GENEALOGICAL ACCOUNT

OF

The Family of Home of Wedderburne,

Made out from the Public Records.

SIR THOMAS DE HOME de Eodem, the seventh generation of the family of Home, in a direct male line from Gospatrick Earl of Dunbar, lived in the reigns of King Robert II. and III. and married Nicholas Pepdy, heirefs of Dunglas, by whom he had issue three sons.

2. Sir David de Home, progenitor of the Homes of Wedderburne and Marchmont, of whom afterwards.
3. Patrick de Home, designed of Rathburne, who is often mentioned in the writs of the family.

1. Sir David de Home, second son of Sir Thomas, got from his father the lands of Thurston in Easlothian; and, being a youth of great spirit, was much esteemed by Archibald Earl of Douglas, who appointed him his scutifer or armour beareer, anno 1413, et pro servitio suo multipliciter impenso et impendendo, &c. made him a grant of the lands of Wedderburne, which became the chief title of this family, and which was confirmed in a charter by George de Dunbar Earl of March, 29th February that year, and again ratified by a charter from King James I. of Scotland; in which are these words: “Jacobus Dei Gratia, &c. Scient nos quandam chartam confirmationis fact. per dilectum confangui neum nostrum Georgium de Dunbar Comitem Marchiae, super quads terras fact. et conceff. per dilectum fratrem nostrum Archibaldum Comitem de Douglas, &c. dilecto scutifero David de Home, super terris de Wedderburne, cum pertinenti jacentibus in comitatu Marchiarum, infra vicecomitatum Berrici,” &c.—Apud Perth, 29no Aprilis 1432.

He was knighted by King James II. anno 1448, and appointed one of the Commissioners to treat with the English at Durham, respecting certain differences between the two nations, in July 1449.

In an entail of the barony of Home, David de Home de Wedderburne, militis, one of the substitutes, anno 1452.

He married Alice, but of what family is unknown, and by her had issue two sons.

1. David de Home.
2. Alexander de Home. He died about 1466.

II. David de Home, the eldest son of Sir David, married Elizabeth, daughter of William de Carmichael of that Ilk, ancestor of the Earl of Hyndford, and died before 1450, leaving issue two sons.

A George
1. George, who succeeded his grandfather in the lands of Wedderburn; of whom hereafter.

2. Patrick, who, in 1468, married Margaret, the youngest daughter and co-heir of John St Clair of Herdmanston and Polwarth, and was progenitor of the Homes of Polwarth and Earls of Marchmont.


III. George Home of Wedderburne succeeded Sir David, his grandfather, and was served heir to him, in presence of Adam Nisbet of Nisbet, Thomas Home of Tyningham, David Lumisdaile of Blanerne, David Renton of Billy, John Elr of Butterden, Thomas Idington of Idington, &c. The retour bears date at Berwick, 12th May 1469.

He married Marion the eldest daughter and co-heir of John St Clair of Herdmanston and Polwarth, by whom he became possessed of the half of the lands of Polwarth, cum capitali meffuaggio, &c. anno 1468.

He built the house of Wedderburne, and fortified it with seven towers and ditches, and placed upon the outer gate thereof his name with the arms of the family—anno 1473.

He was a man of honour and integrity and in great favour with James III. and IV. the latter of whom appointed him his Esquire, and deputed him to receive 1000 merks Sterling from King Henry VII. of England, in terms of a treaty between the two Kings; in which the same is declared exigible at the tower and place of Wedderburne in the Merrie, 31st January 1493.

He obtained from King James IV. a charter of the lands of Morifon, situated in the bailiary of Lauderdale, on the resignation of Andrew Anfruther of that Ilk, dilecto armiger-o nostro Georgio Home de Wedderburne, anno 1490.

He afterwards got a charter from the same Prince, Georgio Home de Wedderburne, et Mariiæ St Clair, ejus sponsæ, dimidietatis terrarum de Haitshaw, dated 18th July 1496.

He was killed in a skirmish with the English near the house of Wedderburne, anno 1497; in memory whereof a crofs was erected, which is still entire.

