

STIRLING

OF KEIR

WILLIAM DE STIRLING, is the first ancestor for whom there is evidence. He *d.* in around 1393 and is described in the retour of his son and heir Lucas de Stirling in 1423 as having been dead for almost thirty years. He was father of,

LUCAS DE STIRLING OF RATHERN, had a grant of the lands of Wester Rathern from Euphemia Stewart, Countess Palatine of Strathearn on 8 October, 1414, and was served heir to his father on 11 January, 1423. He *m.* in around 1426, Marjory, daughter of George Dunbar, Earl of March, (she was widow of Sir John Swinton of that Ilk, who had been *k.* in 1424 at the battle of Verneuil, in France), and obtained the lands of Keir by way of exchange with George de Leslie of that Ilk in 1448. He *d.* in around 1450 and was father of,

1. Sir William de Stirling, (*see below*).
2. Margaret de Stirling *m.* before 27 October, 1467, Sir Colin Campbell, 1st of Glenorchy, (he was widow of Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir John Stewart, Lord of Lorne, whom he had *m.* in around 1448 and of Margaret, daughter of Robert Robertson of Struan), and had issue.

SIR WILLIAM DE STIRLING, 1ST OF KEIR, had a charter from Janet de Kinross of Kippenross, for his good and faithful services, for the lands of Lubnaig, in the Lordship of Strathgartney, on 5 November, 1448, in which he is styled as eldest son and heir of Lucas Stirling of Rathern.¹ He was knighted by King James II. and *m.* firstly, Margaret Cunningham. He *m.* secondly, Agnes Bruce, (she *m.* secondly before 1491, David Blair of Adamtoun,) and was father of,

1. William Stirling, 2nd of Keir, (*see below*).
2. John Stirling, a son by his father's second marriage. He entered into a contract with his nephew Sir John Stirling of Keir, in which he and his mother Agnes Bruce, renounced all rights to the

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 291

lands of Monyvilstoun and Balquhomry, in consideration of which John Stirling of Keir was to infest him in ten merks worth of the lands of Lumbarry on 15 July, 1513. He apparently was father of,

2a) Robert Stirling of Wellcoyg, who was father of,

2b) Margaret Stirling,

2b) Mariot Stirling, which daughters resigned these lands in favour of Sir John Stirling of Keir in 1531.

3. William Stirling, probably a natural son as he shared the same christian name as his father's son and heir. On 3 February, 1488, he was ordered by the Lords of Council to restore to James Simson a large number of cattle and horses which he had stolen. He had the rental of the crown lands of Brigland, in Strathearn, in 1489.¹
4. Lewis Stirling, *m.* Marjorie, daughter of Sir John Lawson of Humbie (she was widow of Sir John Haldane, 8th of Gleneagles, who had been *k.* at Flodden. She *m.* thirdly, Robert Menteith of Wester Kerse).
5. Catherine Stirling, stated to have *m.* John Bethune of Balfour, and had issue.

SIR WILLIAM STIRLING, 2ND OF KEIR, had a charter from his father for the 20 merk lands of Rathern on 22 October, 1466, and by which time he had *m.* Euphemia, daughter of Robert, 1st Lord Fleming.² He *m.* secondly in around 20 May, 1481, Margaret, daughter of Sir James Crichton, 1st of Ruthven, when he granted to her a charter for the lands of Stouy and Lubnaig, in the barony of Keir,³ (she *m.* secondly, John, 1st Lord Sempill, by 5 June, 1509, and by whom she had no issue. Lord Sempill was then widow of Margaret, daughter of Sir William Colville of Ochiltree, by whom he had issue), and *d.* in 1503. He was father of,

1. Sir John Stirling, 3rd of Keir, (*see below*).
2. William Stirling, styled as son of the deceased Sir William Stirling of Keir in Letters in his favour under the Privy Seal dated 24 April 1507.⁴

¹ Ex. Rolls

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 888

³ RMS 1424-1513. No. 1475

⁴ RPS Vol I. No. 1466

3. Katherine Stirling, *m.* in around 1500, Archibald Douglas, 5th Earl of Angus, (he was widow of Elizabeth, daughter of Robert, 1st Lord Boyd, whom he had *m.* on 4 March, 1468, and by whom he had issue) and had issue.
4. Elizabeth Stirling, *m.* Adam Crichton, 2nd of Ruthven, (he *m.* secondly, Isobel, daughter of Andrew, 2nd Lord Gray, and widow of Sir James Scrimgeour of Dudhope who had *d.* in 1503, and was killed at the battle of Flodden in September of 1513), and to which couple was granted a charter for the lands of Kippendavie by her father on 25 June, 1479. They had issue.
5. Janet Stirling, *m.* Sir David Bruce of Clackmannan, (he *m.* secondly to Mariote, daughter of John Herries of Terregles), and had issue.

