

MOIR

of SCOTSTOWN

WILLIAM MOIR, 1ST OF SCOTSTOWN, was admitted to Burgess of Aberdeen in 1598 and was Dean of Guild of that city in 1606, and Treasurer in 1615. He acquired two parts of the lands of Scotstown in which he was infeft on 12 July 1602,¹ then the wadset of those of Sunnyside from Agnes Forbes, wife of Andrew Brabner, Burgess of Aberdeen, by contract of 13 November following,² followed by the town of Scotstown for which he had Sasine on 7 September 1620.³ He *m.* Janet Rae, *d.* before May 1623 and was father of,

1. William Moir, 2nd of Scotstown, (*see below*).
2. Mr. John Moir, graduated from Marischal College in 1617 and was admitted Burgess of Aberdeen on 22 September 1615, being then styled second son of Mr. William Moir. He acquired the lands of Sunnyside from his father in which he was infeft on 8 March 1626⁴ and for which he had a charter of confirmation from the superior on 14 August 1628. He *m.* to Marjorie, daughter of Archibald Beanes, Burgess of Aberdeen, *d.* before 1651 and was father of,
 - 2a} William Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 23 March 1629 and *d.* young.
 - 2a} John Moir of Barnes, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 17 May 1631 and was served heir general to his father on 24 June 1665.⁵ He *m.* at Aberdeen, on 13 February 1655, to Mary, second daughter of Walter Cochrane, Baillie of Aberdeen,⁶ in implementation of which they were infeft on her father's

¹ RS4/2.

² Aberdeen Sheriff Court records.

³ RS5/2.

⁴ RS5/5.

⁵ C22/28/30.

⁶ OPR – Aberdeen.

resignation, in various tenements in Aberdeen on 12 January 1655.¹ He was father of,

2b) John Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 18 September 1660 and *d.* in infancy.

2b) John Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 21 April 1663 and had *d.* before 11 April 1674.

2b) William Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 3 March 1666 and *d.* before 11 April 1674.

2b) Janet Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 22 November 1655.

2b) Marjorie Moir,

2b) Isobel Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 7 June 1664.

2b) Agnes Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 20 April 1667.

2b) Jean Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 9 July 1668.

2b) Margaret Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 11 November 1669.

2b) Christian Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 4 July 1671.

2b) Mary Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 26 April 1673. She and her sisters were all served heirs portioners to their father on 11 April 1674.²

2a) Christian Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 22 February 1633 and *m.* on 24 October 1691, to Alexander Fraser, Regent of King's College, Aberdeen,³ (*c/m* 24 October 1691).

2a) Marjorie Moir, *bap.* on 9 September 1634 and *m.* Thomas Mitchell, Burgess of Aberdeen.

2a) Agnes Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 2 July 1636.

3. Mr. Henry Moir, was admitted to Burgess of Aberdeen on 23 September 1617 and is then styled third son to Mr William Moir. He had *dsp* by 4 January 1651 when his nephew, John Moir, son of his deceased brother John Moir, was infeft in certain tenements in Aberdeen as nearest heir to him.⁴

¹ RS5/17.

² C22/32/298.

³ OPR – Old Machar.

⁴ RS5/15.

MR. WILLIAM MOIR, 2ND OF SCOTSTOWN, succeeded his father and was infeft in the lands of Calsyseat as heir to him on 2 May 1623.¹ He graduated from Marischal College, Aberdeen, in 1616 and was Professor of Mathematics there from 1641-1661, and Principal from 1649-1661 when he was deposed from all offices by the Royalist administration. He *m.* Jean, daughter of Gilbert Gordon of Gordonsmill, and was father of,

1. Dr. William Moir, 3rd of Scotstown, (*see below*).
2. Jean Moir, *m.* Mr. John Campbell of Moy, (*c/m* 20-25 April 1653.² He *d.* at Edinburgh, and was buried in the Greyfriars there, on 7 May 1700³), who was admitted to Burgess of Aberdeen in her right on 8 March 1654. They had issue.

