

TOSHEOCH

OF MONZIEVAIRD

The early origins of the Tosheochs of Monzievairst are uncertain although their favouring the christian names of Malise and Gilbert coupled the adoption of the surname of Tosheoch, meaning Chief or Leader, may indicate a descent from the Celtic Earls of Strathearn. The first recorded for whom there is evidence is Malise de Monzievairst, who, with Robert de Strathearn, younger son of Malise, Earl of Strathearn, Conan of Balquhiddier, William de Moray of Tullibardine, Thomas de Kingarth and others from Strathearn gave homage to King Edward I. at Berwick-on-Tweed on 28 August, 1298.¹ He appears to have been father of,

GILBERT DE MONZIEVAIRST, who was father of,

JOHN DE MONZIEVAIRST, mentioned in a charter by Malise, Earl of Strathearn, dated in around 1330 granting an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Monzievairst "*which is occupied by John, son of Gilbert, our tenant of the same.*"² From him descended,

ANDREW TOSHEOCH, also known as "*Andrew of Monzievairst*," who was present at a retour of David de Moray, as grandson and heir to Margaret of Moray on 19 May, 1432,³ and had an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Meckven in 1443 which he seems to have acquired by right of marriage to the daughter and heiress of Robert de Meckven of that Ilk. He was father of,

1. Malise Tosheoch, of Monzievairst, (*see below*).

2. Robert Tosheoch, *m.* Janet, daughter of Archibald de Buchanan, son of Andrew de Buchanan of Leny, (she *m.* secondly in around 1484, William Stewart, 2nd of Balindoran, and had issue). This Archibald, acting on behalf of his daughter, raised an action against Malise Tosheoch as heir to

¹ Cal Doc. Scot. II. P. 823

² GD24

³ HMC Atholl Papers. No. 30

his deceased brother, on 8 March, 1478, for with-holding the payment of an annualrent contained in an earlier contract granted to Janet by her deceased husband whereby she was to have an annualrent to be uplifted from the land of quarter part lands of Monzie.

MALISE TOSHEOCH OF MONZIEVAIRD, mentioned in reference to the lands of Glenshervy, in 1460, and afterwards in 1474 both he and John of Comrie of that Ilk, held an inquisition of Maurice Drummond Gylach as rightful proprietor of the lands of Garthern and on which document given under the seal of King James II. they are described as “*the eldest, best, unsuspected persons of the Stewarty of Strathearn.*”¹ He was father of,

DUNCAN TOSHEOCH OF MONZIEVAIRD, first made reference to in 1483 when an action was raised by Robert Aysoun of Fornoct regarding the ownership of the lands of Pittenzie. He *m.* Isabel, daughter of Sir Andrew de Moray, 3rd of Abercainey (she *m.* secondly, Patrick Haldane, 1st of Keilour, brother of John Haldane, 6th of Gleneagles), and was father of,

1. Andrew Tosheoch of Monzievaird, (*see below*).
2. Finlay Tosheoch, 1st of Pittenzie. (*see Tosheoch of Pittenzie*).
3. William Tosheoch, witness, with Andrew Tosheoch of Monzievaird, to a Charter by Donald Alexanderson for part of his lands of Stix to John, Lord Drummond, on 5 May, 1509, and is then styled as his brother.²

SIR ANDREW TOSHEOCH OF MONZIEVAIRD, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the lands of Monzievaird, and others, in 1504. He made a grant of his lands of Brewland of Meckven to the Abbey of Inchaffray and for good services rendered to the Crown he had the lands of Monzievaird with the Mill thereof, Glenturret and Meckven erected into a Free Barony by King James IV. on 7 May, 1509. He was Knighted by King James IV. and is styled as deceased by 1514 which suggests that that he was amongst those killed at the battle of Flodden on 9 September, 1513. He was father of,

¹ GD160

² GD112/2/147/1/11

1. David Tosheoch of Monzievaird, (*see below*).
2. Andrew Tosheoch, obtained the quarter part lands of Monzie from his father and granted a Charter for the quarter part lands of Dalpatrick in favour of John Drummond of Innerpeffray and Margaret Stewart, his spouse, on 7 July, 1535. He had issue,
 - 2a) Andrew Tosheoch, had Letters of Legitimation under the Great Seal on 20 May, 1530, and had a Charter for the quarter part lands of Monzie with the Mill thereof from his father on 5 November, 1553.¹ He *m.* in around 1555, Elizabeth Tosheoch and sold the lands of Monzie to Sir Colin Campbell of Glenorchy. He had issue,
 - 2b) Margaret Tosheoch, contracted to marry Archibald, fourth son of Sir Colin Campbell, 6th of Glenorchy, (*c/m* at Ilanran and Monzie on 11 and 24 August, 1581.) although the marriage was never conducted as it is apparent that she did not favour her future husband. Mention is made in 1601 of her having torn her signature from the marriage contract and eaten the piece of paper.
 - 2a) A daughter, *m.* Alexander Robertson.
3. James Tosheoch, witness to a charter by Colin Campbell of Glenorchy to his son Duncan and Janet Tosheoch, on 4 April, 1539, where he is described as brother of David Tosheoch of Monzievaird.² He was witness to the marriage settlement of his nephew Andrew Tosheoch and Janet Moray on 7 February, 1544.

