

WEMYSS

OF BOGIE

SIR JAMES WEMYSS, 1ST OF BOGIE, was second son of David Wemyss of Wemyss, and was infeft in the lands of Bogie by his father in 1583. He m. firstly, in 1585, Margaret, daughter of John Melville of Raith, (she d. in October of 1598), and secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of David Durie of that Ilk, (c/m 22 May 1599), and d. in around 1640. He was father of,

1. James Wemyss, 2nd of Bogie, (see below).
2. David Wemyss, named with his brother Henry in a Bond of Provision by their father on 11 October 1622, in which they are stated to be sons by Elizabeth Durie. He m. Margaret Orrock, d. prior to 1653 and had issue,
 - 2a) James Wemyss, bap. at Kinghorn on 1 January 1641.
 - 2a) John Wemyss, bap. at Kinghorn on 23 October 1646.
 - 2a) Elizabeth Wemyss, bap. at Kinghorn on 1 June 1642.
 - 2a) Janet Wemyss, bap. at Kinghorn on 25 June 1643.
3. Henry Wemyss of Easter Condland, purchased these lands from his widowed sister and obtained the lands of Wester Bogie from his nephew Sir John Wemyss of Bogie. He m. firstly, to Isabel, daughter of Sir John Kirkcaldy of Grange, (c/m 26 November 1639), and secondly on 9 June 1653, to Margaret, youngest daughter of Robert Durie of East Newton, (c/m 9 April 1653). He d. on 30 May 1654,¹ and was father of,
 - 3a) Margaret Wemyss, m. on 28 October 1658, Mr. John Paterson, Archbishop of Glasgow, and had issue.
4. George Wemyss, was appointed Principal of St. Leonard's College, St. Andrews, and m. Magdalen Lundie, (she d. on 4 March 1666²).
5. Ludovick Wemyss, became a Doctor of Divinity who was father of,
 - 5a) James Wemyss,

¹ Lamont's Diary. He was "sicke of a palsie a time before he died."

² Lamont's Diary.

6. Andrew Wemyss of Glennistoun, obtained these lands and m. at Kirkcaldy on 22 October 1639, Margaret, second daughter of David Beatson of Cardon,¹ (c/m 5 December 1639²). He d. in 1649 and was father of,

6a) James Wemyss, of Glennistoun, acted as executor to his father and m. Margaret, daughter of Thomas Melville, Minister of Kinghorn, (c/m 20 October 1669). He was father of,

6b) Jean Wemyss, was served heir to her father on 14 January 1738, and is styled as only child in life of James Wemyss of Glenniston and Margaret Melville, when she granted power of attorney to Robert White of Bennochly on 3 February 1738. She m. Thomas Johnston, Bookseller in Rotterdam.

6a) A son, who drowned in June of 1666 while bathing at the Witchill, St. Andrews.

6a) Elizabeth Wemyss, m. Ezekiel Montgomery of Wetlands.

7. James Wemyss,

8. Elizabeth Wemyss, m. firstly, John Boswell of Pittedy, (c/m 4 February 1628), and secondly, James Arnot of Wester Ferny, (c/m 16 August 1638).

9. Janet Wemyss, m. John Lundie of Easter Condland, (c/m 31 December 1630. He d. in April of 1641), and sold the lands of Easter Condland to her brother Henry Wemyss shortly before her death which occurred on 20 May, 1653. In her Will, dated 1 April 1653, she names her brothers James, David and Andrew and their children and appointed Sir John Wemyss of Bogie as her executor.

JAMES WEMYSS, FIAR OF BOGIE, the eldest son, m. Margaret, daughter of Andrew Kinninmonth of that Ilk, (c/m 14 March 1612³), and d. vitae patris on 1 February 1631. He was father of,

1. **SIR JOHN WEMYSS, 2ND OF BOGIE**, had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Bogie on 12 July 1634, following upon a resignation in his favour by his grandfather. He m. firstly, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Aytoun, of that Ilk, (c/m 5, 6, 10 and 11 August 1635). He m. secondly, at Edinburgh on 20 August 1675, to Margaret, daughter of Sir Archibald Johnstone of Warriston,⁴ (she survived him and m. secondly, to Benjamin Bressey and had issue), and dsp in around 1675, being succeeded by his nephew, James Wemyss, son of his brother, David.

¹ OPR – Kirkcaldy.

² GD1/49/1

³ Inventory of Kinninmont writs.

