

dence and œconomy, who recovered and improved his paternal estate, which was much incumbered 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 Grierfon of Lag, 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, Elifabeth, daughter of John Ellies of Elliefton, 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. Elifabeth, married to Alexander earl of Balcarras, without issue.

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

VIII. DAVID SCOT of Scottstarvit, 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 differences and preventing law-suits amongst friends and neighbours, being often chosen sole arbiter in submissions, by both parties.

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

He married Lucy, daughter of sir Robert Gordon of Gordonfton, 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 this present parliament 1768.

1st daughter, Elifabeth, married to Peter Hay of Leys, Esq; an ancient cadet of the illustrious house of Errol, and had issue.

2. Lucy, died unmarried.

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

IX. DAVID SCOT, now of Scottstarvit, Esq; who appears to be the last cadet of the illustrious house of Buckleugh, in a direct male-line, consequently heir-male of that most noble family.

A R M S.

Or, on a bend azure, a star between two crescents of the first, within a border ingrailed gules.

CREST; a right hand holding an annulet, and therein a carbuncle proper.

MOTTO; *In tenebris lux.*

CHIEF SEATS

At Scottstarvit, 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 Restalrig and several others in the territory of Leith, from which last place, 'tis thought, they assumed their surname.

Sir George Mackenzie, Mr Nisbet, &c. mention the Leiths of Restalrig as a very ancient family. The Logans of Restalrig are said to have obtained these lands by marrying with a daughter of the Leiths; and sir Robert Logan of Restalrig 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 Lesly progenitor of the earls of

Roths, who lived in the reign of king Alexander III. married Elifabeth Leith, a daughter of the family of Edingarrock in Aberdeenshire, &c.

The immediate ancestor of this family was

I. WILLIAM LEITH, designed 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 twelfth earl of Marr, (omitted in the Peerage, page 460;) and, in consequence of this marriage, he had the cross crosslets (being part of the arms of that noble family) added to his own armorial bearing.

By

Records of council of Aberdeen, and Rymer's fed. Angliæ tom. VI. p. 82.

By this lady he had two sons.

1. *Laurence*, 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 posterity.

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 Leiths of Leith-hall 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 Barnis, who got a charter of confirmation from Adam bishop of Aberdeen the superior, *Laurentio de Leith, filio et heredi quondam Willielmi Leith, totas terras de Caprington, cum pertinentiis jacen. in vicecomitat. de Aberdeen, &c.* dated 6th April 1388.

He was provost of Aberdeen in the years 1401, 1403, 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 Elisabeth, daughter of William Leslie 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.
3. *John*, progenitor of the Leiths of Overhall. *Vide* that 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 Barnis. This appears by a charter under the great seal from king James IV. *Henrico Leith de Barnis, terrarum de Barnis, Auchlevoen, Ardoun cum molendino, Harlaw, &c. &c.* in Aberdeenshire, dated 18th July 1490.

He left issue three sons.

1. *George*, his heir.

2. *William Leith* of Edingarrock, who carried on the line of this family, as will be shown hereafter.

3. *Patrick*, progenitor of the Leiths of Harthill. *Vide* that title.

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

V. **GEORGE LEITH** of Barnis, who married, and left issue only two daughters, between whom he divided his lands of Barnis.

1. *Elisabeth*, married to Mr John Forbes of Towie, whose son William got a charter under the great seal from queen Mary, "To William Forbes, son and apparent heir of Elisabeth Leith portioner of Barnis, of part of the lands of Barnis, &c." dated 5th December 1550.

2. *Janet*, married, 1st, to Alexander Seton of Meldrum; 2dly, to Alexander Gordon of Aberzeldie, and had issue to both.

