

- husband; and against Janet Thomson, relict of John Edgar, merchant there, the deceased's nearest of kin.
1724. April 22. Will of John Edgar, lieutenant in Douglas's regiment, given up by Robert Edgar, portioner of Melros, his brother-german.
1746. Oct. 14. Will of William Edgar, wright, burges of Edinburgh, who died day of 1746.
1749. Feb. 28. Will of Thomas Edgar, stabler in Dalkeith, who died 16 Dec., 1748.
- Vol. lxii. July 8, 1646. The testament, &c., of umquhile George Edzear, induellar in Sant Marie Wynd, &c., quha deceist in the moneth of , the yeir of God, 1695 yeirs, &c. givine wp to *James Edzear*, timberman in Leith, brother german to the said umquhile George, and only executor, &c.
- Among debts owing to the deceased are £100 by Burne in the *Lochend* [near *Restalrig*].
- Vol. lxviii. Feb. 20, 1655. Will of Adam Edgar, cordiner in Fishernaw, who died in 1654, appointing his wife, Catherine Thomson, his sole executrix. Had children, but names not given.
- Vol. lxx. May 24, 1662. Will of Andro Handiesyde in Hiddrie, who died in Jan., 1661, given up by his lawful son, John Handiesyde in Sunnysyde, his only executor. Among the debts due to the deceased is a bond for 600 marks, with one year's interest of £24, by *John Edzar*, younger, merchant burges of Edinburgh.
- Vol. lxxiii. Dec. 10, 1668. Will of Nicoll Edger, tutor, of Wedderlie, who died 166-, given up by Helen Gilles, his relict and only executrix, as creditor in terms of a marriage contract dated November 166-, entitling her to her life-rent of 1,200 marks, as the interest of 20,000 m.
- Among debts due to the deceased is a bond for 2,600 marks by *Samuell Chislie*, and among debts due by the deceased, £100 to *Samuell Cheislie*, apothecar, "for drugs and medicamentis furnished to the defunct the tyme of his seaknes."
- Vol. lxxvi. Nov. 11, 1680. Testament of Nicoll Edger, merchant burges of Edinburgh, died 1667, given up by Mr. Duncan Forbes, writer, assignee and executor in terms of a marriage contract dated Nov., 1655, between said Nicoll and Helen Gillies daughter of James G., merchant b. of Edinburgh, and of a subsequent assignation, Sept. 14, 1678, by said Helen.
- Among debts due to said Nicoll were a bond granted by John Edgar of Wedderlie to Lodovick Henderson in Bodernil of 400 m., with £16 interest, preceding Whit Monday, 1667; a bond granted by same to John Cleghorne, merchant—500 marks, with £15 interest; a bond by same to Mr. William Edgar, his brother german, for 500 m., payable yearly to said

William ; a bond for 4,000 m. to said Mr. William,—to all which Nicoll had right ; and 3,700 m. principal, with £206 interest remaining of the principal sum of 6,000 m., conform to a bond granted by said deceased John to said deceased Nicoll, now declared by Lords of Session to belong to his representatives.

Vol. lxxviii. Jan. 25, 1587. The testament, &c., and inventar of the guidis, &c., pertaining to vm-quhill Thomas Edger, ballie of the baronie of Grange, &c., who deceist in the moneth of February, 1684, &c., giwin up be himselff, &c. [on Feb. 12], and givin vp be James Edger in Moffat, brother german to the said defunct, ane of the tutors nominat, and as having best knowledge in the name and behalff of *Thomas, James, and Marion* Edgares, lauffull children to the said defunct, &c.

Among debtors of defunct are Robert Mylne of Barnetoun, Alex. Mylne of Carriden, and William Mylne in Borrowstounes.

Among debts due by deceased, £305 10s. paid by James Edger as tutor to the executors to Alex. Anderson, &c., and £48 to *Marie Edgar* and other women servants.*

1613. Edward Edger, died May 4, 1610. Margaret Mitchell, his spouse. His sons, Edward and Clement E., minors. Mr. John Halliday, adv. Patrick Edger, merchant burges of Edinburgh, and Edward E., merchant burges of Edinburgh, tutors and curators to the aforesaid Edward and Clement.

The "Trust settlement of Alexander Edger, 2nd son of Alexander Edger, the first of Auchingrammont," is dated Aug. 27, 1817, and registered at Edinburgh, Jan. 22, 1821.—Eug. Regr. E. G., No. 1, 1820, fol. 172.