DR. WILLIAM MOIR, 3RD OF SCOTSTOWN, in favour of whom his favour resigned the lands of Calsyseat on 31 May 1656 and for which he had a precept of clare constat on 2 June following.⁴ He *m.* at Dyce, on 5 June 1656, to Margaret, daughter of Gilbert Skene of Dyce,⁵ and *d.* in 1670. He was father of,

1. Dr. William Moir, 4th of Scotstown, (*see below*).
2. Gilbert Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 15 February 1663 and settled in Poland in about 1675. He had a birthbrieve from the Commissioners of Aberdeen on 24 July 1695 which confirmed him to be “*the second lawfull son of the said deceast Dr. William Moir of Scotstoun, procreat betwixt him and Margaret Skein, his spouss, in the lawfull bond of matrimonie ; and that the said deceast Dr. William Moir wes eldest lawfull son to the deceast Mr. William Moir of Scotstoun, principall and professor of mathematicks in the colledge Marischall of Aberdein, procreat betwixt him and Jean Gordon, his lawfull spouss, daughter to the deceast Gilbert Gordon of Gordonsmill, of the familie of*

¹ GD74/106.

² RH9/7/38.

³ Greyfriars Burial Register.

⁴ Kings/1/6/1/1/Chartulary M. See also: GD74/108.

⁵ OPR – Dyce. See also: OPR – Aberdeen.

Clunie ; and that the said deceast Mr. William Moir wes lawfull son to the deceast Mr. William Moir of Scotstoun, procreat betwixt him and Jannet Rae, his lawfull spouss ; and that the said Margaret Skein, the said Gilbert's mother, is lawfull daughter of the deceast Gilbert Skein of Dyce, lying in the parochin of Dyce, and shirriffdom of Aberdein, procreat betwixt him and Marjorie Buchan, daughter to the deceast William Buchan of Auchmacoy, his lawfull spouss ; and that the said Gilbert Skein of Dyce wes lawfull son to the deceast Alexr Skein of that ilk, procreat betwixt him and Elizabeth Mercer, lawfull daughter to the deceased Laurence Mercer of Clavage.”¹

3. Patrick Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 10 August 1666 and was infeft, on his brother William's resignation, in the lands of Spittal by charter of 6 May 1672.²
4. Alexander Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 8 May 1668.
5. Jean Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 11 June 1657.
6. Margaret Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 15 December 1659.
7. Marjorie Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 22 May 1661.
8. Agnes Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 14 July 1664.
9. Jean Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 25 April 1670.
10. Isobel Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 24 December 1671.
11. Marie Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 8 October 1676.
12. Elizabeth Moir, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 11 April 1680.

DR. WILLIAM MOIR, 4TH OF SCOTSTOWN, *bap.* at Aberdeen, on 9 September 1658 and succeeded his father, being infeft in the lands of Spittal as heir to him on 24 January 1672.³ He *m.* Jean, daughter of Alexander Abernethy of Mayne, (she survived him and *m.* James Moir of Stoneywood), *d.* before January 1695 and was father of,

¹ Spalding Club Misc. Vol. 5. P. 362.

² Kings/1/6/1/2/Chartulary N.

³ Kings/1/6/1/2/Chartulary N.

ALEXANDER MOIR, 5TH OF SCOTSTOWN, succeeded his father and was served heir general to him on 26 January 1695.¹ He *m.* Mary Chalmers, *d.* in August 1732² and was father of,

1. William Moir, *bap.* on 16 May 1724 and *dsp* before July 1752 when his younger brother, George, succeeded as heir to their father.
2. George Moir, 5th of Scotstown, (*see below*).
3. Janet Moir, *bap.* on 19 August 1721.
4. Jean Moir, *bap.* on 4 March 1723.

GEORGE MOIR, 5TH OF SCOTSTOWN, *bap.* at Old Machar, on 25 March 1726, succeeded his father and was served heir to him in the lands of Scotstown, and others, on 29 July 1752.³ He *m.* on 11 December 1769, to Margaret, daughter of George Cumine of Pittuly,⁴ (she survived him and *d.* on 23 January 1819⁵), *d.* at Aberdeen, on 29 April 1789⁶ and was father of,

1. Alexander Moir, 6th of Scotstown, (*see below*).
2. George Charles Moir of Dunmore, *b.* on 10 October 1771. He and his brother, William, and their three sisters being under age at their father's death in 1789, they had their eldest brother, Alexander, and their maternal uncle, William Cumine of Pittuly, appointed tutors to them.⁷ He *m.* on 10 June 1828, to Mary Agnew, daughter of Sir William Bruce, 7th Baronet, of Stenhouse,⁸ (she survived him and *d.* at Leamington, on 28 January 1882⁹), *d.* on 12 January 1851¹ and was father of,

¹ C22/55/345.

