dence and economy, who recovered and improved his paternal estate, which was much incurred by the loyalty of his father and grandfather, and their firm adherence to the interest of the royal family.

He married, 1st, Nicolas, eldest daughter of Sir John Grierston of Log, by whom he had only one daughter, Marjory, married to David fifth viscount Stormont, to whom she had a numerous issue, viz. David, the sixth viscount, William, lord Mansfield, &c. &c.

He married, 2dly, Elizabeth, daughter of John Ellies of Elliceston, Esq; advocate, by whom he had only one son,

David, his heir,—and two daughters.

1. Marjory, married to Peter Ogilvy younger of Balfour, in Forfarshire, and had issue.
2. Elisabeth, married to Alexander earl of Balcarres, without issue.

He died in the 73d year of his age, anno 1718, and was succeeded by his son.

VIII. David Scott of Scotstarvit, a man of good parts, great integrity and merit. He was bred to the law, and an advocate before the court of session.

He was a most useful member of society, and dextrous at composing disputes and preventing law-suits amongst friends and neighbours, being often chosen sole arbiter in subdivisions, by both parties.

He was a member of the British parliament, and continued one till his death.

He married Lucy, daughter of Sir Robert Gordon of Gordonston, baronet, by whom he had two sons and two daughters.

1. David, his heir.
2. Colonel John Scot of Balcomie, who now represents the county of Fife in the present parliament 1768.
3. daughter, Elizabeth, married to Peter Hay of Leys, Esq; an ancient cadet of the illustrious house of Errol, and had issue.
4. Lucy, died unmarried.

He died at London, anno 1766, and was succeeded by his eldest son.

IX. David Scott, now of Scotstarvit, Esq; who appears to be the last cadet of the illustrious house of Buckleigh, in a direct male-line, consequently heir-male of that most noble family.

ARMS

Or, on a bend azure, a bar between two crescents of the first, within a border engrailed gulles.
CREST: a right hand holding an annulet, and therein a carbuncle proper.
MOTTO: In remembrance lane.

CHIEF SEATS

At Scotstarvit, Barns, and Thirdpart, all in the county of Fife.

LEITH of LEITH-HALL.

The surname of Leith is of great antiquity in Scotland, and it is the opinion of some antiquaries, that they are of French extraction.

Certain it is, they had considerable possessions in lands in the county of Mid-Lothian, in very very early times, particularly the barony of Restarlig and several others in the territory of Leith, from which last place, 'tis thought, they claimed their surname.

Sir George Mackenzie, Mr Nisbet, &c. mention the Leiths of Restarlig as a very ancient family. The Logans of Restarlig are said to have obtained those lands by marrying with a daughter of the Leiths; and Sir Robert Logan of Restarlig was lord high admiral of Scotland in the reign of king Robert III. &c.

At what period the Leiths settled in the north, we cannot precisely tell; but we find Sir Norman Leith progenitor of the earls of Rothes, who lived in the reign of king Alexander III. married Elisabeth Leith, a daughter of the family of Edingarrock in Aberdeenshire, &c.

The immediate ancestor of this family was

1. William Leith, described of Barns, a man of rank and distinction, who lived in the reign of king David Bruce, and was said to be male representative of the Leiths of Edingarrock. He was provost of Aberdeen, anno 1350, and went up to England with the hostages for king David's ransom, anno 1358.

He was proprietor also of the lands of Caprington, &c. in Aberdeenshire, and married a daughter of Donald earl of Mar, (omitted in the Peerage, page 469;) and, in consequence of this marriage, he had the cross croislets (being part of the arms of that noble family) added to his own armorial bearings.
By this lady he had two sons.

1. Lawrence, his heir.
2. John, a man of extraordinary parts and merit, who was often sent ambassador to the court of England to negotiate affairs of state, particularly in 1412, 1413, 1416, and was at last appointed one of the commissioners to settle the ransom for King James I's liberty, anno 1423. But we can give no account of his Poltricity.

William died in the reign of King Robert II, and was interred in the church of Aberdeen, where his monument, name, and arms are still to be seen, the arms being the same as carried by the Leith of Leithhall at this day, as matriculated in the Lyon-office, and blazoned at the end of these memoirs.

He was succeeded in his estate in Aberdeenshire by his eldest son,

II. Laurence of Bannock, who got a charter of confirmation from Adam bishop of Aberdeen, the superior, Laurensi de Leith, filio et heredi quandam Wilhelmi Leith, titularis Leith hall, cum pertinentiis, jacione in vicecomitatu, de Aberdeen, &c., dated 6th April 1438.

