

TRAILL

OF BLEBO

The origins of the family of Traill of Blebo are obscure with the first for whom there is evidence in record being :

1. Walter Traill, entered the church and was appointed by Pope Clement VII., to the Deanery of Dunkeld, in 1380. On 29 November 1385, he was advanced by the Pope to the Bishopric of St. Andrews which had fallen vacant on the death of the previous Bishop Stephen de Pa. He was an active Bishop and constructed the castle in St. Andrews where he *d.* in 1401, having settled the lands of Blebo on his brother and nephew.
2. Thomas Traill, witness to a preambulation of the lands of Kirkness on 6 July, 1395, and is then styled as brother of Bishop Walter Traill¹. He was father of,
 - 2a) James Trail of Blebo, (*see below*).

JAMES TRAILL OF BLEBO, upon whom his paternal uncle Walter Traill settled the lands of Blebo. He *m.* a woman by the name of Euphemia, *d.* prior to January of 1458, and was father of,

JAMES TRAILL OF MAGASK AND BLEBO, had a Precept of Sasine for the lands of Blebo as heir to Euphemia Traill, his mother, on 9 January, 1458, and *m.* Marion Wemyss. He *d.* by August of 1475 and had issue,

JOHN TRAILL OF BLEBO, had Sasine for the lands of Overmagask following upon a resignation by Marion Wemyss, widow of James Traill of Blebo, his father, to himself and James Traill, his eldest son on 7 August, 1475. He *d.* by March of 1490 and was father of,

¹Liber St. Andrews. P.

JAMES TRAIL OF BLEBO, had a charter for the lands of Overmagask as heir to John Traill of Blebo, his father, from Sir John Kinninmont of that Ilk on 26 June, 1479. He was retoured heir to his father in the lands of Blebo and the sixth-part of the lands of Clatto on 23 March, 1490, was appointed a Sheriff-Depute of the Shire of Fife and *m.* Euphemia Blair. He was father of,

JOHN TRAILL OF BLEBO, succeeded to these lands and *m.* by 9 August, 1542, Agnes, daughter of Alexander Bruce, 1st of Earlshall, when he granted to her an Instrument of Sasine for parts of his lands of Blebo. He *d.* on 4 June, 1580, and was father of,

1. John Traill, younger of Blebo, *m.* Agnes, daughter of James Learmonth of Dairsie, (*c/m* 12 December, 1534. She *m.* secondly by February of 1551, Robert Hamilton, Chamberlain of St. Andrews,) *d.* prior to October of 1549, and was father of,

1a) Grissell Traill, *m.* by 12 November, 1549, William Hunter, eldest son and heir of David Hunter of Balcarres, when they had a charter of confirmation for the lands of Balcarres and had issue.

1a) Agnes Traill, resigned her sixth-part of the lands of Magask into the hands of the superior Patrick Kinninmont of Craighall for infetment in favour of Alexander Traill of Blebo on 13 December, 1564. She *m.* to George Livingston in Craigfoodie.

1a) Marion Traill, resigned her rights to her father's estate in favour of the heir male Alexander Traill of Blebo on 12 February, 1565. She *m.* David Seaton of Rungally, (*c/m* 20 February, 1551).

1a) Helen Traill, *m.* Peter Arnot of Balcormo, and had a payment from her curators on 6 August, 1566, in which she is styled as his future spouse.

1a) Elspeth Traill, *m.* firstly, in 1567, Robert Hamilton, Minister at St. Andrews, and had issue ; and second, Thomas Buchanan, Minister of Ceres, son of Thomas Buchannan of Drumakill. She *d.* on 9 December, 1595.

1a) Margaret Traill, *m.* William Archibald of Blackhall. All of these sisters and their respective spouses entered into a contract with their paternal uncle Alexander Traill of Blebo for annualrents to be uplifted from certain of his lands on 25 January, 1570.

2. Alexander Traill of Blebo, (*see below*).

3. Andrew Traill, attained the rank of Colonel in the army and obtained the lands of Beley. He *m.* Helen, daughter of Thomas Morton of Cambo, (she *d.* on 13 February, 1608,) *d.* on 25 July, 1586, and was father of,

3a) David Traill, *b.* in 1553 and *d.* in 1554.

- 3a) Elspeth Traill, *b.* in 1554 and *m.* to Troilus Lawson, (*c/m* 15 November, 1573).
- 3a) James Traill of Dunino, *b.* in 1555 and obtained these lands. He *m.* firstly, Matilda, daughter of John Melville of Carnbee, (*c/m* 15 October, 1595. She *d.* on 23 November, 1608,) secondly in 1609, Grizel, daughter of William Morton of Randerston, and *d.* on 26 April, 1635. He had issue.
- 3a) David Traill, *m.* Alison Duncan, (*c/m* 26 May, 1577), *d.* prior to March of 1590 and had issue,
- 3b) Janet Traill, *b.* on 23 February, 1578, and *m.* on 26 August, 1606, Henry Greif.
- 3b) Margaret Traill, *b.* on 3 July, 1580, and *m.* on 26 October, 1615, David Boswell.
- 3a) Grizel Traill, *b.* in 1560.
6. Agnes Traill, *m.* firstly, John Schevez, 4th of Kemback, and had issue ; and secondly Robert Bethune, 10th of Balfour, and had issue.

