

Thomas Boyd



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Born: 1544 Kilmarnock, Scotland

Married: Margaret Campbell

Died: 1611 Kilmarnock, Scotland

Parents: Robert Boyd & Margaret Colquhoun

THOMAS BOYD, 6th Lord Boyd (23) b.1544 m.1568 d. June 1611. Thomas married Margaret, second daughter of Sir Mathew Cambell of Loudon and his wife, Isabel, daughter of Sir John Drummond of Innpeffery and his wife, Janet, natural daughter of King James IV. Thomas died in June, 1611, and had seven children: Robert, Master of Boyd (24); Sir Thomas Boyd of Bedlay; Adam Boyd, who married Margarat, sister of Robert Galbraith of Kilerioich; John Boyd of whom we have no record; Marion, who married James Hamilton, Earl of Abercorn; Isabel; and Agnes, who married Sir George Elphinstone of Blytheswood. The aforesaid Isabel, according to Robertson, married John Blair, but Collin's Peerage states that James Stuart of Bute (died 1662), married Isabel, daughter of Sir Douglas Cambell of Auchinbrick and Isabel his wife, daughter of Thomas, Lord Boyd, which must mean that Isabel married twice.

Thomas, 6th Lord Boyd, joined with his father in the association in behalf of Queen Mary, May 8, 1568, and was engaged in her Army at Langside, May 13, 1568. He received a good conduct (or passport) reading as follows: "Thomas Master of Boyds, to depart and pass furth of our realm to the partis of France, Flanderis, wall of the spa, and othens partis quhare he pleasis, thair to remain for seeking for cure and remed of his saidis diseasis, for the space of three zeiris after the date hereof...Providing always that our said cousin do not attempt nothing in prejudice of us our realm and religion publiclie prechit and profeist within our realim or otherwais this our licence to be null and of none availe force nor effect. Given under our signit and subscrivit with our hand at our castell of steivliny the XIII day of July and of our reign the twelth zeir-1.5.7.9. JAMES R."

He succeeded his father 3 January 1589, and was served heir to him 20 March following. One of the Commissioners for putting in force the laws against the Jesuits 6 March 1589-90. The following year he was again in rebellion, being put to the horn and denounced as a rebel in August, and charged to keep the peace and find caution in ten thousand merks 22 December 1591. He had sasine of the lands of Knockindon and Hairschaw 1590, and a charter from Robert Cunningham of Netherton of the lands of Overtoun, and on 17 December 1591 he resigned his whole estate into the hands of the King, from whom, on 12 January 1591-92 he obtained a new charter thereof, 'erecting the same into a free lordship and barony, to be called the lordship and barony of Kilmarnock,' to himself for life and his son in fee, with a long remainder to heirs-male to the exclusion of heirs-general, whereby he not improbably

became Lord Boyd OF Kilmarnock. By this same charter, which was confirmed by Parliament 5 June following, the town of Kilmarnock was erected into a free burgh of barony with a weekly market on Saturday, and an annual fair on 20 October. He had previously, 8 March 1595-96, had a charter under

the Great Seal of the lands of Bedlay. He was a Privy Councillor before 11 July 1592. He disposed the five-pound land of Corsbie to Mr. William Wallace, Minister of Failfuir, upon a back bond for 1720 merks 18 August 1597.

In 1599 he had a charter of Auchans, and by a contract dated at Edinburgh 12 July 1603 the lands of Bogside were wadsett to him by James Mowat of Busbie, redeemable on payment of eight hundred pounds. On 12 October 1597 he petitioned to be exempted from attending the King at Dumfries on the 20th of that month, having after the marriage of the late Robert, Master of Boyd, his son, demitted in his person the whole lordships and living of Kilmarnock, 'sua that persentlie he hes nathing haldin of his Heynes,' 'bot being a privat man,' which permission the King and Council, understanding the 'hail premissis to be of veritie,' grant and ordain the tutors and wardatars of his 'oy' to supply his place. He was an arbiter in the feud between the Earl of Mar and Alexander Colquhoun of Luss, 23 June 1607, and a J.P. for Ayrshire and the baileries of Kyle, Carrick, and Cunningham 6 November 1610. That he continued to be subject to ill-health is amply evinced by the Boyd papers. In 1595 he had a pass to go abroad for 'remedie of his diseises' for five years, another dated Holyrood House 1 March 1600, and a third, to repair to England or any other place, dated at Whitehall 28 March. He had licence, 18 December 1600, to stay at home from the wars and board himself where he pleased. On 13 May 1611, a few weeks before his death, he was put to the horn at the instance of Mr. John Bell, minister of Calder, for non-payment of teinds. He died the following June.

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