

## CHAPTER XXXII.

### THE FAMILY OF WATERTON.

I. THOMAS FORBES, fourth son of William, 8th Laird of Tolquhon, received the lands of Waterton in Ellon from his father by sasine of December 9th, 1630. Failing heirs male of his body they were to go to his brothers. Four years later the fishing on the Ythan was also settled on him.<sup>1</sup> He married Jean, daughter of David Ramsay of Balmain, and had four sons and seven daughters :

William, *o.s.p.* before his father. John, succeeded to Waterton. James of Savoch. (See p. 423.) Alexander, *o.s.p.* before his father.

Janet, married in 1650 Sir John Gilmour, advocate and President of the Court of Session. Jean, died unmarried. Elizabeth, married 1654 Sir James Strachan of Thornton. Grizel, married 1666 John Douglas of Inchmarlo. Margaret, married 1664 James Brodie of Lethen. Isobel, married 1670 John Reid of Barra—portion £4000 Scots. Anne, married 1678 Andrew Middleton of Pitgarvie.

Thomas refused to sign the Covenant in 1639 when asked to do so ; he died in 1652, and was succeeded by his second son :

II. John, born 1638, knighted 1663, and appointed Hereditary Constable of Aberdeen ; the City refused to acknowledge him in the place of Kennedy of Kermucks, who was still alive, though “ fugitate,” and the Court of Session upheld its refusal, but an Act of Parliament confirmed Forbes in the post. The death of Thomas Forbes, father of Sir John, was occasioned by wounds received four months earlier in a quarrel and a fight which occurred concerning the making of a ditch on the road at the bounds of the estates of Waterton and Kermucks. The following account of a Claim for Inquiry into the death of the unfortunate Thomas, and of the dispute which led to it, is taken from the *History of the Family of Waterton* : “ May it please your Honouris be informed that thair is ane hie mercat way which leads from the house of Wattertoun to the church and town of Ellone, of which town the most pairt pertaines to the deceased Thomas Forbes and the landis on both sydes of the way to him and Carmucks in *vin rig*.<sup>2</sup> A little be north the hie way Kermuckes hes ane considerable pool, which intending to dry, he would neides draw ane deep

<sup>1</sup> In 1650 he had a sasine on part of the Deveron at Carnousie for a debt to his father by Sir George Ogilvie, made over to him—this was worth £1360 Scots (£113 6s. 8d.).

<sup>2</sup> An arrangement whereby the alternate ridges of a field belong to different owners.

ditch theerfra thro the hie way towards the river Ythan of 14 futtres deepnes ; he was desyred to draw another moir convenient and lawfull way than by breaking illegallie the hie way, but would not. And the said Thomas desyred Mr. John Patersone, minister of the paroch, to deall with Kermuckes, to desist from his unlawfull purpose, who haveing refused this just desyre, Mr. Patersone did convey the Lairds of Foveran and Udny to treat upon the business—mean tyme the work to desist. But this haveing no effect, Wattertoune did then apply himself to lawieris, whose counsall was that according to law and custome of the natione, he should first use civil interruption be way of instrument (i.e. writing), and if he would not forbear then *via facta* have some persons readie with shooles and spades to cast in what should be digged furth at their approche to the hie way. (*As might be expected, this latter procedure led to bloodshed.*)

“ Upon the 12 of Februai 1652 Wattertoune did in a most sober way, by a nottar and witnesses use civil interruption, intending to bring his people with shooles and spades. Mr. John Patterson did, of new, mediat and gat assurance from Kermuckes, his lady and sone that there sould be no further working. Contrair to which, he and his sone did convey their servantes and tenentes, with some ydle personis, who hade been souldieris, all in armes, himself with ane prodigious great two-handed sword ; whairoff Wattertoune having notice and being amazed, he rose from his dinner, and with his domestics he ran furth in a confused way, of purpose only to make civil interruption, and before he could come to the place, his servante George Spence was wounded and schott with a pistol ball, whairoff he died, and Alexander Bruce<sup>1</sup> cut through the arm and maimed, with the two-handed sword, and efter Wattertoune came to the grund, Kermuckes did, with the same sword, most barbarously wound him over the head, through the skull and mininges,<sup>2</sup> by which instantly he lost the power of his wholl left syde, and thairefter died upoune the 11th of June.

“ The Judge Advocate did then commit Kermuckes to prison from which (being conscious of his guilt), he made escape. And for these crymes, he, his son and thair complices war all charged to find cautione to underly (*be subject to*) the law, this 15 of Oct. and most pairt of them are denounced rebels for not setting cautione.