DAVID TOSHEOCH, OF MONZIEVAIRD, succeeded his father and had an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Monzievaird and Meckven in 1514. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Duncan Campbell, 2nd of Glenorchy, (*c/m* 7 December, 1518,³) and granted a Charter for the lands of Candlochane, Cultnicholl and Meckven in favour of his daughter-in-law Janet Moray, daughter of John Moray of Abercairney, on 9 February, 1544. He was *k.* at the battle of Pinkie in September of 1547 and was father of,

1. Andrew Tosheoch, of Monzievaird, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Tosheoch, had a liferent of the lands of the lands of Monzievaird and Glenturret from his brother and is styled as such in the marriage contract of his nephew Alexander Tosheoch, fiar of Monzievaird, on 5 December, 1576. He had an annualrent of one chalder of victual to be uplifted from the lands of Meckven reserved for himself in a charter by his nephew Alexander

¹ RMS 1546-1580. No. 894

² GD112

³ GD112

Tosheoch, fiar of Monzievaird, on 26 August, 1577. He was appointed Chamberlain of the Monastery of Dunfermline by August of 1577, and as brother of Andrew Tosheoch of Monzievaird, he granted a charter to David Pitcairn, natural son of Mr James Pitcairn of that Ilk, for an annualrent from the lands of Overgrange on 13 October, 1577.

3. John Tosheoch, obtained the lands of Culcrieff and *m.* to Helen, daughter of William Edmonston of Duntrieth. He granted a charter for the Shadow half of the lands of Culcrieff to his daughter and heiress, Margaret, and her husband Thomas Tosheoch, younger of Pittenzie, on 11 March, 1556,¹ and was father of,

3a) Margaret Tosheoch, of Culcrieff, *m.* to Thomas Tosheoch, 3rd of Pittenzie, (*see Tosheoch of Pittenzie*).

4. David Tosheoch, styled as brother to Tosheoch of Monzievaird when he was witness to an Instrument of Sasine by John Paterson, Prior of Strathfillan, in favour of John Campbell of Lawers as heir to his grandfather James Campbell of Lawers on 21 June, 1564.²
5. Janet Tosheoch, *m.* Duncan Campbell, son of Sir Duncan Campbell, 4th of Glenorchy. They had a charter for certain lands from his father on 4 April, 1539,³ and had no issue.
6. Margaret Tosheoch, *m.* David Murray, 2nd of Dollerie, and had issue.
7. Agnes Tocheoch, *m.* Alexander MacDuff of Fandowie, and had issue.
8. Catherine Tosheoch, *m.* by 26 February 1546, to Mr. William Cardney of Clachladdrin,⁴ and had issue.

ANDREW TOSHEOCH, OF MONZIEVAIRD, *b.* in around 1520, is styled as heir to his father in a charter by William Moray of Tullibardine on 24 August, 1553, and *m.* Janet, daughter of John Moray, 6th of Abercairney, (Dispensation dated 10 February, 1544.⁵ She *m.* secondly, William Tyrie of Busbie, and *d.* in 1586). He was father of

1. Alexander Tosheoch, younger of Monzievaird, the eldest son. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of William Murray, 1st of Lettirkannochy, (*c/m* at Monzievaird on 29 November, 1576,⁶) and appears to have been passed over in succession in favour of his brother Edward. Both granted a

¹ RMS 1546-1580. No. 1157

² GD112/1/147

³ GD112/2/71/17

⁴ Balthayock Inventory.

⁵ GD24/5/1/58

⁶ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2605

Charter of Wadset in favour of William Murray of Ochertyre for the sheillings and grazings of Glenturret and the Kirklands of Meckven on 5 June, 1593.

2. Edward Tosheoch of Monzievaird, (*see below*).

EDWARD TOSHEOCH, OF MONZIEVAIRD, succeeded his father in place of his elder brother and had an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Monzievaird, Glenturret and Meckven on 28 November, 1577. He afterwards attempted to part with the family lands but a ruling by King James VI. in 1587 instigated by his daughters and his father-in-law John Campbell of Lawers refused to grant him license to dispose of any of his property. He led quite a turbulent life during which he was outlawed on many occasions and *m.* Marjory, daughter of John Campbell, 3rd of Lawers, (she *m.* secondly by 1622, William Graham of Geddochie,¹) *d.* prior to December of 1619 and was father of,

1. David Tosheoch, of Monzievaird, (*see below*).
2. Janet Tosheoch, raised an action with her sister and grandfather, John Campbell of Lawers, against her father to prevent him from selling the lands of Monzievaird in 1587. She *m.* David Drummond, 1st of Innermay, (he *m.* secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Abercromby of Carse).
3. Marjory Tosheoch, raised an action against her father restricting him from selling any of his lands.