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

V. **WILLIAM LEITH**, second son of Henry of Barnis, acquired the lands of Edingarrock, &c. from George Leslie of that ilk, and got a charter from the said George in these words: *Noveritis me vendidisse, &c. dilecto meo Willielmo Leith filio secundo genito quondam Henrici Leith domini de Barnis, omnes et singulas terras meas dimidietatis occidentalis ville de Edingarrock, &c. jacen. in regalitate de Garioch 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 Likliehead, being part of his estate of Edingarrock, his posterity 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, *Patricio Leith, dimidietat. ville et terrarum de Edingarrock, &c.* dated 14th May 1516; but he dying without issue, was succeeded by his brother,

VI. **GEORGE LEITH** of Edingarrock, second son of William, who was served and returned heir-male to his uncle George Leith of Barnis, before John Leslie of Balquhain

Rymer, tome VIII, IX, and X.

Nisbet, vol. I, p. 69.

Charter of Aberdeen.

Records of council of Aberdeen, &c.

Laird Leslie, vol. No. 56.

Chart. in pub. archiv.

Chart. in pub. archiv.

Ibidem.

M. S. list. of the family of Gordon.

Cart. penes Geo. Leith de Blackhall.

Chart. in pub. archiv.

sheriff of Aberdeen, and an inquest of fifteen of the best gentlemen of the country, one of whom was William Leith portioner of Barnis his cousin, who was son of John third son of Norman of Barnis, &c.

The retour bears, that George Leslie of Edingarrock is nearest and lawful heir-male of the deceased George Leith of Barnis his uncle, &c.

The service, at which several of the seals of the gentlemen of the inquest are still entire, is dated 13th January 1550.

He lived to a great age, died in the end of the reign of queen Mary, and was succeeded by his son,

VII. PATRICK LEITH, who, in his father's lifetime, was designed of Likliehead.

He married Jean, second daughter of William Leslie seventh baron of Balquhain by Elisabeth his wife, daughter of sir Walter Ogilvie of Boyne, by whom he had four sons and two daughters.

1. Patrick, his heir.

2. John, designed of Edingarrock, who married a daughter of John Leslie of Wardis, 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.

1st daughter, Nicolas, married to George Leslie fourth laird of Finrassie.

2. Margaret, married to Stephen Leslie fourth laird of Warthill.

This Patrick, in his father's lifetime, acquired the lands of Kirkton of Rain from his brother-in-law John Leslie of Balquhain, upon whose resignation he got a charter from the archdean of Aberdeen in the following terms: *Patricio Leith de Likliehead in vitali redditu, et Johanni Leith ejus filio secundo genito in feodo et hereditate, et hereditibus masculis de corpore dicti Johannis legitime procreandis; quibus deficien. Laurentio Leith filio dicti Patricii, hereditibus masculis, &c. quibus deficien. Henrico Leith, etiam filio dicti Patricii, hereditibus masculis, &c. totas et integras terras meas ecclesiasticas, vocat. Kirkton de Rayn, Alehousecroft ejusd. cum suis pertinen. jacen. in parochia de Rayn et vicecomitat. de Aberdeen, &c. dated 13th August 1551; to which Patrick Leith of Harthill is a witness.*

Patrick is also served heir to the deceased George Leith his father, in the lands of Edingarrock, before John Leslie of Balquhain sheriff of Aberdeen, and a very honourable inquest of fifteen gentlemen. The retour

bears, that Patrick Leith bearer hereof is nearest and lawful heir of unquhil George his father in the foresaid lands, &c. The service is dated 4th October 1580, to which the seals of most of the gentlemen of the inquest are still intire.

He died in the end of the reign of king James VI. and was succeeded by his eldest son,

VIII. PATRICK LEITH of Edingarrock, who was served and returned heir to his father Patrick by a precept from the chancery, dated 19th November 1625, with a sasine following thereon, &c.

Immediately thereafter he sold his lands of Edingarrock and Likliehead to John Forbes of Leslie.

He was afterwards infeft in the lands of Innogathill, upon a precept of *clare constat* from George marquis of Huntly, as heir to William Leith of Edingarrock his great-grandfather, May 1629.

