

# WEMYSS

## OF POWGUILD AND UNTHANK

GAVIN WEMYSS OF POWGUILD, was the eldest son of the second marriage of Sir John Wemyss of that Ilk. He *m.* Katherine, daughter and heiress of David Wemyss of Unthank, with whom he acquired these lands and *d.* prior to 1620 when his relict had a tack of the teinds of the lands of Denhead from Ludovick, Duke of Lennox. He was father of,

1. Gavin Wemyss of Unthank, (*see below*).
2. James Wemyss, styled as son of Gavin Wemyss of Unthank when witness to an instrument of Resignation by the three daughters and heirs of John Spens of Condie, dated 5 August, 1614.

GAVIN WEMYSS OF UNTHANK, succeeded to the lands of Unthank and *m.* Euphame, sister of Robert Paterson of Dunmure, (she *m.* secondly in February of 1668 to Mr. John MakGill of Kemback). He *d.* on 17 November, 1657, and was father of,

ROBERT WEMYSS OF UNTHANK, was retoured heir to his father in the lands of Unthank and part of the town of Newgrange on 21 August, 1661, and *m.* on 2 January 1662, to Agnes, second daughter of Sir John Preston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet of Airdrie,<sup>1</sup> (she survived him and *m.* secondly to Henry Sibbald, second son of Sir David Sibbald of Over Rankeilour, by *c/m* 10 March, 1670). He was father of,

1. John Wemyss, *c.* at Cupar on 4 November, 1664, and was buried at Cupar on 2 September, 1666.<sup>2</sup>
2. Gavin Wemyss, *c.* at Cupar on 15 July, 1666, and *dsp.*
3. Robert Wemyss, *b.* 22<sup>nd</sup> and *c.* at Cupar on 23 May, 1671, and *dsp.*
4. John Wemyss of Unthank, (*see below*).
5. Elizabeth Wemyss, *c.* at Cupar on 25 November, 1662.
6. Eupham Wemyss, *c.* at Cupar on 16 October, 1668.
7. Marjory Wemyss, *m.* David Scott of Balmonth, (he *d.* in February of 1692), and had issue.

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<sup>1</sup> OPR – Cupar.

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JOHN WEMYSS OF UNTHANK, *b.* on 29 July, 1672, and was retoured heir to his father on 24 December, 1691. He *m.* on 31 December, 1691, to Marjory, eldest daughter of David Clephane of Carselogie, and *d.* by August of 1743. He was father of,

1. James Wemyss of Unthank, (*see below*).
2. William Wemyss, who *d.* young and was buried at Cupar on 15 February, 1706.
3. Jean Wemyss, *c.* at Cupar on 5 October, 1692.
4. Marjory Wemyss, *c.* at Cupar on 14 February, 1694, and *m.* at Cupar on 20 November, 1719, to William Horsburgh, Commissioner for the Supply. She *d.* and was buried at Cupar on 14 May, 1774. They had issue.
5. Katherine Wemyss, *m.* on 25 August, 1753, to Mr. Walter Greig, Master of the Grammar School in Cupar.

JAMES WEMYSS OF UNTHANK, succeeded and granted a Factory to his mother, Marjory Clephane, and to his nephew John Horsburgh, Writer in Cupar, on 6 February, 1759. He *m.* Jean, daughter of George Clephane of Carselogie, and was father of,

1. James Wemyss of Unthank, (*see below*).
2. John Wemyss, *m.* Catherine, daughter of John Lindsay, Earl of Crawford, and *dsp* in January of 1768.

JAMES WEMYSS OF UNTHANK, succeeded his father and *m.* at Edinburgh on 27 November, 1757, to Barbara, daughter and heiress of Henry Balfour of Bankton. He was father of,

1. James Balfour Wemyss of Wemyss Hall, (*see below*).
2. John Wemyss,
3. Barbara Wemyss, *d.* unmarried.
4. Mysie Wemyss, *d.* unmarried.
5. Elizabeth Wemyss, *d.* unmarried.
6. Jean Wemyss, *d.* young and was buried at Cupar on 18 October, 1767.

JAMES BALFOUR WEMYSS OF WEMYSS HALL, *c.* at Cupar on 16 March, 1759, and was retoured heir to his father on 22 December 1794. He *m.* Mary, daughter of Henry Manley of Manley, (she *d.* at Wemyss Hall on 28 March, 1822), *d.* on 13 May 1827, and was father of,

1. John Wemyss of Wemyss Hall, (*see below*).
2. John Manley Wemyss, *b.* 21 June, 1801, and *d.* unmarried at Edinburgh on 24 March, 1825.
3. Henry Wemyss, *b.* 26 March, 1813, and served as a Lieutenant in the 21st Royal North British Fusiliers. He *d.* unmarried on 27 October, 1832, aged nineteen years.
4. Henrietta Balfour Wemyss, *b.* on 27 July, 1797.
5. Mary Elizabeth Wemyss, *b.* on 22 July, 1808, and *m.* on 15 January, 1835, to Sir William Henry Felden of Feniscowles. She *d.* on 23 June, 1890, and had issue.

JAMES BALFOUR WEMYSS OF WEMYSS HALL, *b.* on 12 December, 1798, and was retoured heir to his father in the lands of Wemyss Hall, Kingskettle, Scottstarvit, and others, on 11 October 1827. He *m.* on 15 November, 1827, Susan, daughter of David Gillespie of Monquhannie and Kirkton, *d.* on 18 September 1871, and was father of,

1. James Balfour Wemyss of Wemyss Hall, (*see below*).
2. David Wemyss, *b.* on 1 January, 1830, and was admitted a Writer to the Signet on 26 January, 1854. He *m.* on 10 August, 1859, Marie, daughter of Colonel De Waldisch.
3. Henry Manley Wemyss, *b.* on 8 November, 1831. He *m.*, on 10 February, 1857 at Ambala, to Harriet Eliza Vincent, daughter of Captain David Sherriff, 48th Bengal N.I., (she *d.* in 1913) and *d.* at Stanmore, Canterbury, on 17 November 1915. He was father of,
  - 3a) James Wemyss, *b.* 8 June, 1859.
  - 3a) David Gillespie Wemyss, *b.* 2 January, 1863, and *m.* Florence Elca. He *d.* at Hythe in October of 1954, and was father of,
    - 3a) David Michael Wemyss, entered the Royal Artillery and *d.* on 22 December, 1939, aged 20 years.
    - 3a) Edward William Elphinstone Wemyss, *c.* at Nynee, West Bengal, on 19 July, 1866, and attained the rank of Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy. He *d.* in 1938.
    - 3a) Francis Susan Carnegie Fitzgerald Wemyss, *b.* at Dugshai, West Bengal, on 17 November, 1857.
    - 3a) Liliias McConnel Wemyss, *b.* at Simla, West Bengal, on 23 June, 1868.
4. Mary Carnegie Wemyss, *b.* 3 December, 1830.

JAMES BALFOUR WEMYSS OF WEMYSS HALL, *b.* 1828 and succeeded his father on his death in 1871. Wemyss Hall was purchased in 1904 by Frederick Bower Sharp.

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