

AIKENHEAD

THOMAS AIKENHEAD, was a merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh and died in December 1599.¹ He married Marion, sister of Patrick Bannatyne, writer in Edinburgh,² and was father of,

1. James Aikenhead, was a merchant and Burgess of Edinburgh and was legatee of his father's Will in 1599. He married Elizabeth Moubray,³ and died on 11 November 1612.⁴ He was father of,

1a} Mr. James Aikenhead, was born before December 1599, when he was a legatee of his paternal grandfather's Will and being educated for the law, he was admitted advocate. He was served heir general to his grandfather, Thomas, on 1 August 1622, then had special service as heir to him in a piece of land in the Burgh of Edinburgh on 4 February 1623. He married on 12 February 1622, to Mary, daughter of Adam Bothwell of Glencorse,⁵ and died in 1647.⁶ He had issue,

1a} Mr. Adam, baptised at Edinburgh, on 26 February 1624 and married at Edinburgh, on 30 December 1647, to Anna Maxwell.⁷ He died *s.p.* before August 1673.

1a} David, was executor to his sister Marion in 1650.

1a} James, baptised at Edinburgh, on 15 November 1627 and died young.

¹ CC8/8/34/690.

² Edinburgh Tests.

³ RS24/12/35.

⁴ CC8/8/47/426-427. See also Eik dated 24 May 1633 at CC8/8/56/255.

⁵ OPR – Canongate, Edinburgh. See also: RS25/22/f.119 & RS26/1/f. 1.

⁶ CC8/8/63/646.

⁷ OPR – Edinburgh.

- 1a} James, baptised at Edinburgh, on 16 September 1632 and was served heir general to his father on 5 August 1673.⁸
 - 1a} Elizabeth, baptised at Edinburgh, on 4 February 1623 and married Mr. Robert Byres, advocate.⁹
 - 1a} Marion, baptised at Edinburgh, on 27 August 1625 and died unmarried in November 1650.¹⁰ Her Testament was confirmed by her brother David, on behalf of their under-age siblings, James and Janet.
 - 1a} Bethia, baptised at Edinburgh, on 16 April 1634 and died before 1646.
 - 1a} Janet, baptised at Edinburgh, on 10 October 1642 and died before 1646.
 - 1a} William. He and his sister Janet were minors at their father's death. He was dead by 24 May 1633.
 - 1a} Janet, married at Edinburgh, on 14 July 1633, to John Ramsay, writer,¹¹ and is styled his wife and daughter of the late James Aikenhead, merchant, when he was admitted to Burgess of Edinburgh in her right on 25 March 1646.¹²
- 2. David, *see below*.
 - 3. Thomas, was a beneficiary of his father's will in 1599.
 - 4. George, died *s.p.* before 1 April 1628, when his nephew, Mr. James Aikenhead, advocate, was served heir him in half of an annualrent of 100 merks Scots from a tenement in Edinburgh.¹³

⁸ C22/31/280.

⁹ RMS Vol. 9, no. 1690.

¹⁰ CC8/8/68/93.

¹¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

¹² GD82/149.

¹³ C22/10/62.

6. Alexander, was a minor at his father death. He was executor to his brother James in 1612 and became a merchant in Edinburgh. He married at Edinburgh, on 16 June 1608, to Isobel Mawer¹⁴ and had issue,

5a} Walter, baptised at Edinburgh, on 2 August 1612.

5a} David, baptised at Edinburgh, on 13 February 1614. He was executor his cousin, James Aikenhead, advocate, in 1647 and is then styled son to his uncle, Alexander. He became a writer in Edinburgh and is styled by that occupation and son to the late Alexander Aikenhead, merchant in Edinburgh, in a charter in favour of John, Lord Borthwick, for the lands of Heriotmure on 6 December 1643.¹⁵ He died in March 1664,¹⁶ having married on 10 June 1641, to Agnes, daughter of James Edmonstone, tailor Burgess of Edinburgh,¹⁷ in whose right he was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh on 22 April 1646.¹⁸ By her he was father of,

5b} James, baptised at Edinburgh, on 10 April 1642, and was one of the Commissaries of Edinburgh by March 1664, when he was executor to his father. He was served heir general to his father on 30 August 1664¹⁹ and was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh in right of him on 8 September 1675.²⁰ He married at Edinburgh, on 29 December 1664, to Margaret, daughter of Dr. George Wishart, Bishop of Edinburgh,²¹ and was father of,

5c} George, baptised at Edinburgh, on 27 November 1665.

¹⁴ OPR – Edinburgh.

