

Family of Schank (Shank or Schankis) of Castlerig, Kinghorn, co. Fife, N.B.

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.... Schank of that ilk was of a very ancient family in Mid Lothian. (Nisbet.)

Murdoch Schank, who was an immediate son of Schank of that ilk, settled in Kinghorn in Fife, and got lands there in the reign of Robert Bruce, anno 1319. (Nisbet.) Tradition says that he found the body of King Alexander III. among the cliffs at Kinghorn 1286, and for this service he received a gift of the lands of Castlerig, near Kinghorn, from King Robert Bruce.

Robert Schankis. Lands of Robert Schankis are mentioned in a charter of confirmation of Isabel Irvine, dated 1360 as bounding certain lands in Kinghorn.

John Schank. Kirkcaldie.

Possibly Robert Schankis may have been brother to this Henry. In the Register of the Great Seal of Scotland (A.D. 1455) is recorded grant of lands in county Ayr "quas Robert Schankis resignavit."

Possibly Ninian Schank, in A.D. 1497 Provincial Prior in Scotland of the Dominicans, may have been brother to this Martin.

Possibly Robert Schankis may have been brother to this Martin. "Robert Schankis" is mentioned in the Register of the Great Seal of Scotland in a confirmation of Robert Peirsone—"burgensis de Kingorne"—as owner of bounding property anno 1478.

Henry Schank, infest and Christian Melvil, dau. to seized in the year 1442. the Laird of Raith.

As also James Schankis, mentioned as owner of bounding tenements in Register of Great Seal of Scotland A.D. 1488-89.

Martin Schank, Alison, dau. to "Glasmount Boswell," i.e. Boswell of Glasmount, now known as Boswell of Balmuto. (Glasmount is near Kinghorn.)

Martin Schank, infest anno 1520. Bessie Lochore.

Henry Schank, mar. 1565. Henry Schank in 1608 was Elder of Kinghorn. Bessie, dau. to John Balfour of Ballo.

Martin Shankis, witnesses several baptisms in Kinghorn 1577-78.

Henry Schank or Schankis. Hen. Schankis mar. A.D. 1609. In 1624 was allowed "to set up ane foir-face to the boukar of his dask to saue his wyfe and wynis fra being tred upo' by these y^t gois in to the yll." Kirk Treasurer. Henrie Shanks was Fellow of the Fishing Company (incorporated by charter) 1632. In 1643 Henry Shank was "Commissioner of burrowis for Kingorne." (Acts of Parliament of Scotland 1643.) Henry Shank was M.P. for the borough of Kinghorn 1643. (Foster's 'Members of Parliament, Scotland.')

Janet, dau. to Robert Cunningham or Cunningham of Woodfield. (In 1678 Robert Cunningham of Woodfield was witness to the baptism of one of the children of Henry Shank, grandson of this lady.)

Martin Schank, mar. A.D. 1640.—Christian, dau. to John Reedie, shipmaster in Burntisland.

Henry Schank or Shanks, mar. 1669. Bailie of Kinghorn 1670. Appears in the Valuation Roll of Fife 1695 as owner of land in—Agnes, dau. to Alexander parish of Kinghorn, which land his son Martin inherited—heritor 1695. Was Kirk Treasurer. His house still standing. This house at Kinghorn presents two nicely carved but slightly defaced coats of arms over the principal door. They are in pale, with crest: the dexter are much the same coat and crest as are now borne by Schank; and the Balfour coat has a crescent in base, which may indicate descent from a second son. The initials and date of "16 H. S. B. B. 38" are upon the door.

