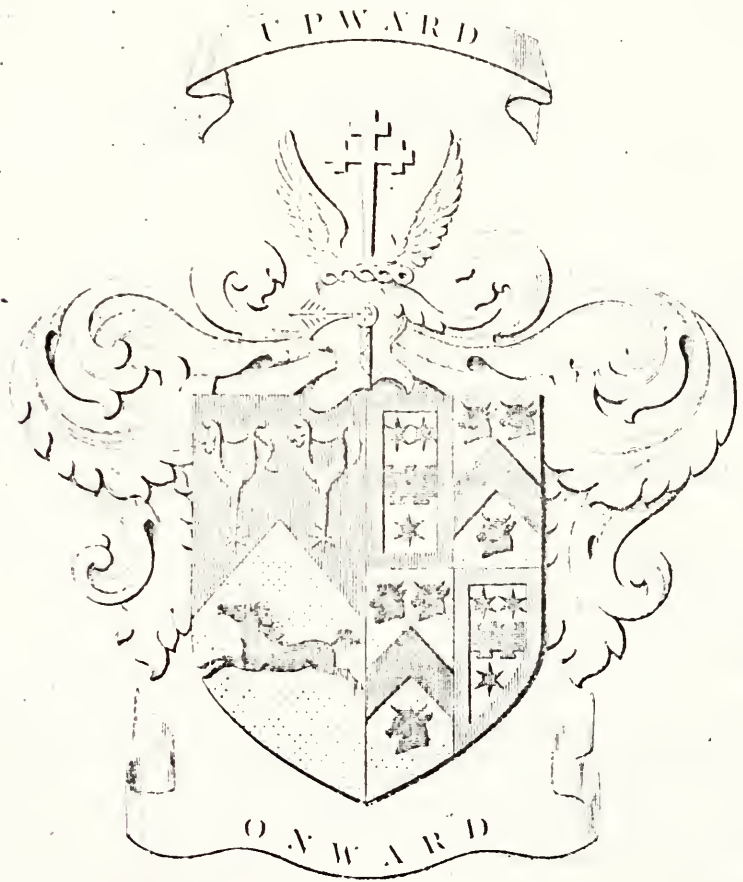


LORIMER, SCOTLAND

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Lorimer, Scotland.*

Durand Lorimer of Caen, witness to a charter in favour of the Abbot and Convent of St. Etienne, A.D. 1080.

Goscelinus Loremarinus holds lands co. Essex at the time of the Domesday Survey.

William the Lion, 1165-1214, grants lands near Perth to Hugh Lorimer and his heirs for services performed.

Matthew Lorimer sold these lands to William de Len, burghess of Perth, by whom they were gifted to the Abbey of Scone.

John Lorimer, clerk, in 1245 releases in favour of the Abbot of Scone any claim he might have to these lands. Baldwin Lorimer, c. 1228.

John Lorimer in 1375 sold a house and tenement of land in the Curfew Road, Perth.

Alexander Lorimer in 1494 possessed a tenement in Perth near the Carmelite Monastery, and in 1539 Katherine Lorimer was a nun at Elcho.

The earliest record of arms borne by any one of the name is in Pont's Heraldic MS., 1624, "*Gu. a cross baton fitchie, a lyon ramp. arg.*" This is probably the family of Stephen Lorimer, who inherited half the Temple lands of Crichton in Mid-Lothian from his mother, Sarah Pentland, and his aunt Isabella, who married James Wauchope of Templehouse, s.p. There was another sister, Margaret, wife of Sir Gideon Murray of Elibank, a Lord of Session and Treasurer Depute of Scotland, whose son was created Lord Elibank.

In 1794 John Lorimer, M.D., Inspector of Hospitals and examining Physician to the H. E. I. Co., had a grant of *Arg., a laurel branch ppr. between two roses gu. Crest, A horse courant arg. Motto, VIRTUTIS GLORIA MERCES.*

From the beginning of the fifteenth century persons of the name are to be found in Forfarshire, probably descended from the Lorimers of Perth.

