

ABSTRACTS OF CLAN CAMPBELL:
REGISTRY RECORDS OF THE SHERIFFS OF INVERARAY, VOL. 1
(Some summary records showing relationships and important events)

1692, June 23rd: Bond recorded. Duncan Campbell of Ellister to Donald Campbell, lawful son of the deceased Dugald Campbell, sometime of Dull, and Janet his spouse, for 250 marks. Bond made at Killerow and dated 29th December, 1686. Witnesses: Archibald Campbell of Octomore, baillie; Lachlan Campbell, chamberlain; and Duncan Campbell, schoolmaster at Killerow.

1694, October 12th: Bond by John Campbell of Ballinaly to John Campbell, oldest lawful son and heir of the deceased Alexander Campbell of Kilanalan and Mary, widow of said Alexander and mother of said John, 500 marks, dated at Ivillarow in Isla (Islay), 4th November, 1684. Witnesses: Archibald Campbell of Octomore; Archibald Campbell, chamberlain of Islay; John Campbell, son of Duncan Campbell in Smale; and Duncan Campbell, school master at Killerow.

1702, September 14th: Contract of Marriage. Dated at Killerow, 19th March, 1695, between John Campbell in Scarrabolls, and Florence Campbell, sister german to Donald Campbell in Ballinaby. The tocher (dowry) is 500 pounds. Witnesses: Archibald Campbell of Octomore (also spelled Ottomore in some records); Donald Campbell of Laganlochan, etc.. (Note: Archibald Campbell of Octomore died between 1695 and the end of 1702, as this is the last record with his name on it as a witness and he was required to witness many records, as baillie.)

1706, January 31st: Bond by Alexander Campbell, fiar (heir) of Airds, with consent of his father John Campbell of Airds, and Archibald Campbell of Clunies (Clunes) (2nd son of Sir Hugh Campbell, Thane of Calder/Cawdor), Tutor of Islay (manager); Alexander Campbell of Lochniell, and Alexander Campbell of Barcaldin to whom he is interdicted... Dated at Taychregan, 6th March, 1703. Witnesses: Colin Campbel in Shuna, Archibald Campbell, son to Lochniell, and George Campbell of Octomore.

1715, February. Registration of a Contract dated at Castleswene, 20th May, 1692 between Sir Duncan Campbell of Auchinbreck, knight, baronet (4th baronet who died in 1700) and John Campbell of Knap, whereby Sir Duncan Campbell sets in "tack" to the said John Campbell and Patrick, his oldest lawful son, irredeemably, the four merklands of Arduana in Knapdale, reserving to Moira McNeill (spouse to said John Campbell of Knap, her liferent therefore, and the said John Campbell of Knap is to pay 3500 marks; it is (further) agreed in terms of aforesaid contract to dispone the lands of Stronfield to Donald Campbell, second lawful son of John Campbell of Knap....

1715, March 1st. Contract of Marriage at Clachan of Kilcomanall between Archibald Campbell of Strondour and Margaret McNeill, with consent of James Campbell, fiar (heir) of Auchinbreck. Margaret McNeill is the oldest lawful daughter of Donald McNeill of Crear. The tocher is 1700 marks. Witnesses: Alexander McAllister of Loupe; Donald Campbell of Carradell (Carradale), Patrick Campbell of Kildusklan, Charles McAllister of Tare, Duncan Millan at Dunmore, Dugald Campbell of Kilbery, etc..

1715, October 1st: McNeills: Alexander McNeill interdicted (sued) Sir James Campbell of Auchinbreck, baronet.

1726, September 12th: Deposition by Sir Duncan Campbell of Auchinbreck, baronet, dated 12th November, 1698, with consent of James Campbell, his son, fiar (heir) thereof and Duncan Campbell sometime of Drumfinn for his interest to Walter McIvernock, merchant in Kilmichael in Glassrie (Glassary) and Dugald McIvernock in Dunie of the two merklands of Drumfinn and others in security of a sum of money advanced by them.

