

CHAPTER XXIII.

CORSE AND CRAIGIEVAR.

THE next cadet family of the Lord Forbes' stock, from another younger son of the 2nd Lord, was that of Corse. There is a Charter, granted by King James III. to Patrick Forbes, brother-german to William, 3rd Lord Forbes, of the Barony of O'Neil and Corse, dated at Edinburgh the 17th day of December, 1476.

I. Patrick Forbes of Coul and 1st of Corse and Kincairgy was Laird of the Barony of O'Neil and armour-bearer to James III.¹

" In 1479—William, 3rd Lord Forbes, granted to Patrick Forbes of Corse, his brother—five merks annually, being the blanch mail due to the said Lord Forbes out of the lands of Quhytseddil in the Barony of Kerrymuir, Sheriffdom of Angus, for 28 years, in consideration of the said Patrick having paid to umquhile Archibald Earl of Angus seven score marks for composition and new infestment obtaining to umquhile James Lord Forbes, father of the said William. The lands being in the King's hands for 45 years by reason of non-entry.

" Witnesses.

signed

" Jhone Forbes in Culquharie.

Patricius forbes of corse.

" Alec. Forbes.

" Gilbert Stewin and Maister Alex. forbes."

II. Patrick had one son, David (" trail the axe "), who succeeded him (but is sometimes described as his " natural " son), who married Elizabeth, sister of Mr. Patrick Panter of Newmanswells, near Montrose, Abbot of Cambuskenneth ; by her he had one son.

III. Patrick Forbes, 3rd of Corse, " Lessee of O'Neil in 1546," married Marjory, daughter of Robert Lumsden of Cushnie, and had four sons and five daughters :—

(1) William, his heir ; (2) Patrick of Bithnie, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Duncan Forbes of Cults, and had an elder son, Duncan, and a grandson, George, who died *s.p.* 1649 ; also a second son, William Forbes of

¹ Fintray was received later, as on December 25th, 1574, there is a sasine granted by William, 7th Lord Forbes, in favour of his second son William, of the lands of Fintray. (*Fintray Charters.*) And in 1580 an obligation for 10,000 crowns in gold by the same Lord Forbes, to " my beloved son Robert, Commendator of Monymusk, secured on the lands of Tullreoch." (*Ibid.*)

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Tilliegreig, parson of Mortlach. There were also (3) Mr. John, *o.s.p.*, and (4) Mr. Arthur, who had a daughter married to Mr. William Forbes, minister of Fraserburgh in 1618.¹ The five daughters married respectively: (1) Garioch of Kinstair; (2) Irvine of Beltie; (3) Walter Curror of Inchdrewer; (4) Walter Barclay of Drumdelgie; (5) the youngest, Elizabeth, married William Leith of Whitehaugh. Patrick died before 1582.

IV. William, the 4th Laird, succeeded 1568, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Strachan of Thornton,² by whom he had seven sons and five daughters:—

(1) Patrick, Bishop of Aberdeen, his heir, an opponent of the Covenant and supporter of the Five Articles of Perth.

“the Right Reverend and worthy Patrick Forbes of Corse Lord Bishop of Aberdeen, a Star of the first magnitude in the church—for his rare piety and great parts and his powerful and persuasive gift of preaching

“And his son Dr. John Forbes of Corse, professor of Divinity in the King’s College of Aberdeen, whose memory is famous in the republic of letters for his profound learning and skill in church history and the fathers—who made one of the company of those eminent doctors and professors of Aberdeen who firmly stood their ground and continued resolute to the duty and allegiance they owed to their prince even to the last, and most successfully managed that famous debate they had with those Presbyterian ministers who were looked upon as the ablest scholars of their persuasion and the main pillars and supporters of the Covenant, to so great advantage as did not a little nettle the whole party. These two we may justly reckon as confessors for loyalty and Episcopacy.” (*MS. History of the Forbes Family.*)

The famous diary of Dr. John Forbes, often quoted, but never printed, is still at Fintray; it dates from 1621 to 1647.

He was celebrated not only for his learning but for his deep piety and humility, and was driven from his Chair in Aberdeen, and also from his house, by the ultra Calvinists and Covenanters, who appointed in his place Mr. Andrew Cant.

(2) William, a merchant, afterwards of Craigievar (see page 318).

(3) Mr. John, 1568–1634, minister at Alford and then at Delft, in Holland. He was banished from Scotland for his religious opinions, and he and his brother Arthur, in Swedish service, stayed first at Middleburg. Two of his sons became colonels in the Dutch service, and one a Bishop.

(4) Captain Alexander, *o.s.p.* (5) James of Knockandoch, married Mary Balfour, and had six sons and one daughter, of whose issue there is no record save one son, Robert.

(6) Sir Arthur, whence the Earls Granard (see page 329); (7) Robert, *o.s.p.*; (1) Margaret, married Henry Forbes of Thainston; (2) Agnes, married August 11th, 1589, Robert Forbes, Prior of Monymusk. Marriage Contract

¹ William Forbes had a son Arthur, also minister of Fraserburgh.