By the said Marion St Clair, his spouse, he had issue two sons:

1. Sir David his heir.
2. John.

He was succeeded by his eldest son.

IV. Sir David Home of Wedderburne, who got a charter of the lands of Wedderburne and Hutton from King James III. on the resignation of George Home of Wedderburne,
his father, and whereby a reasonable third part is referred to Marion his mother, dated at Edinburgh, 7th November 1474.

He had the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by King James IV. anno 1501, and obtained a charter of some lands from that Prince, dilecto nostro Davidi Home de Wedderburne, militi, filio et haeredi quond. Georgii Home de Wedderburne, 12th Feb. 1505.

He married Iofebl, daughter of David Heppringle of Smallholme, as appears by a charter from K. Ja. IV. to them, in these words: "Jacobus D. G. &c. confirmavit dilectis nostris " Davidi Home de Wedderburne, militi, et Iofeblae Heppriniglu suae fponiae, &c. omnes " et singulas terras de Polwarth, cum pertin. jacen. in comitatu nostro Marchiae, &c. quae-
" quid. terrae cum pertin. fuerunt dict. Davidi haereditarie," &c. 1st Dec. 1506. By her he had seven sons, commonly called the Spears of Wedderburne, alo two daughters.

1. George, who was killed in the field of Flodden, with his father, anno 1513.

2. David, his successor.

3. Alexander, who got a grant of the lands of Manderston from George III. Lord Home, dated 20th October 1527, and was progenitor of the Homes of Manderston, and of Geo. Earl of Dunbar.

4. John, who in 1513 married Beatrix, the eldest daughter and co-heir of Andrew Blacater of that Ilk, and was ancestor of the Homes of Blacater.

5. Robert, who likewise married Margaret, the youngest daughter and co-heir of said Andrew Blacater of that Ilk, by whom he had a son, David, who died without male issue, anno 1598.

6. Mr Andrew, Reitor of Launder, who got a charter of the church-lands of Launder from James Abbot of Dryburgh, and wherein he is described brother-german of the late David Home de Wedderburne; and the lands are taken, first, " to Mr Andrew, in liberum; then to William, his natural son, and the lawful heirs-male of his body, in fee; then to Alexander; then to Patrick; then to John; and then to Robert: all brothers-german of Mr Andrew, and the heirs-male of their bodies respectively," &c. Dated 18th May 1536.

7. Patrick of Broomhouse.


2. Margaret, married to John Swinton of that Ilk.

This Sir David, and his eldest son George, accompanied their Royal Master K. Ja. IV. to the battle of Flodden, where they both fell with him, 9th September 1513.

Was succeeded by his second son.

V. David Home of Wedderburne, who obtained from King James V. a grant of part of the estate of Home, upon the death and forfeiture of Alexander second Lord Home. The grant bears: "Cum avisamento, autoritate, et consilio carissimi consanguinei et tuto-
ris nostri Joannis Ducis Albaniae," &c. The King being then minor; and is dated 2d May 1517.

It however appears that he resented the death of his chief, by encountering several of the partisans of the Duke of Albany, and in particular M. De Arcy, Governor of Dunbar, who (with some of his attendants), fell a victim for the many cruelies exercised by his master Albany upon the family of Home, 20th September 1517. And which achievement...
ment is memorable in the annals of Scotland, being recorded by all the historians of that age.

From his great influence with his brother-in-law, Archibald Earl of Angus, Regent of Scotland, he was very instrumental in restoring George, brother and heir of the late Lord Home, to the honours and estate of the family, anno 1521.

In 1513, he had married Alison Douglas, daughter of George, Master, and sister of Archibald sixth Earl of Angus, ancestor of Duke Hamilton, by which marriage it appears he got an accession of some lands to his estate, and had by her two sons:
1. George, his heir.
2. Sir David, who succeeded his brother.

He was killed in a skirmish with the English in July 1524, and succeeded by his eldest son.