SIR JOHN STIRLING, 3RD OF KEIR, a son by his father's first marriage. He had a charter, following upon a resignation by his father, for the lands of Keir with the Turret and Manor thereof which were erected into a Free Barony by King James IV. on 10 September, 1503.¹ Following the death of James IV. at the battle of Flodden in September of 1513 he was appointed one of the joint guardians of the young King James V. and *m.* by 20 August, 1511, Margaret, daughter of Walter Forrester of Torwood, when they had a charter of Confirmation under the Great Seal for the lands of Lumbany following a resignation made by George Leslie, Earl of Rothes.² He was killed by David Schaw and George Dreghorn in 1539, who were remitted for this on 4 November, 1542, and was father of,

1. Sir James Stirling, 4th of Keir (*see below*).
2. William Stirling, 1st of Ardoch (*see Stirling of Ardoch*).
3. Margaret Stirling, *m.* Walter Graham of Drumlean, and had a grant of the lands of Brokland Killoch, in Menteith, from her brother Sir James Stirling on 30 April, 1556.³ They had issue.
4. Catherine Stirling, *m.* George Muschet of Tolgarth, and had issue.

He was also father of a natural son ;

5. John Stirling, witness to a Sasine in favour of James Stirling of Keir on 14 January, 1541.

¹ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2253

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 3630

³ RMS 1546-1580. No. 1066

SIR JAMES STIRLING, 4TH OF KEIR, succeeded his father and was infeft in the lands of Keir on 5 November, 1539. He *m.* firstly, Janet, only daughter and heiress of Andrew Stirling of Cadder,¹ and secondly, Jean, daughter of William Chisholm, Bishop of Dunblane, (*c/m* 5 March, 1542). He *d.* on 3 February, 1588, and was father of,

1. Sir Archibald Stirling, 5th of Keir, (*see below*).
2. James Stirling, obtained the lands of Auchyle which had previously belonged to the chapter of Dunblane by disposition dated 20 December, 1574, and was killed at Dunblane by William Sinclair of Galivmor during a dispute over the lands of Auchinbee. He had issue.
3. Joanna Stirling, who, with William Chisholm, Bishop of Dunblane, had a charter from her father for the lands of Kippendavie on 20 October, 1553.²
4. Elizabeth Stirling, *m.* John Napier of Merchistoun, (he *m.* secondly, Agnes, daughter of Sir James Chisholm, 3rd of Cromlix, by whom he had issue and *d.* on 3 April, 1617), from whom she had a charter for the lands of Edinbellie on 8 October, 1572, and in which she is styled as his future spouse.³ They had issue.
5. Margaret Stirling, *m.* Sir John Houston of that Ilk, and had issue.
6. Helen Stirling, *m.* Sir William Edmonstone of Duntreath, (he *m.* secondly in 1585, Margaret, daughter of Sir John Colquhoun of Luss, and had issue), and had issue.

SIR ARCHIBALD STIRLING, 5TH OF KEIR, who, with his mother Jean Chisholm, granted a 19 year Tack of his tenement in Stirling to Andrew Cowane, Merchant and Burgess of Stirling and James Cowane, his son, on 18 March, 1590.⁴ He had a charter for the lands and Barony of Keir from his father on 15 September, 1579. He *d.* on 17 May, 1630.

He *m.* firstly, Mary, daughter of David, 2nd Lord Drummond, and by her he had issue ;

1. Sir James Stirling, fiar of Keir, was knighted by King James VI. in 1607, *m.* Anna, daughter of Sir George Home, of Wedderburn, (*c/m* July and August of 1606), and *d. vita patris* in 1614. He was father of,

¹ RPS II. No. 225. Her ward had been granted by King James V., to Sir John Stirling of Keir on 22 July 1529.

² RMS 1546-1580. No. 859

³ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2101

⁴ GD124/17/198

1a) James Stirling, the eldest son who was living in 1614 and *dsp* before 17 August, 1630.

1a) Archibald Stirling, living in 1614 and *dsp* before 17 August, 1630.

1a) **GEORGE STIRLING, 6TH OF KEIR**, succeeded his grandfather and was knighted by King Charles II. in 1662. He *m.* firstly in 1630, Margaret, daughter of James, 6th Lord Ross, and had no issue. He *m.* secondly in 1637, Margaret, daughter of Archibald, 1st Lord Napier, and had no issue ; and thirdly in 1654, Anna, daughter of Sir Thomas Nicolson, 1st Baronet of Carnock. He *m.* fourthly in 1666, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Livingston, 2nd Earl of Linlithgow, (she was widow of Sir Thomas Nicolson, 2nd Baronet of Carnock who had *d.* in 1664, and remarried in 1668, Sir John Stirling, 8th of Keir,) *d.* in June of 1667 and had issue,

1b) Margaret Stirling, a daughter by her father's first wife. She *d.* unmarried on 11 May, 1683.

1a) Mary Stirling, *m.* John Stewart, younger of Blackhall, eldest son and heir of Sir Archibald Stewart of Blackhall (*c/m* 23 August, 1633, with a Tocher of £10,000. He *d.* in 1658), and had issue.

1a) Jean Stirling, mentioned in a disposition by the Earl of Mar on 4 July, 1614.