² The initials W.F. and E.S. and date 1581 are on the Castle.

at Fintray. She was invested in her pure virginity in the lands of Tullyriach. Patrick, the future bishop, was a witness. (*Fintray Charters.*)

(3) —, who married John Farquhar of Norham; (4) Elizabeth, married Duncan Forbes of Camphill; and (5) Mary, who married Alexander Ogilvie of Milndavie.

William acquired Wester Corse and Norham and built the castle in 1584; he died 1598 and was succeeded by his eldest son.

V. Patrick Forbes of Corse, born 1564, the famous Bishop of Aberdeen, had a charter from Earl of Mar, 1621. He married Lucrece Spence, daughter of the Laird of Wormeston, by whom he had

(1) William, who predeceased his father before 1635. He married Elizabeth, Lady Sinclair, a daughter of the Laird of Foveran, in 1614, but had no issue; (2) Mr. John, rector, Professor of Divinity in Old Aberdeen, who succeeded; (3) Robert, married and had issue: one daughter, married the Laird of Kinstair; Agnes, who married Alexander Irvine of Lenturk.

The bishop died March 28th, 1635, having been for some time paralysed. His tomb is in the ruined transept of St. Machar's Cathedral.

The following is the account of Patrick Forbes of Corse from Bishop Keith's *Scottish Bishops* :—

“For a good space he refused to enter into holy orders, but at last when he was 48 years old, anno 1612, he was prevailed upon. A very singular accident having intervened which made him then yield, namely the earnest obstestation of a religious minister in the neighbourhood, who in a fit of melancholy had stabbed himself, but survived to lament his error. Forbes continued pastor of Keith, where the above misfortune had fallen out, until 1618 when he was unanimously elected Bishop of Aberdeen with the concurrent voice of all ranks and the recommendation of the King. He died much regretted 28 of March being Easter Even in the year 1635 aged 71 and was interred in the South Aisle of his Cathedral.”

There are portraits of the bishop at Craigievar and at Marischal College.

VI. Dr. John Forbes, born 1593, the Bishop's second son, Professor of Divinity, King's College, Aberdeen, had been educated by his uncle John in Holland, and married a Dutch lady of the romantic name of Soote Roseboom (Sweet Rose Tree), who died 19th January, 1640; they had five sons and four daughters, but only one son, George, survived. Dr. John received a charter of Fintray as second son of Patrick of Corse, February 3rd, 1618. His second wife was Janet Turing, who, in 1654, is described as “Dowager of Corse.” After his deposition by the Covenanters from Aberdeen, he sailed for Campvere in 1644 but returned one year later and died at Corse in 1648. His diary has already been mentioned.

VII. George, 7th of Corse, served heir to his father June 20th, 1649, married Elizabeth Kennedy of Kermucks, and had a son, William, who died young, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, and Henrietta. George

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was the last Laird of the original family of Corse, as he sold part of the estate in 1656 to Duguid of Auchinhove, and the remainder in 1670 to his second cousin, Sir John Forbes of Craigievar. What he sold to Francis Duguid was that part of O'Neil Corse in Lumphanan, including Eastern and Western Kincaigie, Knowhead and Bogloch.

"On 3 March 1681, George Forbes complained of being forcibly deprived of lands etc. (properly adjudged to him) in 1679 by William Mowat, son of dec^d. Magnus Mowat, sometime of Balquhollie, who assaulted him in the house of Wm. Meldrum in Turriff, at night. Forbes had obtained Balquhollie for payment of debts contracted by him as cautioner for *late* Balquhollie. Then in April 1680 Wm. Mowat and others 'came by night to the house of Balquhollie, wherein were William Forbes, the complainer's son, and servants, and having lain about the house all that night, they, in the morning before sunrise, invaded the same and seised his son in bed and threatened him with drawn swords and bent pistols, swearing they would ridle him, if he did not quit the possession and goe out off the house, and also seized Elizabeth Barclay (a servant) in bed and took the keys of the house from her and broke up the doors of the rooms of which she had not the keys, and particularly the complainers own closet where the writs of the lands of Balquhollie and his own estate of Corse were, many whereof are unregistered papers and having seized thereupon, they detain and keep the house, as a garrison with armed men, guards and sentries; and have also broken open the girnells and barns and seised the whole meal and corn, and intromitted with other utensils about the house, conforms to a particular inventory and the said William Mowat is dispossessing tenants and giving tacks to such of his accomplices as were most active with him in the riot.'" (*Privy Council Records.*)

"On 6th April 1681 there was a further Supplication by George Forbes.

"It appears that he and William Mowat agreed to 'a compt and reckoning in presence of friends. But George Forbes cannot attend without a protection, after which he hopes to satisfy creditors, as he has already disponed his estate to Sir John Forbes of Craigievar.' He was granted a protection and the Council order that George Forbes be 'repossessed' of Balquhollie."

When George Forbes was served heir to his father, Dr. John, in 1649, the witnesses were

"Capt. J. Forbes of Foulis.

Colonel George Forbes.

"W. Forbes of Corsindae.

Robert Forbes of Rubislaw.