ALEXANDER TRAILL OF BLEBO, had resignations in his favour from Agnes and Helen Traill, daughters and coheiresses of his brother John Traill, younger of Blebo, for the lands of Blebo on 13 December, 1564, and 12 February, 1565, and *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of William Ferny of that Ilk, (Dispensation dated 7 October, 1549. She *d.* in August of 1590), with whom, as his promised spouse, he had an Instrument of Sasine from John, Archbishop of St. Andrews, for the lands of Blebo on 17 October, 1549, in which he is styled as son of John Traill of Blebo. He *d.* in April of 1590 and was father of,

1. John Traill of Blebo, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Traill, 1st of Blebohill, *m.* in 1596, Elizabeth, daughter of John Bonar of Lumquhat, and obtained the lands of Blebohill on 12 December, 1610. He was father of,
 - 2a) John Traill, 2nd of Blebohill, had Sasine for the lands of Blebohill as heir to his deceased father on 8 October, 1642, and was father of,
 - 2b) Thomas Traill, 3rd of Blebohill, had Sasine for the lands of Blebohill from his father on 4 June, 1663, to be held by himself and his future spouse Magdalen, daughter of the deceased George Lundie, brother german to the deceased John Lundie of that Ilk, whom he *m.* on 19 June, 1663. He was father of,
 - 2c) John Traill, 4th of Blebohill, *c.* at Kemback on 18 March, 1665, had an Instrument of Sasine for these lands on 15 November, 1686, and *m.* to Anne Beveridge. He *d.* in 1699 and had issue,
 - 2d) John Traill, *c.* at Ceres on 6 March, 1695, and *d.* young.
 - 2d) Robert Traill, *c.* at Ceres on 3 June, 1697, and *d.* young.

- 2d) Isabel Traill, c. at Ceres on 13 September, 1690, was retoured heir to her father on 16 November, 1728.¹
- 2d) Magdalen Traill, c. at Ceres on 24 December, 1692, and d. young.
- 2c) Thomas Traill, c. at Kemback on 16 September, 1668, and became a Writer in Dundee. He m. Euphemia, second daughter of James Lindsay, Merchant in Kirriemuir, (c/m 8 & 26 April, 1727,) d. on 8 June, 1730, and had issue
- 2d) George Traill, b. in 1728 and was charged by Thomas Graham of Greigstoun to enter heir to his father in the lands of Blebohill and a tenement in Kirriemuir on 16 November, 1738.
- 2c) Isabel Traill, c. at Kemback on 25 September, 1673, m. on 7 September, 1701, Robert Bonar, second son of John Bonar, 2nd of Greigstoun, and had issue.
- 2c) Anna Traill, c. at Kemback on 25 September, 1673, and m. at Cameron on 25 June, 1708, Thomas Simpson, in Wilkiestoun.
3. George Traill, settled in Orkney and m. firstly, Jean, daughter of Kennedy of Carmucks. He m. secondly, Isabel Craigie and d. in 1634. He had issue.
4. Patrick Traill, m. firstly, Katherine Lutter, (c/m 3 May, 1590,) and secondly in 1608, Margaret Lindsay. He was father of,
- 4a) Ludovick Traill, named in a bond by his father to John Wemyss of Craigton on 20 May, 1625.²
5. Janet Traill, m. firstly, John White of Lumbany, secondly John Ramsay of Ardbeckie, (he was k. at the battle of Pinkie in September of 1547), and had issue ; and thirdly, prior to 21 February, 1558, Sir John Wemyss of Wemyss, (he was widow of Margaret, daughter of Sir Adam Otterburn of Redhall, by whom he had issue), and had issue.

JOHN TRAILL OF BLEBO, m. Janet, daughter of Patrick Kinninmont of that Ilk, (c/m 25 May, 1583. She d. on 22 June, 1609,) with whom, as his future spouse, he had an Instrument of Sasine for the lands of Blebo and Blebohill on 3 October, 1583. He d. on 13 January, 1625, and was father of,

1. John Traill, younger of Blebo, (*see below*).

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2. Alexander Traill of Clatto, had an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Mains of Blebo from his father on 3 July, 1600, and obtained the lands of Clatto by 25 November, 1613, when he had the ward of his nephew John Traill, of Blebo, assigned to himself.
3. Patrick Traill, had an annualrent to be uplifted from the lands of Mains of Blebo from his father on 3 July, 1600, and which he assigned to his elder brother Alexander Traill on 19 May, 1619.
4. Elizabeth Traill, m. Alexander Ramsay, son and heir of James Ramsay of Ardbeckie, (c/m 27 December, 1611).

JOHN TRAILL, YOUNGER OF BLEBO, m. Margaret, sister of James Chisholm, of Cromlix, (c/m 19 August, 1606. She m. secondly by 8 March, 1631, to Alexander Stewart when she granted her liferent of the lands of Mains of Blebo to James Forbes of Kilmanie), *d. vitae patris* and had a charter for the lands of Magask from David Kinninmont of Craighall, the superior, following upon a resignation made in his favour by his father on 1 May, 1608. was father of,

JOHN TRAILL OF BLEBO, succeeded his grandfather and is styled as John Traill, now of Blebo, son of John Triall, younger of Blebo, son of John Traill of Blebo, in a claim by his uncle Alexander Traill for certain rights on 29 January, 1629. He sold his estate to Sir William Murray of Claremont in 1630.