

# WEMYSS

## OF CRAIGTON

**MR JOHN WEMYSS IN CUTHILLHILL**, is the first for whom there is evidence and although of shared ancestry with Wemyss of Myrecairney, the exact nature of this is uncertain. He *m.* Catherine Brown, with whom he is named in a contract with Michael Raith, son of the late Andrew Rath, dated 24 June 1563,<sup>1</sup> and was father of,

1. John Wemyss of Cuttillhill, Monturpie and Craigton, (*see below*).
2. David Wemyss, styled as uncle to John Wemyss of Craigton in a Bond dated 27 June, 1621, and is named in another Bond by this John dated 24 June, 1622, in which he is styled as a Skipper in Leith.<sup>2</sup> He obtained the lands of Balram from Laurence Balram of that Ilk on 9 December, 1613,<sup>3</sup> which he disposed to Alexander Orrock of that Ilk on 14 May, 1619. He *m.* Margaret Downy.

**JOHN WEMYSS OF CUTTILLHILL, CRAIGTON AND MONTURPIE**, obtained the lands of Cuttillhill on 1 January, 1595, and those of Craigton from Mr. John Winram of Craigton on 26 April, 1602, and for which he had a charter of confirmation under the Great Seal on 1 February, 1603.<sup>4</sup> He had a charter for the lands of Myrecairney and Logie from Andrew Wemyss of Myrecairney on 26 January, 1613, and had a charter of confirmation under the Great Seal for part of the lands of Craighall on 22 December, 1618, following a resignation in his favour by David Kinninmonth of Craighall which he afterwards disposed to Mr Thomas Hope of Craighall, in 1620. He *m.* Isabella Kerr, (she was widow of Robert Lumsden of Airdrie, by whom she had issue), and was father of,

1. John Wemyss of Craigton, (*see below*).

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<sup>1</sup> RD1/6/287.

<sup>2</sup> NRAS3215/53

<sup>3</sup> RMS 1609-1620. No. 110

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1593-1608. No. 139

2. James Wemyss of Montquhannie, *m.* Jean Livingston and was appointed Commissar of St. Andrews. He had a charter from his father for the lands of Montquhannie on 17 October, 1629,<sup>1</sup> which were later apprised by Robert Lumsden of Strathvithie, his nephew, and in which Lumsden was infeft on 6 September, 1649.
3. Alexander Wemyss of Cartmore, all of whom are named in an entail for the lands of Myrecairney on 22 July, 1613. He was appointed Chamberlain of the Priory of St. Andrews by 6 May, 1623, and obtained the lands of Cartmore prior to 17 October, 1629, when his father included him as a provisional heir to his brother James Wemyss in the lands of Montquhannie.

**SIR JOHN WEMYSS OF CRAIGTON**, appointed Commissary of St. Andrews and was appointed a Lord of Session in room of Sir Alexander Drummond of Medhope on the latter's death in 1619. He was appointed a Privy Councillor by the King on 5 May, 1621, *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. George Gladstones, Archbishop of St. Andrews, (she *m.* secondly to Mr. George Haliburton, Minister of Crail, and had issue). He *d.* in 1623 and was father of,

1. John Wemyss, who *dsp* prior to 1 February, 1628.
2. James Wemyss, who was charged by his uncle James Wemyss to enter heir to his deceased father and his deceased elder brother John Wemyss on 1 February, 1628. He was a substitute heir to his uncle James Wemyss in the lands of Montquhannie in 1629 and *dsp* prior to 6 December, 1643.
3. Alexander Wemyss, a substitute heir to his uncle James Wemyss in a charter to the said James and Jean Livingston, his spouse, by John Wemyss of Craigton, his grandfather, for the lands of Montquhannie on 17 October, 1629. He *dsp* prior to 6 December, 1643.
4. Christian Wemyss, *m.* in 1636 to Mr. William Bruce of Balfarg, and had issue.
5. Euphemia Wemyss, *m.* Mr James Mercer, Minister of Clunie, (he *d.* in August of 1655), and had issue.
6. Katherine Wemyss, *m.* on 24 June, 1642, to Colonel Robert Lumsden of Strathvithie, brother of Sir James Lumsden of Innergellie, and had issue.
7. Isabel Wemyss, *m.* on 12 July, 1642, to Colonel Robert Halsall. All of which daughters are styled as heirs to their deceased father in a charter, following apprising, under the Great Seal for the lands of Craigton in favour Sir James Lumsden of Innergeldie on 6 December, 1643.

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1620-1633. No. 167