

STIRLING

OF AUCHYLE & HERBERTSHIRE

THOMAS STIRLING OF AUCHYLE, of uncertain ancestry, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Auchyle on 3 November 1509,¹ and was father of :

WALTER STIRLING OF AUCHYLE, had a charter from his father for the lands of Auchyle on 10 July 1531.² He *m.* Isobel, daughter of Thomas Graham and sister to John Graham of Dounans and Duchray, with whom he was infert by his father in the lands of Auchyle on 18 July 1531, and *d.* in March 1558.³ He was father of :

1. James Stirling of Auchyle, (*see below*).
2. John Stirling, witness to an Instrument of Sasine in favour of Robert Buchanan of Leny on 5 July 1575.
3. Walter Stirling, styled as brother german to James Stirling of Auchyle when witness to a charter for the lands of Easter Rednoch in favour of James Graham, dated 15 August 1583.⁴

JAMES STIRLING OF AUCHYLE, succeeded his father and was infert in the lands of Auchyle on 11 July 1573.⁵ He was *k.* at Dunblane after that date and by October 1593 by William Sinclair of Galivmor and his accomplices in a dispute over the lands of Auchinbee. He was father of :

1. William Stirling of Auchyle, (*see below*).
2. James Stirling, became a servant to Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir and is styled as such and as brother to William Stirling of Auchyle when he was bailie to a charter in favour of Sir Archibald dated 3 September 1606.⁶ He was witness to a charter by David Muschet of Calliechat granting

¹ GD220/6/241/2

² GD220/6/241/3

³ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XX. P. 446.

⁴ RMS 1584-1593. No. 787

⁵ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XX. P. 446.

⁶ RMS 1609-1620. No. 1052

the lands of MacCorraston to Archibald Stirling of Kippendavie on 8 April 1625,¹ *m.* Elizabeth Crichton, with whom he is named on 10 June 1637, and was father of,

2a) James Stirling, apprenticed to George Stirling, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 30 June 1647.

2a) John Stirling, styled as a natural son on 5 September 1627.

3. Alexander Stirling of Powhouse, was a servant to John Erskine, Earl of Mar, from whom he acquired the lands of Powhouse in which he was infest on 4 May 1629.² He *m.* Agnes Cockburn, *d.* prior to 3 February 1636, and was father of :

3a) Mary Stirling, *c.* at the Canongate, Edinburgh, on 10 July 1628. As she was a minor at her father's death, she was placed under the care of her uncle James Stirling at the Mill of Keir on 3 February 1632, and on that same day she was also served heir general to her father. She disposed the lands of Powhouse to her cousin James Stirling, *fiar* of Auchyle, on 10 June 1637,³ and *m.* firstly, to Peter Rollo of Pilton, (he was widow of Elspeth, daughter of James Haliburton, Merchant in Edinburgh, and *d.* in 1653). She *m.* secondly, on 16 March 1654, to Mr. John Justice, and thirdly, by 11 July 1663, to George Cockburn of Pilton.

WILLIAM STIRLING OF AUCHYLE, succeeded and was served heir to his father in the lands of Auchyle on 31 March 1606, when it is said that the lands had been in non-entry for fourteen years since the death of his father.⁴ He made a resignation of the lands of Craigarnhall in favour of his eldest son and heir James Stirling, and William Stirling, eldest son and heir of James, in 1642, and *m.* firstly, Marion Sinclair, with whom he renounced annualrents on 30 August 1608. He *m.* secondly, Janet Peebles and thirdly, Elizabeth Lundie, and was father of :

1. James Stirling of Auchyle, (*see below*).

2. John Stirling, 1st of Herbertshire, obtained the lands of Sheriffhall from John Buchanan of Sheriffhall by charter dated 9 December 1630, in which he is styled as son to William Stirling of Auchyle⁵ and which he afterwards disposed to William, Earl of Morton, on 31 October 1632. He had a charter for the lands of Herbertshire for which he had a charter of confirmation under

¹ RMS 1620-1633. No. 902

² Laing's Charters. No. 2032

³ Laing's Charters. No. 2211

⁴ Retours. Perth. No. 157.

⁵ RMS 1620-1633. No. 1701

the Great Seal on 1 December 1632.¹ He *m.* Heleanor, natural daughter of James, Lord Livingston, (*c/m* 8 May 1641²), and *dsp* prior to September of 1657, being succeeded in the lands of Herbertshire by his nephew William Stirling, son of his elder brother James.