He was provost of Aberdeen in the years 1491, 1493, and 1411. He made a present to that town of their largest bell, on which his name is still to be seen.

He died in the reign of King James II, and was buried in the church of Aberdeen, where his name and the same armorial bearing with his father's are still extant.

He left a son,

III. Norman Leith, who succeeded him in all his lands.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Lefflie fourth baron of Balquhain by Agnes Irvine his wife, daughter of the baron of Drum, by whom he had three sons.

1. Henry, his heir.
2. Gilbert, of whom there is no succession; but he will be further mentioned in the next title.

He died in the reign of King James III, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

IV. Henry Leith, who was proprietor of many other lands besides those of Bannock. This appears by a charter under the great seal from King James IV. Henrici Leith de Bannock, terrarum de Bannock, Archleven, Ardene cum moenia, Harlaw, &c., &c., in Aberdeen, dated 8th July 1490.

He left issue three sons.

1. George, his heir.
2. William Leith of Edingarock, who carried on the line of this family, as will be shown hereafter.

He died before the year 1479, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

V. George Leith of Bannock, who married, and left issue only two daughters, between whom he divided his lands of Bannock.

1. Elizabeth, married to Mr John Forbes of Towrie, whose son William got a charter under the great seal from Queen Mary, "To William Forbes, son and apparent heir of Elizabeth Leith portioner of Bannock, of part of the lands of Bannock, &c." dated 14th Dec. 1556.
2. Janet, married, first, to Alexander Seton of Meldrum; secondly, to Alexander Gordon of Aberchirder, and had issue to both.

George of Bannock dying without issue, anno 1505, the representation in the male line devolved upon his brother William before-mentioned, to whom we now return.

VI. William Leith, second son of Henry of Bannock, acquired the lands of Edingarock, &c. from George Lefflie of that ilk, and got a charter from the said George in these words: Nascitur meo conditio, &c. dicta meo Williamso Leith filio secundo genito quandam Henrici Leith domini de Bannock, quam et singular terras quas dimidiatas, &c., de Edingarock, &c., jacent in regaliaco de Gervich et vicecomitatu de Aberdeen, &c., dated the last day of January 1499.

He married a daughter of —— Gordon of Strathdon, by whom he had two sons.

1. Patrick, his apparent heir.
2. George, who carried on the line of the family.

As this William often resided at Lilkiehead, being part of his estate of Edingarock, his politeness were sometimes promiscuously designed by both these titles.

VI. Patrick, eldest son and apparent heir of William, upon his father's resignation, got a charter under the great seal, Patricii Leith, dimidiatas, &c., de Edingarock, &c., dated 14th May 1519; but he dying without issue, was succeeded by his brother,

VI. George Leith of Edingarock, second son of William, who was served and returned heir-male to his uncle George Leith of Bannock, before John Lefflie of Balquhain.
VII. Patrick Leith, who, in his father's lifetime, was defined of Lilkiehead.

He married Joan, second daughter of William Leitch, seventh baron of Balquhan by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir Walter Ogilvie of Boyne, by whom he had four sons and two daughters.

1. Patrick, his heir.
2. John, defined of Edingarrock, who married a daughter of John Leitch of Wardie, but died without male issue.
3. Laurence of Kirkton of Rain, who carried on the line of this family, of whom afterwards
4. Henry, mentioned in an entail hereafter narrated, but we can give no further account of him.

VIII. Laurence Leith of Kirkton of Rain, third son of Patrick of Lilkiehead, who got a charter of confirmation under the great seal, Laurensio Leithi baredibus masculis, &c., quibus deficiat. Henricio de Leith e juratis, &c., (probably in terms of the entail before narrated) terrarum ecclesialis, vocat. Kirkion de Reara, cum gleba, &c., dated 3d November 1581.

This Laurence wadjet from the marquis of Huntly the lands of Buchan, where he chiefly resided afterwards. He also purchased a considerable part of the parish of Colbrack.

He married, first, Agnes, third daughter of Alexander third lord of Wardie by Margaret his wife, daughter of Alexander Forbes of Towie, but by her he had no issue.

He married, secondly, Beille, daughter of Sir George Gordon of Cocklarochlie, by whom he had a son.

IX. John, who succeeded him in his whole estate, but sold off his lands of Kirkton of Rain; and, as he resided for the most part at Buchan, he was chiefly defined by that title, until he purchased the lands of New Leitie, Peill, Sycle, Arnbog, &c., after which New Leitie became the seat of his family, and he was for sometime defined by that title.