He *m.* secondly, Grizel, daughter of James, 6th Lord Ross (*c/m* 18 March, 1589), by whom he had issue ;

2. Sir John Stirling of Garden, obtained the lands of Garden from his father on 4 August, 1612.¹ He *m.* firstly at Alva on 17 August, 1613, Margaret, daughter of Sir William Menteith of Kerse, (*c/m* 9 July, 1613, with a Tocher of 1200 merks. She *d.* at Keir on Monday 21 July, 1628, at five in the morning and was buried at Dunblane on 1 August). He *m.* secondly, Margaret, daughter of Sir John Bruce of Kincavil, (*c/m* 13 October, 1638, with a Tocher of 8000 merks), *d.* on 15 April, 1643, and was father of,

2a) John Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Saturday 23 July, 1614, at 'ten horis at nicht' and is styled as eldest son of his father by Margaret Mentieth when he had a charter from him for the lands of Ochiltree on 8 March, 1624. He *dsp.*

2a) **SIR ARCHIBALD STIRLING, 7TH OF KEIR**, (*see below*).

2a) William Stirling, *b.* at Cadder on Sunday 28 December, 1620, and *d.* in infancy.

2a) James Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Thursday 30 May, 1622, and is styled as third son of his father when included in an entail of the lands of Ochiltree in 1624. He served as a Major

¹ RMS 1608-1620. No. 730

in the army, *m.* Margaret, daughter of Colonel James Innes of Easter Denoon, and was father of :

2b) James Stirling, *dsp* before 30 April, 1698, when his sisters Mary, Anna and Margaret, were retoured his heir.

2b) Francis Stirling,

2b) John Stirling, apprenticed to George Menteith, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 19 July, 1671, and afterwards served as a Colonel in the army. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 29 January, 1691, Agnes, daughter of Robert Murray, third son of Sir Archibald Murray, 1st Baronet of Blackbarony, and was father of,

2c) Frances Stirling, *m.* Sir Robert Montgomery of Skelmorlie, (he *d.* on 15 August, 1731), and *d.* at Skelmorlie on 9 June, 1759, leaving issue.

2c) Barbara Stirling, *c.* at Perth on 9 September, 1694, and *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 25 March, 1795, aged 101 years.

2b) Christian Stirling, *m.* before 1697, Alexander Bower of Kincaldrum, and had issue.

2b) Mary Stirling, *m.* Alexander Bower of Carret, nephew of Alexander Bower of Kincaldrum, (*c/m* 6 March, 1699).

2b) Anna Stirling,

2b) Margaret Stirling, *m.* David Brown, Merchant in Dundee, (*c/m* 15 February, 1700,) *d.* in June of 1706 and had issue.

2a) William Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Saturday 25 January, 1625, and had a bond of provision from his father on 15 January, 1639.

2a) George Stirling, *b.* at Cadder on Monday 28 September, 1626, and *d.* before 1639.

2a) Alexander Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Thursday 27 July, 1628, and had a bond of provision of 3000 merks from his father on 15 January, 1639.

2a) Grissall Stirling, *b.* at Cadder on Sunday 11 February, 1616.

2a) Anna Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Saturday 11 July, 1618, and *m.* Alexander Cowan, 1st of Wester Polmaise, (*c/m* 5 June, 1635). She *dsp* on 15 September, 1638.

2a) Margaret Stirling, *b.* on 1 August, 1619, and *d.* young.

3. Archibald Stirling, 1st of Kippendavie, obtained these lands and *m.* Jean, daughter of Sir George Muschet of Burnbank (*c/m* 21 November, 1618). He had a charter for the lands of MacCorrastoun, in Menteith, from David Muschet of Calyechatt on 8 April, 1625, *d.* in around 1645 and had issue, (*see Stirling of Kippendavie*).

4. William Stirling, had the nonentry of the lands of Bankell by disposition dated 14 July, 1614, and was father of,

- 4a) William Stirling, 2nd of Bankell, succeeded to these lands and *dsp* prior to 31 October, 1654, and was succeeded in these lands by his cousin John Stirling, son of Henry, fifth son of Sir Archibald of Keir.
5. Henry Stirling, witness to the marriage contract of Sir George Stirling of Keir and Margaret Ross in December of 1630, and had issue,
- 5a) John Stirling, of Bankell, returned heir to his father on 31 October, 1654, and to William Stirling, of Bankell, his cousin, in the lands of Bankell on the same day. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of John Dick, fiar of Braid, and had issue,
- 5b) John Stirling, mentioned in his father's Testament.
- 5b) Henry Stirling, *c.* on 1 August, 1667.
- 5b) Archibald Stirling, *c.* on 1 March, 1670.
- 5b) Nicolas Stirling, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 17 March, 1661.
- 5b) Elizabeth Stirling, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 21 December, 1662.
- 5b) Anne Stirling, *bap.* at Dunblane on 16 January, 1664, and is mentioned in her father's Testament.
- 5a) George Stirling,
6. Alexander Stirling, witness to the marriage contract of his brother Archibald Stirling of Kippendavie and Jean Muschet, on 21 November, 1618.

Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir also had three daughters although it is uncertain by which of his two marriages. They were;

7. Agnes Stirling, had an annualrent from the lands of Cambusbarron from her father on 20 December, 1604.¹
8. Anna Stirling, *m.* John Edmonstone of that Ilk, (*c/m* 6 June, 1614,²) and had issue.
9. Jean Stirling, *m.* Sir William Drummond, 3rd of Riccarton, and had issue.

SIR ARCHIBALD STIRLING, 7th OF KEIR, *bap.* on 9 June, 1617, and is styled as the third son of his father when included in an entail for the lands of Ochiltree in 1624. He was served heir male to his cousin Sir George Stirling, 6th of Keir, in the lands of Keir on 15 August, 1667, was a supporter of the Royalist Cause and fought under James, 1st Marquis of Montrose during his long campaign.

¹ RMS 1608-1620. No. 58

² RMS 1608-1620. No. 1608

He *m.* firstly, Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick Murray, 1st Lord Elibank, by his second wife Elizabeth Dundas, (*c/m* 24 June, 1637,¹ with the wedding being celebrated at Edinburgh on 9 July of that same year. Her Tocher was £10,000), by whom he was father of, ;

1. Anna Stirling, *b.* at Garden on 3 August, 1639.
2. Margaret Stirling, *b.* at Stirling on 9 January, 1641.

He *m.* secondly, Mause, daughter of Sir James Murray of Kilbaberton, (*c/m* 24 June, 1646,) and had issue ;

3. John Stirling, 8th of Keir, (*see below*).
4. George Stirling, *b.* at Polmaise on 16 June, 1642, and *d.* young.
5. Archibald Stirling, *b.* at Garden on 21 March, 1651, and to whom his father assigned the lands of Garden. He *m.* firstly on 1 April, 1677, to Margaret, only daughter of Sir Gideon Baillie, of Lochend, (she was widow of Sir John Colquhoun, 2nd Baronet of Luss, and *d.* in childbirth on 20 July, 1679) and secondly on 26 January, 1686, Anna, daughter of Sir Alexander Hamilton of Hags. He *d.* in August of 1715 and was father of,
 - 5a) Archibald Stirling, 2nd of Garden, *b.* on 20 July, 1679, and was retoured heir to his father in the lands of Garden on 20 November 1717. He *m.* in 1712, Elizabeth Jones and *d.* without surviving male issue in August of 1732.
 - 5a) James Stirling, *dsp* prior to 1701.
 - 5a) John Stirling, 3rd of Garden, succeeded his half brother and *m.* at Port of Monteith on 8 January, 1737, Grizel, daughter of Robert Graham of Gartmore, (she *d.* in May of 1751). He *d.* in 1760 and was father of,
 - 5b) Archibald Stirling, 4th of Garden, *b.* in January, 1738, *m.* at Edinburgh on 11 November, 1770, his cousin Christian, daughter of his uncle James Stirling, (she *d.* in September of 1772), and *d.* on 5 January, 1824. He had issue,
 - 5c) James Stirling, 5th of Garden, *b.* on 3 September, 1772, and *m.* in January of 1843, Isabella, daughter of William Monteith, (she *d.* on 10 September, 1886). He *d.* on 20 June, 1856, and had issue,
 - 5d) James Stirling, 6th of Garden, *b.* on 24 January, 1844, and *m.* on 30 September, 1875, Anne Selina, daughter of Gartside-Gartside-Tipping

¹ GD32/2/16

of Rossferry, (she *d.* on 7 February, 1925). He *d.* on 10 March, 1906, and had issue,

5e) Archibald Stirling, 7th of Garden, *b.* on 29 November, 1885, and *m.* on 14 December, 1929, Marjory Lili MacLaren, daughter of William Stewart, 13th of Ardvorlich. He *d.* on 5 February, 1947, and had issue,

5f) James Stirling, 7th of Garden, *b.* on 8 September, 1930, and *m.* on 9 August, 1958, Fiona Janetta Sophia, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Alwyn Charles Wood-Parker of Keithock. He had issue.

5f) Liliast Stirling, *b.* on 21 August, 1931, and *m.* on 15 October, 1960, Benoit Marie Martin Edouard de Macè, Vicomte de Gastines. They had issue.

5e) Jean Isabel Stirling, *d.* unmarried in 1945.

5e) Christian Stirling, *b.* on 14 January, 1879, and *m.* on 7 July, 1903, Colonel Herbert Lionel Showers. They had issue.

5e) Mildred Eleanor Stirling, *m.* on 3 October, 1900, David Maitland, and *d.* as a result of an accident on 19 August, 1944, leaving issue.

5e) Anna Helen Stirling, *m.* on 4 June, 1907, Rev. William Atchinson of Drummore, (he *d.* on 24 May, 1950). She *d.* on 20 April, 1963.

5e) Katherine Liliast Stirling, *d.* unmarried on 12 April, 1934.

5e) Marion Grizel Stirling, *d.* unmarried on 19 February, 1963.