3. Archibald Stirling of Coldoch, a son by Elizabeth Lundie and is styled as such when included in a charter by William Graham of Boquhapple in favour of he and his parents for the lands of Calziemuck dated 18 August 1627.³ He was included in another charter in favour of he and his parents for the lands of Coldoch on 28 January 1632, and had the lands of Coldoch appraised by John Stirling of Kilbride on 1 November 1664.⁴ He *m.* in 1637, to Marjory, daughter of Sir Robert Campbell, 9th of Glenorchy, and was father of,

3a) Robert Stirling of Coldoch, succeeded his father in the lands of Coldoch which he disposed and thereafter resided with his mother's family at Balloch (Kenmore), in Perthshire, for whom he was acting as Chamberlain by 1676. He *m.* firstly, at Kenmore on 20 March 1671, to Beatrix, daughter of William Menzies, 1st of Carse,⁵ (she was widow of Alexander Fleming, fiar of Moness, whom she had *m.* in 1658, and by whom she had issue), and secondly, at Kenmore on 29 July 1677, to Margaret, daughter of James Campbell, 2nd of Turrerich.⁶ He was father of :

3b) Robert Stirling, became a Dyer in Stirling and was served heir to his father on 3 June 1713. He *m.* at Kenmore on 7 May 1705, to Grizel Veitch and was father of :

3c) William Stirling. *bap.* at Kenmore on 7 May 1705, and *d.* in infancy.

3c) William Stirling. *bap.* at Stirling on 6 November 1706. He enlisted in Sir Philip Anstruther's Regiment but deserted on 6 February 1735, with an advertisement requesting information on his whereabouts being published in the Caledonian Mercury in which he is described as about 28 years of age, of brown complexion and long chesnut coloured hair.

3a) William Stirling, was apprenticed to John Hamilton, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 24 September 1662,⁷ and had a joint-charter of apprising with Jean Campbell, only daughter of Archibald Campbell of Otter, for the lands of Otter in Argyleshire, on 29 June 1663.⁸

¹ RMS 1620-1633. No. 2104. In which he is styled as son of William Stirling of Auchyle.

² GD86/565

³ RMS 1620-1633. No. 1613

⁴ RMS 1660-1668. No. 737.

⁵ OPR – Kenmore.

⁶ OPR – Kenmore. See also: RS52/7/f.165

⁷ SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁸ RMS 1660-1668. No. 424.

4. William Stirling, styled as son of William Stirling of Auchyle when witness to a charter by John, Earl of Mar, in favour of James Rae, Merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh, for the lands of Coltinrove and Touchgorm, dated 10 December 1635.¹
5. Margaret Stirling, was a daughter by Elizabeth Lundie. She *m.* William Graham of Boquhapple, (*c/m* 8 and 28 July, 1622,²) and had issue.
6. Grizel Stirling, *m.* Walter Graham, 1st of Glenly, (he *d.* in March of 1667³), and had issue.

JAMES STIRLING OF AUCHYLE, infeft in the lands of Auchyle on 13 September 1627, and *m.* Margaret, daughter of Sir James Haldane, 13th of Gleneagles, (*c/m* 19 February 1630). He *d.* by April of 1659 and was father of,

1. William Stirling, 2nd of Herbertshire, succeeded his uncle in his lands and *m.* firstly, by 16 September 1657, to Margaret, eldest daughter of John Short, Provost of Stirling.⁴ He *m.* secondly, to Helen, daughter of Sir William Sinclair of Roslyn, (*c/m* 13 February 1672.⁵ She was widow of Sir John Rollo of Bannockburn, second son of Andrew, 1st Lord Rollo, whom she had *m.* by *c/m* 27 August 1664. He *d.* in March of 1666 and by him she had issue. She *m.* thirdly, Colin MacKenzie, uncle to the Earl of Seaforth), *dsp* in 1679, and was succeeded in his estate by his brother, George Stirling.
2. George Stirling, 3rd of Herbertshire, (*see below*).
3. Alexander Stirling of Auchyle, to whom his brother George conveyed the lands of Auchyle by Disposition dated 30 March 1678. He *m.* Margaret, daughter of William Graham, 2nd Earl of Airth, (*c/m* 13 December, 1681⁶), *d.* in June of 1715 and was father of:
 - 3a) William Stirling of Auchyle, the only son, who was served heir to his father in the lands of Auchyle and others, on 9 March 1722, which he disposed to his cousin John Stirling.
4. Mungo Stirling, was apprenticed to George Stirling, Cherurgeon in Edinburgh, on 20 December 1665.⁷

¹ RMS 1634-1651. No. 456

² RMS 1620-1633. No. 550

³ Dunblane Tests

⁴ Laing's Charters. No. 2508.

⁵ GD86/684

⁶ GD220/6/1823/15

⁷ SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

GEORGE STIRLING, 3RD OF HERBERTSHIRE, had a charter from his brother William Stirling of Herbertshire for the lands of Auchyle on 8 July 1676, which he conveyed to his brother Alexander Stirling on 30 March 1678. He *m.* Jean, daughter of Sir Robert Crichton, brother of William, Lord Crichton of Sanquhar, *d.* in December of 1706, and was father of :

1. **WILLIAM STIRLING, 4TH OF HERBERTSHIRE**, was served heir to his father in the lands of Herbertshire on 28 March 1707, and *m.* on 30 April 1718, to Lillian, daughter of William, Lord Forrester. He *d.* in May of 1745, and was father of,

1a) Charlotte Stirling, *bap.* 1 March 1719.

1a) Jean Stirling, *bap.* 30 March 1722.