"Alex. Forbes of Auchintoul." (*Fintray Charters.*)

The first cadet family of Corse was that of Craigievar.¹

I. The immediate younger brother of Bishop Patrick of Corse was "Merchant Willie" of Dantzig. So successful was he in his merchant ventures that he was able to buy first the small estate of Menie and then the more ambitious one of Craigievar, which he purchased from the old family of Mortimer, who had held it for centuries. They came from England and were of Norman-French origin.² A charter, now at Fintray, shows James Mortimer making

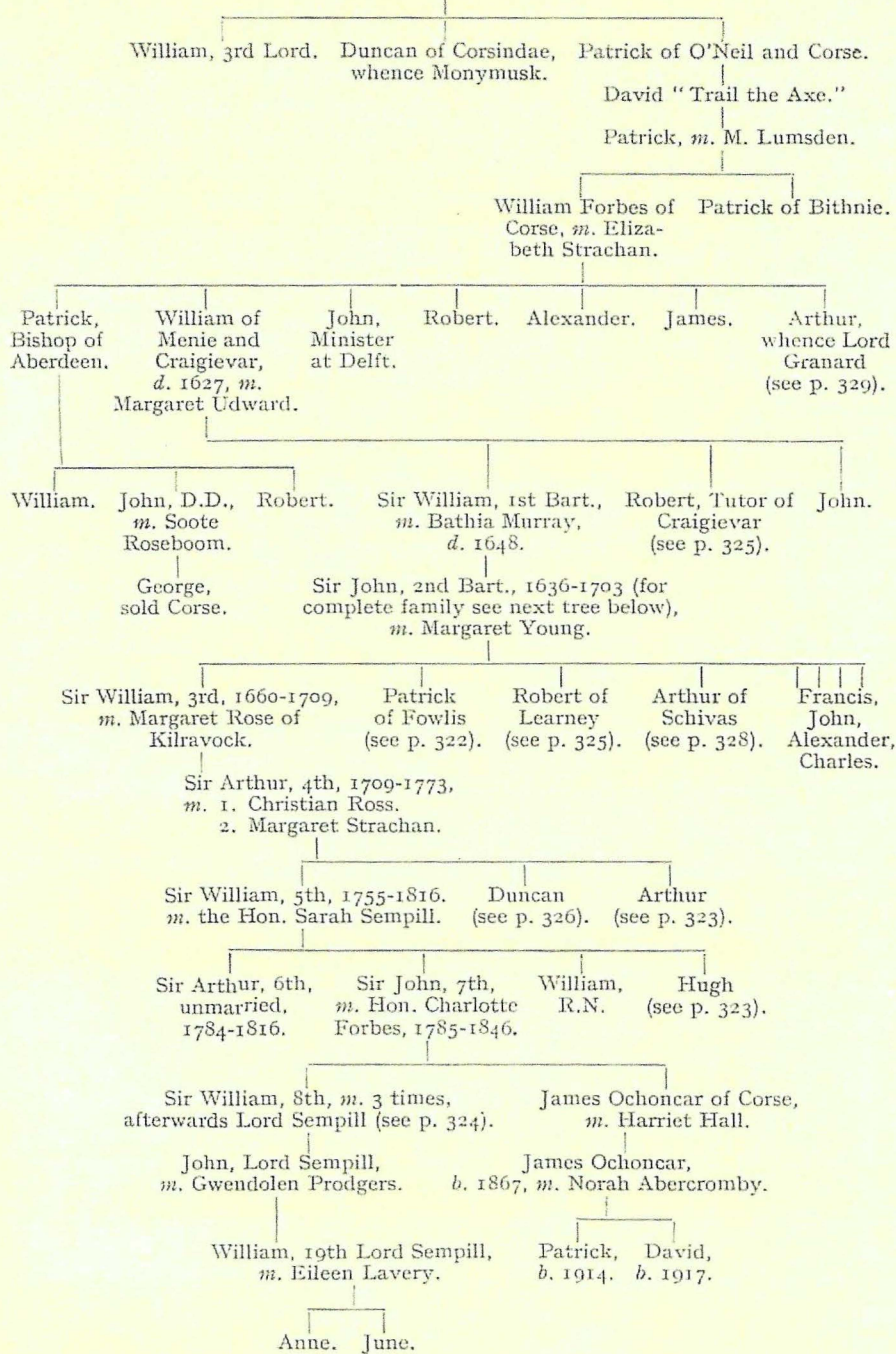
¹ The present family of Corse is a cadet of Craigievar.

² Edward Mortimer had, in 1457, a fresh charter of the lands of Craigievar, Ballenden, Innysteire and Wester Lochan.

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James, 2nd Lord Forbes.



over the estate in 1600 to John of the same name, and in 1610 John Mortimer gave sasine to William Forbes of Menie on the estate. A curious old account states that

"The Mortimers had begun to build the Castle of Craigievar in the Flemish style but had no money to finish it. They sold it to Merchant Willie of Dantzig, a cadet of Corse, who completed the Castle in 1626 and plastered it very curiously. His son and successor, William, was made a baronet of Nova Scotia in 1630, one of the conditions of these baronetcies being that the holder should have an ancestor who had borne coat armour and had himself a landed estate of £1000 a year. Grants of land in Nova Scotia to be known by the name of the original estate accompanied all the early baronetcies (though they were rarely made use of) and considerable fees were paid to the Crown."

