

CRAIG

of RICCARTON

1. Mr. Thomas Craig, (*see below*).
2. John Craig, who was included with his brothers James, Robert and Oliver in the remainder of their brother Thomas's charter for the lands of Craigfintry in 1576.
3. James Craig, became a Merchant and is styled brother to Mr. Thomas Craig, Advocate, when included with him in a contract with Andrew Blyth, son of Richard Blyth, portioner of Cragy, dated 6 May 1587.¹
4. Robert Craig, *m.* firstly, to Margaret Fisher² and had issue ; and secondly, to Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Drummond, 1st of Kingsfield, (*c/m* 2 November 1586.³ She *d.* in August 1593⁴), and was father of,
 - 4a} Margaret Craig, *m.* by 5 May 1591, to Sir John Arnot of Berswick.⁵
5. Oliver Craig,
7. Janet Craig, *m.* Mr. John Sandilands, Parson of Hawick, second son of Sir James Sandilands of Cruvie, and had issue.

MR. THOMAS CRAIG, was trained to the law and was a sheriff depute of Edinburgh by 9 October 1573 when he presided over the retour of William, Master of Borthwick, as heir to his brother James Borthwick, in the lordship of Borthwick.⁶ On 16 April 1576 he had a charter under the Great Seal for the lands of Craigfintry in the sherifffdom of Aberdeen, which had been resigned in his favour by William Craig of Craigfintry, with remainder to himself and the heirs male of his body which failing, to Mr. John Craig, his brother german, and the heirs male of his body, which failing, to his other brothers James, Robert and Oliver and each the heirs male of their bodies respectively.⁷ He had a charter from Sir Lewin Bellenden of Auchnoule for the lands of Saint Lawrence in the constabularly

¹ RD1/31/319.

² Edinburgh Tests.

³ RD1/31/32.

⁴ CC8/8/39/pp.259-261.

⁵ RD1/38/73b.

⁶ RH6/2294B.

⁷ RMS 1546-1580. No. 2551.

of Haddington, on 23 March 1587⁸ and *d.* on 26 February 1608,⁹ having *m.* firstly, to Helen Hamilton, (*c/m* October 1573), by whom he was father of :

1. Sir Lewis Craig of Riccarton, (*see below*).

He *m.* secondly, by 9 October 1580, to Helen Heriot when they entered into a contract of wadset with John Melville, younger of Carnbee, for half of the lands of Granton,¹⁰ and was father of :

3. Robert Craig, was trained to the law and admitted advocate. He *m.* Janet, daughter and coheiress of Mr. Alexander Livingston, Advocate, and *d.* by 1642, having had issue;

3a} Thomas Craig, is styled eldest son and heir to the deceased Mr. Robert Craig, Advocate, in a charter under the Great Seal in his favour for the lands and barony of Coldingham dated 15 January 1642, which he had apprised from John Stewart of Coldingham,¹¹ and with consent of Janet Livingston, his mother, his tutor, and Sir Alexander Gibson of Durie and Mr. Alexander Belsches of Tofts, his cousins, he disposed those lands he possessed in the barony of Swinton to Adam Keltie, Clerk in the Treasury, in 1644.¹²

3a} John Craig, was admitted an Advocate and was adjudged to be heir to his grandmother, Janet Livingston, and her sisters Catherine and Margaret, all daughters of Mr. Alexander Livingston, Advocate, in three one-third parts of certain annualrents and subjects in Edinburgh on 6 February 1697.¹³ He *m.* at Edinburgh, on 17 December 1667, to Jean, eldest daughter and heiress of George Heriot of Ramorgnie,¹⁴ (she was served heir to her father in the lands of Ramorgny on 12 March 1678 and *d.* in July of 1687), and *d.* in May of 1681¹⁵ having had issue;

3b} Robert Craig *alias* Heriot of Ramorgny, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 3 June 1676 and succeeded his father, to whom he was served heir, firstly, on 26 October 1682¹⁶ and, again, on 1

⁸ RMS 1580-1594. No. 1514.

⁹ Edinburgh Tests.

¹⁰ RD1/18/147.

¹¹ RMS 1634-1651. No. 1039.

¹² RMS 1634-1651. No. 1503.

¹³ GD90/1/278.

¹⁴ OPR – Edinburgh. See also: RD4/27/473 for their marriage contract.

¹⁵ St. Andrews Tests.

¹⁶ CC22/37/44.

