

Amendment to The Blairs of Balthayock And Their Cadets 1150-1850 published by Clan Blair Society 2001.

In looking over the Blair book which we produced in 2001, I found that I had misread a document in the Abstracts which Noel Blair McCullough sent to me. In the Abstracts at the foot of page 153, Item 22 mentions Alexander de Oggostoun. I suggested that this was Alexander the son of John Ogston of the neighbouring Craigs of Glenisla with a date of circa 1430. I apologise for this error as it should read :

“Charter by John de Kinross, son of _____ de Kinross, to Alexander de Oggoluin and Dionisia, daughter of the said John de Kinross in free marriage of the lands of Balnachlunock and Haughnahanele. Undated. circa 1225. (Alexander was heir of Gilbert Ogilvy of that Ilk, his father was probably William de Ogilvy.)”

Furthermore, this charter should have been placed immediately after Charter 1 on page 151.

The Gaelic “Balnaclunoch” or “Balaucht Clunoe” in early documents has become Anglicized to Blacklunans. It lies in Glen Shee, a few miles north of Blairgowrie and at the foot of Mount Blair. The Barony of Blacklunans came into the hands of the Blair of Balthayock family, presumably on the marriage of Patrick Blair heir apparent of Balthayock (1410c-1448c) to Christian Ogilvy. The following paragraph expands on that and would insert into page 13 of the book.

“Patrick appeared described as a squire when witnessing with his father a charter on 4 May 1427 in favour of Sir Walter Ogilvy of Lintrathen.

At an Inquisition of Retour, in Forfar on 31 October 1438, for the service of David Rossy as heir to his grandfather, a Patrick Blair is given as one of the jurors. His position on the list suggests that he was not one of the senior lairds and thus may have been this son of Thomas. Given the location of the retour and also the lands associated with Christian, it seems probable that she was the daughter of Walter Ogilvy of Carcary and Lintrathen. It is also deduced that through this marriage the barony of Blacklunans transferred from Ogilvy of Lintrathen (later of Airlie) to Blair of Balthayock. Formerly Blacklunans had been owned first by the de Kinross family and then the Ogilvy family. About 1225 on the marriage of Dionisia, her father, John de Kinross granted to her spouse Alexander de Ogilvy the lands of Belauht Clunoe and Hauht Nahaele (Balclunoch and Auchnahall) and thus this charter came with Christian Ogilvy, presumably on her marriage about 1430, to be held in the Blair of Balthayock charterchest.”

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