"Merchant Willie" married, in 1603, Margaret, daughter of the Provost of Edinburgh. (Her surname is usually given as Edward, but the marriage contract, at Fintray, has the form Udward.)

The following account of William's early struggles is from *Henderson's Epitaphs*.

"'Merchant Willie' who became so successful that he grew into a landed proprietor, had a hard struggle in his earlier years, but by his energy and persistence he succeeded in the end. His final chance was entirely due to the kindness of his brother, the saintly bishop of Aberdeen. More than once in his career Willie had borrowed money from this kind brother and always lost it, till at length the Bishop said he could lend no more. William however begged hard for the loan of *one* more thousand merks, promising this time to provide a bond of security. The Bishop agreed and William came for the money, but upon being asked who was the Guarantor, said the only one he could give was 'God Almighty.' 'Well, brother,' said the Bishop, 'He is not to be rejected. It is the first time such a security has been offered me, but may God Almighty, your Bondman, prosper you.' This appears to have been the turning point in William's career, from thence onward he no longer lost, but made money and was able eventually to buy several estates and to marry the daughter of the provost of Edinburgh."

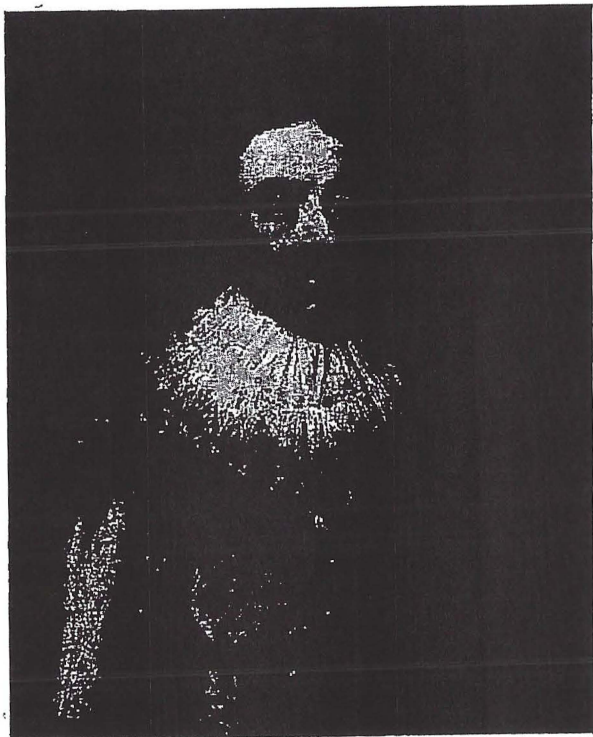
In 1617 William Forbes, still designed "of Menie," and William Forbes, his son, as well as Robert Forbes, his second son, had a charter from John, Earl of Mar, H.M. Treasurer, of "Christiskirk, now Kennethmont," witnessed by James, Earl of Hamilton and Arran, George, Earl Marischal, and Thomas, Lord Binning.¹ He died in 1627, leaving four sons and three daughters.

1. William, his heir.

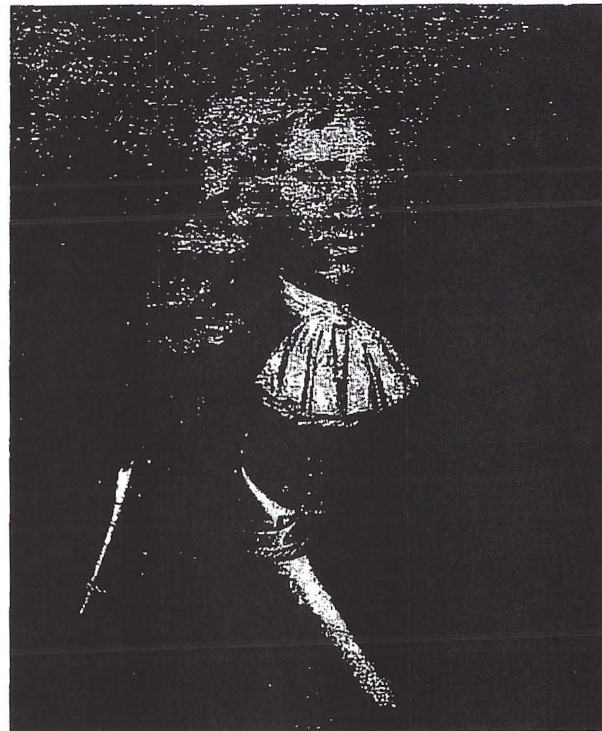
2. Robert, variously described as of Newtown,² Disblair, Asloun, and Ludquharn; afterwards the tutor of Craigievar. He was also heritable proprietor of the lands of Over and Nether Sinnahard, and of the Haughs of

¹ *Fintray Charters*.

² He bought up the debts and mortgages on the estates of the Royalist, George Gordon of Newton, whose father, James Gordon, had been taken prisoner by the Covenanters at Strathbogie in 1644 and beheaded at Edinburgh.



SIR WILLIAM FORBES
1ST BARONET OF CRAIGIEVAR.



SIR JOHN FORBES
2ND BARONET OF CRAIGIEVAR.

(From portraits at Fintray.)