VI. George Home of Wedderburne.

There is a charter by King James V. to him, as heir of the late David Home of Wedderburne, his father, in these words: "Jacobus D. G. &c. confirmavit haereditarie dilectissima nostrae Georgio Home de Wedderburne, filio et haeredi quondam. Davidis Home de Wedderburne, pro suo bono, fideli, et gratuito servitio per ipsum et suis praedecessoribus nobis et quondam nobilissimo patri nostro Jacobo Quarto, cujus animo propitietur Deus in impenso, totem et integrum dimidiatatem terrarum de Kimergham, dimidiatatem molini, dinii, earund. cum suis pertinens." &c. Data 5th September 1528. This charter likewise contains the lands of Wool and Woolfshole, situated in the county of Roxburgh.

It must be here observed, that the lands of Kimergham were part of the old estate of Polworth, and had been divided, in consequence of the marriage of George Home of Wedderburne, and Patrick his brother, with Marion and Margaret Sinclairs, the co-heirs of Polworth, in 1468, as formerly mentioned. There is upon record a charter by King James V. to Patrick Home of Polworth, the representative of Margaret, of the other half of the said lands, anno 1532; and both which charters proceed on the forfeiture of the superior Archibald sixth Earl of Angus.

He also obtained from the same Prince a grant of the lands of Middlefield, situated in the forest of Ettrick. The grant narrates that the same had formerly been let in rental by King James IV. to Umquhili David Home of Wedderburne, for payment yearly of L. 32 Scots: "Et quod praefat. David, &c. in regni nostri tuitione, per Anglos occisus fuit, ac quod tempore minoritatis Georgii Home sui filii et haeredis," &c. Data apud Kelso, 12th June 1536.

He married Janet, daughter of Sir Patrick Hepburn of Waughton; and which is documented by a charter from Queen Mary to them. Thus: "Maria, D. G. confirmavit dilectissima nostris Georgio Home de Wedderburne, et Janetæ Hepburnæ suiæ sponsae, &c. to tam et integrum dimidiatatem omnium et singularum terrarum de Polwarth, cum capiti, tali messuagio, turre, fortaliço," &c. Data 28th April 1546.

He was afterwards killed at the battle of Pinky, under Queen Mary's banner, 10th September 1547, and leaving one daughter, Juliana, who married Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar, who had a daughter, Margaret, married to Hugh Lord Loudon. He was succeeded by his brother.

Sir
VII. Sir David Home of Wedderburne, a man of integrity and good parts, and who it appears was likewise engaged in the battle of Pinky; but upon the defeat of the Scotch army made his escape into the castle of Dalkeith, wherein, with many other gentlemen of distinction, he was besieged and made prisoner by the English General, Lord Gray, 4th June 1548.

He got two charters from Queen Mary (on his own resignation), of the lands of Hailthaw and Morilton, in Lauderdale, “Davidi Home de Wedderburne,” &c. Dated at Jedburgh, 7th November 1551.

He thereafter obtained a gift of nonentry for the lands of Govancrook and others, from the decease of George Home of Wedderburne, his brother, and Lady Alisun Douglas his mother, 28th June 1564.

In August 1567, he was, with several other of the Merse gentlemen, cited before the Council at Edinburgh, to give his advice about the administering of justice and keeping of the peace within the bounds of the Eastern March, when the office of wardenry was conferred upon him.

He married Marion daughter of Johnston of Westerhall, by whom he had issue three sons and a daughter.

1. Sir George, his heir.

2. Mr David Home of Godscroft, a man of learning, virtue, and probity. He wrote the Archives of the Family of Wedderburne in Latin, and was author of the History of the House of Douglas.

Daughter Margaret, married to Robert Ker of Ancrum.

He died anno 1574, and was succeeded by his eldest son.

Douglas’s Peerage.

VIII. Sir George Home of Wedderburne, who was retoured heir in special to the deceased David Home of Wedderburne, Knight, his father, 6th October 1574.

He was made Warden of the East March in the Parliament holden at Stirling, July 25, 1578.

It appears he was summoned as one of the jurors in the trial of Mr Archibald Douglas, parson of Glasgow, for the murder of the King’s father; but refusing to obey the citation, was fined in L.14.—26th May 1586.