¹⁵ RMS Vol. 9, no. 1473.

¹⁶ CC8/8/72/152.

¹⁷ OPR – Edinburgh.

¹⁸ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

¹⁹ C22/27/273.

²⁰ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

²¹ OPR – Edinburgh.

- 5c} David, baptised at Edinburgh, on 9 June 1668.
- 5c} Margaret, baptised at Edinburgh, on 25 April 1667 and married on 15 April 1688, to George Reid, son of Alexander Reid of Broadlies.²²
- 5b} Alexander, baptised at Edinburgh, on 21 April 1643 and was admitted a Writer to the Signet and was tutor to his nephew, George, son of his brother James.²³ He married Margaret Andrew and was father of,
 - 5c} James, baptised at Edinburgh, on 11 February 1675.
 - 5c} John, baptised at Edinburgh, on 16 January 1676.
 - 5c} David, baptised at Edinburgh, on 21 June 1678 and was bred a surgeon and admitted Burgess of Edinburgh in right of his father on 2 March 1715.²⁴ He married at Edinburgh, on 5 April 1752, to Ann, daughter of Alexander Renald, merchant in Montrose,²⁵ and died *s.p.* before 16 February 1774, when his Testament was confirmed.²⁶
 - 5c} Alexander, baptised at Edinburgh, on 21 October 1679 and was a Writer in Edinburgh. He died *s.p.* before 25 September 1751, when his brother David, as next-of-kin to him, confirmed his Testament in the Commissariot Books of Edinburgh.²⁷
 - 5c} Patrick, baptised at Edinburgh, on 6 July 1682.
 - 5c} George, baptised at Edinburgh, on 5 June 1684.

²² OPR – North Berwick. See also: RD3/69/558.

²³ RD2/79/505.

²⁴ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

²⁵ OPR – Edinburgh.

²⁶ CC8/8/123/17-18. It was confirmed by Margaret Patullo, sister to the late John Patullo, writer in Edinburgh, as executor qua creditor.

²⁷ CC8/8/113/1011-1012.

5c} Anna, baptised at Edinburgh, on 6 March 1677.

5c} Margaret, baptised at Edinburgh, on 27 November 1685.

5b} Janet, baptised at Edinburgh, on 3 July 1644.

5b} Jean, baptised at Edinburgh, on 8 April 1646.

5b} Isobel, was a twin with Jean and was baptised at Edinburgh, on 8 April 1646.

5a} Thomas, baptised at Edinburgh, on 1 June 1624.

5a} Margaret, baptised at Edinburgh, on 20 December 1610.

7. Janet. She and her siblings Alexander, Marion and Janet, were all minors at their father's death in 1599 and is so-styled in his Testament.

8. Marion,

9. Bessie,

DAVID AIKENHEAD, was merchant and Provost of Edinburgh. He was admitted Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of his late father on 10 November 1601, and is then styled the second son.²⁸ He married Marion Nicholl, who was executrix to him. He died on 13 August 1637²⁹ and was father of,

1. Mr. Thomas, *see below*.

2. James, baptised at Edinburgh, 8 April 1599.

3. Mr. Henry, baptised at Edinburgh, 2 August 1601 and was admitted to Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of his father on 19 January 1631.³⁰ He was one of the tutors testamentar to the children of his late brother Mr. Thomas in 1646 and was presented minister at North Berwick by King Charles on 2 March 1628. He married firstly, Marion, daughter of Patrick

²⁸ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

²⁹ CC8/8/58/385.

³⁰ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

Hepburn of Smeaton, (marriage contract 18 and 21 June 1631³¹), and secondly, to Anna Ker, who survived him.³² He died before July 1655 and was father of,

3a} David, was a legatee of his grandfather's Will in 1637 and was "servitor to the good town of Edinburgh." He and his sisters Helen and Isabel acquired the lands of Pennonscheils from John Hepburn of Waughton and which were confirmed to them jointly by charter under the Great Seal on 6 July 1655.³³ He was admitted to Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of his late father on 24 June 1674.³⁴

3a} Archibald, was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 23 March 1663.³⁵

3a} Helen, married James Rigg, merchant in Edinburgh,³⁶ whom she survived.³⁷

3a} Isobel,³⁸ married on 1 June 1665, to Archibald Riddell, minister of Trinity Parish, Edinburgh,³⁹ and son of Sir Walter Riddell of that Ilk.⁴⁰

4. Alexander, baptised at Edinburgh, 29 May 1603 and was admitted to the Society of Writers to the Signet on 22 March 1630. He was admitted Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of his father on 29 September 1630.⁴¹ He married on 16 April 1635, to Helen, daughter of John Trotter of Mortonhall,⁴²

³¹ RD1/460/72.

