

# STIRLING

## OF CRAIGBERNARD

Existing accounts state the founder of this family to have been a Duncan de Striveling/Stirling who acquired the lands of Craigbernard upon his marriage with the daughter and heiress of Gilbert de Buchanan and Alicia de Airth, Lady of Cragbernard, however, there is no evidence for this. The lands of Craigbernard were possessed by this Alicia and her husband by 13 November 1400, when as “Lady of Craigbernard” she had a resignation from Giles, son of Donald, of the quarter-part of the lands of Ballebrochyr, in the lands of Campsie, and the half lands of Lechad, in the Earldom of Lennox, which she disposed on the same day to Sir William de Graham of Kincardine.<sup>1</sup> A Duncan de Striveling/Stirling was a member of the assize at the retour of Sir John de Haldane as heir to his father Sir Bernard de Haldane of Gleneagles in the lands of Kepadwry on 2 October 1425,<sup>2</sup> and he may be the Duncan alluded to although there is no proof of his relationship to the Stirlings of Craigbernard. The first to appear on record was :

**JOHN DE STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, who either obtained or succeeded to the lands of Craigbernard by 1486, and was witness to a charter by Robert, Lord Crichton of Sanquhar, to Sir Duncan Forrester of Skipinch, for the lands of Malar, in Perthshire, on 26 January 1496.<sup>3</sup> He was father of :

**SIR JOHN DE STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, in whose favour his father resigned the lands of Craigberanard, Lecheds and Balglas, in the Earldom of Lennox, and for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 29 May 1486.<sup>4</sup> On 26 July 1497, he had the custody of Dumbarton Castle for nineteen years and had been appointed Comptroller to the King by 1502. He had a charter from Matthew Stewart, Earl of Lennox, dated 18

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<sup>1</sup> GD220/2/1/38 & 39.

<sup>2</sup> GD198/9

<sup>3</sup> RMS 1424-1513. No. 2338.

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1424-1513. No. 1653.

March 1502, confirming the lands of Craighernard to him, George Stirling, his eldest son and heir and his heirs male, which failing, by William Stirling, brother of the said George, and his heirs male,<sup>1</sup> and *m.* Margaret, eldest daughter of James, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Abernethy of Saltoun. He *d.* prior to 3 August 1510, and was father of,

1. George Stirling of Craighernard, (*see below*).
2. William Stirling, 1<sup>st</sup> of Glorat, included in the remainder of the charter for the lands of Craighernard in favour of his father and brother George on 18 March 1502, and on 24 May 1506, he had a gift from the King of the lands of Strabrock which had fallen into the King's hands by the forfeiture of Keith of Innerugie.<sup>2</sup> (*see Stirling of Glorat*).
3. Walter Stirling, 1<sup>st</sup> of Ballagan, had a charter for the lands of Ballagan in the sheriffdom of Dumbarton from his brother William Stirling of Glorat on 5 June 1522, and had *m.* by then to Eupham Brisbane. (*see Stirling of Ballagan*).

**GEORGE STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, *m.* by 20 May 1502, to Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Park of that Ilk, when they resigned their share of the lands of Spango in favour of Alexander Crawford. He *d.* between 10 February and 12 April 1520, and was father of,

1. John Stirling of Craighernard, (*see below*).
2. James Stirling, resided at Bangour
3. William Stirling,
4. Duncan Stirling,
5. Walter Stirling,
6. David Stirling,
7. Margaret Stirling,

**JOHN STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, for whose infest in the lands of Craighernard as heir to his deceased father, John Stewart, Earl of Lennox, granted a Precept on 18 April 1520. He *m.* Eupham Logan, *d.* between 12 June 1579 and 22 December 1580, and was father of :

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1424-1513. No. 2711.

<sup>2</sup> RPS Vol. I. No. 1264.

1. John Stirling of Craighernard, (*see below*).
2. Walter Stirling,
3. James Stirling,
4. Margaret Stirling, for whom John Stirling of Craighernard obtained a Dispensation in June of 1545, for her to marry David Watson.

**JOHN STIRLING OF CRAIGHERNARD**, succeeded his father and *m.* Margaret Reid, (she was widow of Callander of Manor, by whom she had issue). He was father of,

1. John Stirling of Craighernard, (*see below*).
2. Jean Stirling, *m.* Walter Buchanan of Spittal, (*c/m* 7 October 1593).