DAVID TOSHEOCH OF MONZIEVAIRD, styled as son and heir of his father in a charter by John Tosheoch of Pittenzie on 3 July, 1610, and was granted letters of reversion for the lands of Monzievaird by John Tosheoch of Pittenzie on 29 May, 1618. He was killed in Perth shortly afterwards on 20 June, 1618, by Laurence Bruce, younger of Cultmalundy, Laurence of Gask, Alexander Fleming of Moness and several others, having *m.* Agnes, daughter of George Graham, 2nd of Inchbraikie. He was father of,

1. Andrew Tosheoch, of Monzievaird, (*see below*).
2. Duncan Tosheoch, mentioned in his brother's Testament in 1665 as being a natural child.
3. Elizabeth Tosheoch, mentioned in an action raised against the murderers of her father in 1620.

¹ RPC Vol. III. P. 758

4. Margaret Tosheoch, *m.* John Campbell, eldest son of Hugh Campbell, 1st of Seat, (*c/m* at Dunkeld and Balgowan 10 and 19 November, 1636,¹).

ANDREW TOSHEOCH OF MONZIEVAIRD, who was a child at the time of death of his father and, as his heir, had an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Monzievaired in December of 1618. He was retoured heir to his father on 4 November, 1637, and was an adherent of the Royalist cause of King Charles I. for which support his estate was sequestrated by Parliament. Following the restoration of King Charles II. in 1660 he was appointed a Commissioner for the Peace within Strathearn, and *m.* Katherine, daughter of Sir Robert Campbell, 3rd Baronet of Glenorchy, (*c/m* at Kenmore 9 March, 1641.). He *d.* in January of 1665² and had issue,

1. David Tosheoch, of Monzievaired, (*see below*).
2. Margaret Tosheoch, acted as executor to her father in 1665.
3. Isabel Tosheoch, *m.* John Campbell, 3rd of Ardeonaig, Innergeldie and Clathick, (*c/m* 15 November, 1662,³) and had issue.
4. Barbara Tosheoch, *m.* Mungo Campbell, 4th of Seat and Kinraigie, and had issue.

DAVID TOSHEOCH OF MONZIEVAIRD, *b.* in around 1643, succeeded his father and had a Precept from the Chancery for infeftment in the lands of Monzievaired on 10 October, 1668. He was appointed a Commissioner of Peace in Perthshire in 1679 and a Commissioner of Excise in Strathearn the following year and entered into an agreement with John Campbell, Earl of Breadalbane, on 13 June, 1691, that, in return for Breadalbane appointing him Bailie of his estates in Perthshire and Argyleshire for one year commencing at Whitsunday of 1691, he would take into his household and treat honestly as a servant Duncan Campbell, Lord Ormelie, eldest son to Breadalbane who was to maintain his living costs and to pay to David Tosheoch the sum of £163 Scots yearly for the entire time of residence of the said Duncan. He was absolved for his part in the Campbell raid on the Sinclairs in Caithness, in 1692, and was appointed one of The following year he was appointed a Commissioner for Excise in Strathearn and had a

¹ GD121/1/14/83

² Dunblane Tests

³ RS52/1

Precept of Clare Constat for the lands of Ibert and Dalbrach of Monzievairst in February of 1684. He *m.* Jean Campbell, *d.* in around 1685 and had issue,

DUNCAN TOSHEOCH, OF MONZIEVAIRST, succeeded his father and had a Charter of Confirmation for the lands of Monzievairst on 28 March, 1685. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 18 September, 1683, Elizabeth, daughter of John Gray, Merchant, and sold the lands of Monzievairst to Sir Patrick Murray of Ochertyre, in 1700, about which he states his regret in a Letter to Colin Campbell of Carwhin on 1 October, 1700, "*it was verie well sold, and it is not worth soe much to any man in Scotland as Ochertyre did & will pay for it, unless I were rich to redeem it only for the antiquities thereof, which is not likely that I ever do.*" He was afterwards appointed a Sheriff Depute of Caithness and Factor on the Breadalbane estates in this area where continued to reside when on 6 December, 1714, he wrote to Breadalbane complaining of having lost his commission and of the present hardship of himself and his numerous motherless children. He was father of,

1. Duncan Tosheoch, *bap.* at Kenmore on 17 February, 1694.
2. William Tosheoch, styled as son to his father when they appear in an account and discharge by Alexander Christie as factor to John, Earl of Breadalbane, on his Argyll estates, in 1702.
3. Barbara Tosheoch, *c.* at Kenmore on 7 May, 1697, and *m.* at Clunie on 23 March, 1725, John Craig.
4. Helen Tosheoch, *b.* on 9th and *c.* at Perth on 15 July, 1700.
5. Mary Tosheoch, a correspondent with Dundas of Manor.
6. Henrietta Tosheoch.