⁴ OPR – Edinburgh.

2. David Wemyss of Balfarg, obtained the lands of Balfarg from Mr William Bruce for which he had a charter dated 12 November, 1644, and was appointed Sheriff of Fife in September of 1653. He m. on 14 January, 1644, Mary, daughter of David Wemyss of Fingask,¹ (she was widow of Alexander Watson, Burgess of Cupar), and was father of,

2a) **James Wemyss, 3rd of Bogie**, (see below).

2a) John Wemyss, had a bond for £1000 Scots from George, Lord Melville, on 16 November, 1682, and is then styled as second son of David Wemyss of Balfarg.² He was admitted a Burgess of Kirkcaldy, m. Sarah Keir, (she was widow of Mr David Fergusson, student of Divinity at St. Andrews), and was father of,

2b) John Wemyss, bap. at Kirkcaldy on 25 June, 1686.

2b) Katherine Wemyss, bap. at Kirkcaldy on 4 July, 1685, and granted a disposition in favour of Archibald Arnot, Surgeon Apothecary in Kirkcaldy, on 17 October 1734, in which she is styled as daughter of the deceased John Wemyss, Burgess of Kirkcaldy, second son of the deceased David Wemyss, sometime of Balfarg, thereafter of Bogie.

2a) Ludovick Wemyss, who is said to have drowned at sea with his infant son.

2a) Helen Wemyss, m. Laurence Oliphant of Condie, and had issue.

3. Elizabeth Wemyss, m. Alexander Orrock, of that Ilk, (c/m 7 September 1641), and had issue.

SIR JAMES WEMYSS, 3RD OF AND 1ST BARONET OF BOGIE, bap. at Kirkcaldy on 10 October, 1644, and succeeded his uncle, Sir John Wemyss of Bogie, in a heavily encumbered estate. He was created a Baronet on 12 October 1704, with the remainder to the heirs male of his body, and m. on 11 January 1670, to Anna, second daughter of Sir John Aytoun of that Ilk. He was father of,

1. Sir John Wemyss, 2nd Baronet of Bogie, (see below).

2. Thomas Wemyss, was admitted Advocate on 21 January 1697, and m. firstly, Christian, only daughter of David Main, Writer, (c/m 24 February 1700). He m. secondly, Annabella Maxwell, d. on 3 March 1716, and was father of,

2a) Grizel Wemyss, was the only apparent child by his father's first marriage. She was served heir to her maternal uncle, Mr. William Main, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 22 May 1718,

¹ OPR – Kirkcaldy.

²GD26/4/20

- and to her maternal grandfather David Main, Writer in Edinburgh, on 26 April 1728. She m. Alexander Alison, W.S., (he d. on 1 January 1728).
- 2a) James Wemyss, b. at Edinburgh on 30 June 1711.
 - 2a) Elizabeth Wemyss,
 - 2a) Anna Wemyss,
 - 2a) Annabell Wemyss,
 - 2a) Mary Wemyss,
 - 2a) Thomasa Wemyss, m. at Edinburgh on 29 March 1741, to William Aytoun, Goldsmith in Edinburgh,¹ and was served heir to her father on 15 December 1766.
3. David Wemyss, was apprenticed to Robert Murray, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 31 August 1698,² and became a Merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh. He m. on 3 June 1702, to Katherine, daughter of John Baillie, Chirurgeon Burgess of Edinburgh, and was father of,
- 3a) John Wemyss, bap. at Edinburgh on 20 October 1709.
 - 3a) David Wemyss, bap. at Edinburgh on 23 February 1711.
 - 3a) James Wemyss, bap. at Edinburgh on 26 February 1712.
 - 3a) Robert Wemyss, bap. at Edinburgh on 1 June 1713
 - 3a) Jean Wemyss, b. at Edinburgh on 5 November 1705.
 - 3a) Katherine Wemyss, b. at Edinburgh on 20 August 1707.
 - 3a) Annabella Wemyss, bap. at Edinburgh on 1 August 1714.
 - 3a) Elizabeth Wemyss, b. at Edinburgh on 25 March 1717.
4. Margaret Wemyss, bap. at Wemyss on 29 September 1675, m. firstly, to John Bethune of Blebo, (c/m 18 & 23 December 1696), and had issue ; and secondly to Philip Hamilton of Kilbrackmont, by whom she also had issue.