Rev. Martin Schank, born 28 June 1670, bapt. at Kinghorn 10 July 1670. M.A. of St. Andrews 19 July 1690; studied at St. Leonard's College; Chaplain to the Lady of Ednam; licensed by Presbytery of Kelso 11 April 1693; called in July, and ordained 20 Sept. or 7 Oct. 1694; Minister of Auchtertool, co. Fife, 1694. Trans. to Newhills 4 Nov. 1696; adm. there 29 April 1697. Mar. April 1698. Was a widower 23 Oct. 1744 (see separate Register of Presbytery by Kincardine O'Neil). Trans. to Banchory-Ternan, co. Kincardine, 10 May; called there 9 April; admitted there 12 July 1699. Died 18 April 1747, aged about 75, in 53rd of his ministry. This Martin did dispose to his son and Mary Burnet his wife the lands called Easter Castleriggs, near the burgh of Kinghorn, and a tenement of land in the said burgh in pursuance of covenant in son's marriage settlement.

Alexander Schank of Castlerig possessed A.D. 1747 of the lands mentioned in the charter of confirmation of A.D. 1360 as belonging to Robert Schank. Mentioned as only son of his father in Register of Presbytery of Kincardine O'Neil. He bequeathed £100 to the poor of his father's parish of Banchory-Ternan. (Presb. Sess. and Test. Reg. (Aberd.), New St. Acc., xi.) Entered Arms of Schank in Lyon Office 23 June 1732. Representative of the family at the time Nisbet's 'Heraldry' was published, and it is presumed he supplied the information therein contained. This Alexander purchased the land called Wester Castleriggs and other lands in and near Kinghorn, and also lands called Gleniston. Executed deed of entail of Castlerig and Gleniston 13 March 1769, by which these properties passed to his kinsman Rev. Alexander Schank, then Minister of St. Cyrus. He died 24 Oct. 1771.

Margaret, dau. to Thomas Downie, merchant in Edinburgh, whose mother was a daughter of Dobie of Stoniehill. The name is spelt Dauney in the Register of Kincardine O'Neil. She died in her husband's lifetime, and before 23 Oct. 1744.

Henry Shank, bapt. at Kinghorn 1672. — Christian, bapt. at Kinghorn 1674.

Elizabeth, bapt. at Kinghorn 1676. — Mary, bapt. at Kinghorn 1681. — Elizabeth, bapt. at Kinghorn 1683.

Rev. Alexander Schank, or Shanks, bapt. at Kinghorn 1678. M.A. of St. Andrews 25 June 1700. Minister of Drumoak 1703. Mar. 4 Dec. 1705. Died 6 March 1749 in the 73rd year of his age and 46th of his ministry.

Elizabeth Burnett of the parish of Banchory-Ternan, born 1676. Died 1755, aged 70, consequently born 1685, may have been another son.

Mary, dau. of Rev. John Burnet, Minister of Monymusk in Aberdeenshire. Of the ancient and honourable family of Leyes Burnet. Marriage contract dated 6 Sept. 1723.

Martin. — Henry. — Marjory. — Margaret. — Jean.

Rev. William Schank, M.A. Aberdeen Univ. 1 April 1730; Minister of Brechin; licensed by Presbytery of Kincardine O'Neil 1 June 1736. Died 1744 in his 29th year. Left £66 13s. 4d. for school at Pitpallox.

Rev. Alexander Schank, Minister of Ecclesgreig or St. Cyrus 1732-43, and of Arbuthnott 1743-80 (in which parish his son John succeeded him). He was of the University of Aberdeen. Died 3 Jan. 1780 in his 72nd year. His son Alexander was also afterwards Minister of St. Cyrus.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, = John Schank, R.N., F.R.S., a distinguished Admiral. Bapt. 26 April 1726. (Kinghorn Parish Registers.) Went to sea early in life, and was for some time in the merchant service. First served in Navy as Master's Mate 1757; promoted Lieutenant (after 18 years' service) June 1776; Captain 15 Aug. 1783; Rear-Admiral 1805; Vice-Admiral 1810; Admiral 19 July 1821. Served in wars of the American and French Revolutions. Died 6 Feb. 1823. Bur. at Dawlish, co. Devon. Monumental inscription in Dawlish Church and Churchyard, where, however, his age is erroneously stated as 83 instead of 96 years. See his life in Conolly's 'Eminent Men of Fife,' and in Marshall's 'Naval Biography.'