**JOHN STIRLING OF CRAIGHERNARD**, succeeded his father and *m.* firstly, Margaret Graham, (she *d.* in June 1587), by whom he had issue;

1. John Stirling of Craighernard, (*see below*).
2. William Stirling,
3. Robert Stirling,
4. Alan Stirling,
5. Andrew Stirling,
6. Agnes Stirling,
7. Margaret Stirling,
8. Jane Stirling,
9. Sibilla Stirling,
10. Elspeth Stirling, all of whom are named in their mother's Testament in 1587. She *m.* Gabriel Corbet of Hardgrya, (*c/m* 19 April 1600).

He *m.* secondly, in 1588, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Hamilton of Bardowie, by whom he had no apparent issue,

**JOHN STIRLING OF CRAIGHERNARD**, succeeded his father and *m.* Annabella, daughter of Thomas Ewing of Cukispow, (*c/m* 11 October 1618). He *d.* prior to 9 May 1646, and was father of,

**JOHN STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, had a Precept from William Livingston of Kilsyth to infest him as heir to his father in Craighbernard on 9 May 1646, and to who he was retoured heir general on 15 July 1646 and again on 25 December 1649. He *m.* Mary, youngest daughter of Sir Mungo Stirling of Glorat, (*c/m* 31 October and 4 November 1656), *d.* between February 1697 and April of 1700, and was father of,

1. Mungo Stirling of Craighbernard, (*see below*).
2. George Stirling, became a Writer in Glasgow
3. James Stirling,

**MUNGO STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, succeeded his father but was compelled to dispoise his lands of Mains of Craighbernard to John Stirling of Keir in 1731 to extinguish his debts. He *m.* Marjory, daughter of Sir George Stirling of Glorat, (she *d.* on 18 January 1733, aged 63 years), *d.* on 7 January 1733, and was father of,

1. James Stirling of Craighbernard, (*see below*).
2. Mary Stirling, *m.* Robert Graham in Shannohill, (he was widow of Jean, daughter of James Menteith of Auldathie, by whom he had issue, and who had *d.* in January of 1685 ; and *d.* on 7 September 1710), and *d.* in 1759. They had issue :

2a) Mungo Graham, *bap.* on 9 April, 1700, was apprenticed to Robert McKinlay, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 25 July, 1716, and *d.* unmarried prior to 21 February, 1723.<sup>1</sup>

2a) Robert Graham, in Shannohill, the second son of his father's second wife, was *b.* in around 1705. When residing with his son at Feddall in 1784 he declared under oath that he was grandson of John Graham of Gartur and a descendant of the Earls of Menteith. He *m.* Christian, daughter of James Menteith *alias* Dalzell of Binns, (*c/m* 6 January, 1723,<sup>2</sup>) and had issue,

2b) Robert Graham, *b.* on 30 January, 1741, and *m.* at Perth on 17 April, 1763, Agnes, daughter and heiress of Robert Campbell of Torrie by his wife Ann, daughter and heiress of James Burdon of Feddall, (she *d.* on 31 July 1812), with whom he acquired the lands of Easter Feddall. He *d.* on 6 December, 1823, and was father of,

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<sup>1</sup> Dunblane Tests. Proved on 21 February 1723. His brothers Robert and George acted as his executors.

<sup>2</sup> Binns Papers No. 577

2c} Robert Graham Burdon 7<sup>th</sup> of Feddall, *c.* at Callander on 26 August, 1763, and was retoured heir to his mother in the lands of Easter Feddall and Auchingarrich on 18 October 1824. He *m.* Ann MacDonald, *d.* on 21 March 1834, and had issue, (*see Red Book of Perthshire, Burdon of Auchengarrich and Feddall*).

2c} James Graham Burdon, *c.* at Callander on 31 October, 1773, and *dsp* in Jamaica.

2c} William Graham Burdon, *c.* at Callander on 8 December, 1776, and *dsp* in Guernsey.