1730, June 12th: Bond by John McLean of Lochbuy (Lochbuie) narrating a contract of marriage between the deceased Murdoch McLean and Mrs. Anna Campbell (Mrs. in this case can mean simply Mistress—an unmarried older daughter of a gentleman), dated at Calder and Mey in Mull, the 20th and the 27th of November, 1705 and mentioning she is lawful daughter of Sir Hugh Campbell at Calder, and that of this marriage there are no sons but 3 daughters now existing: Margaret, now spouse of Donald Campbell of Airds, the younger; Elisabeth, now spouse to Allan McLean of Kilmorie; and Isabel McLean, yet unmarried and taht by declaration of this date by me (John McLean) and Allan McLean of Garconie, my brother, two of the friends of said daughters on the father's side, and by Colin Campbell of Isla and Donald Campbell of Octomore, two of their kin on their mother's side, the sum of 20,000 marks to be divided among them has been so divided... Dated at Auchnacrey in Mull, 4th October, 1729. (Note: this raises the question of the identity of Archibald of Octomore, if he was such a close relation to Sir Hugh Campbell and his daughters and suggests that Archibald might be the Archibald mentioned in accounts of the Cawdor estate who was the son of Duncan an uncle of Sir Hugh. This and a previous record also indicate that Archibald of Octomore had at least sons: George and Donald.—CFB)

1733, December 31st: Discharge and Enunciation by James Campbell of Ormsary of a Contract between the deceased Sir Duncan Campbell of Auchinbreck, baronet, and Sir James Campbell, now of Auchinbreck, his only lawful son and the deceased Barbara Campbell, only lawful daughter of the deceased Dugald Campbell of Lagg... dated 12th November, 1698. "This replaces a lost record."

1738, November 9th: Disposition by Sir James Campbell of Auchinbreck to Archibald Campbell of Strondour of the lands of Carsaig and others. John Campbell, son of Archibald, aforesaid is mentioned, and Donald Campbell, his eldest son, is the fiar of the lands (oldest son of Archibald) granted. Disposition dated at Carsaig, 22n October, 1716, one witness being Archibald Campbell, late wadsetter of Carsaig.

1739, May 28th: Bond of Provision by Sir James Campbell of Auchinbreck, narrating that on ye 20th of April last, he was married to his present wife, Dame Margaret Campbell, lawful daughter of the deceased Donald Campbell of Glencarradale, but there was no contract; the therefore makes provisions for her and settlements for the children which may be born, dated at Lochgare (Lochgair), 12th October, 1736. (Thus, Sir James Campbell, 5th baronet of Auchinbreck states that he was married the third time to Margaret Campbell of Carradale on April 20th, 1736.—CFB)

1778, January 12th: Recording of a very old disposition made by Sir James Campbell of Auchinbreck, baronet, to Duncan Campbell of Knap, of some of the “teinds” of the parish of Kilroichocharmaig, alias North and South Knapdale, etc., originally obtained by Sir Dugald Campbell, the grantee’s grandfather’s grandfather in 1595 and in 1609; an additional assignation by Andrew Campbell, the Bishop of Argyle of (church lands) to the said Sir Dugald and his spouse, Elisabeth Boyd... disposition dated at Inverneil, 13th May, 1732.

The foregoing are entries related to Campbells found in the “Sheriff’s Court Books (and Registry) of Argyll at Inveraray,” Volume I, from the Campbell Collection of Sir Duncan Campbell of Barcaldinran and Glenure, Baronet, prepared and edited by Rev. Henry Paton, M.A. (Master of Arms), General Register House, Edinburgh, Otto Schulze & Co., 20th South Frederick Street in 1901, with a letter entry from His Grace, the Duke of Argyll (at that time), saying “more work needs to be done at Inveraray to publish additional registers.” (Note, as of 2009, more than 100 years later, this is STILL the only register published and on-line.–CFB)