² Date of death narrated in the service of his son, George, as heir to him in 1752.

³ Services of Heirs.

⁴ OPR – Pitsligo.

⁵ St Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁶ Caledonian Mercury, 7th May 1789 edition.

⁷ MS1160/1/80.

⁸ OPR – Old Machar.

⁹ St Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

- 2a) Mary Ann Moir, *b.* on 15 March 1829 and *m.* at Scotstown, on 11 June 1851, to Major Henry Knight Erskine of Pittrodie,² (he *d.* on 16 November 1870). She *d.* on 22 August 1896, leaving issue.
- 2a) Margaret Isabella Moir, *m.* at Denmore, on 28 November 1850, to Joseph Dundas of Fingask and Carronhall,³ (he *d.* at Monnetier-Reignier, Haute Savoie, France, on 7 July 1872⁴), and *d.* on 25 October 1905 having had issue.
3. William Moir of Park, *b.* on 22 February 1780 and *m.* at Blackford, on 3 June 1819, to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of John Forbes of Blackford,⁵ (she *d.* on 6 January 1868⁶). He *d.* in 1843 and was father of,
- 3a) **GEORGE MOIR, 8TH OF SCOTSTOWN**, *b.* on 13 March 1820 and entered the Bengal Artillery as Second-Lieutenant on 11 December 1838. He was raised to Lieutenant on 17 August 1841 and served in the Gwalior campaign of 1843-44, and was present at the battle of Maharajpore. He also served in the Sutlej campaign of 1845-6, including the battles of Moodkee, Ferozeshah and Sobraon. He was promoted to Captain on 3 March 1853; Major on 20 July 1858; Lieutenant-Colonel on 11 February 1861 and Colonel on 18 February 1866 and succeeded to the lands of Scotstown by provision of his cousin, Isabella Moir of Scotstown's Will in 1867. He *m.* at Dum Dum, Bengla, on 28 July 1858, to Maria, daughter of Colonel Bean,⁷ *d.* at Umballa, India, on 5 February 1870⁸ of "virulent jungle fever," and was father of,

¹ Edinburgh Evening Courant, 20th January 1851 edition. See also: St Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

² Morning Advertiser, 17th June 1851 edition.

³ Aberdeen Press & Journal, 4th December 1850 edition.

⁴ Homeward Mail from India, 15th July 1872 edition.

⁵ OPR – Auchterless. See also: Caledonian Mercury, 14th June 1819 edition.

⁶ St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁷ India Office record.

⁸ India Office Pension records. See also: Army & Navy Gazette, 5th March 1870 edition.

3b) **WILLIAM BEAN MOIR**, *b.* at Umballa, on 16 October 1861 and succeeded his father in 1870. He entered the Gordon Highlanders when aged sixteen, was promoted to Captain on 2 July 1890 and resigned his commission on 26 September 1894.¹ He *m.* Ada Sarah Whowall and *d.* on 14 July 1923.

3b) Maria Faithfull Moir, *b.* at Dum Dum, on 18 May 1859.

3b) Mary Chester Moir, *b.* at Umballa, on 14 April 1865.

3a) John Forbes Moir, *bap.* on 5 June 1821 and *m.* Maria, (she survived him and *d.* at Clanricarde Gardens, London, on 11 December 1897²). He *d.* at Clanricarde Gardens, London, on 28 April 1890³ and was father of,

3b) George Waring Moir, *b.* at Kandy, Sri Lanka, on 28 October 1849 and *m.* at Christ Church, Lancaster-gate, London, on 14 October 1899, to Amy Constance, eldest daughter of General C. A. Moore, 2nd Bombay Cavalry,⁴ (she *d.* at Eton, on 6 April 1946⁵). He *d.* in Surrey, on 14 August 1913⁶ and was father of,

3c) Andrew Bruce Moir, *b.* at Bombay, on 10 September 1900 and entered the Royal Navy in May 1913. He was acting Sub-Lieutenant on 15 May 1918; Sub-Lieutenant on 15 January 1919; Lieutenant on 15 February 1921; Lieutenant-Commander on 15 February 1929 and was placed on the retired list on 6 December 1922. He afterwards had an appointment as Civilian Accountant to the Air Ministry in April 1936 which he resigned in March 1939.⁷

3c) Louie Margaret Moir, *b.* at Bombay, on 23 May 1903.