2c} John Graham Burdon, *c.* at Callander on 29 June, 1766, and became a farmer on the Earl of Perth's lands at Brae of Leny. He was included in the remainder of an entail by John Stirling of Craighernard for the lands of Craighernard on 14 March 1799, and *m.* at Muthill on 9 August, 1820, Isabella Campbell. He was father of :

2d} **CHARLES CAMPBELL GRAHAM STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, *c.* at Callander on 6 March, 1827, entered the army serving as a Captain in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot before being raised to Major and had the command at the final assault at Sebastopol in September of 1853. He succeeded his remote cousin Alexander Gartshore Stirling of Craighernard as heir of entail on his death in 1852, and to whom he was served heir in the lands of Craighernard on 9 May 1855. He *m.* at Ballagan House on 2 December, 1856, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Dunmore Napier of Ballikinran, *d.* on 24 July, 1898, and was father of,

2c} **CAROLINE FRANCES GRAHAM STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, *b.* on 22 October, 1857, and *m.* on 10 January, 1883, Lieutenant George Miller, third son of James Miller of Muirshiels. She *d.* in 1946, leaving issue,

2d} Harry James Graham Stirling, *b.* on 2 August 1886.

2d} Edward George Bradshaw Stirling, *b.* on 8 April 1890.

2d} Arthur Eustice Stirling, *b.* on 15 July 1895.

2d} Elizabeth Georgina Caroline Stirling, *b.* on 9 March 1885.

2d} Agnes Campbell Graham, *c.* at Muthill on 7 December, 1821.

2c} Thomas Graham Burdon, *c.* at Callander on 16 September, 1783

2b} George Graham, *b.* on 31 August, 1742.

2b} Mary Graham,

2b} Janet Graham,

- 2a) George Graham, who, with his brother Robert, had an Assignation of a Bond for 500 merks Scots by Andrew MacFarlane of Gartavertane, to their father dated 5 February, 1689, which he thereafter assigned to his brother Robert on 21 December, 1728. He *dsp* in June of 1736.

**JAMES STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, succeeded his father and was an active Jacobite during the risings of 1715 and 1745. In the latter of these he is said to have captured eleven dragoons unaided and to have evaded capture for some time by dressing as an old spinning wife and hiding in the woods at Craighbernard however, he was taken prisoner with James Stirling of Keir and was confined in Dumbarton Castle in May of 1746 but released afterwards. He *m.* Catherine, daughter of James Menteith of Auldathie, *d.* at Craighbernard on 25 January 1784,<sup>1</sup> and was father of :

1. John Stirling of Craighbernard, (*see below*).
2. Charlotte Stirling, *m.* James Gartshore of Alderston, and had issue;
  - 2a) James Gartshore, *c.* at Mid Calder on 13 February 1768, and *dsp* while in France.
  - 2a) John Gartshore, *b.* on 21 January 1770.
  - 2a) **ALEXANDER GARTSHORE STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, *b.* on 21 January 1773, and succeeded his maternal uncle John Stirling in the lands of Craighbernard on his death in 1805, to whom he retoured heir on 4 December of that year and upon which he assumed the surname of Stirling. He *m.* Ann, only daughter of James Millar of Cloverbank, and *dsp* at Craighbernard on 21 April 1852,<sup>2</sup> with his distant cousin Charles Campbell Graham being served heir of tailzie on 9 May 1855.
  - 2a) Maxwell Gartshore, who *d.* unmarried in the West Indies.
  - 2a) Helen Spottiswood Gartshore, *b.* on 29 January 1775.

**JOHN STIRLING OF CRAIGBERNARD**, succeeded his father and on 14 March 1799, he executed an entail of his lands to the heirs of his own body, which failing, to the heirs of the body of his sister Charlotte Stirling and her husband James Gartshore of Alderston, whom failing, by heirs of the body of John Graham, second son of Robert Graham Burden of Feddall. He *m.* at Cadder House on 14 January 1786, to Anne, daughter of Sir

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<sup>1</sup> Scots Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> January 1784, edition.

<sup>2</sup> Falkirk Herald, 29<sup>th</sup> April 1852, edition.

Patrick Hepburn-Murray of Glendoik,<sup>1</sup> and *dsp* at Craigbernard House in 1805, being succeeded by his nephew Alexander Gartshore.

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<sup>1</sup> Caledonian Mercury, 21<sup>st</sup> January 1786, edition.