Extracts from the will of Margaret Edger, the last possessor of Auchingrammont of that family ; proved Oct. 11, 1857 :—

"I, Miss Margaret Edger, . . . only surviving daughter and child of the late James Edger, Esquire, of Auchingrammont, and Mrs. Elizabeth Edger, his spouse, do hereby dispose, assign, convey, and make over to and in favour of Alexander Murray Dunlop, of Corsook, Esquire, Member of Parliament, . . . Archibald Bogle, Esquire . . . Robt. Riddell, Esquire, Sheriff-subste. of Haddingtonshire, and Alexr. George Monilaws, Writer to the Signet, . . . my trustees," &c., &c.

Testator mentions her late mother and sister, various properties or tenements built on the lands of Hillside, her house in Edinburgh, and other property lying in the barony of Broughton, &c., &c.

* Thomas, Jeane, and *Marie* Edger, executors, &c. James Edger, tutor.

Numerous small bequests to Robert Riddell, Archibald Bogle, Anna Dunlop, Agnes Spiers or Graham, Mary Jones Bathia, Margaret and Mary Freebairn, Mary Creighton, Caroline Glennie, Elizab. Ferguson, Isabella Law, Robert, son of Patrick Robertson of Eddlestone, William Bowie, M.D., Bath, to *six schemes* of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (Conversion of Jews, &c.), to the Destitute Ladies' Society, to Lieut. Alexander E. McGrigor, Mrs. McGrigor and Mrs. McIntyre, Capt. James Edgar, Marion Allan, Elizabeth Jackson or Hewett, James Henry Cuchee, Rev. Joseph Clarke, Jessie M'Ewen, a servant, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Batelle, Lady Grant, Mrs. Vere, late of Stonebyres, Capt. Henry Edgar, &c., &c.

Also bequests of old family Bible (1683), enamelled gold snuff-box (*temp.* Louis XIV.), "which belonged to my grandmother," silver plate, antique china, antique silk wedding dress, trinkets, &c., &c., and some family portraits by Sir Henry Raeburn.

The codicil to the will is dated July 11, 1856. In August, 1857, the testator died.*

Alexander Edgar, Esquire, a Rear-Admiral of the Red, Middlesex, April, 1856. Administration (with will) unadministered. Former grant 1817. Will reg. 123 Effingham, Prerog. Ct. of Canterbury.

Admiral Edgar died 17 Feb., 1817.

March, 1817. Will, with 2 cods., of Alexander Edgar, formerly of Great Yarmouth, co. Norfolk, but late of Bedford Street, Bedford Square, London, Esquire, a Rear-Admiral, &c., proved by oath of Maria Bethia Campbell, widow, the daughter, and Sir John Jackson, Bart. (heirs of John J., Esq.), the surviving executors, to whom administration was granted, being first sworn, &c. A query on April, 1856.

13th May, 1814. Will of Ann Edgar, of Yarmouth, spinster, proved this day. Will dated 13th May, 1811.

N.B.—Although the above three are recorded in England, they are inserted here as being directly connected with Scotland.

Inventory of Papers (arranged by bunches and bundles).

1681. John Edgar, Lybell.

Before 1684, probably 1681. John Edgar. Amount funerall charges, 2 bunch.

1687. William Edgar (Tack betwixt Sir Wm. Primrose and Borthwick, taken out and given into W. E., 10 bunch).

1692. Thomas Edgar and Mrs. Harde.

1700. Jas. Crawford to Thomas Edgar (30 bunch).

* She had many peculiarities of disposition which seemed repellent to strangers, but to those who were admitted to her friendship she was warm-hearted and a most agreeable companion, owing to her natural shrewdness, and a satirical vein, tempered by charity.

*Edicts of Executry.—Edinburgh v. Lauder.**Edinburgh to 1740.*1724. Dec. John Edgar. (See *Wills.*)*Inventory of Consistorial Processes.*

1702. Graham v. Edgar. Process for Scandal. Wm. Graham, student of theology in the college of Edinburgh, against Margaret Edgar, relict of the deceased William Mitchell, late Bailie in Selkirk, and others.