“ Now it is the humble desyre of the compleineris that your Honouris may be pleased to consider the sadness of their condition, that this crying sinne <sup>of</sup> blood may be punished according to the lawes of the natione and that your Honouris may be pleased to examine witnesses upon the mameing of the said Alex. Bruce, whose left arm is altogether useless and without recovery, and another appoynted Sheriff-Clerk of Banff in his place. And altho’ by the rigour of the law mayming and mutilation be capital, his desyre is only that Kermuckes elder and younger be fyned and decerned in such a soume as your Honouris shall think fitting.

“ As for the murder of Wattertoune and his servant, George Spence, the compleineris interested are to desyre only at this tyme the ordinary course of justice against those who compeir not—And by the insolent behaviour and many cruell and inhumane expressions of Jonet Forbes, the wyfe of Kermuckes elder, both before and efter that bloodie act, it appeires that she hes been ane author

<sup>1</sup> Sheriff Clerk of Banff.

<sup>2</sup> The membranes of the brain.

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or great instigatour of hir husband and sone, thair was therefore ane dittay (*indictment*) given in against hir at Aberdeen. It is therefore humble to be desyred that your Honoris may examine that particular againes her, not in the way of ane assize, bot by your awine determination and judgement, seeing the compleinaris doe not intend againes her any capital punishment, bot such a censure as your Honours shall think fitting for her injurious and insolent behaviour, which sould not pass uncensured."

The report of eight physicians upon a post-mortem examination of the head of the unfortunate Waterton is also preserved :

"Wee, Physitians and Surgeons, under subscriyvers, doe by these presents testifie and declare upon knowledge and conscience that Thomas Forbes of Watertoune being wounded in the head about the midst of February last and now lately dead, his body was dissected and visited by us in the presence of famous witnesses, where it was evidently found that the wound did penetrate his skull and membranes of his braine, in the substance whereof, under the wound was found ane abscesse, as also the left syde of his braines was altered and changed from its natural colour and full of a great quantity of water, both in the ventriculs and substance of the braines, which were the special causes of his palsey, convulsions and death. Aberdeen 12 June 1652."

The satisfaction granted to the family of the deceased Thomas Forbes is not chronicled, but retribution certainly fell upon the Kennedy family, who themselves presented, seven years later, a supplication to the Synod of Aberdeen that they might be released from "the fearful sentence of excommunication under which we have lien this long tyme, to the great grief of our hearts and are heavily weighted and pressed down with the sense of this our sad condition, and beg that when we have given satisfaction we may again be received into the bosom of Mother Church and admitted to the fellowship of our fellow citizens from which we have so long been sequestrate." They had meanwhile been living in Caithness, where they had a wadset of land from the Earl of Caithness, the lands of Kermucks (now Ellon) having been sold for £42,500 Scots to John Moir to save sequestration. These were transferred in 1668 by John Moir to Sir John Forbes of Waterton, presumably for the same sum.

To a cousin of the murdered man was entrusted part of the prosecution.

"ALEXANDER FORBES OF ARDO (AFTERWARDS OF FOVERAN).

*"Commission to Him to Apprehend these Rebels, 1664.*

"viz. John Kennedy, elder, sometime of Carmucks, and John Kennedy his son, at the horn for slaughter of Thomas Forbes of Wattertoun and for other crimes.

"With Alex. F. of Ardo were . . . Forbes of Colloden, Duncan Forbes his brother, William Forbes of Craigie, Alex. Forbes of Talak, Sir Alexr. Forbes of Tolquhon, Thomas Forbes, his brother." (*Privy Council*.)

A traditional story is told of the kindness of Thomas Forbes of Waterton, who, like other feudal lairds, had the power of "pit and gallows," and had once sentenced a man to be hanged for sheep-stealing without, however, intending to do more than give him a salutary fright and a period of imprisonment. When he

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sent to inform his prisoner that he might now go free, the latter replied that with his "meat and drink sure, if only the Laird would not hang him, he was very well where he was"—and the kind-hearted laird merely said "if the pair thief winna gang hame, just set the door open, and let him come and gae as he likes"—which became a proverb—that a man might "go in and out as he pleased, like Waterton's prisoner."

To Thomas Forbes was granted in 1635 a licence to eat meat in Lent and on fast days, not by the Church, but by the Lords of Exchequer and Commissioners of His Majesties rents and Casualties. One is led to believe that such a licence was paid for.

