

## CRAWFORD of Jordanhill & Cartsburn (1500-1700)

**Lawrence CRAWFORD**, son & heir of Robert CRAWFORD of Kilbirnie & Margaret SEMPLE, was born about 1506. “He is mentioned in Crawfords *Peerage* as having been: ‘A person of eminent note in those days, both for the many lands he held in many counties, and the many services to his country’.” [Robert Crawford *Crawfords of Donegal*, Dublin 1897].

Lawrence CRAWFORD married Helen, daughter of Sir Hugh CAMPBELL of Loudoun and had six sons and one or, perhaps, two daughters –

- Hugh, his successor; m.(1) Margaret COLQUHOUN & had a son; m.(2) Elizabeth BARCLAY & had a son and three daughters; d. 1576.
- William.
- Robert.
- John of Greenock-Easter.
- David of Campbell.
- **Thomas** (see below).
- One or two daughters.

Lawrence CRAWFORD died on 4 June 1547, aged 41.

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**Thomas CRAWFORD**, born about 1530 [*Everyman's Encyclopaedia*, 1958], son of Lawrence CRAWFORD of Kilbirnie & Helen CAMPBELL, “took early to the profession of arms, and saw much service.

“He was at the Battle of Pinkie-field, 1547, where he had the misfortune to be taken prisoner, and was detained till ransomed. In 1550 he went to France and entered the service of King Henry II as one of the *Gens d'Armes*, under the command of the Earl of Arran. Eleven years later he returned to Scotland, and subsequently commanded many military operations. Captain Crawford particularly distinguished himself at the siege of the Castle of Edinburgh, and in the taking of Dumbarton, by surprise, April 2nd, 1572 (also given as 1571).” [Robert Crawford *Crawfords of Donegal*, from which much of the preceding information is taken].

He acquired Jordanhill (north-west of Glasgow) in 1562 and probable built the original house. He was Provost of Glasgow in 1577 and about this time built the bridge over the Kelvin at Partick, on which were carved his arms. [*Old Country Houses of Old Glasgow Gentry – Jordanhill*]. The river crossing was probably on the road from Jordanhill to Glasgow!

Thomas CRAWFORD married firstly Marion, daughter of Sir John COLQUHOUN of Luss, Dumbartonshire, and had a daughter

- Marion, m. Robert FAIRLEY

He married secondly Janet, daughter of Robert KERR, and had children–

- David, b. c.1569?; m. Annabel, daughter of Matthew CAMPBELL.
- **Hugh**, b. c.1572? (see below)
- Susannah, b. c.1574?; m. Colin CAMPBELL.

“Of the grandsons of Thomas CRAWFORD of Jordanhill, one became a Major-General in the Scotch army. Another brother was a colonel in the Russian army, and a third became a lieut-general in that service, and was made Governor of Smolensko, and subsequently, of Moscow (1674).” [Robert Crawford *Crawfords of Donegal* from which much of the foregoing information comes].

Captain Thomas CRAWFORD died on 3 Jan 1603 and was buried at The Auld Kirk, Kilbirnie, AYR, as was his wife Janet KERR

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**Hugh CRAWFORD**, son of Thomas Crawford of Jordanhill & Janet KERR, married Elizabeth, daughter of William STIRLING [IGI] had children –

- Cornelius, b. 1601 (see below).
- Lawrence.
- John.
- Thomas.
- Daniel.
- Mary.
- Elizabeth.

It is not clear at what time Cartsburn came into the possession of the Crawford family. At some point it seems to have been called Crawfordsburn.

Hugh CRAWFORD died in 1626.

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**Cornelius CRAWFORD** of Cartsburn, son of Hugh CRAWFORD & Elizabeth STIRLING, was born in 1601. The IGI gives his marriage to Mary, daughter of James LOCKHART, variously but 1624 seems probable. Four children are known, mostly born Jordanhill RFW –

- Hugh, born c.1625; d. 1684.
- Thomas, b. 17 Feb 1631 at Cartsburn (see below).
- Margaret, b. c.1633.
- Jean, b. c.1635; d. 1680.