1423. Duncan Lorimer held lands at Arbroath, and was a burghess of the Burgh.

1482. Robert Lorimer, notary, Arbroath.

1490. Walter Lorimer resigns in favour of John Erskine of Dun the lands of Kyll Croft and Chapel Croft.

1652. William Lorimer of Dundee.

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David Kelly, who was baptized at Dundee 30 March, 1721, only son who survived of John Kelly and Jane McLachlan of Dundee, went out to India as a boy in the service of the Dutch East India Co., and rose to position and fortune. In his will, made at Cochin 13 April, 1772, he styles himself "senior upper merchant, Secundah and Chief Administrator of the Commandment of Malabar." He died s.p. three years after, and the residue of his property, after paying numerous legacies to adopted children, released slaves, and charities, was inherited by his only surviving sister, Janet Kelly, wife of James Smith, Baldovie. In May, 1778, they purchased part of the estate of Drumgeith, and named it Kellyfield. Mr. Smith was accidentally drowned in the harbour of Dundee in 1796, and his widow died s.p. in 1807, at the age of 91.

James Lorimer of Kellyfield, her nearest relative and adopted son, succeeded to her property. He was born at Broughty Ferry 4 June, 1750 (son of Andrew Lorimer, master of a coasting vessel, who was drowned in the Frith of Tay, and Elspeth Kelly his wife), and was educated as a land surveyor. Mr. Lorimer was also factor on the estates of Fintry, Douglas, Moneriet, Rossie, etc.

He married Elizabeth, relict of John Patullo, Ballumbie, daughter of William Webster, Ethiebeaton, by Catherine, daughter of John Patullo, Ballumbie. Mrs. Lorimer was great-granddaughter of William Webster, Ethiebeaton, who married Matilda, daughter of Durham of Omachie, co. Forfar. She died in 1796, and Mr. Lorimer 31 Jan. 1810.

James Lorimer of Kellyfield, factor on the Kinnoull estates, resided at Aberdalgie House, Perthshire, and was in the Commission of the Peace for that county. In 1801 he was appointed Rothesay Herald by the late Earl of Kinnoull, Lord Lyon King of Arms, and it is worthy of remark that through his mother he could count as kinsmen Sir Alexander Durham of Largo, who was appointed Lord Lyon at the Restoration, and William Patullo, a Herald in the reign of David II. Mr. Lorimer married in 1815 his cousin-german, Janet Webster, daughter of Robert Webster, an eminent agriculturist of his day, who rented many farms in the Carse of Gowrie, and Margaret Hunter, of the family of the Hunters of Glencarse and Seaside, co. Perth, and sister of James Webster of Balruddery, co. Forfar, and of Major-General Thomas Webster of Balgarvie, co. Fife. She died in 1866, in her 91st year, and he in his 90th year, 20 Dec. 1868.

Margaret, died 1838.

Janet died, 1864.

Isabella, died 1804.

Agnes, died 1805.

All unmarried.

James Lorimer of Kellyfield, born 4 Nov. 1818. Called to the Bar 1845. Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records of the Lyon Court, 1848. Professor of Public Law in the University of Edinburgh, 1862. Married 1851 Hannah, elder daughter of John Riddle Stodart, Writer to Her Majesty's Signet, a Magistrate of the City of Edinburgh and in the Commission of the Peace, son of Robert Stodart of Kailzie, co. Peebles, and Ormiston, co. Edinburgh. Kellyfield has been recently sold.

Thomas Webster Lorimer, resident at Mount Rule, Isle of Man, born 2 June, 1820. Married Elizabeth-Ferne, daughter of Henry P. Palmer, M.D., and has issue:—James; Thomas-Hay; Maxwell; Mary-Ferne; Janet-Webster, m. 1875 Colin Campbell, Rhodes, East Lothian; Elizabeth-Hannah, m. 1875 Rev. William Frederick Drury, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Burton-upon-Trent; Margaret-Anne; Harriet; Emma-Jane; Laura-Fanny; Norma-Octavia.