The arms of Sir John Forbes, 2nd of Waterton, were as those of Tolquhon—1 and 4, arms of Lord Forbes, 2 and 3, three unicorns erased sable—arms of Preston of Fermartine, with an escutcheon (as Constable of Aberdeen) charged with a sword and key saltire-wise. Crest, an eagle displayed sable. Motto, "Virtuti inimica quies."

He married in 1663 Jean, daughter of Sir John Gordon of Haddo, and had four sons and three daughters:

(1) Thomas, his heir. (2) John, married—Walton in London and had a son, John, a draper on Tower Hill, *o.s.p.* 1764. He had a bond of provision from his brother, Thomas, for 5000 merks in 1684. (3) William, minister of Tarves, married Janet Gregory, and had a son, James, M.D., of Pitmedden, from whom the second family of Forbes of Echt. (See p. 424.) (4) George, *o.s.p.* 1722.

(1) Jean, married John Chancellor, merchant of Edinburgh (contract 1683, by which her husband settled on her 20,000 merks), and had a daughter, Martha. (2) Elizabeth, married Walter Stewart of Fortrie, minister at Ellon. Her brother gave her 3000 merks of tocher. (3) Isobel, married 1692 John Strachan of Bellie, son of Sir John Strachan of Thornton, and received the same tocher, her husband settling on her 7000 merks.

Sir John was appointed on October 29th, 1667, "to uplift, collect and ingather from all and sundrie heritors, feuars, liferenters, etc. the taxes of the sheriffdom of Aberdeen and in 1669 a precept of King Charles II confirmed to our lovit Sir John Forbes of Watertoun, knight, all and whole the lands of Ardgrane and Bromfield, and, as said, above, the hereditary Constableness of Aberdeen with the lands, teind, sheaves, etc. of Carmuck, Borowley and others formerly belonging to John Kennedy of Carmucks and afterwards to John Moir, which lands were duly and lawfully resigned into the hands of the Lords of our Exchequer 28 July 1664, also the lands of Knaperna and Mosstoune, the patronage of Ellon, the lands of Logieruiff, Craig of Allethine, etc. All these estates to be incorporated into the Barony of Ardgrane."

Sir John died in 1675 and Dame Jean Gordon in 1688.

III. Thomas Forbes of Waterton, born 1664, married first, in 1689, Elizabeth, second daughter of Sir George Nicholson of Balcaskie, afterwards

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Lord Glenbervie. She brought a fortune of 10,000 merks, and had two sons and a daughter :

John, killed at Sheriffmuir, 1715—he had been admitted burghess of Aberdeen in 1707. George, *o.s.p.* before 1722. Margaret, married John Hay of Balbithan.

Thomas, married secondly, in 1690, Katharine Galloway, eldest daughter of Thomas, Lord Dunkeld,<sup>1</sup> and had :

Thomas, his heir. James, drowned in the Don, 1731. William, *o.s.p.*

Jean, born 1699, married J. Sandilands of Countesswells, and secondly, as his fourth wife, John Farquharson of Invercauld, the Jacobite of 1715. Mary, died unmarried.

The third Laird died in 1731.

“ On 25th April 1685 Thomas Forbes compeired before the Sheriff-depute of Aberdeen and protestit that he, as heir to the deceast Sir John Forbes of Wattertonne his father and the deceast Thomas Forbes of Wattertonne his goodsire, might have the benefit of the commissions granted be the King and Estates of Parliament in their favour, and as Justices in that pairt, for the water of Ythan.”

At the same time he took Oath that he “ sincerely professed the true Protestant religion recorded in the first Parliament of King James the Sixth, and disowned and renuned all principles, doctrines and practises which are popish and phanaticall,” and affirmed and swore that “ the King’s Majestie James the Seventh is the onlie supreme Governor of this realme, and that he judged it unlawful to take up armes against the King or those commissionat by him and that there lyes no obligation from the National Covenant or the Solemn League and Covenant (*so* commonly called) to endeavour any change or alteration in the government, either in church or state, as it is nowe established by the lawes of this Kingdom.”

There is no record of what part Thomas Forbes took in the struggle so soon to break out between the forces of the King and those of the Covenant, but he retained his offices. His first wife, Elizabeth Nicholson, appears to have been a rigid dissenter, objecting to anything in the nature of a Church Festival, and when compelled by her husband to provide a goose for Christmas, sent it to table unplucked and uncooked !

John, the eldest son of Thomas, went abroad, where he became intimate with the Earl Marischal and other members of the Stuart Court at St. Germans, and was killed at the indecisive battle of Sheriffmuir. His brother George died soon after, and the succession passed to the eldest son of the second marriage.