(A Margaret & Jean born 1640 and 1642 are probably the last two with differently accredited dates.)

Cornelius CRAWFORD died in 1687.

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**Thomas CRAWFORD** of Cartsburn near Greenock, Renfrewshire, the son of Cornelius CRAWFORD and Mary LOCKHART, was born at Cartsburn on 17 Feb 1631 [ IGI but no reference or supporting evidence].

Thomas CRAWFORD married firstly Jean MAXWELL on 27 Sept 1653 at Glasgow and had three children baptised Glasgow [IGI] –

- Cornelius, bp 3 Sept 1654.

- Marion, bp.8 Jan 1656 [IGI extraction]; m. William WALKINSHAW of Scotstoun [George Wilkinson *Old Cartsburn*, p. 52] (d. 1713) in 1677..
- Mary, bp 26 Jan 1658 at Glasgow, witnesses Cornelius CRAUFURD of Jordanhill & Thomas LOCKART [parish reg.]; m. 30 April 1678 **Alexander YUILLE** of Darleith, just across the River Clyde and inland in the corner of Dumbartonshire a little way from Cardross (dealt with elsewhere)

Thomas CRAWFORD merchant was admitted as a Burgess & Guild Brother on 11 Jan 1654 as married to Jean, daughter of John MAXWELL [*Burgesses and Guild Brethren of Glasgow 1573-1750*].

Jean MAXWELL died in Glasgow in June 1659.

Thomas CRAWFORD married secondly Jean, daughter of Andrew SEMPILL at Glasgow on 6 Aug 1661 and had 15 children [IGI]–

- Thomas, b. 12 Oct 1662 at Cartsburn, bp 12 Oct 1662 at High Church, Glasgow [extraction]; m.(1) Rebecca BARNES (d.23 Jan 1694) in 1682; m(2) Bethia ROBERTOUN on 30 April 1695at Cadder [north-west Glasgow]; m.(3) Beatrix CLARK on 22 April 1717; m.(4) Margaret, daughter of William SEMPLE, on 9 Dec 1729 at Cartcart, RFW; d. 3 Feb 1743.
- Andrew, bp 22 Dec 1664 at High Church Glasgow [extraction]; d, young ?
- Jean, bp 10 May 1667 at High Church Glasgow [extraction]; d. young ?
- Andrew, bp. 1 July 1668 at High Church, Glasgow [extraction].
- Jean, bp. 2 May 1670 at High Church Glasgow [extraction]; d. young ?
- Lawrence, bp. 26 June 1671 at Glasgow; executor dative of William WALKINSHAW 1717; d. Sept 1723.
- Margaret, bp. 24 Dec 1672 at High Church, Glasgow [extraction]; m. 3 Nov 1692 John FORBES.
- Daniel, bp. 2 Dec 1673 at High Church, Glasgow [extraction].
- Hugh, bp. 23 Dec 1674 at Glasgow; m. Jean, daughter of Zacharias MAXWELL; d. 1684.
- Anna, bp. 5 Feb 1676 at High Church Glasgow [extraction]; d. young ?
- Bethia, bp. 8 March 1677 at High Church, Glasgow [extraction]; m. 21 March 1695 John LECKIE
- Jean, bp. 5 April 1678 at High Church Glasgow [extraction]; m.2 Oct 1705 John BRYSON.
- Patrick, bp. 23 March 1679 at Crawfordburn.
- Anna, bp. 3 April 1680 at High Church Glasgow [extraction].
- George, bp. 4 July 1681 at Crawfordburn; m.1716 in Edinburgh, Margaret, daughter of James ANDERSON, & had five children; d. 24 Nov 1748 & buried 28 Dec 1748 at St. David's, Glasgow

His wife Jean SEMPLE died in Glasgow on 20 Dec 1682. Thomas CRAWFORD died 15 Oct 1695 [IGI, no source].

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[Much unreferenced information came from Ken Bryant-Smith 2005]