Margaret, only dau. by first wife. = John Wight, Vice-Admiral of the White, of Minadab Cottage, Dawlish, co. Devon. Born about 1776 at Eyemouth, co. Mar. June 1800. ('Gent. Mag.') Berwick. Entered Navy 7 April 1789. Obtained a war medal. Son of George Wight, Esq., Purser and Paymaster R.N. 1793, by his wife, a member of the family of Grieve of Berwickshire, and first-cousin of Admiral Schank. (Burke.) She died at Teignmouth 6 May 1812.

John Mackellar Skeene Grieve Wight. Assumed by royal licence, dated 13 June 1840, the surname and arms of "Schank" in lieu of his patronymic "Wight." Of Barton House, Dawlish, co. Devon. (Burke, 1868.)

Algernon Wight, drowned in the river Teign, aged 12.

Alexander Wight, R.N., died unmar. 1843.

Elizabeth Helen Margaret, = Mather Byles, Esq. mar. 19 Aug. 1830. Died 19 April 1851.

George Byles.

Alexander Byles,
died 13 Dec. 1861.

Mather Byles, a
Lieutenant in R.N.

John George Harding, Esq. = Eliza Frances.

Diana, dau. of Robert Scott of Dunninald (of the family of Scott, Baronet of Dunninald) by his wife Anne Middleton of Seaton. She died 24 Feb. 1825, aged 84 years. M.I. at Laurencekirk. Bequeathed £100 to the poor of that parish.

Rev. Alexander Schank of Castlerig, born 2 June 1736. Succeeded to the fortune of his namesake 1741, and afterwards lived at Laurencekirk. Minister of St. Cyrus or Ecclesgreig 16 May 1759, which church had been held by his father. Mar. 5 May 1770. Died in 55th year of his ministry at Laurencekirk 5 Jan. 1814, aged 75. M.I. at Laurencekirk. ('Gent. Mag.') D

Rev. John Schank, born 23 Jan. 1738. Minister of Arbuthnott, co. Kincardine, 1780-1818. (Succeeded his father in the ministry of that parish.) Died 10 Dec. 1818, in his 70th year, unmar. This gentleman originally passed Philosophy at the University, and then studied Law, and afterwards Theology in his father's house; but he was never of a Divinity Hall. This caused opposition to his obtaining a licence as a preacher, but the General Assembly ultimately decided in his favour 1780 by special Act.

Rev. William Schank, born 29 June 1739. Licensed 1761; ordained 2 March 1762. Minister of Fetteresso, co. Kincardine, to which he was presented by George III. 2 March 1763. Died 2 July 1763 unmar. Degree from Marisch. College, Aberdeen.

Henry Schank. Jean, = Kenneth Mackenzie born 20 March of Tipperton, 1743. Merchant in Died Aberdeen. s.p.

Alexander Schank, born at Banchory 26 June 1727, and bapt. there the same day. (Kinghorn Par. Regs.) O.s.p. in his father's lifetime, his father served heir general to him 27 Jan. 1747. He is mentioned in deed dated July 1745, and registered 30 Sept. 1746.

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Anna Maria, sister of Sir James Rivett Carnac, Baronet, formerly Governor of Bombay, Chairman of the H.E.I.C., and great-granddaughter of Thomas Rivett, Esq., M.P. for Derby in 1715, who was ninth in descent from Thomas Rivett of Tritton, co. Norfolk, who died in 1272. (Burke.)

3. Henry Shank of Castlerig and Gleniston, co. Fife (survived all his brothers). Of the Villa, Laurencekirk, co. Kincardine. Born 14 March 1778. Mar. 30 July 1808. D.L. for the City of London. Entered H.E.I.C.S. 1794; Member of Council 1822; Director 1830 to 1854. Died 4 Jan. 1860, aged 81. M.I. at Laurencekirk.