IV. Thomas, born 1700, married in 1723 Margaret, eldest daughter of Montgomerie of Asloas. His eldest son, John, born 1725, became a Lieutenant in the “ Scots Dutch ” and died at Osterhout, October 14th, 1748.

<sup>1</sup> James, Lord Dunkeld, her brother, a General in the French service, died 1702 ; his son died without heirs in 1780, and his daughter, Mary, became a nun.

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The following letter was received by his father :

" Dear Sir,

" Osterhout. 20 Oct. 1748.

" In my last of the 13th inst. I acquainted you of your son's indisposition. I'm now heartily sorry to be obliged to give you the malincolly account of his death which was at 6 in the evening after having lingered forty-two days in ane intermitting fever. Ane English parson attended him by his own dasier and at the interment I ordered the parson to performe the service of the dead over his corpse in the church of this place where he was interred, much regraited by all of us. I condoul with you and his poor Mother for the loss of such a worthy son and give you boath his blessing. I make offer of my humble respects tho un-aquented to you and your lady and family, remaining in sincerity Sir Your most obedient and humble servant,

" Jas. Dundas.

" P.S. There was two phisitians and a surgeon attended your son. Doctor Clephan, our countryman will take nothing, but that is a civility you ought not to forgett. I think you should, notwithstanding his generosity send him a present, if it were but a dozine of fine Aberdeen pairs of stockings. His leag is thick and well mead, a middle-sized man. Doctor Barker, he will take money. I intend to give him ten duckrats, it is near five guineas,—to the surgeon about two guineas. I shall make a draught on you emediately for two hundred and sixty guilders, Holland money, which I think will defray the expence of all. Afterwards I shall send you ane account of the particulars. Lt. George Forbes shall be witness to my doings. The cloaths and other things is in my custody untill your orders. My address To Major Dundas of Halket's Reg.

" Osterhout, nr. Breda." (*Stuart MS. at Windsor.*)

Thomas Forbes, 4th of Waterton, had three other sons and five daughters: Alexander, born 1728, *o.s.p.* 1758. Thomas, his heir. Mr. Walter, born 1734, M.A., Aberdeen, 1764, *o.s.p.* in Bengal, 1766.

Katharine, born 1724, died 1800, unmarried. Margaret, born 1733, married (1) W. Durie, (2) Douglas of Fechil. Janet, born 1735, died at Antigua, unmarried, 1775. Jean, born 1737, married Walter Thibou, M.D., Antigua. Anne, married 1768 Alexander Smith, merchant on the Green, Aberdeen.

The 4th Laird sold the lands of Waterton in 1770 to his cousin, George, Earl of Aberdeen, and died August 29th, 1771.