5b) Robert Stirling, entered the army and *dsp* at the Cape of Good Hope in 1765.

5b) James Stirling, *d.* unmarried while in Jamaica.

5b) Isabel Stirling, *b.* in 1742 and *d.* unmarried.

5b) Ann Stirling, *b.* in 1747 and *d.* unmarried in 1825.

5a) James Stirling, *b.* on 11 May, 1692, and became an eminent mathematician. He *m.* Barbara, daughter of John Watson of Thirtyacres, and had issue.

5a) Charles Stirling, *dsp*.

5a) Mariote Stirling, *bap.* at Dunblane on 2 August, 1690.

5a) Mary Stirling,

5a) Margaret Stirling, who *dsp* prior to 22 May 1716, when her sisters Ann, Elizabeth and Mary were retoure her heirs.

5a) Elizabeth Stirling,

6. James Stirling, *b.* at Garden on 29 June, 1652, and *m.* at Edinburgh on 17 April, 1681, Mary, only daughter of Sir George Stirling of Glorat, (*c/m* 22 June, 1681). He was father of,

- 6a) Archibald Stirling, *b.* on 10th and *c.* at Edinburgh on 16 February, 1682.
- 6a) John Stirling, *c.* at Stirling on 26 January, 1684.
- 6a) James Stirling, living in August of 1702.
- 6a) Christian Stirling, living in August of 1702.
7. George Stirling, *b.* at Ochiltree on 20 July, 1653.
8. William Stirling, *b.* at Ochiltree on 20 October, 1654, and *d.* young.
9. Alexander Stirling, *b.* at Ochiltree on 9 April, 1656, and *d.* young.
10. Thomas Stirling, *b.* at Ochiltree on 25 December, 1658, and *d.* young.
11. Henry Stirling, *b.* at Edinburgh on 20 July, 1667, and was appointed Ensign to the company levied by the Merchants of London to go to the East Indies in 1683. He *d.* of a bloody flux at the end of August in 1736 and had issue,
- 11a) Helen Stirling, a natural child *bap.* at Dunblane on 13 April, 1700.
12. Catherine Stirling, *b.* at Edinburgh on 8 September, 1647.
13. Elizabeth Stirling, *b.* at Ochiltree on 31 January, 1649, *m.* James Seton of Touch, (he was widow of Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Maule, Keeper of the Signet, and also of Anne, daughter of Thomas Stewart of Grantully,) and had issue.
14. Rebecca Stirling, *b.* at Ochiltree on 2 April, 1650.

He *d.* in April of 1668, and was succeeded by his son ;

SIR JOHN STIRLING, 8TH OF KEIR, *b.* at Ochiltree on 13 April, 1638, and *m.* firstly at Stirling on 6 February, 1668, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Livingston, 2nd Earl of Linlithgow, (she was widow of Sir George Stirling, 6th of Keir and also of Sir Thomas Nicolson of Carnock, and *d.* at Keir on 2 November, 1674), by whom he had no apparent issue. He *m.* secondly at the Abbey of Holyroodhouse on 2 December, 1675, Lilius, daughter of Sir John Colquhoun, of Luss, (she *m.* secondly, Charles Maitland, third son of Charles Maitland, 3rd Earl of Lauderdale, and *d.* at Cawder House on 31 December, 1726) and *d.* in March of 1684. He was father of,

1. Archibald Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 29 October, 1676, and *d.* young.
2. **JOHN STIRLING, 9TH OF KEIR**, *b.* at Stirling on 26 October, 1677, succeeded his father and was infeft in the family lands on 14 April, 1686. He *dsp* in October of 1693.
3. George Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Tuesday 12 November, 1678, and *d.* young and *dsp*.
4. **JAMES STIRLING, 10TH OF KEIR**, (*see below*).

5. William Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Friday 24 March, 1682, and obtained a provision of 12,000 merks from his father. He obtained the lands of Northside, *d.* at Monkrig and was father of,
 - 5a) James Stirling, who was active in the Jacobite rising of 1745 and afterwards went to Jamaica.
6. Lilius Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Thursday 13 January, 1681, and *m.* firstly at Cawder on 18 December, 1701, John Murray of Touchadam, (he *d.* in February of 1716), by whom she had issue. She *m.* secondly on 18 April, 1725, John Erskine, 1st of Carnock, (he was widow of Jane, daughter and heiress of William Mure of Caldwell, and of Anna, daughter and coheir of William Dundas of Kincavil, whom he had *m.* on 5 January, 1691, and *m.* fourthly, Mary, daughter of Charles Stuart, 2nd of Dunearn, who *d.* on 12 September, 1772).
7. Elizabeth Stirling, *b.* at Keir on Sunday 3 June, 1683, and *d.* young.