He married Marjory, daughter of Arthur Forbes, fourth son of Alexander sixth lord Pitligo, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Alexander...
Alexander Leslie, fourth laird of Pitcairn, and by her he had two sons and two daughters.

1. James, his heir.
2. Alexander, of whom the Leith of Buchar, Blair, Whiteriggs, &c. are descendents. Vide title Leith of Buchan.

1st daughter, was married to —— Lunardain of Calhnie.
2. ——, married to —— Forbes of Cullumary.

He was succeeded by his eldest son,


He built the house of Leith-hall upon his lands called Peili, which hath ever since been the chief seat and title of the family.

He married Margaret, daughter of Alexander Strachan of Glenkiney, by whom he had three sons and two daughters.

1. John, his heir.
3. William, who died without issue.
4th daughter, Margaret, married to —— Gordon of Beldane.

2. Jean, married to John Grant of Tomswill, and was mother of the present —— Grant of Rodemaine.

He was succeeded by his eldest son,

XI. John Leith of Leith-hall, Esq; who married Janet Ogilvie, daughter of George Second Lord Barff, by Agnes Falconer, his wife, daughter of Alexander first Lord Halkerton, and by her he had five sons and one daughter.

1. John, his heir.
2. Patrick.
3. George, who purchased the lands of Blackhall, which he now enjoys, and is designed by that title.

4. Laurence.
5. Anthony.

His daughter, Elizabeth, was married to Richard Gordon of Craigmuie, Esq.

He acquired the whole estate of Leslie in the Garioch, whereby he again got possession of the lands of Edingarrock, the ancient inheritance of his predecessors.

He died anno 1727, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

XII. John Leith of Leith-hall, Esq; who married Mary, daughter of Charles Hay of Kanas, Esq; by whom he had one son,

John, his heir,—and one daughter,

Jean, married to James Gordon of Ardmilie.

He died anno 1736, and was succeeded by his son,

XIII. John Leith of Leith-hall, Esq; who married Harriet, eldest daughter of Alexander Stewart of Auchluncarty, by whom he had three sons.

1. John, now of Leith-hall, his heir.
2. Alexander.

He acquired the lands of Lair and Ardlair, which he added to the family estate.

And dying anno 1763, was succeeded by his eldest son,

XIV. John Leith of Leith-hall, Esq.

A R M S.

Or, a cross-croslet sable, between three crescents in chief, and as many fusils in base gules, barways.

C R E S T; a cross-croslet sable.

M O T T O: Truth to the end.

C H I E F S E A T S

At Leith-hall, and Leslie in Garioch, in Aberdeenshire.

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L E I T H of O V E R H A L L.

The immediate ancestor of this family was

Norman Leith of Barnis, No. III. of title Leith-hall. He flourished in the reign of James II. and married the eldest daughter of William Leslie fourth baron of Balquhain, by whom he had three sons.

1. Henry Leith of Baronis, whose eldest son George of Barnis, died without male issue, anno 1505, and left two daughters, Elizabeth and Janet, his co-heiresses in the estate of Barnis, as in the preceding title.
2. Gilbert, of whom afterwards.

Gilbert
Gilbert Leith, second son of Norman of Barnis, obtained from the crown a gift of the ward of the marriages of the co-heiresses of Barnis, dated 20th November 1560, in which gift, George of Barnis, father of the co-heiresses, is designated brother's son of this Gilbert.

Gilbert disposed this gift to his brother John, 2nd April 1569, and dying soon thereafter unmarried, was succeeded by his brother.

I. JOHN LEITH, third son of Norman of Barnis, who obtained from Janet Leith, second daughter of the above George of Barnis, before her marriage, a disposition in favour of his half of the lands of Barnis, "To and in favour of "John Leith", his grand-nephew, dated 12th January 1520," which disposition he again confirmed after her marriage and in her widowhood.

Upon which disposition he got a charter of confirmation from King James V. wherein he is designated John Leith portioner of Barnis, dated 7th March 1520; and these lands have been the property of his posterity ever since.

He married a daughter of Lyon of Mihres, by whom he had two sons.
1. Gilbert, his heir.
2. William, who carried on the line of the family.

He was succeeded by his eldest son.

II. GILBERT, who got a charter under the great seal from King James V. Gilbert Leith, filius et hereditarium Johannis Leith de Barnis, dominii et terrae Bovis, et de Newton, dated 25th October 1527.