2. John Stirling of Auchyle, (*see below*).

3. George Stirling of Byres, settled in Perth where he practiced as a Surgeon in partnership with Dr. Neil Menzies. He *m.* a woman who survived him and *d.* at Perth on 20 October 1763,¹ and *d.* at Perth on Wednesday 31 January 1750, "a valued Friend, and a Gentleman eminent in his Profession."² He was father of,

3a) George Stirling, who was a medical student in France at the time of his father's death and of whom it was announced that his father's business "is still to be continued and carried on in the Name of his son, George, now a Student of Physick in France, and of Neil Menzies Surgeon in Perth, in the meantime to attend to the Shop, and Patients in Town and Country, agreeable to their Copartnership,"³ however, he didn't survive his father long and *dsp* at Paris on 31 August 1750.⁴ Jean Stirling of Herbertshire was served heir to to him on 28 May 1766.

4. Margaret Stirling, *m.* Alexander Graham of Duchray, (*c/m* 8 September 1718), and had issue :

4a) Thomas Graham of Duchray and Rednock, succeeded his father, attained the rank of Colonel in the army and *dsp* on 18 June, 1773.

4a) John Graham of Duchray, attained the rank of Captain in the army and was wounded at Ticonderago in 1751. He was served heir to his brother, Thomas Graham of Duchray, in the lands of Duchray on 22 March, 1774, *m.* Christian, daughter of Robert MacGregor alias Murray of Glencarnock, (she *d.* on 17 November, 1792), and *d.* on 14 October, 1790. He was father of,

¹ Scots Magazine, 3rd October 1763, edition.

² GD86/970. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 5th February 1750, edition.

³ Caledonian Mercury, 5th February 1750, edition.

⁴ Scots Magazine, 7th September 1750, edition.

4b) Robert Graham, was admitted a member of the Society of Writers to the Signet and *dsp* on 27 August, 1818.

4b) **ALEXANDER GRAHAM STIRLING OF DUCHRAY & AUCHYLE**, *bap.* at Port of Monteith on 30 January, 1766. He was served heir to his father in the lands of Duchray and Rednock on 31 March 1791; to his cousin Jean Stirling on 8 June 1799, following which he assumed the additional surname of Stirling and had a grant of supporters on 21 April 1798 and also served heir to his brother Robert Graham on 22 April, 1824. He *m.* in 1794, Margaret, eldest daughter and heiress of Colonel James Moncrieff of Sauchop, (she *d.* on 4 May 1844), and *d.* on 8 May, 1849 having had issue. (*for a more detailed account See Graham of Duchray*).

4b) Sarah Graham, *bap.* at Port of Monteith on 28 September, 1767.

JOHN STIRLING, 5TH OF HERBERTSHIRE, purchased the lands of Auchyle from his cousin William Stirling in 1718, and was served heir his brother William in the lands of Herbertshire on 15 July 1747. He *m.* Christian, daughter of Sir William Stirling, 2nd Baronet of Ardoch, (*c/m* 8 June 1723.¹ She *d.* on 16 September 1763), *d.* at Herbertshire on 15 January 1755, “at an advanced age,”² and was father of :

1. **GEORGE STIRLING, 6TH OF HERBERTSHIRE**, had a disposition from his father for the lands of Auchyle and Herbertshire on 13 September 1754, in which he is styled as his only lawful son³ and for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 23 February 1757. He *dsp* on 4 July 1760, and was succeeded in his estate by his heir general, his sister Jean with his cousin Alexander Stirling, son of James Stirling of Redhall being served heir-male of William Stirling of Herbertshire on 20 November 1766.
2. Henry Stirling, to whom his father assigned the fee of the lands of Auchyle on 3 July 1739. He *dsp* prior to October of 1761.
3. John Stirling, to whom his father assigned the fee of the lands of Auchyle on 3 July 1739. He *dsp* prior to October of 1761.
4. **JEAN STIRLING, 7TH OF HERBERTSHIRE**, was served heir to her brother George in the lands of Auchyle and Herbertshire on 19 October 1761; also to her cousin George Stirling, son of George Stirling of Byres, on 28 May 1766, and to her uncle William Stirling of Herbertshire on 5 August 1768. She *m.* firstly, on 28 January 1751, to Sir James Stirling of Glorat, and secondly,

¹ GD24/1/131

² Scots Magazine, 1st January 1755, edition.

³ GD24/1/138

at Edinburgh on 26 January 1772, to James Erskine, Lord Alva,¹ (he was widow of Margaret, daughter of Hugh MacGuire of Drumdon, whom he had *m.* on 11 June 1749, and who had *d.* in April of 1766. He *d.* at Drumsheugh on 13 May 1796, having had issue by his first wife), and sold Herbertshire to William Morehead in 1768. She *dsp* on 24 September 1797,² with her cousin Alexander Graham of Duchray being served heir heir of line and general on 8 June 1799.

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¹ Caledonian Mercury, 29th January 1751, edition.

² Scots Magazine, 1st October 1797, edition.