June 1715 in 3,333 merks due secured over the lands of Barns, in Fife.¹⁷ He assumed the surname and arms of Heriot of Ramorgny upon succeeding to his mother's estate and *m.* on 27 April 1704, to Anna, daughter of William Calderwood of Pitteadie.¹⁸ He had issue :

3c} William Heriot of Ramorgnie, *dsp* in 1762, and to whom James MakGill Maitland was served heir of tailie and provision on 18 April 1792.¹⁹

3c} George Heriot, was apprenticed to William Edgar, Wright in Edinburgh, on 10 December 1729,²⁰ and afterwards served as an ensign in the army. He *m.* in 1747, to Margaret Turner and was father of,

3d} George Heriot, who encountered difficulties proving his succession to the Ramornie estate and in September of 1788 articles were published requesting any person who had been present at his parent's marriage or who were acquainted with them to come forward as a witness to prove their marriage and relationship.²¹ He afterwards had himself served heir male to Robert Heriot of Ramorgny, his grandfather, on 18 July 1792²² although this appears to have been reduced during litigation with the heirs of his aunt, Janet Heriot, Lady Rankeilour.

3c} Robert Heriot of Ramorgnie, *dsp* at Ramornie, on 7 October 1789.²³

3c} Jean Heriot of Ramorgnie, *dsp* at Ramornie, on 17 September 1791.²⁴

3b} Janet Craig, *m.* David MakGill of Rankeilour, (*c/m* 10 February 1693), and had issue.

3b} Margaret Craig, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 30 October 1674 and *m.* Robert Bruce, Goldsmith.

3b} Catherine Craig, *m.* Dr. William Rigg, 1st of Downfield, and *d.* at Tarvit, on 5 February 1750,²⁵ having had issue.

¹⁷ Services of Heirs.

¹⁸ OPR – Kinghorn.

¹⁹ Services of Heirs.

²⁰ SRS Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

²¹ Caledonian Mercury. 27th September 1788, edition.

²² Services of Heirs.

²³ Scots Magazine. 1st October 1789, edition.

²⁴ Caledonian Mercury. 19th September 1791, edition.

²⁵ Scots Magazine. 2nd March 1750, edition.

- 3a} Margaret Craig, to whom her nephew, Robert Heriot of Ramorgnie, was served heir on 15 April 1708.²⁶
2. John Craig, was appointed a physician to Kings James VI and Charles I and was admitted to Burgess of Edinburgh on 27 June 1617.²⁷ He *dsp* before 28 October 1655 when his nephew, Thomas Craig of Riccarton, was served heir to him.²⁸
 3. Margaret Craig, *m.* at Edinburgh, on 14 January 1596, to Sir Alexander Gilbson, 1st of Durie,²⁹ (he *d.* on 10 June 1644), and had issue.
 4. Janet Craig, *m.* John Belsches, 1st of Tofts, (he survived her and *m.* secondly, to Marjory Kae, by whom he had issue. He *d.* in September of 1631), and had issue.
 5. Elizabeth Craig, *m.* James Johnstone, eldest son and heir of Archibald Johnston, Merchant Burgess of Edinburgh, (he *d. vita patris*, on 24 April 1617³⁰), and had issue.³¹

SIR LEWIS CRAIG OF WRIGHTSLANDS & RICCARTON, succeeded his father and was admitted a Lord of Session as Lord Wrightslands. He obtained the lands of Riccarton from William Wardlaw of Kilbaberton and William Wardlaw, his eldest son, for which he had a charter under the Great Seal on 25 January 1610,³² and *d.* on 6 February 1622, having *m.* firstly, to Beatrice Chirnside, by whom he was father of :

1. Thomas Craig of Riccarton, (*see below*).
2. John Craig, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 26 January 1612.
3. Janet Craig, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 19 June 1614 and *m.* on 6 January 1629, to James Pringle of Torwoodlee,³³ (he was widow of Jean, daughter of Sir Richard Cockburn of Clerkington, by whom he had issue). They had issue.
4. Elizabeth Craig, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 15 December 1618.
5. Ann Craig, *m.* Sir James Murray, younger of Philiphaugh, and had issue.

²⁶ Services of Heirs.

²⁷ SRS Edinburgh Burgess Roll.

²⁸ C22/22/99.

²⁹ OPR – Edinburgh.

³⁰ CC8/8/50/PP/223-224.

³¹ Scottstarvet. Staggering State. p. 102. Their eldest son was Sir Archibald Johnston, 1st of Warriston.

³² C2/46/33.

³³ OPR – Edinburgh.

He *m.* secondly, Marion, daughter of Patrick Somerville, Burgess of Edinburgh, (*c/m* 25 March 1619³⁴), by whom he had further issue;

6. James Craig, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 3 February 1620.

7. Alexander Craig, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 14 January 1621 and *d.* in 1650.

8. Margaret Craig, was a twin with Alexander and was *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 14 January 1621.

THOMAS CRAIG OF RICCARTON, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 15 March 1610, succeeded his father and was served heir to him in the lands of Nether Currie on 20 November 1622.³⁵ He *m.* Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James, Master of Cranston, (she survived him and was buried in the Kirk of Currie on 5 September 1702³⁶), whom, in her virginity, he infeft in a liferent of the lands of Riccarton on 9 May 1632,³⁷ and *d.* by August of 1664, when his Testament was confirmed.³⁸ He was father of :

1. Lewis Craig of Riccarton, (*see below*).

2. John Craig, *bap.* at Currie, on 29 April 1647.

3. Helen Craig, *bap.* at Currie, on 21 November 1638.

4. Anna Craig, *bap.* at Currie, on 1 February 1640.

5. Sarah Craig, *m.* James Chancellor of Sheillhill, (*c/m* 15 April 1681.³⁹ He survived her and *m.* secondly, by *c/m* 8 June 1686, to Margaret, youngest daughter of Alexander Livingston of Saltcoats⁴⁰).