He dying soon thereafter, without issue, was succeeded by his next surviving brother,

VIII. LAURENCE LEITH of Kirkton of Rain, third son of Patrick of Likliehead, who got a charter of confirmation under the great seal, *Laurentio Leith, hereditibus masculis, &c. quibus deficien. Henrico de Leith ejus fratri, &c.* (precisely in terms of the entail before narrated) *terrarum ecclesiasticarum, vocat. Kirkton de Rayn, cum gleba, &c. dated 3d November 1581.*

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

He married, 1st, Agnes, third daughter of Alexander third laird of Wardis by Margaret his wife, daughter of Alexander Forbes of Towie; but by her he had no issue.

He married, 2dly, Bessie, daughter of sir George Gordon of Cocklarochie, by whom he had a son,

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

He married Marjory, daughter of Arthur Forbes, fourth son of Alexander sixth lord Pitligo, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Alexander

Service penes
Geo. Leith
de Blackhall.

Laurus Lesli-
ana. No. 59.

Ibid. No. 86.

Ibid. No. 77.

Ibid. No. 83.

Chartulary of
Aberdeen.

Service penes
Blackhall.

Retour ibid.
et in pub. ar-
chiv.

Retour ibid.

Chart. in pub.
archiv.

Laurus Lesli-
ana, No. 84.
Baronage, p
29.

Writs of the
family.

Laurus Leslie-
ana, No. 118.

Alexander Leslie fourth laird of Pitcaple, and by her he had two sons and two daughters.

1. *James*, his heir.
2. *Alexander*, of whom the Leiths of Bucharn, Blair, Whiterigs, &c. are descended. *Vide* title LEITH OF BUCHARN.

1st daughter, was married to ——— Lumf-dain of Cullnie.

2. ———, married to ——— Forbes of Culquhary.

He was succeeded by his eldest son,

X. JAMES of New Leslie, afterwards of Leith-hall, who got a charter of the lands of New Leslie, Christ's-kirk, Peill, Syde, and Arnbog, "to and in favours of James Leith, eldest lawful son of John Leith of Bucharn and New Leslie, &c." dated *anno* 1650.

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

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

1. *John*, his heir.
2. *Alexander*, first of the Leiths of Free-field. *Vide* that title.
3. *William*, who died without issue.

1st daughter, *Margaret*, married to ——— Gordon of Beldomie.

2. *Jean*, married to John Grant of Tomavillion, and was mother of the present ——— Grant of Rothmaine.

He was succeeded by his eldest son,

XI. JOHN LEITH of Leith-hall, Esq; who married Janet Ogilvie, daughter of George second lord Banff, by Agnes Falconer his wife, daughter of Alexander first lord Halkerton, and by her 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.

Cart. penes
Blackhall.

Writs of the
family.

Peerage, page
68.

4. *Laurence*.

5. *Anthony*.

His daughter, *Elisabeth*, was married to Richard Gordon of Craigmile, 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 Ranas, Esq; by whom he had one son,

John, his heir,—and one daughter,

Janet, married to James Gordon of Ard-milie.

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

XIII. JOHN LEITH of Leith-hall, Esq; who married Harriot, eldest daughter of Alexander Stewart of Auchluncart, by whom he had three sons.

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

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 fitched *sable*, between three crescents in chief, and as many fustles in base *gules*, bar-ways.

CREST; a cross-croslet fitched.

MOTTO; *Trusty to the end*.

CHIEF SEATS

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

L E I T H O F 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 Barnis, whose eldest son *George* of Barnis, died without male-issue, *anno* 1505, and left two daughters, *Elisabeth* and *Janet*, his co-heiresses in the estate of Barnis, as in the preceding title.

2. *Gilbert*, of whom afterwards.

3. *John*, progenitor of the Leiths of Overhall.