JAMES STIRLING, 10TH OF KEIR, *b.* on 1 November, 1679, succeeded on the death of his brother and to whom he was retoured his heir on 1 May, 1694. He, with the lairds of Garden, Kippendavie, Touch and Newton, were tried before the Court of Justiciary for High Treason, they having openly drunk the health of the Pretender and took an active part in the Jacobite rising of 1715 for which he was attainted and his estates forfeited. They were subsequently purchased by his friends and given to John Stirling his son and heir. During the rising of 1745 he suffered imprisonment under suspicion of being a Jacobite sympathizer and *m.* at Cardonald on 24 February, 1704, Marion, daughter of Alexander Stewart, 5th Lord Blantyre, (she *d.* at Cawder on 20 March 1770¹). He *d.* in in February of 1749² and was father of,

1. **JOHN STIRLING, 11TH OF KEIR**, succeeded his father and *dsp* at Edinburgh on 7 July 1757, of a palsy.³
2. Alexander Stirling, *dsp* prior to January of 1758.
3. **ARCHIBALD STIRLING, 12TH OF KEIR**, retoured heir to his brother John Stirling of Keir, in the lands of Keir, Kippendavie and Strowie on 23 January 1758. He *m.* firstly on 27 February, 1755, to Margaret, daughter of Colonel William Erskine, 2nd of Torrie, (*c/m* at Cardross on 21 June 1755. She *d.* at Bristol Hot-wells on Friday 4 September 1761, in her 29th year⁴). He *m.* secondly

¹ Scots Magazine. 1st March 1770, edition.

² Caledonian Mercury. 28th February 1749, edition.

³ Scots Magazine. 4th July 1757, edition.

⁴ Caledonian Mercury. 12th September 1761, edition.

on 7 October 1762, to Anne, daughter of Alexander Hay of Drummelzier, (she was widow of Patrick Hepburn-Murray, of Balmanno, and *d.* at Cawder on 14 October, 1807,) and *dsp* at Keir on 21 November 1783.¹

4. Walter Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 30 August, 1711, and *d.* young.
5. Charles Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 1 October, 1712, and *d.* young.
6. William Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 8 September, 1713, and *d.* young.
7. James Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 17 September, 1714, and went to Jamaica where he traded as a Merchant at Kingston. He *dsp* at Monkkrigg, near Haddington, on 9 September 1773.²
8. Robert Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 14 September, 1715, and went to Kingston, Jamaica, where he *d.* in 1760.
9. Henry Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 22 November, 1718, and *dsp* in India prior to 1748.
10. Charles Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 8 March, 1722, and *dsp* at Manchester on 7 February, 1741,.
11. Hugh Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 26 February 1723. He was involved in the Jacobite uprising of 1745/6 serving in the Prince's Lifeguards and after the defeat at the battle of Culloden he was taken prisoner and held in Dumbarton Castle from where he and Stirling of Craighernard made there escape in May of 1746.³ He afterwards settled at Calcutta where he traded as a Merchant and *dsp* at Fort St. Davids in the East Indies on 7 April 1749.
12. William Stirling, 13th of Keir, (*see below*).
13. Lewis Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 30 November, 1726, and *d.* in Jamaica.
14. Alexander Stirling, *b.* at Glasgow on 4 December, 1729.
15. Ann Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 20 January, 1706, *m.* at Edinburgh on 14 December, 1729, John Erskine, 2nd of Carnock, (he was widow of Marion, daughter of James Melville, 1st of Balgarvie, whom he had *m.* in March of 1719 and by whom he had issue), and *d.* at Edinburgh on 11 May, 1779. They had issue.
16. Lillias Stirling, *b.* at Edinburgh on 6 February, 1707, and *d.* at Keir on 20 July 1775.⁴
17. Frances Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 30 December, 1707, and *m.* on 6 April 1742, to Sir Archibald Stewart of Castlemilk, (he *d.* on 5 January, 1763). She *d.* at Garvock on 12 September 1757, and had issue.
18. Elizabeth Stirling, *b.* at Edinburgh on 7 January 1718.
19. Helen Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 10 October 1719.

¹ Scots Magazine. 1st November 1783, edition.

² Scots Magazine. 1st September 1773, edition.

³ Caledonian Mercury. 27th May 1746, edition.

⁴ Scots Magazine. 1st July 1775, edition.

20. Margaret Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 6 October 1720, *m.* on 23 June, 1750, Hugh Hamilton of Rosehall, (he was *b.* on 14 June, 1691, and *d.* on 1 September 1755) and *d.* at Edinburgh on 20 October, 1802. They had issue.
21. Magdalen Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 29 February 1724, and *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh 8 February 1799.¹
22. Henriett Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 20 March 1728.
23. Archibald Stirling, a natural son by Jean Cairncross. He was *c.* at Ceres on 2 April 1704.

