

SCOTT

of ABBOTSHALL

THOMAS SCOTT OF PITGORNO AND ABBOTSHALL, the founder of this branch, had acquired the lands of Pitgorno by 5 March 1529, when he witnessed a charter by his father to William Scott, his brother, for the lands of Inverteil and Strathmiglo, and in which he is styled son of William Scott, elder of Balweary.¹ He also acquired those of Abbotshall from George, Commendator of Dunfermline, by charter dated 3 April 1539.² He was appointed a Senator of the College of Justice in succession to his father in November 1532, then Justice Clerk on 13 April 1536.³

He married Agnes, daughter of Sir John Moncrieff of that Ilk, (she survived him and as his relict, she was provided to the liferent of the half part of Kinloch on 20 March 1540/41.⁴ She married secondly, to Robert, Master of Ross, who was killed at the battle of Pinkie in September 1547,⁵ and by whom she had further issue) and died in 1539, his death apparently having been foretold by James V. in a dream. He was father of,

1. Thomas Scott of Abbotshall, (*see below*).
2. James Scott, who was father of,
 - 2a} Christian Scott, married Christopher Lindsay, son of Robert Lindsay of Pitscottie, (marriage contract 28 July 1592).
3. John Scott, witnessed a charter by his elder brother, Thomas Scott of Abbotshall, for the lands of Alderston in favour of James Oliphant, Burgess of Edinburgh, on 11 April 1576.⁶

¹ GD135/146.

² Reg. Dunf.

³ RPS Vol. II. No. 2004.

⁴ C2/27/167.

⁵ St. Andrews Tests.

⁶ RMS Vol. 4, no. 2877.

4. Agnes Scott, married firstly, to Thomas Dischington of Ardross, (marriage contract 23 February 1557.⁷ He died on 4 February 1568⁸) and surviving him, she married secondly, as a third wife, after 10 September 1578, to Alexander Inglis of Tarvit,⁹ (he was widow of Elizabeth Kemp,¹⁰ and also of Isobel Durie, who had died on 10 September 1578¹¹). She was provided by her son, Thomas Dischington of Ardross, to a liferent of the lands of Camruie and in confirmation of which a precept passed the Privy Seal on 10 March 1579/80.¹²
5. Isobel Scott, was offered in marriage to Thomas Leslie, son and heir of the late Mr Andrew Leslie of Innerpeffray, on 6 October 1559,¹³ but instead, she married Alexander Gourlay of Kincaig, (he died in January 1580¹⁴). She survived him and died on 10 July 1605.¹⁵ They had issue.

He was also father of a natural son;

6. Thomas Scott, who settled at Grangemure. He died *s.p.* before 6 April 1584 when his nephew, William Scott of Abbotshall, had the gift of his escheat goods.¹⁶

THOMAS SCOTT OF ABBOTSHALL, succeeded and received the gift of the ward of his father's lands on 25 January 1540.¹⁷ He was infeft in the fee of the half part of the lands of Kinloch, in Fife, on 20 March 1540/41¹⁸ and was ordered to "entir his persoun inward within the burgh of Edinburgh, and thair to remane during that

⁷ RD1/7/308. Her mother, Agnes Moncrieff, was her cautioner

⁸ CC8/8/1/537.

⁹ CC8/8/6/759-762.

¹⁰ C2/30/466.

¹¹ CC8/8/6/759-762.

¹² PS1/46/105r.

¹³ GD172/129/2.

¹⁴ Edinburgh Tests.

¹⁵ CC20/4/4/pp. 320-321.

¹⁶ RPS VIII. No. 1993.

¹⁷ RPS Vol. II. No. 3306.

¹⁸ C2/27/167.

Hienessis plesour” for which Sir William Sott of Balweary and Alexander Hepburn of Quhitsum were cautioners on 12 September 1565.¹⁹ He was included in a charge against those accused of the murder of David Riccio on 19 March 1565²⁰ and disposed his lands of Auldiston, in Haddingtonshire, to James Oliphant, Burgess of Edinburgh, Elizabeth Cruik, his wife and Robert Oliphant, their son, by charter dated 11 April 1576.²¹ He married Margaret Murray (she survived him and died on 13 October 1592²²) with whom, on his resignation, they had a conjunct charter for the half part of Kinloch 10 February 1574/74.²³ He died after 25 October 1582²⁴ and before 9 May 1583,²⁵ and was father of,

1. William Scott of Abbotshall, (*see below*).
2. David Scott, gave his consent to his brother, William’s disposing of the lands of Pitgormo to Andrew Wardlaw of Torrie on 6 September 1596²⁶ and was witness to contract between Thomas Dischington of Ardross and Mr. William Scott of Elie by which that Thomas disposed the lands and barony of Ardross to Mr. William Scott on 22 July 1611.
3. Thomas Scott, who received a gift of the escheat goods of Archibald Dawson in Pittenweem on 20 November 1580.²⁷
4. George Scott, was presented to the vicarage of Dysart and had demitted that office before 25 October 1582, when his brother Patrick Scott was appointed in his place.²⁸

¹⁹ RPC First Series, Vol.1, p. 369.