Gilbert

Laurus Leslie-
ana, No. 56.

Original gift,
in archiv. fam.
de Overhall.

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 2d November 1506, in which gift, George of Barnis, father of the co-heiresses, is designed brother's son of this Gilbert.

Disposition, i-
bidem.

Gilbert disposed this gift to his brother John, 25th April 1509, and dying soon thereafter unmarried, was succeeded by his brother,

Ibidem.

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 to her half of the lands of Barnis, "To and in favours of John Leith her grand-uncle, dated 12th January 1520." Which disposition she again confirmed after her marriage and in her widowhood.

Charter, ib.

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

He married a daughter of — Lyon of Muiresk, 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,

Chart: in pub.
archiv.

II. GILBERT, who got a charter under the great seal from king James V. *Gilberto Leith, filio et hæredi Johannis Leith de Barnis, dimidietat. terrarum de Newton, &c.* in Aberdeenshire, dated 27th April 1536.

He dying unmarried, was succeeded by his brother,

Service penes
Overhall.

II. 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.

Retour, ibid.

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 1483.

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

Ibidem;

IV. GEORGE, who was served and retoured heir to his father Gilbert, and infest 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, *Georgia Leith de Overhall de Barnis solaris et umbralis dimidietat. terrarum de Barnis in vicecomitatu de Aberdeen, &c.* dated 9th July 1618.

Chart. in pub.
archiv.

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

Retour penes
Overhall.

V. GEORGE LEITH of Overhall, who succeeded, was served heir to his father George, and infest in the said lands, by a precept from the chancery, dated 5th November 1633:

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

Ibidem.

VI. GEORGE, who was served and retoured 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,

Retour, ibid.

VII. ROBERT LEITH of Overhall, who was served and retoured heir to his father George, in the said lands, by a precept from the chancery, dated 27th February 1678.

He married Margaret, daughter of Francis Rofs of Auchlossan, by whom he had a son and heir,

Retour, penes
Overhall, et
in pub. archiv.

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

He married Cecilia, daughter of Robert Young of Auldbar, and died *anno* 1762, leaving issue a son,

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

He was clerk to the court of judiciary, and one of the under clerks of session.

He married Elisabeth, daughter of sir Arthur Forbes of Craigyvar, baronet, by whom he had two sons.

1. *George*, his heir.

2. *Arthur Leith*.

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

X. GEORGE LEITH, now of Overhall, Esq;

A R M S.

Or, a cheveron between three fusiles azure.

CREST; a turtle dove proper.

MOTTO; *Semper fidus.*

CHIEF SEAT

At Overhall in Aberdeenshire.

LEITH

LEITH of HARTHILL.

I. **PATRICK**, third son of Henry Leith of Barnis, No. IV. of title LEITH of Leith-hall, was the first of this family.

He got from his father the lands of Harthill, &c. and married Clara, daughter of John Leslie second baron of Wardes, which is instructed by a charter under the great seal from king James V. *Patricio Leith de Harthill, et Clara Leslie ejus sponsa, terrarum de Auchleven, Ardoun, Buchanstown cum molendino, Harlaw, &c.* in the county of Aberdeen, dated 8th December 1531.

By her he had a son,

John, his heir,—and a daughter,

Christina, who got a charter under the great seal from queen Mary, *Christina Leith, filia Patricii Leith de Harthill in vitali reddito, terrarum de lie Intoun de Knockreoch, &c.* dated 10th February 1547.

He died in the end of the reign of queen Mary, and was succeeded by his son,

II. **JOHN LEITH** of Harthill, who married Beatrix Frazer, by whom he had three sons and one daughter.

1. *Patrick*, his heir.

2. *Peter*, who married Elisabeth, daughter of William Udney of that ilk, Esq; and obtained from his father a charter of the lands of Muirhillock, Lonehead, mill of Bonnytown, &c. to him and Elisabeth Udney his spouse, dated 22d September 1605.