Drummallachie, the sasine being at Fintray. In the year 1662 he complains of illegal intrusion by various Gordons. He, "with William Erskine of Pittodrie, his tutors and curators, and Alexr. Lindsay of Meanie, were infest in the lands of Newtown for many years with consent of James Gordon, sometime heritor thereof. But said James Gordon, George Gordon of Shellagreen, George, Alexr., and Hen. Gordon, his sons, John Gordon of Newrain and others, all armed, seized the house of Newtown, despoiled it and rendered it uninhabitable." (*Privy Council Records.*)

3. The third son was Mr. John, parson of Kincardine, who married Agnes Duguid of Auchinhove in 1655. By the contract of marriage, still at Fintray, Robert, tutor of Craigievar, gave 1000 merks. Of this marriage there were five daughters, of whom:—

(1) Elizabeth married William Forbes of Camphill; (2) Margaret married his brother, Mr. John Forbes, professor of Divinity in King's College, Aberdeen, and this couple had "a contract of the lands of Wester Corse" from Margaret's grandfather, Duguid of Auchinhove, July 17th, 1663; (3) Agnes married John Forbes of Tilliefourie; (4) Bathia, and (5) Nicola.

4. The fourth son, James, married a sister of Burnett of Cowcardie and had several sons.

Merchant Willie had also three daughters:—

Elsbeth, married Kennedy of Kermucks; Barbara, married Sir Andrew Skene of Halyards; Janet, married Sir John Strachan of Thornton.

He died in 1627.

II. William, the eldest son, was served heir to his father, March 24th, 1629, and was created a baronet on April 30th, 1630. A curious note on this was written by an ardent Royalist:—

"Sir William, 1st Bart. of Craigievar, was created by Charles I. for his loyalty, but still we find him on the side of the Parliament during the Troubles."

In 1635 he married Bathia, second daughter of Sir Archibald Murray of Blackbarony, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. Sir John, his heir; William, *o.s.p.*; Margaret, married Mr. John Menzies, Professor of Divinity in Marischal College; Anna, married Robert Petrie of Portlethen, Provost of Aberdeen; and a third, name unknown.

William Forbes of Craigievar raised a troop of horse for the Covenanters in 1647. The whole troop was taken prisoner by Patrick Leith of Harthill and his friends, who then used the horses to mount themselves, and Montrose was greatly pleased by the exploit. Young Leith was shortly afterwards taken prisoner, and was beheaded in Edinburgh, with the Marquis of Huntly, October 20th, 1647.

William Forbes died between June 19th and September 13th, 1648, and was succeeded by his eldest son, John, who was under 12 years, as a tutor was appointed in the person of his uncle Robert.

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Sir William's widow married, secondly, in 1649, Alexander Forbes of Tolquhon, an ardent Royalist.

III. Sir John Forbes of Craigievar ("Red Sir John") married, in 1659, at Crichton (contract at Fintray, dated June 25th), Margaret, daughter of Peter Young of Seaton, afterwards of Auldbar. Among the witnesses were Arthur Forbes of Echt, Archibald Murray, grandfather of the bridegroom, and Robert Forbes of Disblair, his uncle. They had nine sons and four daughters :

(1) Sir William, 3rd Baronet ; (2) Patrick or Peter of Balfour, and afterwards of Fowlis, which he got with his wife, Margaret. The marriage contract is at Fintray. "At Craigievar on 19 July 1683 Peter Forbes, 2nd son of Sir John Forbes of Craigievar, was married to Margaret Forbes, first daughter to Lt. Col. James F. of Fowlis,¹ with the consent of William Lord Forbes, William the Master of Forbes, Wm. Forbes of Camphill and John F. Yr. of do." The couple had seventeen children.

(3) Robert, who became Sir Robert of Learney and Auchinrove, an advocate (see page 325). (4) Arthur of Schivas, W.S. (see page 328). (5) Francis, born August 7th, 1673, became a captain in the Swedish service, and in 1719 Sheriff-Depute of Aberdeen, and had issue.

(6 and 7) John, born May 19th, 1675, died young ; and another, John of Kincardine, who married a daughter of Farquharson of Inverey. (8) Alexander, born July 26th, 1679. (9) Charles, born May 29th, 1683.

The daughters were :—

1. Bathia, married Alexander Garden of Troup in 1686, and had issue : three sons and three daughters. 2. Isobel, born January 3rd, 1671. 3. Mary, born October 24th, 1680, married on April 20th, 1699 (1) John Ramsay of Laithers, in Gamrie ; and (2) James Buchan of Auchmacoy, by whom she had one son and three daughters. She died 1764. 4. Margaret, born 1684, married in 1703 (1) David Lumsden of Cushnie. He died 1718 : had one daughter. (2) in 1719, Thomas Forbes, yr. of Echt.

Sir John died in 1703.

IV. Sir William Forbes, born 1660, married 1684, as William Forbes yr. of Craigievar, Margaret, eldest daughter of Hugh Rose of Kilravock (and Margaret Innes of Innes) and had seven sons and two daughters. The marriage contract is at Fintray, Alex. Forbes of Foveran being one of the witnesses.

