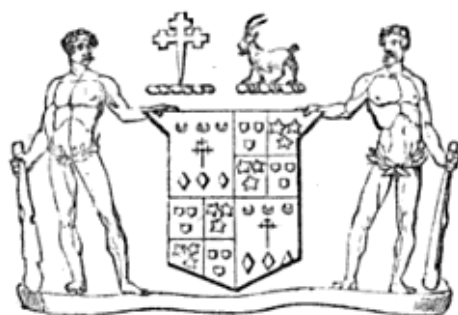


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LEITH-HAY, OF RANNES AND LEITH HALL.

HAY-LEITH, ALEXANDER, esq. of Rannes and **Leith** Hall, in the county of Aberdeen, a general officer in the army, *b.* 21st December, 1758, *m.* in 1784, Mary, daughter of Charles Forbes, esq. of Ballogie, and has had issue,



ANDREW, lieutenant-colonel in the army, M. P. for the Elgin district of burghs, *m.* in 1816, Mary-Margaret, daughter of William Clark, esq. of Buckland House.

John, captain R.N.

Harriot-Christian, *m.* to Sir Harry N. Lumsden, bart. and *d.* in 1820.

Mary, *m.* to Major Mitchell, of Ashgrove. **Elizabeth**, *m.* to Alexander Forbes, esq. of Blackford.

Margaret.

This gallant officer *s.* his elder brother, **JOHN LEITH**, esq. in 1778, and inherited the estate of Rannes upon the demise of **ANDREW HAY**, esq. in 1789, when he assumed the additional surname and arms of **HAY**.

General **Leith-Hay** is a deputy-lieutenant and justice of the peace for the county of Aberdeen.

Lineage.

The surname of **LEITH** is deemed of great antiquity in Scotland, and those who bore it held, in a remote era, vast possessions, including the barony of Restalrig, and others in the shire of Mid Lothian and territory of **Leith**, whence it is presumed the name was assumed. The immediate ancestor of the family before us,

WILLIAM LEITH, of Barnis, living in the time of David Bruce, and said to have been the male representative of the Leiths, of Edingarrock, was provost of Aberdeen in 1350, and proprietor of the lands of Caprington, in Aberdeenshire. He *m.* a daughter of Donald, twelfth Earl of Marr, and had two sons,

LAURENCE, his heir.

JOHN, ambassador to the court of England in 1412, 1413, and 1416, and one of the commissioners to adjust the amount of ransom for the release of **JAMES I.**

William Leith died some time in the reign of **ROBERT II.** and was buried in the church of Aberdeen, where his monument, name, and arms are still extant. He was *s.* by his elder son,

LAWRENCE LEITH, of Barnis, in the county of Aberdeen, and provost of Aberdeen in 1401, 1403, and 1411; to which town he presented their largest bell, on which his name is still visible. He died in the time of **JAMES II.** and was *s.* by his son,

NORMAN LEITH, who *m.* Elizabeth, dau. of William Leslie, fourth Baron of Balquhain, by Agnes Irvine, his wife, daughter of the Baron of Drum, and had three sons, viz.

HENRY, his heir.

Gilbert.

John, ancestor of the Leiths, of Overhall.

Norman d. temp. JAMES III. and was *s.* by his son,

HENRY LEITH, of Barnis, who had also three sons,

GEORGE, his heir.

WILLIAM, successor to his brother.

Patrick, progenitor of the Leiths, of Harthill.

And dying before the year 1479, was *s.* by his eldest son,

GEORGE LEITH, esq. who possessed many other lands besides those of Barnis, who wedded and had two daughters, viz.

ELIZABETH, *m.* to John Forbes, of Towie.

JANET, *m.* first, to Alexander Seton, of Meldrum, and secondly, to Sir Alexander Gordon, of Abergeldie. From the second marriage lineally descends

the present **WILLIAM GORDON**, esq. of Hasfield (see that family).

Between his two daughters, George **Leith**, at his decease, in 1505, divided the lands of Barnis, &c., but the representation of the family devolved upon his brother,

WILLIAM LEITH, esq. of Edingarrock, which estate he had acquired by charter from George Leslie, of Leslie, dated on the last day of January, 1499. He *m.* a daughter of Gordon, of Strathdon, and was *s.* by his elder son,

PATRICK LEITH, esq. of Edingarrock, who died without issue, and was succeeded by his brother,

GEORGE LEITH, esq. of Edingarrock, who, in 1550, was served and returned heir male to his uncle, George **Leith**, of Barnis, before John Leslie, of Balquhain, sheriff of Aberdeen, and an inquest composed of fifteen of the leading gentlemen in the county. He died at an advanced age, about the close of **QUEEN MARY'S** reign, and was succeeded by his son,

PATRICK LEITH, esq. who during the lifetime of his father was designed of Likliehead. He espoused Jean, second daughter of William Leslie, seventh Baron of Balquhain, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Walter Ogilvie, of Boyne, and had issue,

PATRICK, his heir.

John, designed of Edingarrock, who wedded a daughter of John Leslie, of Wardis, but *d. s. p.*

LAWRENCE, successor to his brother, Patrick.

