

STRANG

OF BALCASKIE

WILLIAM STRANG OF BALCASKIE, was in possession of the lands of Balcaskie on 28 March, 1443, when he was witness to a charter by John Peter to Richard Moultre of Markinch for the lands of Petdoynis. He had a charter for the quarter-part of the lands of Balcaskie from John Peter of Glenkerk, which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 14 July, 1450, and made a resignation of his lands of Petdoynis in favour John Strang, his son, prior to 28 January, 1450. He *d.* prior to November of 1471 and was father of,

JOHN STRANG OF BALCASKIE, had a charter of confirmation for the lands of Petdoynis to himself and Mariote Multrae, his spouse, on 28 January, 1450, and had a charter for the lands of Balcaskie as heir to his deceased father on 7 November, 1471. He exchanged his lands of Whiteslade and Glenkirk, in the Sheriffdom of Peebles, for a fourth part of Balcaskie and Ewenstone with George Porteous on 25 June, 1482. He *d.* prior to 20 October, 1495, and was father of,

GEORGE STRANG OF BALCASKIE, infeft as heir to his father in the lands of Pitdinny on 7 August, 1491,¹ and was witness to a charter by William Martin of Gibbliston on 20 October, 1495.² He was father of,

1. John Strang of Balcaskie, (*see below*).
2. Alexander Strang, a natural son, legitimized in 1541. He was appointed one of the Macers of King James V. for his good and faithful services on 20 March, 1541,³ and *d.* prior to 22 December, 1576, when his widow Christian Ramsay had a gift of his escheat goods.⁴
3. Margaret Strang, *m.* Florimund Martin, eldest son and apparent heir of Alexander Martin of Gibbliston with whom she had a charter for the lands of Gibbliston on 5 August, 1510.

¹ Pitfirrane Papers. No. 4

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 228

³ RPS Vol. II. No. 393

⁴ RPS Vol. VII. No. 39

JOHN STRANG OF BALCASKIE, infest as heir to his father in the half lands of Balcaskie and Pitdinny on 11 May, 1535,¹ and was *k.* at the battle of Pinkie in 1547. He was father of,

1. George Strang, younger of Balcaskie, (*see below*).
2. Andrew Strang, appointed Tutor to his nephew John Strang of Balcaskie in September of 1547. He *m.* Isobel Wood, (she *m.* secondly, by 9 May, 1573, to George Moultray of Seafield), was father of,
 - 2a) Alexander Strang, styled as son of the deceased Andrew Strang, Tutor of Balcaskie, and nephew and heir of the deceased Richard Strang, Advocate, when he was infest in an annualrent from the lands of Kilbaberton by Alexander Wardlaw of Kilbaberton on 9 March, 1589.²
 - 2a) Isobel Strang, *m.* to James Mowat, Writer in Edinburgh, (*c/m* 10 January 1588³), with whom she had an assignation from her brother Alexander in March of 1589.
3. Richard Strang, admitted an Advocate and Burgess of Edinburgh and *m.* by 20 June, 1559, to Janet, daughter and coheir of Martin Balfour, in Kinghorn Easter. He *dsp* prior to 9 March, 1589, when his nephew Alexander, son of his deceased brother Andrew Strang, Tutor of Balcaskie, is described as his heir.
4. Isobel Strang, *m.* firstly to James Sandilands, younger of St. Monans, (*c/m* 9 September, 1569. He was widow of Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Bethune of Creich, whom he had *m.* by contract dated 21 May 1561). She *m.* secondly, by 11 September 1600, to Ninian Bonar, 5th of Keltie, (he was widow of Margaret, daughter of Laurence, 3rd Lord Oliphant, who had *d.* in 1580 ; and *d.* in February of 1632), and had issue.

GEORGE STRANG, YOUNGER OF BALCASKIE, *m.* Christian, daughter of Andrew Wood of Largo, *d. vitae patris* and was father of,

JOHN STRANG OF BALCASKIE, retoured heir to his grandfather in the middle-part lands of Balcaskie on 2 October, 1548, with Sasine following on 19 October,¹ although, being a

¹ Pitfirrane Papers. No. 8

² GD122/1/3

³ RD1/36/46b

minor, he was placed under the care of a Tutor Andrew Strang, his uncle. He *m.* Grisel, daughter of James Sandilands of St. Monans, (*c/m* 25 August 1565), and was father of,

1. John Strang of Balcaskie, (*see below*).
2. Michael Strang, to whom his nephew Thomas Strang was retoured heir on 10 December, 1641.
3. Janet Strang, *d.* unmarried in 1617.

JOHN STRANG OF BALCASKIE, who, as eldest son and heir of his father, gave his consent to the disposing of the lands of Grangmuir by his parents to William Scott, Director of the Chancery, on 6 May, 1591. He sold the lands of Balcaskie to Alexander Moncrieff in 1615 and was father of,

THOMAS STRANG, served heir to his great-grandfather 10 December, 1641. He became Colonel of Lord Cochrane's Scottish Regiment.

¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. XVIII. P. 445. In which it is stated that his entry is on the basis of the Act passed before Fawside.