³² RD3/18/468.

³³ RMS Vol. 10, no. 434.

³⁴ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

³⁵ Greyfriars Burial register.

³⁶ RD2/24/322.

³⁷ RD3/74/423.

³⁸ RS25/34/16.

³⁹ OPR – Prestonkirk.

⁴⁰ RD3/24/322.

⁴¹ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

⁴² OPR – Edinburgh.

and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 21 September 1660.⁴³ He was father of,

4a} Marion, baptised at Edinburgh, 14 December 1635.

4a} Janet, baptised at Edinburgh, 12 November 1636 and married on 24 March 1653, to Adam Nisbet, son of Sir Alexander Nisbet of West Nisbet.⁴⁴

4a} Elspeth, baptised at Edinburgh, 3 November 1637 and died in infancy.

4a} Marion, baptised at Edinburgh, 1 July 1639 and married on 5 July 1660, to Alexander Seaton, merchant in Edinburgh.⁴⁵

4a} Barbara, baptised at Edinburgh, 10 February 1641.

4a} Elspeth, baptised at Edinburgh, 2 December 1644.

4a} David, a natural son, was apprenticed to John Thomson, tailor in Edinburgh, on 11 July 1649.⁴⁶

5. David, baptised at Edinburgh, 23 August 1607 and was a merchant in Edinburgh. He was father of,

5a} Patrick, also a merchant in Edinburgh, was admitted to Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of both his father and grandfather on 14 May 1684.⁴⁷

5a} James, was appointed keeper of the Netherbow and Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of his father on 3 May 1700.

6. John, baptised at Edinburgh, 3 October 1619.

MR. THOMAS AIKENHEAD, baptised at Edinburgh, 22 March 1597 and was a legatee of his grandfather's Will in 1599. He was commissary of Edinburgh and admitted Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of his father on 9 April

⁴³ Greyfriars Burial register.

⁴⁴ OPR – Edinburgh. See also: RD4/15/516.

⁴⁵ OPR – Edinburgh. See also: RD3/20/603.

⁴⁶ Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁴⁷ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

1623.⁴⁸ and died in 1645.⁴⁹ He married, firstly, by 18 July 1627, to Janet, daughter of Patrick Hepburn, apothecary in Edinburgh, (she died on 17 April 1640⁵⁰), when they had a conjunct charter from his father for the lands of Kilquhiss-Wester, in Fife,⁵¹ and had issue:

1. David, (*see below*).
2. Patrick, baptised at Edinburgh, 1 August 1632 and was a legatee of his grandfather's Will in August 1637, but was dead by April 1640.
3. James, baptised at Edinburgh, 7 May 1634 and was an apothecary in Edinburgh. He was admitted to Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of his father on 14 April 1669.⁵² He married at Edinburgh, 23 October 1667, Helen Ramsay, (she survived him and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, 3 May 1685), and died before 30 March 1683,⁵³ having had issue,
 - 3a} Patrick, baptised at Edinburgh, 21 June 1674.
 - 3a} Thomas, baptised at Edinburgh, 28 March 1676 and was served heir general to his father on 9 July 1691.⁵⁴
 - 3a} Janet, baptised at Edinburgh, 23 February 1668.
 - 3a} Catherine, baptised at Edinburgh, 29 July 1669.
 - 3a} Margaret, baptised at Edinburgh, 8 February 1672.
 - 3a} Anna, baptised at Edinburgh, 16 March 1677.
4. Thomas, baptised at Edinburgh, 11 September 1636 and was admitted Burgess and Guild of Edinburgh in right of his father on 15 March 1671.⁵⁵

⁴⁸ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

⁴⁹ CC8/8/68/237-331.

⁵⁰ CC8/8/61/148-

⁵¹ RMS Vol. 8, no. 1111.

⁵² Edinburgh Burgess roll.

⁵³ CC8/8/77/290.

⁵⁴ C22/42/169.

⁵⁵ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

5. Ludovic, otherwise styled “Leuis” in his father’s Testament, was baptised at Edinburgh, 13 September 1638 and was apprenticed to Hew Vernor, merchant in Edinburgh, on 9 August 1654.⁵⁶
6. Janet, baptised at Edinburgh, 15 September 1629.
7. Marion, baptised at Edinburgh, 26 March 1640 and died in infancy.