He obtained from King James VI. a grant of some lands situated near the village of Eyemouth, which had belonged to the annexed priory of Coldingham, as follows: “Jacobi bus, G. D. &c. confirmavit dilecto et proconfiço nostro Domino Georgio Home de Wedderburne, militi, ac haeredibus suis factuli, cognomen et arma de Home gerens. &c—Totas et integras tres terras habundias, cum domibus, aedificiis, &c. infra territorium villae de Eyemouth,” &c. “Apud Holyroodhouse, 1mo Martii 1597.

From this and former grants, the family of Wedderburne must have had very considerable poffessions at that time.

Soon after, he got a charter from the same Monarch (on his own resignation) of the lands of Hailthaw, lands of Govancrook, the half of the village and lands of Polwath, with the principal manse-boys, &c. ”to Sir George Home of Wedderburne, Knight, and Jean Halden his spouse, in livery, and David their son and apparent heir, and his heirs male whomsoever, in fee.” And which lands, with many others, are all thereby erected into a free
free barony, to be thenceforth called the Barony of Hornden.—Granted at Falkland, 12th September 1597.

He was in high favour with the King, who made him one of the Gentlemen of his Bedchamber anno 1597, and afterwards constituted him Comptroller of Scotland anno 1598, and which appears from a charter by his Majesty to Sir George Home of Spot, afterwards Earl of Dunbar, "Cum avismano et consenfu nostri Conflari, Domini Georgii Home " de Wedderburne, Militi, nostrorum Computorum Rotulatoris et Collectoris Generalis," &c.—1st July 1598.

He obtained a charter from King James VI. erecting his lands of Eyemouth, &c. in liberam baroniam, to himself in liferent, and David his son, and his heirs male, in fee.—24th June 1605.

In 1606 he was made heritable Governor of the Castle of Berwick.

By Jean Halden his spouse, above mentioned, who was daughter of John Halden of Gleneagles, he had a son,

Sir David, his heir; and a daughter,

Mary, married to Sir James Dundas of Arniston.

He died 26th November 1616, and was succeeded by his only son,

IX. Sir David Home of Wedderburne.

He was served heir male in special to his father Sir George, 13th August 1618.

Thereafter he was named Sheriff principal of the county of Berwick, anno 1625; and by King Charles I. created a Baronet, inter 1631 et 1640.

This Sir David married Elizabeth daughter of Sir James Home of Whiterig, ancestor of the Earl of Home. By her he had a son and heir, George; and a daughter, Margaret, married to George Master of Loudon.

Sir David, during the civil war, was most zealous in the interest of his Sovereign King Charles I. and, after his death, in that of his son King Charles II. and at a very advanced age he and his only son attended that Monarch to the battle of Dunbar, where they both fell, 3rd September 1650.

Mr Nisbet, when speaking of these things, remarks, that the Barons of the family of Wedderburne were brave and valiant Knights, having great followings, and fighting valiantly against the English, were most all killed in the field of battle.

X. George Home, only son and heir of Sir David Home of Wedderburne. He obtained a charter, on his father's resignation, from King Charles I. "Georgio Home juniori de Wedderburne, baronie de Eyemouth," dated 25th January 1634.

He married Catharine daughter of Mr Alexander Morison of Prestongrange, and which is documented from the marriage contract entered into "between George Home younger of Wedderburne, with consent of Sir David Home of Wedderburne, Knight, his father, on the one part, and Catharine youngest daughter of the then deceased Mr Alexander Morison of Prestongrange, one of the Senators of the College of Justices, with advice and consent of Sir Robert Spottiswoode of Dunipace, Knight, President of the said College, her brother-in-law, on the other part."—14th August 1635.—The tocher therein mentioned being 15,000 merks.

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Upon the procuratory of resignation in this contract, there is a charter by King Cha. I. to him and his heirs male, of the estate of Wedderburne, thus: "Carolus, D. G. Dispo- · Chrv.
" suimus dilecto nostro Georgio Home juniori de Wedderburne, et haeredibus suis mascul- · Chrv.
" lis, &c. totas et integras terras de Wedderburne, cum molendino, &c. et cum manerii · Chrv.