He dying unmarried, was succeeded by his brother.

III. WILLIAM LEITH of Barnis, who was served heir in the said lands to John Leith his father, in virtue of a precept from the chancery, dated 8th May 1548.

He married Christian, daughter of Auchinleck of that ilk, by whom he had one son.

III. GILBERT LEITH of Barnis, who succeeded him, and, by a precept from the chancery, was served heir to William his father, in the said half lands of Barnis, 27th September 1485.

He married Margaret, daughter of John Forbes of Barnis, by whom he had a son and successor.

IV. GEORGE, who was served and retourned heir to his father Gilbert, and infeft in the said half lands of Barnis, by a precept from the chancery, dated 27th May 1601.

He was afterwards designed by the title of Overhall, which appears by a charter under the great seal, George Leith de Overhall de Barnis, fere et tenebris et rampam de Barnis et vicinum de Barnis, dated 9th July 1618.

He married Magdalene, daughter of John Leith of Harthill, by whom he had one son.

V. GEORGE LEITH of Overhall, who succeeded, was served heir to his father George, and infeft in the said lands, by a precept from the chancery, dated 5th November 1635.

He married Isabel, daughter of John Dunbar of Bargie, and died in the end of the reign of King Charles I. leaving issue a son.

VI. GEORGE, who was served and returned heir to his father George, by a precept from the chancery, dated 15th June 1655.

He married Marjory, daughter of Robert Farquharson of Invercauld, and dying in the reign of King Charles II. left a son.

VII. ROBERT LEITH of Overhall, who was served and returned heir to his father George, in the said lands, by a precept from the chancery, dated 24th February 1678.

He married Margaret, daughter of Francis Roß of Auchlochan, by whom he had a son and heir.

VIII. GEORGE LEITH of Overhall, Esq., who was served and returned heir to his father George, and infeft in the said lands by a precept from the chancery, dated 7th February 1700.

He married Cecilia, daughter of Robert Young of Auchabur, and died anno 1702, leaving issue a son.

IX. ROBERT LEITH of Overhall, who succeeded him, and was infeft in said lands.

He was clerk to the court of justiciary, and one of the under clerks of seisin.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Arthur Forbes of Craigyvar, baronet, by whom he had two sons.
1. George, his heir.

He dying in April 1768, was succeeded by his eldest son.

X. GEORGE LEITH, now of Overhall, Esq., A R M S.

Or, a chevron between the three fuselles azure. Crest: a turtle dove proper. Motto: Semper fidelis. Chiefl Seat

At Overhall in Aberdeen.

LEITH
LEITH OF HARTHILL:

1. Patrick, his heir.

2. John, who carried on the line of the family, of whom afterwards.

He died in the beginning of the reign of King Charles I. and was succeeded by his eldest son.

IV. Patrick Leith of Harthill, a youth of extraordinary parts, undaunted resolution, and most inviolably attached to the interest of the royal family; according to my author, he was deservedly honoured with a compliment for a troop of horse from King Charles I. He knew well how to raise the men; but the great difficulty was, how to mount them: His military genius and herculean spirit soon surmounted this obstacle, by forming a fratagem that succeeded to his wish; for, hearing that Forbes of Craigmillar had come to Inverary with his troop, he called to him his most bold and enterprising friends, and, after communicating his plan, went with them in dead of night to Inverary, where he made the whole troop prisoners, and with their horses mounted his own men, with whom, in a day or two he made a good figure before Montrose, who highly applauded the courage and conduct of the brave young gentleman, etc., etc. But he had the misfortune afterwards to be taken prisoner by the parliament forces, and was beheaded at Edinburgh, 26th October 1647, not above 25 years of age; and having no issue was succeeded by his brother.

IV. John Leith of Harthill, second son of Patrick, who married Jean Forbes, daughter of ———, by whom he had a son, William, his heir,—and a daughter, Ann. He was also deeply engaged in the royal cause, tho' but a young man, and on that account suffered great hardships; which appears from the records of parliament, by a petition and representation of "John Leith of Harthill, Jean Forbes his ipouche, and Anne Leith their daughter, setting forth, that he was "tane in Leisnour's house anno 1647, with others, on capitulation for freedom of life and fortune, which was observed to all that were taken except himself: That he has ever since lain in the iron-horse in a miserable condition in the tolbooth of Edinburgh, etc., etc. Afterwards, upon a motion of the earl of Lothian, he was ordered to be liberate, he finding caution in the

Minutes of parliament.
George Leith of New-Rain, dated 17th December 1579, to which John Leith of Carden is a witness.

