

# WEMYSS

## OF MYRECAIRNEY

**ANDREW WEMYSS OF MYRECAIRNEY**, was a younger son of Sir Thomas de Wemyss of Rires and had a charter from his father for the lands of Myrecairney, Logymurdo and Brigton on 2 September 1477. He *d.* about 1507 and was father of,

1. Alexander Wemyss of Myrecairney, (*see below*).
2. John Wemyss, granted reversion over the lands of Blackfaulds to Thomas Schethume of that Ilk, on 6 March 1496, in which he is styled as son of the deceased Andrew Wemyss.<sup>1</sup> He is, apparently, the ancestor of Wemyss of Craigton.

**ALEXANDER WEMYS OF MYRECAIRNEY**, succeeded his father, being served heir to him in the lands of Myrecairney and Logiemurtho on 7 January 1521-22, which had then been in non-entry for fifteen years or thereabout by the death of his father, Andrew Wemyss of Carny.<sup>2</sup> He *m.* Margaret Aytoun who survived him and was still alive on 7 April 1565 when her grandson, Andrew Wemyss of Logie and his mother, Janet Balfour, settled disagreements over provisions,<sup>3</sup> and was father of,

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<sup>1</sup> GD26/3/4

<sup>2</sup> SHS Sheriff Court Books of Fife. PP. 237-238.

<sup>3</sup> CS7/31/354.

**JAMES WEMYSS OF MYRECAIRNEY**, succeeded and was *k.* at the battle of Pinkie in September of 1547. He *m.* Janet Balfour, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, by 7 April 1565, to George Home<sup>1</sup>), and was father of,

**ANDREW WEMYSS OF MYRECAIRNEY**, who, while still a minor, was served heir to his father in the lands of Myrecairney on 2 October 1548,<sup>2</sup> for which he and Grissell Drummond, his spouse, had a charter under the Great Seal on 25 July 1564.<sup>3</sup> He acquired the lands of Montquhannie from Sir Andrew Balfour of Montquhannie by Disposition 6 November 1607 and following the death of his eldest son, he resigned his lands and barony of Myrecairney into the King's hands for regrant with tailzie which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 22 July 1613, with remainder to himself and his heirs-male, and after him to his grandson John Wemyss, son of his deceased eldest son John Wemyss, and his heirs-male, whom failing, to James Wemyss, his younger son, and his heirs-male, whom failing, to John Wemyss of Monturpie, and his heirs-male, whom failing, to John Wemyss of Craigton, eldest son of the said John Wemyss of Monturpie, and his heirs-male, whom failing, to Mr James Wemyss, also son of the said John Wemyss of Monturpie, and his heirs-male, whom failing, to Alexander Wemyss, also son to the said John Wemyss of Monturpie, and his heirs-male, whom failing, to Sir James Wemyss of Bogie. He was appointed a Senator of the College of Justice, *m.* Grisel, daughter of Henry Drummond, 1<sup>st</sup> of Riccarton, and *d.* prior to November of 1620.<sup>4</sup> He was father of,

1. John Wemyss, younger of Myrecairney, *m.* Margaret Wekstern or Winchester, one of the servants to the Queen, (*c/m* 6 March 1593), with whom he had a

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<sup>1</sup> CS7/31/354.

<sup>2</sup> Retours. Fife. No. 15.

<sup>3</sup> RMS 1546-1580. No. 154

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1609-1620. No. 88

charter under the Great Seal for the fee of the lands of Myrecairney on 25 December 1594. He *d. vitae patris* prior 12 December 1599 and was father of,

1a) Sir John Wemyss of Logie, (*see below*).

2. James Wemyss of Montquhannie, included in an remainder of the barony of Myrecairney by his father in 1613. He was put to the horn by Thomas Goldman, Burgess of Cupar, on 15 January 1618 for non-payment of £240 which was relaxed in 1619 and gave his consent to the disposing of these lands of Mr Andrew Aytoun, Advocate, in 1622, when is styled as uncle to John Wemyss of Logie. His lands of Montquannie had passed to John Wemyss of Craigton by 1629.

3. Barbara Wemyss, *m.* David Lindsay of Vane, (*c/m* 14 October 1603<sup>1</sup>).

4. Eupham Wemyss, *m.* in 1601 to Sir William Anstruther of that Ilk, and *dsp.*

**SIR JOHN WEMYSS OF LOGIE**, succeeded his father, being was served heir to him on 12 December 1599,<sup>2</sup> then to his grandfather Andrew Wemyss of Myrecairney on 1 November 1620<sup>3</sup> and disposed his lands of Logie to Mr. Andrew Aytoun, Advocate, in 1622, and finally in 1630.<sup>4</sup> He *m.* Anna, daughter of James, Lord Balfour of Glenalay, and had issue.

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<sup>1</sup> NRAS3215/52/

<sup>2</sup> Retours. Gen. No. 25.

<sup>3</sup> Retours. Gen. No. 923.

<sup>4</sup> RMS 1620-1633. No. 165