Henry.

Nicholas, *m.* to George Leslie, fourth Laird of Finrassie.

Margaret, *m.* to Stephen Leslie, fourth Laird of Warthill.

This Patrick acquired, in his father's time, the lands of Kirkton de Rain from his brother-in-law, John Leslie, of Balquhain, on whose resignation he got a charter from the Archdean of Aberdeen, dated 13th August, 1561, to which Patrick **Leith**, of Harthill, is a subscribing witness. He died in the end of the reign of **JAMES VI.** and was *s.* by his eldest son,

PATRICK LEITH, esq. of Edingarrock, who sold that estate and the lands of Likliehead to John Forbes, of Leslie. He was afterwards, anno 1629, enfeoffed in the lands of Innogathill, upon a precept of clare constat from George, Marquess of Huntly, as heir to William **Leith**, of Edingarrock, his great grandfather. Dying *s. p.* he was *s.* by his brother,

LAURENCE LEITH, esq. of Kirkton de Rain, who wadset from the Marquess of Huntly the lands of Bucharne, where he afterwards chiefly resided. He likewise purchased a considerable part of the parish of Colbrack. He espoused, first, Agnes, third dau. of Alexander, third Laird of Wardis, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Alexander Forbes, of Towie. By this lady he had no issue, but by his second wife, Bessie, daughter of Sir George Gordon, of Cocklarochie, he had a son and successor,

JOHN LEITH, esq. who sold the lands of Kirkton de Rain, and purchased those of New Leslie, (whence he was sometimes designed) Peill, Syde, Arnbog, &c. He wedded Margery, dau. of Arthur Forbes, fourth son of the sixth Lord Pitsligo, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Alexander Leslie, fourth Laird of Pitcaple, and had with two daughters, the elder *m.* to Lumsdain, of Cushnie, the younger, to Forbes, of Culquhary) two sons, namely,

JAMES, his heir.

Alexander, commonly called *Hard Head*, on account of his remarkable personal courage. He obtained from his father a wadset of the lands of Bucharne, which wadset was redeemed by the family of Gordon, from John Leith, his son, whose son thereupon got a lease of Bucharne. This Alexander was ancestor of the Leiths, of Bucharne, Blair, &c.

The son and heir,

JAMES LEITH, of New Leslie, erected the mansion-house of Leith Hall, upon the lands of Peill, which has since continued the residence and designation of the family. This gentleman espoused Margaret, daughter of Alexander Strachan, of Glenkindy, and had issue,

JOHN, his heir.

Alexander, ancestor of the Leiths, of Glenkindy and Freefield.

William, *d. s. p.*

Margaret, *m.* to Gordon, of Beldomie.

Jean, *m.* to John Grant, of Tomavillion.

He was succeeded at his decease by his eldest son,

JOHN LEITH, esq. of Leith Hall, who *m.* Janet Ogilvie, daughter of George, second Lord Banff, by Agnes Falconer, his wife, daughter of Alexander, first Lord Halkerton, and had issue,

JOHN, his successor.

Patrick.

GEORGE, of Blackhall.

Laurence.

Anthony.

Elizabeth, *m.* to Richard Gordon, esq. of Craigmile.

Mr. Leith acquiring the whole estate of Leslie, in the Garroch, regained possession of the lands of Edingarrock, his ancient patrimonial inheritance. He died in 1727, and was *s.* by his eldest son,

JOHN LEITH, esq. of Leith Hall, who espoused Mary, daughter of Charles Hay, esq. of Rannes, and dying in 1736, left (with a daughter, Janet, *m.* to James Gordon, of Ardmilie) a son and heir,

JOHN LEITH, esq. of Leith Hall, who augmented his estate by the lands of Lair and Ardlair. He *m.* Harriot, daughter and heiress of Alexander Steuart, of Auchluncart, and had three sons, viz.

JOHN, } heirs in succession.
ALEXANDER, }

James (Sir), a lieutenant-general in the army, G.C.B. K.T.S. grand cordon of the order of merit of France, governor of Barbadoes, and commander of the forces in the Windward and Leeward Islands. Sir James Leith *d.* 16th October, 1816.

John Leith died in 1763, and was *s.* by his eldest son,

JOHN LEITH, esq. of Leith Hall, at whose decease, without issue, in 1778, the estates devolved on his brother, ALEXANDER, who,

having succeeded Andrew Hay, of Rannes, is the present general ALEXANDER LEITH HAY, of Rannes and Leith Hall.

Arms—Quarterly; first and fourth, or, a cross crosslet fitchee sa. between three crescents in chief, and as many fusiles in base barways gu.; second and third, quarterly, first and fourth, arg. three inescutcheons gu.; second and third, gu. three cinquefoils arg.

Crests—A cross crosslet fitchee sa. and a goat trippant ppr.

Supporters—Two naked men, wreathed about the loins, each holding in his exterior hand a club.

Mottoes—Trustie to the end. Spare nought.

Estates—In Aberdeenshire, obtained by the family at different periods, commencing about the year 1300.

Seats—Leith Hall and Leslie House, Aberdeenshire.

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