

WEIR

OF BLACKWOOD

ROTALDO/RATHALDIS DE WEIR OF BLACKWOOD, was bailie to Patrick, Abbot of Kelso, and is styled as such in an inquisition into the right of Andrew, son of Reginald, to an annualrent to be uplifted from the barony of Lesmahagow, dated June 1398.¹ He had a charter for the lands of Blackwood and Dermoundston, in the barony of Lesmahagow, from this Patrick, Abbot of Kelso, dated circa 1400,² and *d.* by July of 1432. He was father of ;

THOMAS WEIR OF BLACKWOOD, succeeded his father by 9 July 1432 when he entered into an agreement with the Abbot of Kelso for the removing of dykes on the lands of Blackwood.³ He was witness to a charter by James, Lord Hamilton, granting the lands of Mauchan-Muir and other lands to John Hamilton, his eldest son, on 4 Fenruary 1473,⁴ *d.* by 1479 and was father of,

ROBERT WEIR OF BLACKWOOD, was infeft the lands of Blackwood, Rogerhill and Brownhill as heir to Roland Weir, his grandfather in 1479⁵ and *d.* by October of 1486. He was father of :

THOMAS WEIR OF BLACKWOOD, had succeeded by 24 October 1486 when he was witness to an Instrument relating to the lands of Cambusnethan,⁶ and was

¹ Liber de Kelso. No. 517.

² Liber de Kelso. No. 524. The charter is inserted into the register after a charter dated 25 May 1400.

³ NRAS2177/211

⁴ RMS 1424-1513. No. 2034.

⁵ NRAS Blackwood writs. Also inserted in the Liber de Kelso but latter omits relationship to Rothaldis.

⁶ GD40/4/91

complained of the Lords Auditors for the wrongful levying and withholding of fermes from the lands of Kype in 1490.¹ He was father of :

SIR ALEXANDER WEIR OF BLACKWOOD, succeeded to the lands of Blackwood by 27 January 1506-7 when he is named in a charter for the middle-part of the lands of Boughton in favour of Alexander Mowat of Stanhouse.² He was father of;

THOMAS WEIR OF MOITT AND BLACKWOOD, succeeded by 31 August 1528 when he had a gift of the escheat goods of William Carmichael of that Ilk³ and had a charter from James, Commendator of Kelso, for the lands of Drumbreckshill on 6 December 1542.⁴ He *m.* Janet Tailliefer or Taylor from whom he was divorced on 2 May 1523 on the grounds that they were within the forbidden degrees of consanguinity.⁵ He is named with his sons in 1582, and dying soon after, was father of,

1. James Weir of Blackwood, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Weir of Moit,
3. John Weir,
4. Richard Weir, was presented to the parsonage of Carstairs in succession to James Stirling, on 30 December 1578.⁶

JAMES WEIR OF BLACKWOOD, who, when still heir apparent to his father, had a remission dated 1 March 1577/8, for his part in the murder of John Hamilton in Garen and John Brown, smith in Draffen,⁷ and had a gift of the escheat goods of

¹ Acta Dom. Conc.

² RMS 1424-1513. No. 3036.

³ RPS Vol. I. No. 3985.

⁴ RPS Vol. II. No. 5009.

⁵ Liber Officialis Sancti Andreas. No. 39.

⁶ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 1756.

⁷ RPS Vol. VII. No. 1506.

Arthur Hamilton of Mirretoun on 8 September 1579.¹ He had the gift from the King of the surplus from the eight prebendaries of the Collegiate Church of Bothwell on 18 March 1580/1² and was living in 1595 when he made a resignation of the fee of his lands of Blackwood, Moitt and others, to his grandson and heir, George Weir. He *m.* Eupham Hamilton and was father of,

1. James Wood, fiar of Blackwood, (*see below*).
2. Mr. William Weir, included in the remainder for the lands of Blackwood in 1594, and is then styled as son of James Weir of Blackwood.

JAMES WEIR, FIAR OF BLACKWOOD, *m.* Mariote Ramsay, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, to William Bannatyne of Corshouse) and *d. vita patris* being father of,

GEORGE WEIR OF BLACKWOOD, *m.* first, to Margaret, daughter of William Weir of Stanybyres, (*c/m* 13 January 1594), and in implementation of his contract of marriage his grandfather James Weir of Blackwood resigned the fee of the lands of Moitt, Blackwood and others in his favour for which he had a confirmation under the Great Seal dated 10 June 1595.³ He *m.* secondly, at Prestonpans on 3 August 1609, to Barbara Johnstone, (*c/m* 24 July 1609⁴), and *d.* by March of 1649 when his relict, Barbara Johnstone, complained that her terce of the lands of Mains of Blackwood and Mosmyning was being impeded by John Bannatyne of Corhouse. He was father of,

MARION WEIR, *m.* first, Lieutenant-Colonel James Bannatyne, brother of John Bannatyne of Corhouse, (*c/m* 19 January 1642), by whom she had no apparent

¹ RPS Vol. VII. No. 2039.