As far as Wedderburne, he grants charters to the vassals of the barony of Hornden, · Chrv.
" cum conuenit Domini Davidis Home de Wedderburne, militis, sui patris," &c. inter 1636 · Chrv.
" et 1649.

By Catharine Morison, his spouse, he had issue two sons.

1. David, who died young.
2. Sir George, his successor—also one daughter, Elizabeth, married to John Bethune of Blebo.

He was, as already observed, killed at Dunbar with his father Sir David, under the banner of King Charles II, anno 1650.—Was succeeded by his son,

XI. Sir George Home of Wedderburne.—There is a charter of the barony of Horden, &c. granted by King Charles II. to him, and wherein he is designed "Filio Georgii Chart. in pub. ar·
" Home junioris de Wedderburne," proceeding on a procuratory executed by old Sir · Chrv.
David, his grandfather, and George, his father, 23rd March 1649.

It appears that this Sir George, in consideration of 9000 merks, granted a renunciation of his right to the half of the estate of Polworth, in favour of Sir Patrick Home of Pol- · Chrv.
worth, Bart. afterwards Earl of Marchmont.—The same having been formerly wadset by his grandson, Sir David, to Sir Patrick's father in 1625. The renunciation is dated 6th March 1663.

He was afterwards retoured heir in general to the late George Home of Wedderburne, Retour in Cancel·
his father, 25th August 1664.

He married Isobel, daughter of Sir Francis Liddel of Ravensworth, Bart. and by her had issue two sons.

1. George, his successor.
2. Mr Francis Home, advocate, of whom hereafter—and a daughter,
Jean, who died unmarried.

He died in 1716, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

XII. George Home of Wedderburne, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir Patrick Home of Lamondaine, Bart. and had by her six sons and three daughters.

1. David, his successor, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Campbell of · Chrv.
Craignish, but died without issue 1762.
2. George, who went abroad, and settled as a planter in Virginia, but died without lawful issue in 1763.
3. Patrick, who succeeded his brother David in the estate of Wedderburne, and died unmarried in 1766.
5. Francis.

The three latter of these gentlemen died unmarried prior to the year 1759.

1. Daughter
1. Daughter Margaret, married to Mr Ninian Home of Billy, and whose son, Patrick, succeeded to his uncle, Patrick Home of Wedderburne, as heir of line in 1766.

2. Ifobell, married to Mr Alexander Home of Jardinesfield.

3. Jean, married to Mr John Tod, minister of Ladykirk.

His male issue thus failing, it is necessary now to return to his brothers.

XIII. Mr Francis Home, who being bred to the law, was admitted advocate 1701.

There is upon record a bond, by George Home younger of Wedderburne to Mr Francis Home, advocate, his brother-german, for 4000 merks, dated 2 Oct. 1709, and registrated in the books of Session in 1736.

In 1712 he was appointed Sheriff-depute of the county of Berwick, by commission from Alexander Earl of Home.

He married Elizabeth, second daughter of Sir Patrick Home of Lumildaine, by whom he had issue two sons.

1. Mr Alexander, who betook himself to a maritime life, and died upon a voyage to the West Indies. anno 1758, unmarried—and,

XIV. John Home, who was confirmed executor to his father, Francis, in 1734, upon the death of his cousin, Patrick Home of Wedderburne, in 1766, became the lineal male representative of that family.

As representative of the family of Wedderburne, he was, 5th October 1776, returned heir male to George Earl of Dunbar, the grandson of Alexander Home, 1st of Manderston, formerly mentioned: But as a claim has since been entered for Sir George Home, Bart. upon the footing of representing John Home, 1st of Blackadder, the immediate younger brother of Alexander of Manderston, it is now understood the respective claims to the peerage of Dunbar must come under review of the House of Lords for a discussion.

At the demise of the Earl of Marchmont, Mr Home likewise becomes representative of that family, being the lineal male heir of George Home of Wedderburne, brother-german of Patrick Home 1st of Polworth, his Lordship's ancestor; and the peerage of Marchmont, being to heir male whomsoever, will of course devolve upon him.