3. *George*, who, anno 1605, married Helen, daughter of John Leith of Mountgerry, and was progenitor of the Leiths of Treesfield.

His daughter, *Magdalene*, was married to George Leith of Barnis.

He got a charter under the great seal, *Johanni Leith de Harthill, filio et heredi quondam Patricii Leith de Harthill, viginti solidat. villa et terrarum de Newlands in vicecomitatu de Aberdeen, &c. &c.* dated the penult day of July 1599.

He lived to a great age, died about the year 1612, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

III. **PATRICK LEITH** of Harthill, who, upon his father's resignation, got a charter under the great seal, *Patricio Leith, filio et heredi apparenti Johannis Leith, senioris de Harthill, terrarum ecclesiasticarum de lie Kirk-toun de Rain, cum lie Alebouse-croft ejusd. &c.* in the county of Aberdeen, dated 3d March 1611.

He married ———, daughter of ———, by whom he had issue two sons:

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 commission 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 heroic spirit soon surmounted this obstacle, by forming a stratagem that succeeded to his wish; for, hearing that Forbes of Craigyvar had come to Inverury 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 Inverury, 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, &c. &c." 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, *Anne*.

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 spouse, and Anne Leith their daughter, setting forth, that he was tane in Lesmoir'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 layn in the iron-house in a miserable condition in the tolbuith of Edinburgh, &c. &c. Afterwards, upon a motion of the earl of Lothian, he was ordered to be liberate, he finding caution in the

Edinburgh magazine, vol. IV, p. 534. and Guthrie's memoirs, p. 221.

Minutes of parliament.

Baronage, p. 23.

Chart. in pub. archiv.

Ibidem.

Chart. penes Evesfield.

Contract ib.

Chart. in pub. archiv.

Ibidem.

" sum of 10,000 merks for his good behaviour, &c. 11th August 1649.
He was succeeded by his son,

Laurus Leslie-
ana, No. 121.

V. WILLIAM LEITH of Harthill, who married the eldest daughter of John Leslie seventh baron of Pitcaple, by whom he had three sons.

1. *Patrick*, his heir.
2. *George*.—3. *William*, who both signed a disposition of all right they could pretend to have to the lands of New-Rain and Barrel-dykes, in favours of Marjory Leith, heiress of

Disposition,
penes Free-
field.

George Leith of New-Rain, dated 17th December 1679, 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 issue three sons.

1. *Patrick*.—2. Captain *James*.—3. *Walter*.

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 Beatrix Fraser his spouse, had several children.

1. *Patrick*, who succeeded him in the estate of Harthill.
2. *Peter*, who married Elisabeth, 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 Mountgerry, the two fathers being the parties contractors for their children. The contract is dated 23^d September 1605, on which they were infest 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 sasine following thereon, dated in February the same year. He married Isabel, daughter of Thomas

Contract, pe-
nes Treefield.

Charter and
Sasine, ibid.

Erskine of Bathagartie, 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 Terperse, which appears by a contract, wherein the two fathers were the parties-contractors, and whereby the son was put in fee 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.

Ibidem.

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

This George, with consent of his son Peter, disposes his estate of Treefield, Bonytoun, and mill thereof, in favours of Alexander Leith, afterwards of Freefield, as is further observed 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 antient 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 Pitligo, 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 Bucharne, &c. and was ever after designed 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 Bucharne, 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 Bucharne, was redeemed by the family of Gordon from this John, and at the same time his eldest son,

III. ALEXANDER LEITH, Esq; in Bucharne, obtained a lease thereof, and possessed the same as long as he lived.

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

1. *Alexander*.—2. *John*.—3. *Walter*.

4. *James*, who married Margaret, daughter of John Young of Sleach, and acquired the lands of Whittrigs, which is now the title of his family.

5. *Charles*, a doctor of medicine in the province of Maryland.