He married secondly, at Edinburgh, on 28 December 1641, to Anna, daughter and eventual heiress of Gavin Home of Johnscleugh,⁵⁷ (marriage contract 3 December 1641⁵⁸), by whom he had further issue,

8. Patrick, baptised at Edinburgh, 18 January 1643 and died young.
9. Anna, baptised at Edinburgh, 7 August 1644, and was served heir general to her mother on 11 June 1645.⁵⁹ She married Dr. John Livingston, whom she survived, and as his relict she disposed five crofts at North Berwick which had belonged to her late uncle, Alexander Home of Johnscleuch, to Mr. William Walker, minister of North Berwick, and Jean Wishart, his wife, by contracts dated 17 November 1676 and 29 July 1678.⁶⁰

DAVID AIKENHEAD, baptised at Edinburgh, on 17 April 1628 and was served heir to his grandfather, David Aikenhead, on 30 November 1654.⁶¹ He married on 8 January 1647, to Anna, daughter of Sir John Hay of Lands,⁶² (marriage

⁵⁶ Register of Edinburgh Apprentices.

⁵⁷ OPR – Edinburgh. Which mistakenly records her name as “Jean.”

⁵⁸ GD110/212.

⁵⁹ C22/19/1.

⁶⁰ GD110/230.

⁶¹ C22/23/41.

⁶² OPR – Edinburgh.

contract 18 December 1646.⁶³ She was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 19 January 1694), and died before August 1663. He was father of,

SIR PATRICK AIKENHEAD, baptised at Edinburgh, 21 June 1653 and was appointed commissary-clerk of Edinburgh. He was executor to his great-uncle, Sir Patrick Hepburn of Blackcastle, as “nearest of kin” to him in November 1696⁶⁴ and was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 20 December 1698.⁶⁵ He married firstly, on 24 April 1685, to Grizel, daughter of Sir James Durham of Lufness,⁶⁶ who was buried in the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 13 September 1694.⁶⁷ He had issue by her,

1. Patrick, baptised at Edinburgh, on 6 February 1686 and was served heir general to his father on 25 March 1699.⁶⁸ He was a shipmaster by 26 December 1716, when he was admitted Burgess of Edinburgh in right of his late father.⁶⁹ He married at Edinburgh, on 20 April 1715, to Margaret, daughter of Thomas Allane, merchant in Edinburgh,⁷⁰ and had died *s.p.* before 27 March 1746.
2. David, baptised at Edinburgh, on 8 December 1687 and was a merchant in Edinburgh and then Anstruther. He was served heir general to his brother Patrick on 27 March 1746.⁷¹ He married at Edinburgh, on 15 November

⁶³ GD477/340.

⁶⁴ CC8/8/80/432.

⁶⁵ Greyfriars Burial register.

⁶⁶ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁶⁷ Greyfriars Burial register.

⁶⁸ C22/47/833.

⁶⁹ Edinburgh Burgess roll.

⁷⁰ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁷¹ Services of Heirs.

1716, to Catherine, daughter of John Edmonstone of Coldoch,⁷² and died before October 1751, having had issue,

2a} Patrick, baptised at Edinburgh, on 5 October 1717 and enlisted as an Ensign in General Anstruther of Airdrie's Regiment. He was promoted to lieutenant when at Minorca in March 1749, and had service as heir general to his father on 29 October 1751.⁷³

2a} Edmonstone, baptised at Anstruther Easter, on 27 February 1726.

2a} John, baptised at Anstruther Easter, on 8 May 1727.

2a} Sophia, baptised at Inverness, on 18 June 1722.

2a} Catherine, baptised at Anstruther Easter, on 21 September 1729.

3. James, baptised at Edinburgh, on 12 October 1688.

4. Andrew, a twin with James, and was baptised at Edinburgh, on 12 October 1688.

5. Thomas, baptised at Edinburgh, on 25 October 1689.

6. Adam, baptised at Edinburgh, on 25 August 1690.

7. Isabel, baptised at Edinburgh, on 25 December 1686.

8. Janet, baptised at Edinburgh, on 6 October 1691.

He married secondly, on 16 June 1695, to Sarah, daughter of William Sharp of Houston,⁷⁴ (she survived him and married secondly, at Edinburgh, on 24 October 1702, to Captain William Cramond of Ardlair⁷⁵). By her he had further issue,

9. William, baptised at Edinburgh, on 21 September 1696 and died before 15 February 1718, when his brother Walter was served heir general to him.⁷⁶

⁷² OPR – Edinburgh.

⁷³ Services of Heirs.

⁷⁴ OPR – Uphall.

⁷⁵ OPR – Edinburgh.

⁷⁶ Services of Heirs.

10. Walter, baptised at Edinburgh, on 15 August 1697.