¹ WO 76/452.

² London Evening Standard, 14th December 1867 edition.

³ Aberdeen Press & Journal, 7th May 1890 edition. See also: St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁴ Hereford Times, 28th October 1899 edition.

⁵ St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁶ St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁷ ADM196/147.

- 3b) William Moir, *b.* in 1862.
- 3b) Charles Forbes Moir, *b.* at Madras, on 13 May 1863 and became a solicitor in Malmesbury. He *m.* at St. Mary's, Eton Square, London, on 25 September 1897, to Isabel Rose, eldest daughter of John Lumsden Propert,¹ and *d.* in 1928 having had issue.
- 3b) Isabella Moir, *b.* in Ceylon, in 1854.
- 3b) Louisa Bruce Forbes, *b.* at Madras, on 6 October 1859.
- 3a) William Moir, *bap.* on 9 May 1824 and *m.* at St. John's Church, Paddington, London, on 6 May 1865, to Emma, eldest daughter of James Lang, of Elliot's Lodge, Blackheath.² He *d.* at London, on 24 March 1872.³
- 3a) Alexander Forbes, *bap.* on 16 December 1825 and *d.* on 30 January 1826.⁴
- 3a) Charles Moir, *b.* on 5 April 1829 and *d.* on 20 March 1845.⁵
- 3a) Anne Isabella Moir, *bap.* on 30 September 1822 and *d.* on 10 February 1848.⁶
- 3a) Margaret Moir, *bap.* on 30 March 1827 and *d.* unmarried, at Hyde Park, London, on 21 January 1903.⁷
- 3a) Mary Elizabeth Moir, *b.* on 29 August 1830 and *m.* at St. John's, Paddington, London, on 1 December 1892, to Henry A. James.⁸ She *d.* at Hyde Park, London, on 9 August 1905.⁹
- 3a) Isabella Moir, *b.* on 27 October 1831 and *m.* at St Andrews Episcopal Church, Aberdeen, on 14 April 1864, to Wellwood Maxwell, eldest son

¹ London Evening Standard, 29th September 1897 edition.

² Aberdeen Press & Journal, 10th May 1865 edition.

³ St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁴ St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁵ St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁶ St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁷ The Scotsman, 26th March 1903 edition.

⁸ St James's Gazette, 1892 edition.

⁹ Aberdeen Press & Journal, 16th August 1905 edition.

of William Maxwell, Liverpool.¹ She *d.* at Holmfield, Liverpool, on 4 June 1888.²

3a} Louisa Moir, *b.* on 25 March 1833 and *m.* at Holy Trinity Church, Paddington, London, on 17 November 1884, to John Bell Sedgwick.³ She *d.* at London, on 16 February 1888.⁴

4. Mary Moir,

5. Christina Moir,

6. Isabella Moir, *m.* John Urquhart of Craighton and *d.* on 31 March 1855, aged 79 years, having had issue.⁵

ALEXANDER MOIR, 6TH OF SCOTSTOWN, succeeded his father and was served heir to him in the lands of Scotstown on 7 May 1791.⁶ He *m.* at Aberdeen, on 13 May 1798, to Margaret, daughter of James Gordon of Glastirum,⁷ *d.* at Scotstown, on 21 June 1824⁸ and was father of,

ISABELLA MOIR, 7TH OF SCOTSTOWN, *b.* on 14 May 1799, succeeded her father and was served heir to him in the lands of Scotstown on 9 October 1824, then as heir general to her grandfather, George Moir, on 3 December 1825.⁹ She *m.* on 10 June 1822, to Sir Michael Bruce, 8th Baronet of Stenhouse,¹⁰ (he *dsp* at Scotstown, on 14 December 1862), and *dsp* on 19 November 1867.¹¹

¹ Aberdeen People's Journal, 23rd April 1864 edition.

² St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

³ Dundee Advertiser, 21st November 1884 edition.

⁴ St. Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁵ Aberdeen Press & Journal, 11th April 1906 edition. Containing transcripts of various headstones in Aberdeenshire.

⁶ Services of Heirs.

⁷ Scots Magazine, 1st May 1798 edition.

⁸ Caledonian Mercury, 3rd July 1824 edition. See also: Saint Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

⁹ Services of Heirs.

¹⁰ Caledonian Mercury, 17th June 1822 edition.

¹¹ Saint Peter's Cemetery, Aberdeen, inscriptions.

