

# WEMYSS

## OF PITTENCRIEFF & RIRES

**JOHN WEMYSS OF RIRES AND PITTENCRIEFF**, to whom his father, Sir Thomas Wemyss of Rires, assigned the lands of Pittencrieff, Gallowrig, Clune, Leuchars-Wemyss, Logiemurdo, Wester-Cruvy, Rires which was confirmed under the Great Seal on 22 July 1466.<sup>1</sup> As heir-male, he unsuccessfully disputed the right of succession of his niece, Elizabeth, daughter of his elder brother Michael, to the majority of his father's estate in 1477 as it was deemed to descend to heirs whatsoever. He *m.* Elizabeth Dischington to whom his father resigned the Pittencrieff etc., to them jointly and confirmed under the Great Seal on 22 July 1466.<sup>2</sup> He *d.* by 1498 and was father of,

1. **THOMAS WEMYSS OF PITTENCRIEFF**, who was under age at his father's death with his ward being gifted to John Wemyss, son of the deceased Andrew Wemyss on 10 June 1498. He *d.* at a young age in 1513-14, possibly at the battle of Flodden or of wounds received there, and was father of :

1a) **DAVID WEMYSS OF PITTENCRIEFF**, succeeded his father on his death and *d.* without issue in 1514, being succeeded by his uncle, Patrick Wemyss, who was served heir to him in October 1517.<sup>3</sup>

2. Patrick Wemyss of Pittencrieff, (*see below*).

3. Elizabeth Wemyss, *m.* before 2 September 1542, to Andrew Aytoun of that Ilk, (he *d.* in September of 1547<sup>4</sup>), when they had a charter under the Great Seal for the half lands of Glenducky,<sup>1</sup> and had issue.

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1424-1513. No. 881.

<sup>2</sup> RMS 1424-1513. No. 881.

<sup>3</sup> SHS Sheriff Court Book of Fife. P. 86. The lands are then said to have been lapsed for three years.

<sup>4</sup> Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIX. P. 417.

**PATRICK WEMYSS OF PITTENCRIEFF**, succeeded his nephew, David Wemyss, and was served heir to him in the lands of Pittencrieff on 31 October 1517,<sup>2</sup> with Sasine for those lands being taken on 4 November following.<sup>3</sup> He was appointed Captain of the castle of Inchgarvie for life in September of 1526<sup>4</sup> and as Master of the Household of King James V. and had a gift from this King of the estate of the deceased William Home on 4 February 1541. He *m.* Margaret, daughter of Michael Balfour of Montquhannie, with whom he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Pittencrieff on 22 April 1524,<sup>5</sup> and was father of,

1. John Wemyss of Pittencrieff, (*see below*).
2. James Wemyss, *m.* Margaret, daughter of David Wemyss of Wemyss.

He was also father of a natural son :

3. John Wemyss, was a son by Janet Adam, and died illegitimate prior to 26 June 1584 when a gift of his escheat goods was granted to David Scott of Kintulloch.<sup>6</sup>

**JOHN WEMYSS OF PITTENCRIEFF**, succeeded his father and *m.* Grissel, daughter of William Morton of Cambo. He was father of,

1. John Wemyss of Pittencrieff, (*see below*).
2. Robert Wemyss, *bap.* on 4 November 1576.
3. Patrick Wemyss, *bap.* on 20 July 1578.
4. Janet Wemyss, *bap.* on 10 January 1574.

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1514-1546. No. 2776.

<sup>2</sup> SHS Sheriff Court Book of Fife. P.86.

<sup>3</sup> Ex. Rolls. Vol. XIV. P. 601-602. The lands are stated to have been lapsed and in non-entry for three years.

<sup>4</sup> RPS Vol. I. No. 350

<sup>5</sup> RMS 1514-1546. No. 26

<sup>6</sup> RPS Vol. VIII. No. 218

**JOHN WEMYSS OF PITTENCRIEFF**, succeeded his father and disposed the lands of Pittencrieff to Edward Bruce of Kinloss on 28 October 1605.<sup>1</sup> He *m.* Dorothea, daughter of William Ruthven, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Gowrie.

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<sup>1</sup> RMS 1594-1608. No. 168