1. Alexander Shank, born 9 June 1771. Was a Merchant in China. Perished at sea in the total loss of the "Anna" of Bombay in 1817 on voyage home, neither ship nor passengers ever afterwards heard of, when Castlerig and Gleniston passed to his brother Martin.

2. Martin Shank, born 30 Sept. 1774. Succeeded to Castlerig and Gleniston 1817, which, on his death in 1825, passed to his brother Henry. O.s.p.

Jane, youngest dau., born 4 Feb. 1776. Died at Laurencekirk 23 Nov. 1840. M.I. at Laurencekirk. (Unmarried. Bequeathed £50 to par. of St. Cyrus.)

Diana, born 8 Dec. 1772. Eldest dau.

Rev. George Cook, D.D., of Haddington. Minister of Laurencekirk, and Dean of the Order of the Thistle. Died at St. Andrews 13 May 1845 in his 73rd year.

John Cook, Moderator of General Assembly, Church of Scotland.

George Cook, Moderator of General Assembly, Church of Scotland.

Alexander Shank Cook, Advocate. Filled the office of Procurator to the Church of Scotland for many years.

Harriet Henrietta Georgina, youngest dau. and coheiress of Colonel Henry Dundas Campbell of the 8th Hussars, Governor of Sierra Leone, by his wife Anne Marie, dau. of Samuel Davis, F.R.S., and sister of Sir John Francis Davis, Bart. She was born 14 Jan. 1829, and died 16 Jan. 1880.

Alexander Shank or Schank. Succeeded to Castlerig and Gleniston. Born 21 June 1811. Entered H.E.I.C.S. 30 April 1829. Civil and Sessions Judge 1853. Resigned the service 1 May 1856. Died 9 April 1866.

Henry, died in infancy.

John Innes

James Shank, born 1 July 1818 at St. Helena. Barrister-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn, 29 Jan. 1845. Succeeded to possession of the Villa, Laurencekirk.

Maria, died in infancy. Diana Henrietta, born 2 Aug. 1812. Died 1836.

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Harriet Anne. Succeeded to possession of the Villa, Laurencekirk, on death of her brother James.

Sir James Sibbald David Scott, Bart.

1. Michael David Sibbald Scott, Lieut. 40th Regt. and Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders. Born 11 Dec. 1849. Died 1884 unmar.

2. Francis David Sibbald Scott (living 1884), born 30 March 1851. Lieut. R.N. Mar. 20 Nov. 1878 Jane Catherine, only dau. of A. A. Pearson, Esq., of Luce, Dumfries, and has dau's Ethel Harriet Sibbald and Florence Octavia.

3. Sibbald David Scott, born 17 Sept. 1854. Died 31 May 1881.

4. Henrietta Caroline Sibbald. Living 1884.

5. Florence Louisa Sibbald, mar. 7 May 1873 to Major Banks Robinson Greig, R.A.

6. Maria Cecilia Sibbald. Living 1884.

7. Lilian Edith Sibbald. Living 1884.

1. Henry Alexander Schank of Castlerig and Gleniston, born 28 Sept. 1850. Educated at Eton. Ensign 91st Highlanders 1871; now Captain in 71st Highland Light Infantry. Served in Zulu and Egyptian wars (two medals and star). Living 1884.

2. William Edward Alexander Schank, born 20 Aug. 1857. B.A. Jesus College, Camb. (1881). Living 1884.

3. Roland Alexander Schank, born 26 July 1858. Died (unmar.) 15 Dec. 1874.

4. Lionel Arthur Vansittart Schank, born 9 Dec. 1861. Living 1884.

1. Amy Georgina. Living 1884.

2. Alice Maria (twin with Anne Julia). Living 1884. — 3. Anne Julia (twin with Alice Maria). Living 1884.

5. Edith Henrietta. Living 1884.

4. Evelyn Mary. Living 1884.