² RPS Vol. VIII. No. 154.

³ RMS 1594-1608. No. 288

⁴ Acta Parl. 16th March 1649.

issue ; and secondly, at Edinburgh on 10 June 1645, to William Lawrie, Merchant,¹ by whom she had issue ;

1. George Lawrie alias Weir of Blackwood, (*see below*).
2. Thomas Lawrie alias Weir, who served as Tutor to his nephew George Weir during his minority and was father of,
 - 2a} James Lawrie alias Weir, *m.* Jean, daughter of Archibald Stirling at Hillhead of Avondale.²
3. James Lawrie alias Weir, of Auchenbeath, is styled as son of William Weir, Tutor of Blackwood, on 4 March 1696³ and was father of,
 - 3a} William Weir, *d.* in 1724.
4. Barbara Lawrie, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 14 June 1647.
5. Jean Weir, *m.* at Edinburgh on 10 October 1678, to John Cunningham of Ballindalloch,⁴ and had issue.

GEORGE WEIR OF BLACKWOOD, succeeded his maternal grandfather George Weir of Blackwood and had a charter under the Great Seal for his lands of Blackwood dated 24 June 1650, in which he is styled as George Weir alias Lawrie, eldest legitimate son procreate between William Lawrie, and Marion Weir, relict of Lieutenant-Colonel James Bannatyne, and daughter of the deceased George Weir of Blackwood.⁵ On 30 December 1671, he resigned the lands of Blackwood into the hands of the superior, Anne, Duchess of Hamilton, for a new grant in favour of his mother and William Laurie, in liferent and to himself heritably. He *d.* in April of 1680 having *m.* firstly, to Agnes, daughter of

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² Gen. Reg. Sasines.

³ GB233/12092/6. Skene of Halyards Papers.

⁴ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁵ RMS 1634-1651. No. 2160.

George Cleland of Gartnes, (she was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 14 August 1675¹), by whom he was father of;

1. Sir George Weir of Blackwood, (*see below*).
2. Marion Weir, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 3 July 1673 and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 6 November following.²

He *m.* secondly, to Helen, daughter of Robert Bruce, 1st of Broomhall, (*c/m* 21 April 1676), and by her he was father of ;

3. William Weir, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 5 July 1677, and was admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates. He *m.* at Edinburgh on 6 January 1702, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Stewart of Ascog.³

SIR GEORGE WEIR, 1ST BARONET OF BLACKWOOD, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 12 June 1674, was served heir general to his father on 28 April 1681,⁴ and to his maternal grandfather, George Cleland of Gartnes, on 28 July 1694. He was created a Baronet on 28 November 1694 with remainder to the heirs male of his own body and *m.* Catherine, daughter of Sir John Jardine of Applegirth. He *d.* in February of 1716 and was father of,

1. Sir William Weir, 2nd Baronet of Blackwood, (*see below*).
2. **SIR GEORGE WEIR, 3RD BARONET OF BLACKWOOD**, succeeded his brother in the Baronetcy on his death in 1722, and was returned heir to his grandfather George Weir of Blackwood in a piece of ground called Browncastle in the parish of Kilbride, Lanarkshire, on 4 February 1724. He *dsp.*

¹ Greyfriars Burial Register.

² Greyfriars Burial Register.

³ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁴ Retours. Gen. No. 6295.

3. Catherine Weir, *m.* at Edinburgh on 21 July 1728, to John Lockhart, brother to Lockhart of Cleghorn.¹

SIR WILLIAM WEIR, 2ND BARONET OF BLACKWOOD, succeeded his father and was served heir to him on 3 January 1717. He *d.* on 17 January 1722, having *m.* first, at Pencaitland on 9 March 1716, to Rachel, daughter of James Hamilton of Pencaitland, by whom he was father of ;

1. Catherine Weir, *b.* at Edinburgh on 1 December 1716 and was served heir to her father in the lands of Blackwood and others, on 2 July 1722. She *m.* on 26 July 1733, to Charles Hope of Craigiehall,² who thereafter assumed the surname and arms of Weir of Blackwood, and had issue.

He *m.* secondly, Christian, daughter of Philip Anstruther of Anstrutherfield, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, in 1740, to John Stewart, 6th Earl of Traquair), and had no apparent issue.

¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

² OPR – Abercorn.