(1) John, born April 19th, 1693, died before 1709. (2) Hugh, born August 29th, 1695, married, 1716, Lady Janet Ogilvie, daughter of 4th Earl of Seafield, predeceased his father without issue. (Lady Janet afterwards married

¹ Captain James Forbes of Fowlis Mowat, which he bought for 14,000 Mks. Scots (under £750 sterling) in 1635, was son of Robert Forbes of Monymusk. His daughter and heir, with the consent of her husband, Peter Forbes, second son of Sir John of Craigievar, sold the lands to Sir John in 1696 and they have ever since been part of the Craigievar estate.

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William, Lord Braco and 1st Lord Fife). (3) Robert, (4) William, and (5) Peter, all predeceased their father, without issue. (6) Arthur, 4th Baronet. (7) Alexander, major in the army, died without issue in the unfortunate expedition against Port L'Orient, 1746, under General Sinclair. Margaret, died young. Elizabeth, born 1690, married, 1709, James Burnett of Monboddo, and her eldest son was the famous Lord Monboddo, born 1714, died 1799.

Sir William died 1725 and was succeeded by his sixth son.

V. Sir Arthur Forbes, born, 1709, married (1) 1729, Christian, eldest daughter of John Ross of Arnage, Provost of Aberdeen, and had two daughters: Jean, born 1730, married, 1749, John Forbes of Culloden; Elizabeth, born 1731, married, 1756, Robert Leith of Overhall.

Sir Arthur married, secondly, in 1750, Margaret Strachan of Balgall, relict of John Burnett of Elrick, and had five sons and four daughters:—

(1) George, born 1751, died young. (2) William, born 1755, 5th Baronet. (3) Duncan of Thainston, which estate his father bought for him, married Catherine Fraser of Fraserfield and became Forbes-Mitchell. (See page 326.) (4) John, born 1758, died unmarried. (5) Arthur, Lieut.-Colonel 32nd Regiment, married Isabella Macleod. (See page 325.)

(1) Jean, married John Forbes VI. of Culloden. (2) Elizabeth, married Leith of Overhall. (3) Margaret, born 1752, married Peter Scott of Rossie, and had issue. (4) Mitchell, born 1762, married Shaw of Quebec.

Sir Arthur was for several years the Rector of Marischal College, also M.P. for the county. He died at Fintray, January 1st, 1773—his widow died 1778.

VI. Sir William, 5th Baronet, born May 17th, 1755; married, 1780, the Hon. Sarah, eldest daughter of John, 13th Lord Sempill, and by her, who died 1799, he had four sons and seven daughters:—

(1) Arthur, born 1784, who succeeded as 6th Baronet. (2) John of O'Neil Corse, born 1785, 7th Baronet. (3) William, born 1793, Lieut. R.N., died unmarried. (4) Hugh, married Agnes Morgan and had two sons, William, who married Letitia Duvivier and had a son, Edgar, born 1868; and Arthur, married Anne Lawrence and had two daughters; also Janet, married Louis Gustave Clery, and Agnes, married Victor Carnus.

(1) Janet, born 1781, married, 1814, her cousin-german, Alex. Forbes, merchant in Aberdeen. (2) Margaret, born 1782, married, 1804, Robert Wallace of Kelly, M.P. (3) Sarah, born 1786, married Rev. Dr. Roberts. (4) Elizabeth, born 1789, married Rev. Christopher Capel, of Pusbury House, Gloucester. (5) Catherine Ann, born 1790, married John Gordon of Cairnbulg, and had issue five sons and three daughters. (6) Marie Mitchell, born 1792, married (1) Rev. W. H. Pryce, and (2) — Ward. (7) Jane, born 1795, married the Rev. William Carpenter of Liverpool.

Sir William died at Cheltenham, February 16th, 1816.

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VII. Sir Arthur, born March 28th, 1784, sometime an officer in the 7th Hussars, died at Boulogne, unmarried, February 28th, 1823, and was succeeded by his brother.

VIII. Sir John, 7th Baronet, born July 2nd, 1785, a judge in the H.E.I. Co.'s Service, married, 1825, the Hon. Charlotte Elizabeth, second daughter of James, 18th Lord Forbes, and had two sons and six daughters:—

(1) William, 8th Baronet, and 17th Lord Sempill.

(2) James Ochoncar, born 1837, of Corse. He married Harriet Hall and had two sons, John Walter and James Ochoncar, now of Corse, who married Norah Abercromby, and has two sons—Patrick, born 1914, and David, born 1917.

(1) Elizabeth, married Robert Grant of Druminnor. (2) Sarah, married Duncan Forbes Mitchell. (See page 326.) (3) Charlotte Frances, and (4) Janet Marjory, died unmarried, 1847. (5) Caroline Ann, married the Rev. F. W. Robberds. (6) Margaret, died in infancy, 1834.

Sir John died at Fintray, February 16th, 1846, and was succeeded by his son.

IX. Sir William, 8th Baronet, born 1836, married (1) 1858, Caroline Louisa, daughter of Sir Charles Forbes of Newe, by whom he had a daughter, Katherine, married George Muirhead. He married, secondly, 1862, Frances Emily, daughter of Sir George Abercromby of Forglen, by whom he had five sons and two daughters:—

(1) John, born 1863; died, February 28th, 1934, 18th Baron Sempill. (2) Douglas, born 1865, killed in action in India, 1908; (3) William, born 1866, died 1867. (4) Robert, born 1870, 5th Gordon Highlanders, killed in action, 1915. (5) Lionel Ochoncar, Rear Admiral, born 1877, married (1) Muriel Spencer; (2) Helen Allen, a daughter, Janet; (3) Mary Cumnock, of the U.S.A., and has one son, John Alexander Cumnock, born 1927.