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James, b. 4 July, 1853.	John Henry, b. 12 Aug. 1856.	Robert Stodart, b. 4 Nov. 1864.	Hannah- Cassels.	Janet- Alice.	Caroline. Louise.

Arms, *Parted per cheveron gules and or, two spurs paleways rowels downwards buckled and strapped of the second in chief, and a horse courant at liberty sable in base, impaling STODART and TURNBULL quarterly.* Crest, *Two eagles' wings conjoined and expanded proper, surmounted of a cross crosslet fitchée gules.*

There is given in Burke's General Armory another coat for Lorimer, Scotland, but it is unauthorized, and appears to be founded on the arms of the English Lorimers.

Lorimers are to be found as owners of land in the county of Edinburgh at the beginning of the 15th century, and in Stirlingshire in the end of the 16th, and early in the century in Banffshire, where John Lorimer, clerk of the Burgh of Cullen in 1673, founded a scholarship, the patronage of which he vested in his heirs, directing them to prefer those nearest in blood to himself. The Northern branch intermarried with Forbes of Towie, Fraser of Findrack, and other good families, and produced a Regent of Marischal College, James Lorimer, 1682.

Dr. James Lorimer was Principal of New College, St. Andrew's, about the same time; and Mr. William Lorimer, who in 1696 was nominated to the Chair of Divinity in that University, made himself notorious by preaching a sermon on "The reverence due to Jesus Christ" before the Chancellor and Judges in Edinburgh, in which he urged the execution, which took place, of James Aikenhead, a foolish youth of eighteen, for blasphemy.

In Dumfriesshire the name is common, and one family held the lands of Holmhead, while another acquired by marriage the great estates of Preston in Haddingtonshire and Fingalton in the county of Renfrew.

Robert Oswald, m. in Oct. 1642 Mary, d. of Robert Hamilton of Newhaven, sister of Sir Thomas Hamilton of Preston and Fingalton, a Colonel, M.P., and Lord of the Articles.

Sir James Oswald, merchant in Edinburgh, Taeksmen of Excise and Receiver-General of Taxes, bought Preston and Fingalton from his brother-in-law, Sir William Hamilton, in 1681. Mar. 1st Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. George Gillespie, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, who d. 1681; 2ndly, 30 April, 1682, Margaret, d. of Sir Thomas Hamilton of Preston and Fingalton, who d. 1689; 3rdly, a dau. of Sir John Gilmour. Sir James d. at Edinburgh 18 Feb. 1701.

Thomas Oswald of Fingalton and Preston, mar. 10 Oct. 1697
Anne, dau. and coheir of Sir William Hamilton of Preston
and Fingalton, Bart. Died s. p. 10 May, 1701.

George Oswald of
Fingalton and
Preston.

Roger Oswald
of Fingalton
and Preston,
Writer in
Edinburgh.
D. Mar. 1741.

James Oswald,
of Fingalton
and Preston.
Died s. p. 1743.

Elizabeth Oswald, coheir, mar. James
Lorimer, D.D., Minister of the Parish of
Mousewald in Dumfriesshire, and after-
wards of Yarrow in Selkirkshire. He
mar. 2ndly Jane Sibbald, and died 21
Nov. 1775, his widow 20 Jan. 1781.

Helen
Oswald,
coheir.

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Oswald Lorimer-Oswald of Fingalton and of Craigieburn, co. Dumfries, succeeded his mother in or before 1752.

Oswald Lorimer-Oswald of Craigieburn. Succeeded his father in or before 1787. Mar. Mary, sister and coheir of Hugh Campbell of Blair-gone.

William Lorimer of Craigieburn, merchant in Dumfries. Mar. 15 Oct. 1772 Annie Carson, heiress of Druncork, co. Dumfries.

Robert Lorimer of Auchenight, co. Dumfries. Mar. 30 Nov. 1772 Margaret Carson, sister of his brother's wife.

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