SIR JOHN WEMYSS, 2ND BARONET OF BOGIE, succeeded his father and m. Anna, daughter of Sir William Lockhart, Advocate, (she d. on 20 June 1766). He d. on 27 January 1719, and was father of,

- 1. David Wemyss, bap. at Abbotshall on 5 January, 1708, and d. young.
- 2. John Wemyss, bap. at Abbotshall on 23 September, 1709, and d. young.
- 3. Sir James Wemyss, 3rd Baronet of Bogie, (see below).
- 4. Thomas Wemyss, bap. at Abbotshall on 28 December, 1714.

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

5. George Wemyss, was apprenticed to John Hope, Merchant in Edinburgh, on 9 January 1734,¹ and d. at Edinburgh on Wednesday 17 December 1747.²
6. Mary Wemyss, bap. at Abbotshall on 4 December, 1710.
7. Margaret Wemyss, bap. at Abbotshall on 23 September, 1713.
8. Barbara Wemyss, m. Sir Henry Seton, 3rd Baronet of Abercorn, (c/m 24 July 1744.³ He d. in 1751), and had issue.
9. Anna Wemyss, was included with her sisters Barbara, Mary and Margaret in a Bond of Provision in their favour by their father on 28 April 1719.

SIR JAMES WEMYSS, 3RD BARONET OF BOGIE, bap. at Abbotshall on 8 April, 1712, and was returned heir to his father in the lands of Bogie on 2 October 1719. He dsp at Edinburgh on 9 October 1790,⁴ and at length, was succeeded by James Wemyss, W.S., whose known ancestry was thus :

JOHN WEMYSS, who is said to be descended from a Henry Wemyss, brother of Sir James Wemyss, 1st Baronet of Bogie, but there is no evidence to prove this. He m. on 18 May 1744, to Cecil, daughter of Robert Durie, and was father of,

1. David Wemyss, who dsp at Bennoch.
2. **MR. JAMES WEMYSS, MINISTER OF BURNTISLAND**, b. in 1750, and was educated at the University of St. Andrews from where he graduated Master of Arts. He was admitted Minister of Burntisland on 23 July 1773, and m. on 1 August 1783, Christian, daughter of Samuel Charters, Solicitor of Customs in Burntisland, (she d. on 28 March 1834). He d. on 2 February 1822, and was father of,
 - 2a) John Wemyss, b. on 11 June 1784, and d. on 23 April 1785.
 - 2a) Samuel Wemyss, b. on 17 January 1786, and dsp.
 - 2a) **SIR JAMES WEMYSS, 4TH BARONET OF BOGIE**, b. in August 1796 and was apprenticed to Robert Jamieson, W.S. on 22 May 1820. He was served heir to his father on 27 June 1845, and to his cousin Sir James Wemyss, 3rd Baronet of Bogie, on 9 July 1847, and d. unmarried on 31 December 1849. His father had often been asked as to why he did not

¹ SRS. Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

² Caledonian Mercury. 21st December 1747, edition.

³ GD1/441/

⁴ Caledonian Mercury. 11th October 1790, edition.

pursue his claim to the family's dormant Baronetcy to which he replied that he did not have adequate means and social position to carry it off. Whether there ever was a basis to the claim in the first instance is now unknown, however, following his death it was picked up by his cousin, John Wemyss.

2a) Christian Wemyss, b. on 5 September 1787.

2a) Cecil Wemyss, b. on 22 October 1789.

2a) Margaret Wemyss, b. on 25 October 1791, and d. unmarried at Edinburgh on 20 December 1882.¹

2a) Agnes Wemyss, b. on 19 April 1798.

2a) Jannet Wemyss, b. on 10 February 1800, and m. on 31 August 1826, James Leven. W.S.

3. John Wemyss, was tenant upon the lands of Bennoch and was father of,

3a) John Wemyss, became a Writer in Kirkcaldy and d. at Falkirk on 15 July 1841, aged 38 years.² He was father of,

3b) **SIR JOHN WEMYSS, 5TH BARONET OF BOGIE**, b. in 1830 and was served heir to his second cousin Sir James Wemyss on 1 October 1858. He settled at Beerhampoo and Nurzapor, India, where he traded as a Merchant. He d. unmarried at Allyghur on 8 March 1878, of a "bilious fever."³

¹ Statutory record See also Dundee Courier. 23rd December 1882, edition.

² Fife Herald. 22nd July 1841, edition.

³ Edinburgh Evening News. 15th March 1878, edition.