WILLIAM STIRLING, 13TH OF KEIR, *b.* at Cawder on 5 June 1725 and succeeded to the lands of Keir on the death of his elder brother to whom he was retoured heir on 23 January 1784. He *d.* at Keir on 24 May, 1793, having *m.* firstly at Edinburgh on 29 September 1765, to Helen, daughter of John, 11th Lord Gray, (she was *b.* on 30 June 1745, and *d.* at Cawder on 31 July 1776), by whom he was father of ;

1. **JAMES STIRLING, 14TH OF KEIR**, *b.* at Cawder on 8 October, 1766, succeeded his father and was retoured heir to his uncle Archibald Stirling of Keir, on 8 January 1828. He *dsp* at Keir House on 26 July 1831.²
2. John Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 23 February, 1768, and went to Kingston, Jamaica, in 1789 where he *dsp* on 24 March, 1793.
3. Archibald Stirling, 15th of Keir, (*see below*).
4. Charles Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 12 May 1771, and who inherited from his father a thirteenth share of the company of Somerville, Gordon and Company, West India, Merchants in Glasgow. In 1806 he purchased the lands of Kenmure and *m.* at Linlathen on 14 October 1817, to Christian, daughter of David Erskine, third son of John Erskine, 2nd of Carnock. He *d.* on 30 January 1830.
5. Robert Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 24 December, 1772, and went to Jamaica as a Planter in 1790. He *m.* in 1807, Sarah, daughter of Dr. Thomas Steel of Steelfield, Jamaica, (she *m.* secondly on 4 February, 1822, to Commissary-General Thomas Dunmore) and *d.* at Kingston, Jamaica, on 28 September, 1808, leaving issue,
 - 5a) Helen Stirling, *d.* at London on 4 February, 1822, aged 13 years.
6. Margaret Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 24 December, 1772, and *d.* at Keir in June of 1784.
7. Marion Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 12 June, 1774. She *d.* unmarried at Keir on 1 March, 1842.

¹ Caledonian Mercury. 23rd February 1799, edition.

² Fife Herald. 11th August 1831, edition.

8. Jean Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 2 July, 1775. She *d.* at Bromley, Kent, on 17 September, 1835.

He *m.* secondly at Castlemilk on 3 November, 1781, Jean, daughter of Sir John Stuart of Castlemilk, (she *d.* at Edinburgh on 19 April 1810¹), by whom he was father of ;

9. William Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 23 August, 1789, attained the rank of Captain of the 1st Dragoon Guards in 1815 and was present at the battle of Waterloo. He *m.* firstly on 13 March 1818, Mary, daughter of John Anderson, Merchant in London, and secondly at Edinburgh on 1 June 1822, Anne Charlotte, daughter of Sir Alexander Maitland Gibson of Cliftonhall, and *d.* at Castlemilk on 1 December 1825. He was father of,

9a) William Stuart Stirling Crawford of Milton, *b.* on 17th and *c.* at Barony on 23 December, 1819. On 3 November 1828, pursuant to an entail executed in 1706 by John Crawford of Milton, Writer in Glasgow, in favour of Sir William Stewart of Castlemilk, he was retoured heir to his grandaunt Margaret Stuart Rae Crawford of Milton, in the lands of Milton. He *m.* on 22 January, 1876, Caroline Agnes, daughter of Major Marcus Henry Milner, (she was widow of James Graham, 4th Duke of Montrose, and *d.* on 16 November, 1894) and *dsp* on 23 February, 1883.

9a) James Stirling Stirling Stewart of Castlemilk, *b.* in 1825, and succeeded to the estate of Castlemilk in 1828 upon the death of his grandaunt Margaret Stewart Rae Crawford of Milton, and *m.* on June, 1852, Harriet Boswell, daughter of Mathew Fortescue, of Belvedere, (she *d.* on 5 April, 1917). He *d.* on 8 June, 1887, and was father of,

9b) William James Stirling Stewart of Castlemilk, *b.* in 1854 and succeeded his father. He *m.* in 1890, Constane, daughter of Alexander Dennistoun, *d.* on 4 March, 1938, and was father of,

9c) James Stirling Stewart, *b.* on 17 April, 1891, and *d.* on 9 November, 1914, of wounds received in action during World War I.

9c) Douglas Rae Stirling Stewart, *b.* on 12 May, 1892, and attained the rank of Major in the army. He *m.* on 27 April, 1920, Ruby Dugdale, daughter of Herbert Owen Lord, of Lilley Brook (she *d.* on 25 April, 1965), *d.* on 11 July, 1977, and was father of,

9d) Constance Jean Stirling Stewart, *b.* on 6 August, 1924, and *m.* on 18 August, 1949, Major Vandeleur Burdon, (he *d.* on 3 August, 1980).

¹ Perthshire Courier. 30th April 1810, edition.