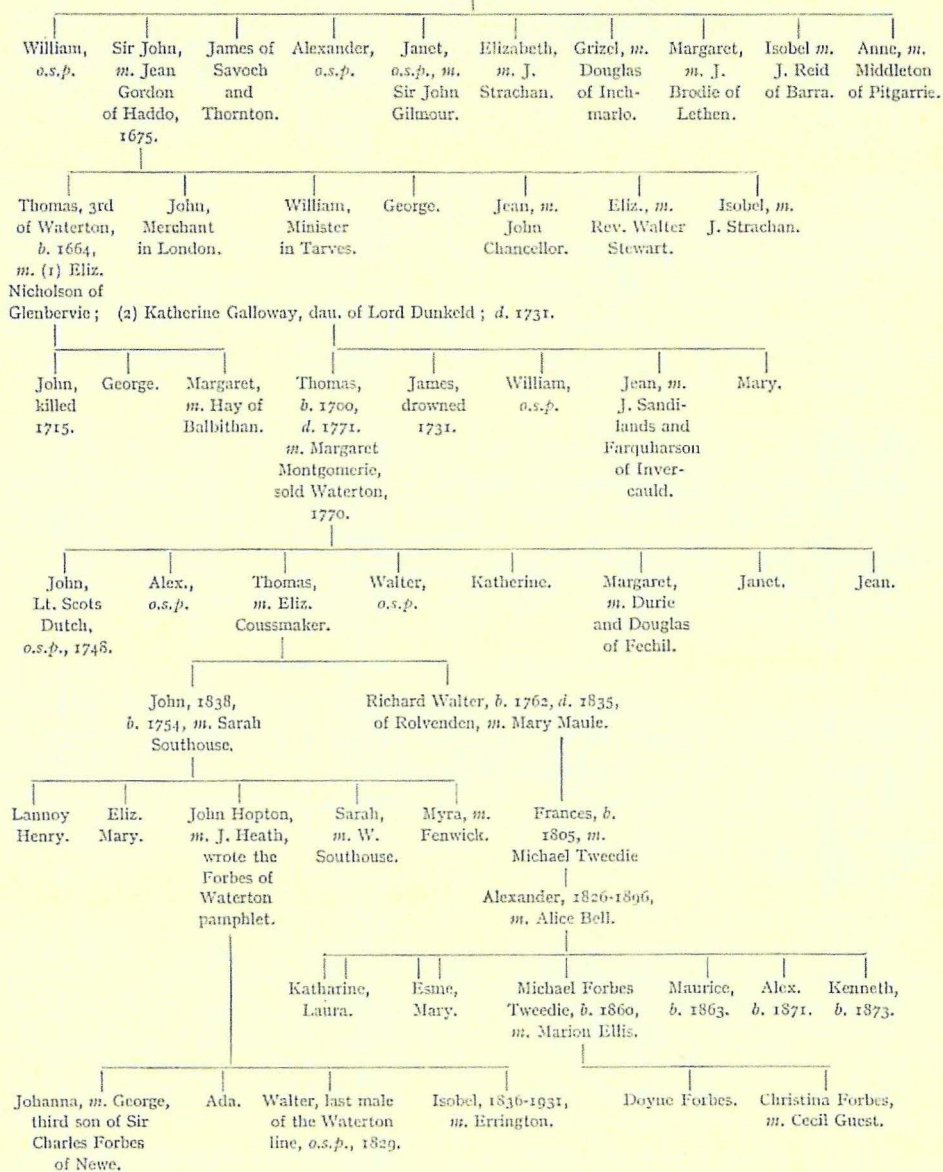
Thomas Forbes, his third son, born 1732, married, 1753, Elizabeth, daughter of John Coussmaker, and had issue, John of Merryoak, and Richard, born 1762, of Rølvenden, who married Mary, daughter of the Rev. L. Maule, Rector of Horsheath, and had a daughter, Frances, born 1805, married 1824 Michael Tweedie, by whom she had four sons, and four daughters.

Thomas Forbes died at Batavia in 1768. John Forbes of Merryoak, Southampton, born 1754, died 1838, married 1784 Sarah, daughter of Henry Southouse, and had Lannoy Henry, *o.s.p.* 1850; John Hopton; Elizabeth, died unmarried; Sarah, married Walter Southouse; and Myra, married William Fenwick of Bombay, and died 1829.

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NO. 22. TREE OF WATERTON.

Thomas Forbes, fourth son of William Forbes, 8th Laird of Tolquhon, 1652,  
*m.* Jean Ramsay of Balmain, 4 sons, 7 daughters.



The family of Forbes of Waterton is thus extinct, leaving as the sole female representative of the last two brothers the families of Errington in Essex and Tweedie in Kent.

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The family of Forbes-Robertson represents the line of William Forbes, Minister in Tarves.

John Hopton Forbes, 2nd of Merryoak, married in 1818 Johanna, daughter of Rev. Wm. Heath, and had Walter, died young; Johanna, married George, third son of Sir Charles Forbes, 1st Bart. of Newe, a merchant in London; Ada, died unmarried; and Isobel, married G. H. Errington.

### SAVOCH AND THORNTON.

I. James Forbes, born *circa* 1640, third son of Thomas, *first* of Waterton, acquired about 1678, from his cousin, Alexander, second son of George Forbes of Craigie (see p. 415), the lands of Saach or Savocho in the parish of Foveran, and from Sir James Strachan (before 1690) the lands of Thornton in the Mearns. He married (1) Margaret Ramsay, by whom he had Thomas, his heir, Alexander, David and Anna, all *o.s.p.*

He married (2) Lady Jean Falconer, eldest daughter of Lord Halkerton, by whom he had :

James and John, both died young. James Forbes died June 4th, 1713.

II. Thomas Forbes of Thornton, married (1) Katharine, daughter of Andrew Ramsay of Abbotshall, by whom he had Thomas and David, who settled in the Isle of Man (see below); James, Andrew, John, George, Katharine and six other children.

His wife, Katharine, died 1709. Thomas of Woodston and David, the two eldest sons, each obtained a grant of arms from the Lord Lyon in 1765.

Thomas, 2nd Laird of Thornton, married a second wife, by whom he had one daughter, Helen, born 1714, married Dr. James Forbes, physician in Aberdeen, and died in 1743 without issue.

He married (3) Elizabeth Lyon, died 1767, aged 67. By her he had twelve more children.

Thomas, the eldest son, sold Thornton, and in 1764 was served heir general to Alexander Littlejohn of Woodston.