(1) Evelyn, born 1868; married D. V. Pirie in 1894 and died 1934. (2) Gertrude, born 1872.

In 1884 Sir William Forbes, 8th Baronet, succeeded his cousin, 16th Baroness Sempill, as 17th Lord Sempill, and the family is now Forbes-Sempill. In 1890 he married, thirdly, Mary Beresford Sherbrooke, without further issue and died in 1905, being succeeded by his son John, as 10th Laird of Craigievar.

X. John, the 18th Baron Sempill, married 1892, Gwendolen Prodgers, and had one son and three daughters. He died in 1934.

William, born 1893, married 1919, Eileen, daughter of Sir John Lavery, who died 1935, and has Anne Moira, born 1920; June Mary, born 1922.

Gwendolen Janet, born 1898, died 1910. Margaret, born 1905. Elisabeth, born 1912.

XI. William, 19th Baron Sempill, succeeded in 1934.

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CADETS OF CRAIGIEVAR.

FORBES OF NEWTON AND LUDQUHARN.

Robert Forbes, second son of "Merchant Willie," 1st of Craigievar, is variously designed as of Newton, Disblair (which he only held for 7 years), and Ludquharn. He was tutor to his young nephew, the 2nd Baronet, who succeeded his father in 1648.

Robert married Margaret, daughter of Alexander Lindsay of Meanie and Williamston, and had a son William, who succeeded, and a daughter Margaret, who married Thomas Fraser of Cairnbulg, son of Lord Fraser.

William Forbes was served heir to his father Robert on October 1st, 1686. He married (1) Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Arbuthnot, and (2) Mary, daughter of Alexander Forbes of Boyndlie. He sold Newton to Alexander Davidson and Ludquharn to Alexander Forbes of Torhendry. Matthew Lumsden states that Alexander Forbes of Torhendry bought the estate of Ludquharn direct from the bankrupt Keith, Laird of Ludquharn, but apparently Forbes of Newton had previously advanced money upon it.

For William Forbes' son by Mary Forbes of Boyndlie, see page 358.

FORBES OF LEARNEY.

Sir Robert of Learney, third son of Sir John, 2nd Baronet of Craigievar, born 1667, acquired the lands of Learney and others, and practised as an advocate in Edinburgh. In 1696 he was Laird of Birsemoir and in 1704 had a charter from Robert Duguid of the lands of Auchinhove, but about these there was some trouble, as on February 15th, 1712, the Earl of Aberdeen obtained a decret of adjudication against Robert Duguid and Sir Robert Forbes, assigning the estate to himself.

Sir Robert married Margaret, daughter of Sir James Elphinstone, of Logie.

FORBES-GORDON OF RAYNE.

Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Forbes, 32nd Regiment, fifth son of Arthur, 4th Baronet of Craigievar, born 1760, died 1850, married Isabella, daughter of Principal Macleod of Aberdeen, and had issue one son and three daughters, who survived.

I. Arthur Forbes-Gordon of Rayne, W.S., born 1806, married Charlotte, daughter of Col. William Balfour, and had three sons and a daughter.

Arthur Newton, 2nd of Rayne, born 1844, Lieutenant, 79th Regiment Cameron Highlanders.

William Balfour, R.N., born 1845, married Helen, daughter of Captain Walter Persse, and had issue: Arthur, born 1892, and Helen, born 1894.

John Whetham, born 1849, went to California.

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Charlotte Susan, married, 1877, John Burnett of Kemnay, and had issue. The three daughters of Colonel Arthur Forbes, and sisters of Arthur, W.S., were—

Isabella, who married (1) Beauchamp Newton, and (2), James Kearney ;
Christina and Georgina, who lived long in Florence.

II. Arthur Newton Forbes-Gordon, 2nd of Rayne, born 1844, married 1872, first, Christian, daughter of James Dalrymple of Langlee, who died 1873 leaving one son, Arthur Dalrymple, born 1873, married Dorothy, daughter of Frederick Eden.

He married, secondly, in 1876, Adeline Newton, who died in 1879, leaving one son and one daughter, Alastair Hugh, of Rathwades, Carlow, and Adeline.

He married, thirdly, in 1881, Penelope Christie, and had three daughters Frances, Alice, and Helen.

SEVEN LAIRDS OF THAINSTON.