*Berwickshire.—Commissariat of Lauder.**Testaments.*

1564. Allesone Edgar, Wedderlie, bequeaths to her spouse, John Conquor, all her effects. The will is "made at Wedderlie." No other Edgars are mentioned, and it is witnessed by Robert Rutherford. (Vol. i., fol. 21.)
1664. Oct. 22. John Edgar, of Wadderlie, v. Elspeth Edgar, his spouse. Inventory given up by Nicol Edgar, and priced by Alexander Edgar of Westruther. John E. "deceased in 1657."*
1665. Oct. 25. George Edgar.
1676. July 7. John Edgar, Birkenside. Isobell Moffat, his spouse.
1684. Oct. 8. Thomas Edgar, in Murton. His wife's name given as Alison Bartram in his son's will.
1693. Oct. 31. Robert Edgar, in Murton. Brother William, writer in Dunse, only son Thomas. Debts due by the Laird of Wedderlie to him, and by Christian Edgar, relict of John Brown of Kelso, and by Robert Edgar of Chirnside.
1739. Feb. 19. Andrew Edgar of Farneyrigg.
1750. Mar. 13. } Thomas Edgar, son to deceased Thos. E., maltster in Dunse. Magdalen
1757. Nov. 1. } Grieve, sole curatrix. Robert Grieve, cautioner.
1657. The testament dative, and inventory of goods, &c., of umquhile John Edgar, of Wedderlie, and Elspeth Edgar, his spouse, who died in the month of , 1657. Given up by Nicol Edgar, tutor † of Wedderlie, as the same was valued by Alexander Edgar, of Westruther, as having best knowledge in name and behalf of Mary Edgar, eldest daughter and only executrix decerned as nearest of kin to the said defunct, by decret of the commissary of Lander, of date 18 October, 1664.

* A curious inventory, including "eight silver spoons and ane silver dish, all stamped T. E., pryce thereof £12. Ane broken gold ring with ane blue stane." Lace worked with silver and gold, &c. Total value £233 4s. 6d.

† Probably a brother of the deceased.

Testament confirmed on 22 October, 1664. Nicol Edgar, tutor of Wedderlie, cautioner for executrix.

John Edgar, of Douglas's regiment, 1724. His brother, Robert Edgar, of Melrose. He mentions Sir James Smollett and George Edgar, portioner of Melrose.

Lauder.—Decrets.

1691. Jan. 6. Edgar against Pringle.
 1695. Mar. 12. Edgar against Bell.
 1697. Feb. 23. Edgar against Wright and Somervell.
 1698. Aug. 2. Dewar against Edgar (Wedderlie).
 1713. June 9. John Edgar, elder, of Wedderlie, against George Cossar, John Edgar, Yr., of *Wedderlie*, Thomas Bell, and other tenants in Easterwoodheads.
 1720. Jan. 26. Thomas Edgar, maltman in Dunse, obtained decree against John Knox.
 1713. Aug. 4. Alexander Edgar, in Langtoun, decree against John Edgar, Yr., of Wedderlie.
 1717. Mar. 12. James Edgar, pewtherer burges of Edinburgh, against Walter Lauder, pewtherer burges of Edinburgh, as accepter of a bill for £51 3s.
 1707. June 11. Alexander Edgar, late provost of Haddington, against James Trotter for £20.
 1709. John Dickson, burges of Lauder, against John Edgar of Wedderly for £11 2s. 2d.
 1665. Jan. Darling against John Edgar in Birkenside.
 1669. Mar. 16. Robert Edgar against Wood.
 1670. Nov. 5. Robert Edgar, in Trottingschan, against Freir.
 1671. Marke Edgar against Robert Craw.

Court of Lauder.—Register of Deeds.

- Bond. 1666. No. 2. Patrick Edgar to Wm. Stenhouse.
 1673. No. 24. John Edgar to Geo. Pringle.
 1673. No. 28. Patrick Edgar to Jas. Currie.

Dumfries.

1638. July 23. Robert Edzer in Paddakhoill, par. of Holywood.
 1657. Dec. 22. George Edgar.
 1673. Nov. 6. William Edzer.
 1674. July 31. James Edgar in Carrmuck.
 1676. May 30. David Edgar, mer. bur. of Drumfries.
 1679. Aug. 25. Edward Edgar, mer. bur. of Drumfries.

1680. Feb. 5. Janet Edgar, spouse to John Kenna in Loghall.
 1680. July 10. Agnes Edgar, spouse to John Bell in Elderbeck.
 1684. Feb. 7. Agnes Edgar, spouse to James Walker in Duncowe.
 1684. Aug. 14. John Edgar, late Deacon of the Squairmen in Dumfries.
 1685. Dec. 24. Agnes E., dochter to decaest Edward Edgar, mer. bur. of Dumfries.
 1686. May 5. Agnes Edgar in Bridgend.
 1686. Aug. 7. Janet Edgar, spouse to John McBinnie, cordiner.
 1689. Nov. 29. Isobell Edgar, spouse to Thomas Aiken, cordiner.
 1716. June 1. Margaret Edgar, relict of William Ferguson in Shireinton, in the par. of
 Caerlaverock.
 1734. June 12. James Edgar in Kirkland of Irongray.
 1739. Mar. 21. Elizabeth, relict of James Edgar in Duncow.
 1744. Dec. 25. } Thomas Edgar of Reidbank, late Provost of Dumfries.
 1747. May 4. }
 1757. April 26. Jane Edgar in Duncow, relict of John Smith in Ladiesyett.
 John Edgar, late Deacon of Squairmen,* died March, 1684. Given up by his
 relict, Rosina Linday.
 Robert Edgar, eldest son of deceased, is named as his "only heir." His other
 children are executors, viz.,—Joseph, Mary, Margaret Edgar. Witness, William
 Edgar, date 29th Jan., 1682.
 1734. James Edgar in Kirkland of Irongray, given up by Jean Edgar, spouse to
 Alexander Sloan in Burlay of Hills, and Agnes Edgar, spouse to James. 500
 marks due to deceased, Edward McCulloch of Ardwall, cautioner.
 1747. Thomas Edgar of Reidbank. His only child (?), Helen Edgar, wife of Mr.
 Currie, merchant, "nearest of kin to defunct."

