

WATSON

OF ATHERNIE

JAMES WATSON, was a successful merchant and Provost of St. Andrews. He had a charter of confirmation for the middle-part of the lands of Kilmany on 4 April, 1649, which he had apprised from Mr. Arthur Forbes of Kilmany, and acquired the lands of Pitcruvie, Auchindoun, Bresmyre, Balmain, with the lands of tower, in the parish of Largo, from John, Earl of Crawford and Lindsay, in which he was infeft on 20 December, 1649.¹ He *m.* Margaret, daughter of John Glastanes of Over Kelwood, (she *d.* on 17 March 1627), *d.* in October of 1656² and was father of :

1. Alexander Watson of Dumbrae, *m.* firstly, Helen Lentron, by whom he had no issue, and secondly, to Katherine, daughter of William Murray of Drumcairn. He *dsp* prior to 13 October, 1674, when his nephew James Watson of Athernie was served heir to him.
2. David Watson, (*see below*).
3. Henry Watson, who *d.* young.
4. Agnes Watson, *m.* on 22 July 1642, to Patrick Lentron, Provost of St. Andrews, and had issue.
5. Jean Watson,

DAVID WATSON, resided in St. Andrews and *m.* Eupham, daughter of John Lepar, Provost of St Andrews, (*c/m* 27 April 1637. She *m.* secondly, on 2 April 1652, to William Lentron, Provost of St. Andrews). He *d.* in 1645 and was father of :

1. James Watson of Athernie, (*see below*).
2. Janet Watson, *bap.* 7 July 1639, and *m.* on 10 December 1658, to John Pitcairn, Regality Clerk of St. Andrews. They had issue.
3. Agnes Watson, *bap.* 5 February 1642, and *m.* on 25 June 1672, to Rev. William Moore, Minister of St. Andrews. They had issue.
4. Rachel Watson, *bap.* 26 July 1642, and *d.* young.

¹ RMS 1652-1659. No. 3

² Lamont's Diary P. 10

JAMES WATSON OF ATHERNIE, acquired the lands of Athernie from Mr. William Bethune, Advocate, in which he was entered by the superior Sir Thomas Hope of Craighall, on 4 April, 1677.¹ He was retoured heir general to his grandfather James Watson, sometime Provost of St. Andrews, in the lands of Pitcruvie and Auchendownie, on 8 March, 1664; to father in and annualrent from the lands of Barns, in the parish of Crail, on 13 October, 1674, and to his uncle Alexander Watson of Dumbrae in the lands of Nether Kedlock also known as Dumbrae on the same day. He *d.* on 22 November, 1696, having *m.* firstly, on 28 April, 1664, to Jean, daughter of Sir William Scott of Ardross,² by whom he had issue :

1. Alexander Watson of Athernie, (*see below*).
2. John Watson, *bap.* on 9 December, 1672.
3. William Watson, *bap.* on 26 December, 1673.
4. Helen Watson, *bap.* on 25 January, 1667, and *m.* Christopher Seton of Carriston, (he was widow of Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick Lindsay of Wormiston, by whom he had issue), and had issue.
5. Anna Watson, *bap.* on 1 November, 1669.
6. Christian Watson, *bap.* on 26 December, 1670.
7. Margaret Watson, *bap.* in June of 1675 and *m.* in 1698 to John Lamont of Newton. They had issue.
8. Sophia Watson, *bap.* on 5 February, 1677, and *d.* young.
9. Jean Watson, *b.* in 1678, and *m.* firstly, Alexander Watson of Glentarkie. She *m.* secondly to Patrick Davidson of Woodmiln, (*c/m* 27 February 1719. He *d.* in February of 1739).

He *m.* secondly in October of 1682, Mary, daughter of Mr. James Martin, Minister of Ballingry, (she *d.* on 6 May 1696, aged 44), and by her he had further issue :

10. Agnes Watson, *bap.* on 20 September 1683, and *d.* young.
11. Mary Watson, *bap.* on 29 July, 1685.
12. Eupham Watson, *bap.* on 11 November 1686.
13. James Watson, *bap.* on 8 April, 1688, and *d.* young.
14. James Watson, *bap.* on 30 August 1690, and *d.* young.

¹ NRAS3215/10/10 In which he states that he had been entered by the superior by he had not been infeft in the lands of Athernie

² Lamont's Diary P. 16

15. David Watson, became a Physician and was served heir to his uncle James Martin of Grange on 28 August 1718.

ALEXANDER WATSON OF ATHERNIE, *bap.* on 5 February 1666, succeeded his father and was served heir to him and to his great-grandfather, James Watson, on 2 September 1731 but squandered his inheritance through extravagant living and had his estate placed into the hands of creditors and subsequently sold. The lands of Lambelethan was purchased by John Thomson of Charleston in 1724, and those of Athernie by his son-in-law Dr James Smythe at a Judicial Sale held on 11 December 1735. He *m.* Margaret, daughter of David Lindsay of Edzell, (*c/m* 17 October 1692. She *d.* on 30 December 1723), *d.* prior October of 1742 and was father of :

1. David Watson, younger of Athernie, (*see below*).
2. James Watson, *bap.* on 15 September 1694, and *d.* young.
3. Alexander Watson, *bap.* on 9 February 1704, and had a Tack of the lands of Glentarkie from his aunt Jean Watson, Lady Glentarkie, in 1726.¹
4. James Watson, *bap.* on 26 April 1709.
5. John Watson, *bap.* on 18 November 1715.
6. Jean Watson, *bap.* on 7 June 1693.
7. Anne Watson, *bap.* on 26 October 1695, and *m.* Dr. James Smythe of Athernie, (*c/m* 29 May 1721). They had issue.
8. Margaret Watson, *bap.* on 19 November 1696.
9. Elizabeth Watson, *bap.* on 27 April 1699.
10. Agnes Watson, *bap.* on 26 July 1700.
11. Christian Watson, *bap.* on 29 January 1703.
12. Helen Watson, *bap.* on 1 April 1704.
13. Amelia Watson, *bap.* on 25 December 1705.
14. Mary Watson, *bap.* on 5 March 1707.
15. Helen Watson, *bap.* on 17 June 1708.
16. Magdalen Watson, *bap.* on 4 April 1711.
17. Janet Watson, *bap.* on 9 June 1712.

¹ GD1/675/

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DAVID WATSON, YOUNGER OF ATHERNIE, *bap.* 25 December, 1697, to whom nothing of his paternal inheritance was left.

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