Thainston was possessed from 1467 to 1716 by Forbeses, cadets of Tolquhon. (See page 402.) In 1716 it was acquired by Thomas Mitchell, baillie of Aberdeen, whose only child, Barbara, married her cousin, Andrew Mitchell, the well-known envoy to Frederick the Great. Sir Andrew, having no issue, bequeathed the estate to Sir Arthur Forbes of Craigievar, who, in 1772, entailed it on Duncan, his fourth son, who thus became Forbes-Mitchell of Thainston—he married Catherine Fraser of Fraserfield and had seven sons and two daughters :—

- II. 1. Arthur Andrew, his heir, born 1779, *o.s.p.* 1801.
- III. 2. William, R.N., succeeded his brother, born 1783, *o.s.p.* 1808.
- IV. 3. Duncan, " " " born 1784, *o.s.p.* 1812.
- V. 4. John, " " " born 1786.
5. Alexander, born 1788, merchant in Aberdeen, died 1843, married Janet, daughter of Sir William, 5th Baronet of Craigievar, and had issue :

(a) Duncan, born 1815, captain of a trader in the China Seas and Indian Ocean, afterwards of Ernan Lodge, married Sarah Forbes, daughter of 7th Baronet of Craigievar (see page 324) and had issue.¹

(b) William, Captain 27th Bengal Native Infantry, married Sophia Fell and has issue.

(c) Sarah, born 1816, married Alexander Gordon of Newton.

¹ Duncan, son of Alexander, fifth son of the 1st Laird, and his wife, Sarah Forbes, had one son, Alexander Mansfield Forbes, who married Marie Antoinette Forbes and was father of the late Mansfield Forbes of Cambridge (see page 310).

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- (d) Catherine Anne, born 1817, married John Angus, Chamberlain of Aberdeen.
 - (e) Rachel, born 1819, married Frederic Forbes.
 - (f) Janet Sempill, born 1821.
 - (g) Margaret, born 1828, married Michie Forbes Anderson, surgeon, H.E.I.C.S.
6. Henry of Balgownie. (See below.)
 7. Mansfield of Easter Kinmundy, *o.s.p.*
 8. Rachel, married Robert Scott and (2) John Masquerier.
 9. Margaret, married Major Alexander Forbes of Inverernan.

Mr. Forbes-Mitchell died in 1796, and was succeeded by his four elder sons in turn.

John, the fourth son of the 1st Laird, married Ann Powell and had seven sons:—

1. Duncan, of the Bombay Army, who succeeded.
2. John George, born 1814, married Eliza Leckie, had a son, Charles, Major-Gen., also John Arthur, and William. John George died 1860.
3. Arthur Andrew, married Hannah Sims.
4. David Erskine, solicitor, London, married Margaret Low.
5. Frederick. 6. James, both *o.s.p.*
7. Alexander Kinloch, see below.

John died in France in 1822 and was succeeded by

VI. Duncan, born 1812, who married Maria Bromley, and had a son John, and two daughters.

VII. John, born 1843, the last Forbes Laird of Thainston, married Jane, daughter of Dr. Thomas Rawson, and had three daughters, Louisa, Marie, and Elizabeth. He sold the estate.

Alexander Kinloch, judge, born 1821, son of the fifth Laird, married Margaret Forbes of Balgownie, and had four sons and two daughters:—

1. Rev. John, born 1847, married Edith Wenden, and had one son, Alistair, and three daughters, Agnes, Emmeline and Edith.
2. Henry, born 1849, married Alice, daughter of Henry Inglis.
3. Alexander, born 1851, *o.s.p.*
4. Edward, born 1855, married Frederica de Berry.
Margaret, born 1863.
Emmeline, born 1865, married Charles Scott Chisholme.

FORBES OF BALGOWNIE.

Henry David, 1st of Fraserfield, afterwards called Balgownie, sixth son of Duncan, 1st of Thainston, born 1790, died 1869; married Margaret, daughter and heiress of Alexander Fraser of Fraserfield (now Balgownie), and had by her three sons and six daughters:—

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1. Alexander, died young.
 2. Duncan, 2nd of Balgownie, born 1817; married Janet Forbes, daughter of Robert Forbes of Castleton and widow of Gavin Hadden, merchant in Aberdeen, *o.s.p.*
 3. Henry, Lieut.-Colonel, born 1821; died 1891; married Letitia, daughter of General Sir George Lawrence, and had two daughters, Margaret and Louisa, born 1857, the latter married Captain Arp von During, Prussian Army.
1. Mary Isabella.
 2. Margaret, married her cousin, Alexander Kinloch Forbes.
 3. Catherine, died unmarried.
 4. Rachel, married General Francis Urquhart of Craigston.
 5. Emmeline, married Rev. J. G. Ryde.
 6. Georgina, married Robert Farquhar Spottiswood of Muiresk, Advocate.

FORBES OF SCHIVÀS.

I. Arthur Forbes, W.S., fourth son of the 2nd Bart. of Craigievar, born 1669, purchased the lands of Schivàs in the parish of Tarves. He married a Fraser of Broadland, of the family of Inverallochy, and had William, died young, Patrick and Hugh, who both succeeded.

II. Patrick, who succeeded in 1741, married Bathia Garden of Troup, and had two daughters, Margaret, married Alexander Gordon of Nethermuir, and Bathia, unmarried. He died 1744.

III. Hugh, his brother, married Christian, another daughter of Alexander Garden of Troup, and had one son, Alexander, and a daughter, Christian, married Alexander Irvine of Drum.

IV. Alexander, married Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Burnett of Leys, and had one daughter, Frances, on whose death in 1807, the estate of Shivàs went to her cousin, Alexander Forbes Irvine.

FAMILY TREE

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