²⁰ RPC First Series, Vol.1, p. 437.

²¹ C2/35/58.

²² Melville’s Diary.

²³ C2/34/59.

²⁴ PS1/49/34r.

²⁵ Ex. Rolls. Vol. 21, pp. 484-5.

²⁶ RMS Vol. 6, no. 781.

²⁷ RPS Vol. VII. No. 2597.

²⁸ RPS Vol. VIII. No. 968.

5. Patrick Scott, was presented to the parsonage and vicarage of Dysart on 25 October 1582, which had become vacant by the demission of his brother, Mr. George Scott. He witnessed a charter by Thomas Dischington of Ardross for the lands of Grangemuir in favour of William Scott on 7 May 1589 and is then styled brother to William Scott of Abbotshall.²⁹
6. Jean Scott, married James Anstruther, younger of that Ilk, (marriage contract 27 October 1571³⁰).
7. Agnes Scott, married John Borthwick of Gordonshall, and had issue

WILLIAM SCOTT OF ABBOTSHALL, succeeded his father and had Sasine for the half of the half part of the lands and barony of Kincaig, Downy, and the half of Kinloch on 9 May 1583,³¹ then for those of Pitgorno upon a precept from the chancery dated 26 October 1594.³² On 29 September 1595, he entered into a mutual agreement with his kinsman Sir James Scott of Balweary to the effect that for the preservation of the lands of Balweary within their family, should Sir James have no issue, William would succeed as nearest heir male.³³ He married Margaret Dury, (she survived him and married secondly, to Sir George Douglas of Helenhill) who is included with him in a contract dated 2 June 1593.³⁴ He died at Abbotshall, on 29 December 1599³⁵ and was father of,

1. Sir James Scott of Abbotshall, (*see below*).
2. Helen Scott, married James Douglas, Commendator of Melrose, second son of Sir William Douglas of Lochleven, (marriage contract 7 November 1596.³⁶ He was widow of Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Ker of Ferniehirst, whom he had

²⁹ RMS Vol. 5, no. 1938.

³⁰ GD63/36.

³¹ Ex. Rolls. Vol. 21, pp. 484-5.

³² Ex. Rolls. Vol. 22, p. 566.

³³ GD26/3/633.

³⁴ RD1/50/254.

³⁵ Melville's Diary.

³⁶ RD1/68/400.

married in 1587³⁷ and by whom he had issue. He married thirdly, after the death of Helen Scott, on 28 October 1606, to Jean Anstruther³⁸ by whom he had further issue) with whom she was infest in the lands of Newlands by his parents on 19 October 1596.³⁹ She died before October 1606 and had issue.

SIR JAMES SCOTT OF ABBOTSHALL, was served heir to Thomas Scott of Pitgorno, his great-grandfather, on 19 February 1606 and then to his father in the lands of Fawside on 3 December 1606,⁴⁰ but his estate being encumbered by debt, he disposed the Mill of Pittenweem to Alexander Moncrieff, servant of James VI., on 28 July 1606. He was served heir to his father in the half-part of the lands of Kinloch on 10 March 1608,⁴¹ in which he was infest by Sasine of 23 August following,⁴² and disposed of the remainder of his estate soon afterwards. He married firstly, on 12 April 1599, to Margaret Preston⁴³ and secondly to Margaret, daughter of Sir James Scott of Balweary (marriage contract 26 February 1607) but she and her brother, William Scott, younger of Balweary, pursued him on 3 May 1609, for not having fulfilled the terms of their marriage contract, including 10,000 merks as penalty.⁴⁴

³⁷ RD1/28/137.

³⁸ OPR – Anstruther Wester.

³⁹ GD150/126

⁴⁰ C22/3/230.

⁴¹ C22/4/139.

⁴² Original document in the possession of Gordon MacGregor.

⁴³ Melville's Diary.

⁴⁴ RPC First Series, Vol.8, p. 279.