6. Janet Craig, *m.* in 1671, to William Borthwick of Crookston and had issue.

³⁴ NRAS897/245

³⁵ C22/8/100.

³⁶ Lyon Court record.

³⁷ RS25/19/f.39r.

³⁸ Edinburgh Tests.

³⁹ GD118/217.

⁴⁰ GD118/219.

LEWIS CRAIG OF RICCARTON, succeeded his father and was served heir to him in the lands of Riccarton on 14 October 1669.⁴¹ He *m.* in 1662, to Margaret, daughter of Robert Dalglish of Lauriston,⁴² and *d.* at Edinburgh, on 28 January 1681⁴³ having had issue;

1. **THOMAS CRAIG OF RICCARTON**, *bap.* at Edinburgh on 14 October 1663, succeeded his father in 1681 and was served heir to him in the lands of Riccarton on 26 May 1682.⁴⁴ He *m.* Jean, daughter of Sir Alexander Gibson of Pencaitland, (she survived him and *m.* secondly, to James Baird of Saughton), *d.* before May of 1691 and was father of :

1a} Helen Craig, *m.* at Edinburgh, on 17 April 1709, to William Carmichael of Skirling, Advocate.⁴⁵

They had issue which eventually became heirs of taillie to the lands of Riccarton on the failure of the senior male line in 1823.

2. **ROBERT CRAIG OF RICCARTON**, succeeded his brother Thomas and was served heir to him in the lands of Nether Currie and others, on 7 May 1691.⁴⁶ He *dsp* and was succeeded by his next brother James.
3. James Craig of Riccarton, (*see below*).
4. John Craig, *bap.* at Currie, on 17 November 1667 and served as a Coronet in Lord Cardoss's Regiment of Dragoons.
5. William Craig, entered the army and was raised to Captain. He *d.* at Riccarton House, in 1744.
6. Jean Craig, *bap.* at Currie, on 7 March 1669.
7. Elizabeth Craig, *bap.* at Edinburgh, on 17 December 1671 and *m.* on 3 November 1687, to Sir John Gibson of Pentland, (he *d.* on 13 May 1704). They had issue.
8. Mary Craig, *b.* in June of 1680.
9. Margaret Craig, *m.* John Falconer of Allanhill, Advocate, (*c/m* 14 September 1709.⁴⁷ He *d.* in June of 1720), and had issue.

⁴¹ C22/30/48.

⁴² RD3/22/187.

⁴³ Edinburgh Tests. See also: Lyon Court Records.

⁴⁴ C22/36/204.

⁴⁵ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁴⁶ C22/42/421.

⁴⁷ NRAS783/11/misc.

JAMES CRAIG OF RICCARTON, was appointed Professor of Law at Glasgow University and succeeded his brother, Thomas Craig of Riccarton, to whom he was served heir in the lands of Riccarton, Keirhill, Currie and others, on 1 March 1723.⁴⁸

He *d.* in April of 1732,⁴⁹ having *m.* at firstly, at Currie, on 27 February 1715, Marion, daughter of Alexander Fraser of Strichen,⁵⁰ (*c/m* 26 March 1715), by whom he was father of :

1. Elizabeth Craig, *b.* on 15 February 1716.

He *m.* secondly, Christian, daughter of Robert Dundas of Arniston, (*c/m* 28 February 1728⁵¹), and by her he had further issue;

2. **THOMAS CRAIG OF RICCARTON**, *bap.* at Currie, on 27 August 1729 and succeeded his father, to whom he was served heir in the lands of Riccarton and others, on 5 April 1753.⁵² He *dsp* before February of 1814, when his brother Robert was served heir to him.

3. **ROBERT CRAIG OF RICCARTON**, succeeded his brother, Thomas, and was served heir to him in the lands of Riccarton on 11 February 1814.⁵³ Having no issue, on 19 August 1818 he entailed his estate upon James Gibson, son of William Gibson, younger son of John Gibson of Durie who succeeded on his death without issue which occurred at his house in Prince's Street, Edinburgh, on 13 March 1823, when in the 93rd year of his age.⁵⁴

⁴⁸ Services of Heirs.

⁴⁹ Date of death narrated in the service of his eldest son, Thomas, as heir to him in 1753.

⁵⁰ OPR – Currie.

⁵¹ RH4/191/61

⁵² Services of Heirs.

⁵³ Services of Heirs.

⁵⁴ Morning Post, 21st March 1823, edition. He is then styled the last male heir of Sir Thomas Craig of Riccarton “the great feudal lawyer of Scotland.”