He was succeeded by his eldest son,

VI. PATRICK LEITH of Harthill, who,
by —— Ogilvy his wife, left five three sons:

VII. PATRICK, eldest son of Patrick Leith of Harthill, is now representative of that family.

LEITH of TREEFIELD.

JOHN LEITH, second baron of Harthill, by
Beatriz Fraser his spouse, had several children:
1. Patrick, who succeeded him in the estate of Harthill.
2. Peter, who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Udney of that ilk, by a charter under the great seal, dated in 1547.
3. George, the first of this family.

I. GEORGE LEITH, Esq; third son of
John, second baron of Harthill, obtained from
his father a disposition to the lands of Treefield, as appears from a contract of marriage entered into between the said George and Helen, daughter of John Leith of Monymore, the two fathers being the parties contractors for their children. The contract is dated 23rd September 1605, on which they were infeft 7th October thereafter.
He had a son,

II. GEORGE LEITH of Treefield, who
succeeded him, and got a charter of said lands, dated in January 1633, with a saise following thereon, dated in February the same year.
He married Isabella, daughter of Thomas

Exskine of Bathgattie, by whom he had a
son and successor,

III. GEORGE LEITH, third baron of Treefield, who in his father's lifetime married Jean, daughter of James Gordon of Terperrie, which appears by a contract, wherein the two fathers were the parties contractors, and whereby the son was put in se of the estate of Treefield. This contract is dated the 6th of March 1660, on which George the younger got a charter under the great seal, dated 14th November 1663.

By the said Jean Gordon he had a son,
Peter, his apparent heir.

This George, with consent of his son Peter, dispenses his estate of Treefield, Bonyton, and mill thereto, in favour of Alexander Leith, afterwards of Treefield, as is further obtained under that title.

IV. PETER LEITH, son and heir of George of Treefield, married ——, daughter of ——
by whom he hath a son,

V. ALEXANDER, who now represents that family.

LEITH of BUCHARNE.

JOHN LEITH, Esq; the ninth generation of the ancient family of Leith-hall, who lived in the reign of king James VI. married Marjory Forbes daughter of Arthur, a younger son of Alexander seventh lord Pittilgo, by whom he had two sons and two daughters.
1. James, of Leith-hall his successor.

2. Alexander, first of the Leiths of Bucharne.

For the daughters, see page 227 of this work.

I. ALEXANDER LEITH, Esq; second son of John, progenitor of the Leiths of Leith-hall, was commonly called Hard Head, on account
count of his remarkable valour and intrepidity.

He obtained from his father a wadset of the lands of Buchane, &c. and was ever after designated by that title.

He married Marjory, daughter of William third son of Sir George Johnston of Caskieben, baronet, by whom he had two sons.

1. John, his heir.
2. Alexander.

He was succeeded by his eldest son,

II. John Leith of Buchane, who married Beatrix, daughter of major Walter Ogilvie, third son of Sir Patrick Ogilvie of Boyne, one of the senators of the college of justice, by whom he had three sons.

1. Alexander, his heir.
2. John, who having acquired the lands of Blair, that became the chief title of his family.
3. George.

We must here observe, that the wadset of the lands of Buchane, was redeemed by the family of Gordon from this John, and at the same time his eldest son,

III. Alexander Leith, Esq; in Buchane, obtained a lease thereof, and possessed the same as long as he lived.

He married Margaret, daughter of Walter Halket of Caimmon, Esq; by whom he had six sons.


IV. Alexander Leith, Esq; eldest son of Alexander in Buchane, was a brave officer, and chief commander of the royal artillery at the siege of the Havana, where he lost his life in the service of his country, anno 1763, and left issue a son,

V. Alexander Charles George Leith, Esq; who having also betaken himself to a military life, has now the command of a battalion of sepoyos in the service of the East-India Company at Bombay.

He married Margaret, eldest daughter of Thomas Hay of Huntington, Esq; one of the senators of the college of justice, by whom he hath two sons.

Alexander William George, and Thomas Francis Henry Williamson.

ARMS.

The same with Leith-hall, with a mullet for his difference.

LEITH of FREEFIELD.

James Leith of Leith-hall, No. X. in the account of that ancient family, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Alexander Strachan of Glenkindy, had three sons and two daughters.

