

Robert Maisterton and his wife have a charter of two salt pans, probably about 1570, and in 1588 he has a lease of his part of the teinds of the lands of Balsusny and Smetoun.

John Walwod and Grizel Maisterton his wife have a feu charter before 1583 of half of the lands and mill of Touch; their descendant is the present Allan Maconochie-Welwood of Pitliver and Meadowbank.

In 1594 James Masterton was one of the surviving monks of Couper Abbey.

Alexander Masterton and Catherine his wife obtained a feu charter of their lands of Beath, called Masterton-Beath, and of four-sevenths of the lands of Grange; Alexander seems to have been son of Robert of Beath, and father of Andrew of Beath, living in 1593. Adam Maistertoune, probably of this family, is a witness 1568.

Before 1669 Masterton-Beath had been acquired by Wardlaw of Wester Lunear, but Easter Grange was retained by Adam Masterton, probably son of the above-named Andrew. In 1662 John Masterton was served heir of his father Adam in the lands of Easter Grange, and about 1673 Adam Masterton of Grange (? son of John) registered arms, Argent, a chevron between two crescents, in chief, and a mullet in base gules, on a chief azure an eagle displayed or; crest, a dexter hand holding a scymetar proper; motto, *Pro Deo et rege*. In 1690 he appears as tutor of John Philp, nephew and heir of Mr. John Philp, minister of Queensferry, who had died in 1688 a prisoner in the Bass, having been deprived of his benefice and fined in 1681.

We now come to the modern family of Masterton of Parkmill, which has been set up as representative of Masterton. 1646 is the first appearance of them in the Acts of Parliament.

I. Alexander and Janet Couston his wife had in 1547 a charter of the lands of Millerwood and Cumlybank, afterwards called Parkmill, in the county of Clackmannan, from John Lord Erskine; they are also stated to have been infest in the lands of Bad in Perthshire, in 1544.

II. Ronald Masterton of Parkmill had a charter from John, Earl of Mar, 1570; married Marjory Bruce, of the Clackmannan family, daughter of Robert of Lintmill. Gilbert Masterton, who figures 1595-96 as a dependant of the Earl of Mar, was probably of this family. Mr. John Colville writes to Robert Bowes that he is to be there one of these days with Highland men from Mar; and later David Foulis advises Lord Burleigh that Gilbert is not presently in England.

III. Robert Masterton of Parkmill 1599, a member of the Committee of War, 1646, married Agnes, daughter of John Douglas of Rennieston in Fife.

IV. John Masterton of Parkmill was Sheriff Depute of Clackmannanshire, and a member of the Committee of War 1648; Robert, bailie of Clackmannan, is at the time on the Committee, and may have been his brother. John, who had a charter of Parkmill in 1632, married Mary, daughter of Mr. William Lindsay.

V. Francis Masterton of Parkmill, a graduate of Edinburgh University 1663, also Sheriff Depute of the county, appears as a Commissioner of Supply 1667-1704; married Christian, daughter of John Keirie of Gogar, in the parish of Blairlogie, and county of Perth, of a family originally belonging to Alloa, who had a grant of Arms 20th June, 1673: Argent, a fess counter-embattled between two cinquefoils in chief, and a cross crosslet fitchée in base gules. Crest, a hand holding a rose slipped proper; motto, *Virtute Viget*.

John Keirie, then designed "Servant to the Earl of Mar," married Isobel, daughter of Mr. John Craingelt, minister of Alloa. Francis Masterton also registered arms about the same time; Argent, a chevron gules and a chief azure; crest, A stag courant, bearing on his attyre an oakslip fructed proper; motto, *Per ardua*.

The history of the variations of the arms of the family is nearly as singular as the construction of their pedigree.

The seal of William appended to his Deed of Homage, 1296, bears a lion rampant; the next authority is an illuminated MS. of the middle of the sixteenth