6. *Laurence*, a lieutenant in the 89th regiment, who has obtained a renewal of the lease of the lands of Bucharne, &c.

IV. ALEXANDER LEITH, Esq; eldest son of Alexander in Bucharne, was a brave officer, and chief commander of the royal artillery at the siege of the Havannah, 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 seapoys 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*.

A R M S.

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 antient 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, Bonnytown, 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, Barrcldykes, &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.
2. *Walter*.—3. *Patrick*.—4. *George*.

He afterwards acquired from his cousin-german 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 designed 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 retoured heir to his father by a precept from the chancery, dated 26th April 1756.

Retour in Chancery.

He

Chart. in pub. archiv. et penes Freefield.

He married Jean, eldest daughter of Alexander Garden of Troup, Esq; advocate, by Jean his wife, daughter of sir Francis Grant of Cullen, one of the senators of the college of justice, by whom he hath two sons and four daughters.

1. *Alexander*. — 2. *Garden*.

1st daughter, *Jean*, married to George Buchan-Hepburn of Smeaton, Esq; advocate.

2. *Christian*. — 3. *Bethia*. — 4. *Agnes*.

III. ALEXANDER LEITH, Esq; eldest son

and apparent heir of Alexander Leith of Freefield.

A R M S.

The same with Leith-hall, quartered with Glenkindy, which are *azure*, a hart tripping or, attired and unguled *gules*, &c.

CHIEF SEATS

At Freefield in Garioch and Glenkindy in Marr.

JOHNSTON of WAMPFRAY.

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. and V. and left issue four 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 Aldtoun, and others near Moffat, extending to a five merks land of old extent, got a charter of alienation thereof from the said John Carruthers, *Honorabili viro Jacobo Johnston, fratri germano honorabilis viri Johannis Johnston de eodem, &c.* dated 16th November 1546.

He afterwards got a charter under the great seal from queen Mary, *Jacobo Johnston in Porconnet, terrarum baronia de Wamphray, Margareta Maclellan ejus sponsa, 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 amongst themselves, there was a mutual and very natural contract or bond of manrent entered into betwixt John Johnston lord of that ilk, and James Johnston of Wamphray, his brother-german, in which are these words :

“ That the said James Johnston of Wamphray, binds and obliges him, and his ayrs, in perpetual bond of manrent to the said John, and his heirs, to serve him and them, lalely and truly, both with his body and guid counsel against all persons, his allegi-

“ ance to the crown allenary excepted; and
“ the said John Johnston of that ilk, binds
“ and obliges him, and his ayrs, that he shall
“ maintain and defend the said James, and his
“ ayrs, in all the lawful actions, causes and
“ quarrels, lawful and honest against all per-
“ sons, his allegiance to the crown allenary
“ excepted, &c. &c.” This deed is duly executed and signed by the parties at Dumfries, the 12th day of April 1550, before these witnesses, James Douglas of Drumlanrig, Alexander Carlisle of Bride-Kirk, Thomas Johnston of Craigsburn, Adam Carlisle, &c. &c. and registrate in the commissary court books of Dumfries.

By the said Margaret, daughter of sir Thomas Maclellan of Bomby, ancestor of lord Kirkcubright, 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 Wamphray, who survived his father many years; but dying without issue, anno 1591, was succeeded by his brother,

II. GILBERT JOHNSTON of Wamphray, who is documented by a precept furth of the chancery, to and in favours of “ Gilbert Johnston of Wamphray, heir served and retoured to James Johnston of Wamphray his brother-german, in all and hail the lands and barony of Wamphray, with the teinds and patronage of the rectory of Wamphray, and all churches and chapels belonging thereto, &c.” The precept is dated the 1st, and the sasine the 2d day of May 1593.

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

III. ROBERT

Original charter in the custody of Lieut. Col. Ro. Johnston.

Chart. in pub. archiv.

Penes C. Johnston.

Ibidem.