MONUMENTAL AND OTHER INSCRIPTIONS.

On a large stone slab supported on four pilasters in the churchyard of Cramond, near Edinburgh, and immediately in front of the great window of the parish church, is inscribed the following epitaph:—

"Here lye Mrs. Anne Hay, wife of Mr. Peter Edgar of Bridgelands.

"She died the fourth day of April, 1779, aged 55 years, as also the said Peter Edgar, who died the . . . day of January, 1781, aged 75 years."

In the parish churchyard of Hamilton is a plain slab without any inscription. It is the tomb of Alexander Edgar of Auchingrammont, the brother of Peter Edgar of Bridgelands. In the same place is his son's tomb, with the following inscription:—

* Squaremen were those tradesmen who used the square (masons, carpenters, &c.), and were the most powerful of the incorporated trades in the days of the "close burghs."

"Departed this life October 14, 1810, James Edgar, Esq., of Auchingrammont.

"The widow and daughters of the latter are buried beside him," viz., "Eliza Lorington, his widow, died in the 83rd year of her age, 14th October, 1832." And "Eliza Precilla, his daughter, died 23rd March, 1852."

Memorial of the last Laird of Wedderlie in the shape of an inscription, placed by him on an old Bible, belonging to the parish church of Westruther:—

" 23 Julij 1736

Hunc sacrosanctæ ac divinitus revelatæ veritatis Codicem, Reverendo viro D Waltero Scott, in Ecclesia de Westruther verbi divini Præconi, ejusque in eodem ministerio successoribus, sed inter sacra tantummodo utendum, donat ac dedit Joannes Edgar de Wedderlie.

[In Sacra Scriptura quicquid docetur, veritas; quicquid] precipitur, bonitas; quicquid promittitur, felicitas est.

Qualiter esuriens in campo quærit eodem
Semen avis, gramen bos, leporemque canis;
Ingeniis ita divensis diversa ministrat
Pabula siderei pagina sacra *Patris*.
Iac capit his infans, panem robustior ætas,
Nec caret optato curva senecta cibo."

Notes from tombstones in the churchyard of Caerlaverock, Dumfries.

"John Edgar in Markland, died 12th Sept., 1751, aged 73 years."

"John Edgar, died at Amisfield 16th April, 1820, aged 84 years (son)."

"Joseph Edgar in Blackshaw, died 28th June, 1799, aged 55 years."

"Robert Edgar in ,, ,, 14th Oct., 1765, aged 35 years."

"John Edgar in Blackshaw, died 9th July, 1800, aged 68 years."

"Thomas Edgar * in Markland, died . . . aged 96 years."

"Thomas Edgar (his son, *b.* 1745), died 1808."

In the churchyard of Glencairn, Robert Edgar, martyr, 1605. "Here lyes Robert Edger and Robert Mitchel, shot," &c.

Henry David Inglis, Esq., advocate for a period of twenty years, a zealous and beloved pastor of the first Baptist church in Edinburgh, who died in May, 1806, *ætat.* forty-nine, and Helen Hay Edgar, his beloved wife, who survived him fourteen years. Greyfriars churchyard, Edinburgh.

On a tomb in Holywood Churchyard, Dumfriesshire, with arms of houses of Edgar and Maxwell, is the following inscription:—"Heir lyes Thomas Edgar, husband to Barbara Maxual, who departed this life upon the 29th January, 1695, and his age 52."

* Robbed of all by the Clan Cameron in 1745.

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A Miss Edgar published at Dundee in 1810 an octavo volume entitled "Tranquillity, and other Poems and Translations," of which a second edition appeared at Edinburgh in 1824. She was a relative of the Rev. Henry Edgar, minister of the Episcopal Church, Arbroath, who in 1759 was consecrated coadjutor to Bishop White. Bishop Edgar died August 22, 1768.