbertshire, (*c/m* 8 June 1723. He *d.* on 15 January 1756), and *d.* at Herbertshire on 16 September 1763.<sup>9</sup>

**SIR HENRY STIRLING, 3<sup>RD</sup> BARONET OF ARDOCH**, *b.* on 28 January 1688 and to whom his father conveyed the lands of Ardoch on 19 May 1698. He was admitted a Member of the Faculty of Advocate on 29 November 1710 and *m.* at St.

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<sup>1</sup> Retours. Perth. No. 804.

<sup>2</sup> GD24/1/131

<sup>3</sup> OPR – Alva.

<sup>4</sup> GD24/2/2/260.

<sup>5</sup> OPR – Saint Ninians.

<sup>6</sup> RS52/17/f.340r

<sup>7</sup> Scots Magazine, 6<sup>th</sup> November 1752, edition.

<sup>8</sup> Dunblane Tests.

<sup>9</sup> Scots Magazine. 5<sup>th</sup> September 1763, edition.

Petersburgh, Russia, on 21 December, 1726, Anna, daughter of Admiral Thomas Gordon, Governor of Cronstadt, (she *d.* at Lochlane on Monday 23 September 1776<sup>1</sup>). After his marriage he resided at St. Petersburg until the death of his father-in-law when he returned to Scotland and *d.* at Ardoch on Saturday 24 October 1753.<sup>2</sup> He was father of,

1. Sir William Stirling, 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Ardoch, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Stirling, 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Ardoch, (*see below*).
3. Charles Stirling, *b.* on 8 October 1742 and became a Planter in Jamaica. He *d.* at Kingston, Jamaica, on 19 January 1795,<sup>3</sup> leaving natural issue,
  - 3a} Charles Stirling, *b.* on 29 May 1791.
  - 3a} Thomas Stirling, *b.* on 6 October 1792.
  - 3a} William Stirling, *b.* on June of 1794.
4. Henry Stirling, *b.* on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1733 and *d.* on 19 November 1749.
5. James Stirling, *b.* on 14<sup>th</sup> February and *d.* on 3 March of 1735.
6. John Stirling, *b.* on 19<sup>th</sup> June and *d.* on 19 November 1738.
7. Mary Stirling, *b.* at Crondstadt in 1728 and *m.* at Ardoch on 11 August 1760, to James Campbell, 8<sup>th</sup> of Monzie, (he *dsp* in January of 1761). She *dsp* on 15 December 1801.
8. Anne Stirling, *m.* on 6 February 1760, to William Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Airth,<sup>4</sup> (he was *b.* in 1730 and *d.* on 12 November 1790), and had issue.
9. Isabella Stirling, *m.* at Edinburgh on 15 June 1762, to John Hamilton, Merchant in Edinburgh, fifth son of William Hamilton of Wishaw,<sup>5</sup> (marriage annulled by divorce on 30 September 1772), and *d.* in November of 1801. They had issue.

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<sup>1</sup> Caledonian Mercury. 28<sup>th</sup> September 1776, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Caledonian Mercury. 27<sup>th</sup> November 1753, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Caledonian Mercury. 26<sup>th</sup> March 1795, edition.

<sup>4</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> February 1760, edition.

<sup>5</sup> Scots Magazine, 7<sup>th</sup> June 1762, edition.

**SIR WILLIAM STIRLING, 4<sup>TH</sup> BARONET OF ARDOCH**, *b.* in Russia before 22 December 1729 and came to England with his brother Thomas in 1737. He was served heir to his father on 9 July 1755 and *m.* at Keir on 17 April 1762, to Christian, only daughter of John Erskine of Carnock,<sup>1</sup> (she *d.* in February of 1788). He *d.* at Yenlaw on 26 July 1799 and was father of :

1. **ANNE STIRLING OF ARDOCH**, *bap.* at Muthill on 5 July 1751, *m.* at Edinburgh on 14 March 1774, to Charles Moray, 15<sup>th</sup> of Abercairney,<sup>2</sup> and had issue.
2. Christian Stirling, *b.* on 10 September 1762 and *m.* at Ardoch on 24 December, 1784, to George Dundas of Dundas, (he was *b.* on 19 October 1752 and perished in the wreck of the Winteron, off Madagascar on 22 August 1792), and *d.* on 14 September 1832. They had issue.
3. Mary Stirling, *b.* on 1 March 1764, *m.* at Ardoch on 10 June 1790, to Ebenezer Oliphant, 7<sup>th</sup> of Condie,<sup>3</sup> and was served heir to her father in the lands of Wester Feddalls on 4 March, 1802. She *d.* in 1845 and had issue.
4. Margaret Stirling, *b.* 21 May 1765 and *m.* firstly at Edinburgh in October of 1790, Andrew Stewart of Torrance. She *m.* secondly at Dundas Castle on 3 January 1804, to Sir William Johnstone Pultney, third son of Sir James Johnstone of Westerhall, (he was *b.* on 19 October, 1729 and *d.* on 31 May 1805, aged 76 years. He was widow of Frances, daughter and heiress of Daniel Pultney, Lord of the Admiralty, whom he had *m.* in 1760 and by whom he had issue) They had issue.
5. Magdalen Stirling, *b.* on 29 July 1767 and *dsp* in November of 1846.

**SIR THOMAS STIRLING, 5<sup>TH</sup> BARONET OF ARDOCH**, *b.* on 8 October 1731 succeeded his brother, Sir William, and leading an military life, he was promoted to General in 1780. He purchased the estate of Strowan following the death of it's

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<sup>1</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> April 1760, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1778, edition.

<sup>3</sup> Socts Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> June 1790, edition.



proprietor James Murray, and was succeeded in these lands by his grandnephew, Thomas James Graham. He *dsp* on 9 May 1808 when the Baronetcy extinguished.

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