1. John his successor, who carried on the line of Leith hall.
2. Alexander, the first of this family.

I. Alexander Leith, Esq; second son of James of Leith-hall, acquired from George Leith of Treefield, with consent of his son Peter, the lands of Treefield, Bonnyton, and mill thereof, by a disposition, dated 26th January 1702. and having also made several other purchases, got a charter under the great seal, of the lands of Treefield, New Rain, Barreldykes, &c. &c. all erected into one free barony, to be called the barony of Freefield in all time coming, which hath continued to be the chief title of his family ever since. This charter is dated 26th January 1705.

He married Christian, daughter of Alexander Davidson of Newton, by whom he had four sons.

1. Alexander, his heir.

He afterwards acquired from his kinsman Sir Patrick Strachan, the lands and barony of Glenkindy, anno 1738, in which he put his son in possession in his own lifetime, and he was long designated by that title.

This Alexander lived to the uncommon age of ninety years, and dying anno 1754, was succeeded by his eldest son,

II. Alexander Leith, first of Glenkindy, now of Freefield, who was served and retourned heir to his father by a precept from the chancery, dated 26th April 1756.
He married Jean, eldest daughter of Alexander Gordon of Tron, Esq; advocate, by Jean his wife, daughter of Sir Francis Grant of Cullen, one of the tenants of the college of justice, by whom he had two sons and four daughters.

1. Alexander. 2. Garden.

1st daughter, Jean, married to George Buchanan-Hepburn of Smeaton, Esq advocate.


III. Alexander Leith, Esq; eldest son and apparent heir of Alexander Leith of Freefield.

At Freefield in Garioch and Glenkindy in Marr.

WAMPHRAY.

The immediate ancestor of this family was

JAMES JOHNSTON, lord of that ilk, the tenth generation of the illustrious house of Annandale in a direct male line.

He lived in the reigns of King James IV, V, and VI, and left three sons.

1. John, who succeeded him, and carried on the line of the family of Annandale.

His other sons were Robert, Adam, and —.

I. James, the first of this family.

This James having acquired from John Carruthers of Holmains, the lands of Aldtown, and others near Moffat, extending to a five marks land of old extent, got a charter of alienation thereof from the said John Carruthers, Honorabilis uxor Jacobo Johnston, fratris germano boun ab ilis citi Johannis Johnston de castris, &c. dated 16th November 1546.

He afterwards got a charter under the great seal from queen Mary, Jacobo Johnston in person, terrarum baronum de Wampfray, Margareta Macdellae ejus spouae, et Jacobo Johnston ejus filio et heredi apparenti, &c. dated anno 1549, which barony became afterwards the chief title of his family.

As in those days there were frequent incursions made by the English borderers in the south country, and sometimes family feuds among themselves, there was a mutual and very natural contract, by bond of mutual entry, into betwixt John Johnston lord of that ilk, and James Johnston of Wampfray, his brother-german, in which are these words:

That the said James Johnston of Wampfray, binds and obliges him, and his heirs, in perpetual bond of mutual entry, into betwixt John, and his heirs, to serve him and them, lately and truly, both with his body and good counsel against all persons, his allegiances to the crown allegiance excepted; and the said John Johnston of that ilk, binds and obliges him, and his heirs, that they shall maintain and defend the said James, and his heirs, in all the lawful actions, causes and quarrels, lawful and honest, against all persons, his allegiance to the crown allegiance excepted, &c., &c.

This deed is duly executed and signed by the parties at Dumfries, the 1st day of April 1550, before the witnesses, James Douglas of Drumlanrig, Alexander Carlisle of Bride-Kirk, Thomas Johnston of Craigburn, Adam Carlisle, &c., &c., and registrates in the commissary court books of Dumfries.

By the said Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Macdell of Bomby, ancestor of Lord Kirkcudbright, he had issue two sons.

1. James, his heir.
2. Gilbert, who carried on the line of this family.

He was succeeded by his eldest son.

II. James Johnston of Wampfray, who survived his father many years, but dying without issue, anno 1591, was succeeded by his brother.

III. Gilbert Johnston of Wampfray, who is documented by a precept furth of the chancery, and in favour of "Gilbert Johnston of Wampfray, heir served and resided to James Johnston of Wampfray his brother-german, in all and all the lands and barony of Wampfray, with the teinds and patronage of the rectory of Wampfray, and all churches and chapels belonging thereto, &c." The precept is dated the 1st, and the false the 2d day of May 1595.

He married a daughter of Carruthers of Holmains, by whom he had a son and successor.

III. Robert.