### FORBES OF CORVALLA, ISLE OF MAN.

I. David, the second son of Thomas, 2nd Laird of Thornton, who settled in the Isle of Man, married — Ward and had a son, Edward—he died in 1771.

II. Edward Forbes bought the property of Corvalla, Isle of Man, and married in 1784 Alice Holland, by whom he had fourteen children :

(1) Edward, who succeeded. (2) Robert, died unmarried. (3) George, married Mary Chandler of Demerara, and had a son, John, and a daughter, Alicia. (4) David, married three times : 1. Margaret Calvert of Manchester, 2. Sarah Pickford of Chapel-le-Prith, and 3. Johanna Jefferson. (5) Savory, and (6) William, both died young. (7) Emma, married Joseph Ward. (8) Alicia, married Francis Matthews. (9) Catherine. (10) Mary, married John Peter Moore; as well as four others, died young.



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III. Edward, the second owner of Corvalla, married in 1813 Jane, eldest daughter and heiress of William Teare of Bullabeg, by whom he had nine children: Edward, died young; another Edward, the heir; William, Henry, John, David, James, Jane and Margaret.

IV. The second son, Edward, succeeded to Corvalla and Bullabeg—he became Professor of Botany in King's College, London, and subsequently Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh. He married in 1848 Emily, third daughter of Major-General Sir Charles Ashworth, K.C.B., and had one son, Edward, born 1850. The Professor died November 18th, 1854, and his widow married in 1858 Major Yelverton, afterwards Viscount Avonmore.

### THE SECOND FAMILY OF FORBES OF ECHT.

#### *Descendants of Waterton.*

Sir John Forbes, 2nd Laird and Knight of Waterton, had a third son, William, a student at Pisa, and an apothecary and surgeon in Aberdeen, who became minister of Tarves—he married Janet, third daughter of Professor James Gregory, and had five sons and nine daughters, of whom only one son and four daughters married. Janet Gregory died in 1736, aged 60.

The eldest son, James, born 1701, who was the seventh child, succeeded. The others, John, Thomas, George and William, died young.

Of the daughters, Katherine married Mr. William Dyce, schoolmaster at Selkirk. Helen, married Mr. John McInnes, minister at Logie Coldstone. Jane, married Mr. Andrew Moir, minister at Tarves, Methlick and Ellon. Susan, the fifteenth child, married Mr. James Johnstone, minister at Crimond. Mary, another Jane, another Helen, Anne and Margaret died unmarried.

James Forbes, who was a physician in Aberdeen, married Helen, daughter of Thomas Forbes of Saach and Thornton, and by her had no surviving issue—he married secondly, Euphemia, daughter of John Row of Bondeth, by whom he had:

(1) William, who became of Echt and Springhill. A merchant in Aberdeen. (2) John, a Captain in the 40th Regiment, who married Maria Timbrey of North Wales, and his daughter, Euphemia, married William, son of Sir Thomas Hanmer. (3) James, went to New York, married Anne Smith of Aberdeen, and left issue. (4) William, (5) James, and (6) Anne, who all died unmarried. (7) Euphemia, married George Keith of Aquhorsk.

Dr. James Forbes died in 1774, and his son, William, purchased Echt from the Hon. Alexander Duff, afterwards 3rd Earl Fife.

I. William Forbes, married in 1776 Elizabeth, third daughter of Dr. Thomas Arbuthnott of Balglessie, doctor in Montrose, 2nd son of 5th Viscount Arbuthnott, and had four sons and ten daughters:

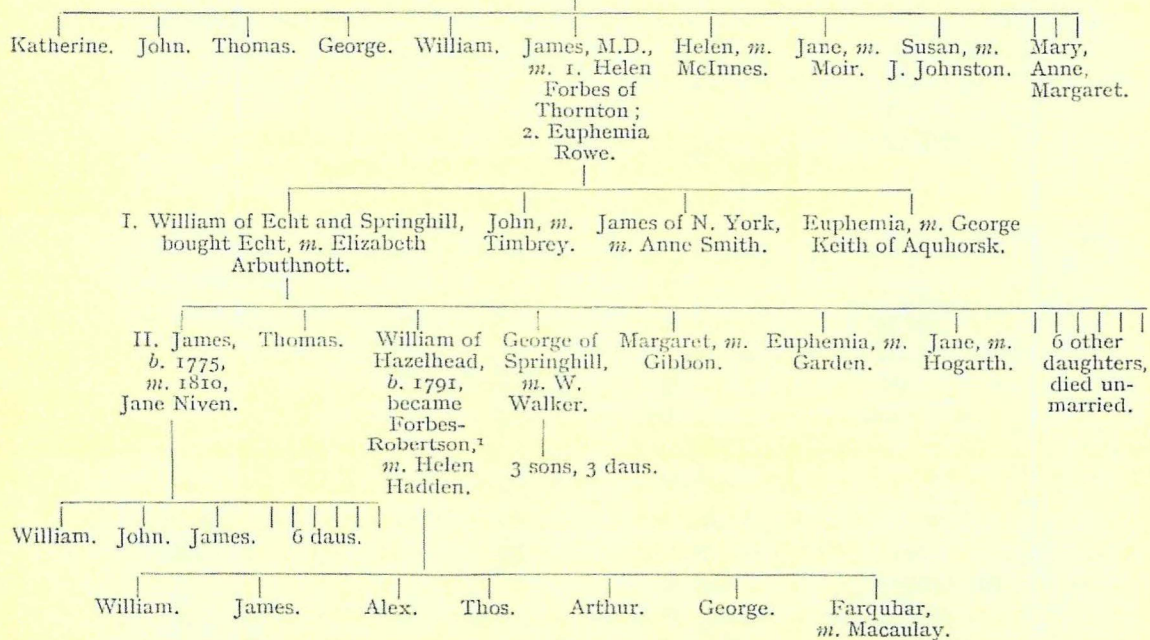
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(1) James, his heir. (2) Thomas, died unmarried. (3) William, who became Forbes-Robertson of Hazelhead. He married in 1824 Helen, daughter of James Hadden of Persley, and had seven sons, William, James, Alexander, Thomas, Arthur, George and Farquhar. (4) George of Springhill, married Williamina Walker and had two sons named William and four daughters, of whom one named George, married Lieut. Charles Gordon, Indian Army, and Jemima, married Major Charles Wodehouse.

Of the ten daughters—Margaret married in 1797 William Gibbon of Viewfield, Aberdeen, and had thirteen children. Euphemia, married 1815 George Garden, merchant, Montreal, and had two children. Jane married 1797 George Hogarth of Woodhill, Aberdeen, and had fourteen children. Elizabeth, married Hugh Gordon of Manar, and had six children. Johanna and Anne died unmarried, and Susan, Mary, Maria, and Hannah Harriet in infancy.

NO. 23. SECOND FAMILY OF ECHT.

Mr. William Forbes, minister at Tarves, third son of Sir John of Waterton, *b.* 1668, *m.* Janet, daughter of Professor James Gregory. Was first a doctor in Pisa.



<sup>1</sup> (But not the family of Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, for which see p. 414.)

William Forbes died November 11th, 1820, and was succeeded by his son :  
 II. James, born April 22nd, 1775, married 1810 Jane, third daughter of John Niven of Thornton, Aberdeenshire, by whom he had three sons and six daughters :

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William, advocate in Edinburgh and barrister in London, John and James, all died unmarried.

Rachel Ann, married 1832 Patrick Watson Carnegie of Lour and Turin, Angus. Jane, married Clements Lumsden, advocate in Aberdeen, and was mother of Dame Louisa Lumsden, 1840-1934. Elizabeth, Edith, Marie and Christina died unmarried.

James Forbes of Echt died July 31st, 1850, but before his death he had sold the estate, which now belongs to Lord Cowdray.

#### HAZELHEAD.

William, third son of William of Echt, assumed the surname of Robertson on succeeding to the estate of Hazelhead. He married, December 4th, 1824, Helen, daughter of James Haddo of Persley, Provost of Aberdeen, and had seven sons, all Forbes-Robertsons :

(1) William, coffee planter in Ceylon. (2) James, born 1827, Hon. E.C.I.S., Lieut.-Colonel, Bombay Staff Corps. Served in the Indian Mutiny, died June 24th, 1872. (3) Alexander, formerly in Ceylon. (4) Thomas, H.E.I.C.S., died aged 24. (5) Arthur, Lieutenant, 67th Regiment. (6) George, Lieutenant and Captain, 93rd Regiment. (7) Farquhar, farmer in Yorkshire, married June 19th, 1872, Laura Ann, daughter of C. H. Macaulay of Woodhouse, Rastrick, Yorks.

William Forbes-Robertson of Hazelhead died in 1840.

#### SPRINGHILL.

George Forbes, fourth son of William of Echt, born 1796, received from his father the property of Springhill in the parish of Newhills, which he afterwards disposed of and became a wine merchant in Edinburgh. He married Williamina, daughter of Captain James Walker, H.E.I.C.S., by whom he had two sons, both named William, and four daughters :

Williamina, born 1825, Elizabeth, Georgina and Jemima.