- 9d) Anne Stuart Stirling Stewart, *b.* on 18 January, 1927, and *m.* on 18 Deember, 1947, Major John Henry Beardmore Batten (marriage dissolved by divorce).
- 9d) Valerie Margaret Stirling Stewart, *b.* on 14 February, 1942, and *m.* on 20 February, 1954, Lieutenant-Colonel Denis James Daly. They had issue.
- 9c) Helen Constance Stirling Stewart, *b.* on 17 October, 1896, and *m.* on 9 July, 1929, Major Herbert Harry MacDonald Stevenson.
- 9b) Erskine Mary Elizabeth Stirling Stewart, *m.* on 2 August, 1879, Charles Shipley Gordon, (he *d.* on 23 April, 1923), *d.* on 24 February, 1940, and had issue.
- 9b) Anne Helen Margaret Stirling Stewart, *m.* firstly in 1876, General William Gordon, (he *d.* in 1883) and secondly in 1893, Erasmus Ommanney, and *d.* on 19 November, 1924. She had issue.
- 9b) Hannah Geraldine Stirling Stewart, *m.* on 29 December, 1884, Brigadier-General Edgar Alal Lambert, (he *d.* on 30 June, 1930), and *d.* on 29 January, 1887. They had issue.
- 9b) Harriet Christian Stirling Stewart, *d.* on 29 September, 1934.
- 9b) Marion Jane Stirling Stewart, *b.* on 11 December, 1861.
- 9a) Helen Maitland Stirling, *b.* in 1823, *m.* on 13 December, 1846, Henry Everard of Gosberton, and had issue.
10. Helen Stirling, *b.* at Cawder on 14 February, 1783, and *m.* at Pencaitland on 17 August 1814, Angus Makellar, Minister at Pencaitland.¹ They had issue.
11. Anne Stirling, *b.* at Keir on 23 February 1785, and *d.* unmarried at Alness Manse on 4 June 1849.²

ARCHIBALD STIRLING, 15TH OF KEIR, *b.* at Cawder on 2 August, 1769, and was retoured heir to his father in the lands of Keir and Cadder on 27 July 1793. He *m.* on 1 June 1815, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Maxwell of Pollock, (she *d.* on 5 September 1822), and *d.* on 9 April 1847.³ He was father of,

1. William Stirling, 16th of Keir, (*see below*).

¹ OPR. See also Caledonian Mercury. 3rd September 1814, edition.

² Greenock Advertiser. 15th June 1849, edition.

³ Glasgow Herald. 12th April 1847, edition.

2. Hannah Anne Stirling, *b.* at Kenmure on 17 August, 1816, *d.* unmarried at Carlsbad, Germany, on 18 July, 1843.
3. Elizabeth Stirling, *d.* unmarried on 12 September, 1845.

WILLIAM STIRLING, 16TH OF KEIR, *b.* at Kenmure on 8 March, 1818, succeeded his father and *d.* on 15 January 1878. He *m.* firstly on 26 March, 1865, Anne Maria, daughter of Alexander Leslie, 8th Earl of Leven, by whom he was father of,

1. Sir John Maxwell, 10th Baronet of Pollock, succeeded to his grandmother's estate and assumed the surname of Maxwell.
2. Archibald Stirling, 17th of Keir, (*see below*).

He *m.* secondly on 1 March, 1877, Caroline, daughter of Thomas Sheridan, and had no apparent issue.

ARCHIBALD STIRLING, 17TH OF KEIR, *b.* on 4th and *bap.* at Lecropt on 14 September, 1867. He *m.* on 14 April, 1910, Margaret Mary, daughter of Simon Fraser, 13th Lord Lovat, and *d.* on 18 February, 1931. He was father of,

1. William Joseph Stirling, 18th of Keir, (*see below*).
2. Peter John Stirling, *b.* on 1 February, 1913.
3. Archibald David Stirling, *b.* on 15 November, 1915, and is famed for having founded the Special Air Service (SAS) during WWII. He *d.* on 4 November 1990.
4. Hugh Joseph Stirling, *b.* on 4 May, 1917, and was *k.* in action in Libya during WWII. on 22 April, 1941.
5. Margaret Elizabeth Mary Stirling, *b.* on 4 July, 1914, and *m.* on 26 June, 1940, William Ramsay, 16th Earl of Dalhousie.
6. Irene Katherine Teresa Stirling, *b.* on 9 March, 1919.

WILLIAM JOSEPH STIRLING, 18TH OF KEIR, *b.* on 9 May, 1911, and *m.* on 22 November, 1940, Susan Rachel, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Noel Bligh. He *d.* in 1983, and was father of,

1. Archibald Hugh Stirling, 19th of Keir, (*see below*).
2. James Joseph Stirling, *b.* on 18 March and *d.* on 20 March, 1943.

3. John Alexander Stirling, *b.* on 26 February, 1948.

4. Hannah Anne Stirling, *b.* on 29 May, 1944.

5. Magdalen Stirling, *b.* on 25 November, 1945.

ARCHIBALD HUGH STIRLING, 19TH OF KEIR, *b.* 18 September 1941, and *m.* firstly, on 11 November 1964, Charmian Rachel Montagu Scott-Douglas, grand-daughter of John Montagu Scott Douglas, 7th Duke of Buccleuch, (marriage dissolved by divorce in 1977), by whom he was father of,

1. William Rory Alexander Stirling, *b.* 15 December 1965.

2. Ludovic David Stirling, *b.* 29 April 1967.

He *m.* secondly, in 1982, Diana Rigg, (marriage dissolved by divorce in 1990), and had issue;

3. Rachael Atlanta Stirling, *b.* in 1977.

He *m.* thirdly, on 4 August 2000, Sharon Silver, and had issue;

4. David Stirling,