He married Margaret, youngest daughter of Alexander Home, Esq. of Coldinghamlaw, by whom he has issue several sons.

DEPOSITIONS
DEPOSITIONS of Witnesses in the service of John Home, Esq. to George Earl of Dunbar, taken upon a commission granted by Archibald Cockburn, Esq. of Cockpen, Sheriff-depute of the county of Edinburgh.

20th July 1776. Mrs Isobel Home, daughter of the deceased Sir Patrick Home of Lumdaine, Bart. aged seventy years or thereby, not married, solemnly sworn, purged, and examined, depones, That she is sister to the mother of John Home, Esq. purchaser of the brieve, and is well acquainted with his family and relations: That Mr Francis Home, father of the said John Home, was married to the deponent’s sister, Elizabeth Home: That the said John Home was always habite and repute to be the lawful son of the said Mr Francis Home, and by him acknowledged to be so, and is his only son now in life: That Mr Francis Home was always habite, reputed, and acknowledged to be the second son of Sir George Home of Wedderburne, sometimes only called George Home of Wedderburne: That his eldest son, viz. the eldest son of this Sir George, was named George Home, and was married to Margaret Home, the deponent’s eldest sister: That all the heirs male of his body are now dead, without heirs of their bodies, and in consequence thereof the estate of Wedderburne descended to, and is now in the possession of Patrick Home of Wedderburne, eldest son of Margaret Home, eldest daughter of the said George Home: That since the death of Patrick Home of Wedderburne, son of the last mentioned George Home, the said John Home has always been habite and repute to be the heir male of the family of Wedderburne. Depone, That Mr Francis Home, who was an advocate, had other sons; but they are all now dead, without heirs of any of their bodies. Causa scientiae patet. And this is truth as he shall answer to God, &c.

Ex die. Mrs Helen Home, spouse of John Grant, writer in Edinburgh, aged sixty years and upwards, being solemnly sworn, purged, and examined ut ante, depones, That she is well acquainted with John Home, Esq. purchaser of the brieve: That he was always habite and repute to be the lawful son of the deceased Mr Francis Home, advocate, and is his only son now in life: That Mr Francis Home was brother to George Home of Wedderburne; and the deponent never heard of the Laird of Wedderburne having any other brother: and that the said Mr Francis Home’s wife was a daughter of Sir Patrick Home, and mother of the said John Home, Esq. Causa scientiae patet. And this is truth, &c.

4th October. Doctor William Dunbar of Fulfordlee, married, and aged forty and upwards, solemnly sworn, purged, and interrogated, depones, That he is well acquainted with the claimant, his family, and relations: That he has long resided in the county of Berwick, where, for a number of years, he practised as a physician in the neighbourhood of Wedderburne and Manderston: That he has often heard it reported, and agreed
agreed by the most respectable people of the county, many of whom were very old, that the first of the Homes of Manderston was brother-german of Home of Wedderburne, and that Home Earl of Dunbar was descended of the said Homes of Manderston; and since he ever remembers this has always been the habite and repute belief of the whole country round this neighbourhood: And depones, That John Home, Esq. the claimant, is notoriously known to be the heir male of the family of Home of Wedderburne; and as such has often heard him called the true heir of Home Earl of Dunbar. And this is truth, &c.

5th October. George Turnbull, Esq. of Houndwood, aged seventy-seven years, a widower, being solemnly sworn, purged, and interrogated, depones, That he is well acquainted with the claimant, John Home, Esq. his family, and friends: That he has always heard of the first of the old Homes of Manderston being brother-german of Home of Wedderburne, and that George Home Earl of Dunbar was brother-german of Home of Manderston, and descended in a direct male line from the family of Home of Wedderburne; and this ever since he remembers was, and now is, the habite, repute, and belief of the whole county of Berwick. And further depones, That the claimant, John Home, Esq. is well known to be the heir male and representative of the family of Home of Wedderburne; and as such is, in this country, respected and believed to be the rightful heir of George Earl of Dunbar. And all which is truth, &c.