#### LAST CADETS OF TOLQUHON.

John Forbes, third son of Walter, 9th Laird of Tolquhon (see page 397), lived at Edinbanchory, in Auchindoir, married Margaret Duguid of Auchinhove, by whom he had one son :

Duncan, who occupied the farms of Templeton and Hillockhead, parish of Kildrummy. He married, December 31st, 1668, Jean Glass and had three sons : William, born 1676, and Arthur, 1678, both died young. John, born 1680, who succeeded, and Margaret, born 1671, and Jean, 1673, died young. Sophia, born 1675, and a second Jean, born 1682.

John Forbes died April 14th, 1701, and was succeeded in the occupation of his farm by the third John in Templeton, who married, 1702, Sophia, sister of

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Mr. Andrew Ker, minister of Rafford, Morayshire, and had three sons, Alexander, born 1705, and Harry, born 1716, died young, and John, born 1711, as well as four daughters, Jean, Anna and Barbara, died unmarried, and Elizabeth, born 1714, married William Ferguson, accountant, Edinburgh.

John, the only surviving son of the last, occupied the farm of Foresterhill in Meldrum, and was factor for Mr. Urquhart of Meldrum, and others.

He married (1) Jean Dalrymple, a ward of Lord Findlater, who died without issue, and (2) Isabella, daughter of Baillie James Simpson, younger of Little Folla, merchant in Old Meldrum, and had six sons and five daughters:

(1) James, born 1761, died young. (2) James, born 1763. (3) William, born 1765, L.R.C.S., Edinburgh, proprietor of Caledonia Plantation, Jamaica, and Colonel of St. Ann's Regiment of Horse, there, married 1810 Ann Hall, and had one daughter, Isabella, married 1. her cousin, John Rose Forbes, and 2. — Dunne. (4) Jonathan, born 1766, proprietor of Waterton Plantation, Jamaica, Master of Chancery in Kingston, and Colonel of St. Catherine's Regiment of Horse. He married Elizabeth Rose, daughter of Charles Rose Gordon of Blelack, by whom he had one son, John Rose Forbes, married his cousin, above, *o.s.p.* Jonathan had also two daughters, died unmarried. The fifth son of John of Foresterhill was Thomas, born 1769, planter in Jamaica, died unmarried. The sixth was John, born 1774, Lieutenant R.N., married Ann Jenkins and left two sons and two daughters: William, born 1810, Master R.N., and Charles, Commander of the "Linton," E.I. Co.'s ship; married 1. Fanny Greenwood, and 2. Jane Miller. Anne, and Jane, married Stephen Willcock, merchant in Bideford.

The five daughters of John of Foresterhill were: Margaret, born 1767, married James Kidd, farmer, Newseat. Helen, born 1771, died unmarried. Jean, born 1772, married John Nichol, merchant in Brechin, and was mother of John Nichol, Professor of Astronomy, Glasgow. Mary, born 1777, married Joseph Luke, merchant in Aberdeen. Elizabeth, born 1780, married Major George Keith of the Royal Marines.

James Forbes, eldest surviving of the above six sons, succeeded his father in the farm of Foresterhill, and also in the factorship of Meldrum. He married in 1794 Jean, daughter of Benjamin Morrison, farmer, Inverkeithny, and had six sons and six daughters:

(1) George, born 1796, merchant at Stockton-on-Tees, died unmarried 1834. (2) John, born 1797, writer in Edinburgh, married in 1838 Rachel, daughter of John Manson of Kilblean, and died at Old Meldrum without issue. This John Forbes was the compiler of the History of the Forbes family, about which John Forbes-Robertson writes in 1847. (See Introduction.) It never saw the light, though it was partially continued by the writer's nephews, Forbes Manson and John Manson, who corresponded with William Troup. (3) William, born 1798, died unmarried 1820. (4) Jonathan, born 1800, L.R.C.S., Edinburgh, died unmarried in Jamaica 1831.

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(5) Benjamin, born 1802, M.D. in Dysart, married 1833 Mary Jameson.  
 (6) Duncan, born 1806, minister of Hampden Church, Jamaica, married Margaret Lawson of Kirkcaldy.

The three daughters were Jane, born 1804, married James Johnston, farmer, Drumwhindle, near Ellon, and died 1873. Isabella, born 1810, married Joseph Cottingham, Inland Revenue Officer, Edinburgh. Elizabeth, born 1811, married A. Kidd, farmer, a cousin.

