

## **The Maxwells of Monreith**

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Herbert and Margaret would appear to have built the first tower house on the lands and called it Mower or Mouer. Herbert died first leaving a son John (1590 -1679) Margaret remarried, another Maxwell. With the agreement of her son John, she gave the lands of Garrerie to Robert Maxwel, her eldest from her second marriage. John Maxwell of Monreith married Agnes the daughter of McCulloch of Myrtoun; their daughter Catherine married Robert of Garrerie; their son John and grandson George were beheaded for killing John McKie of Glassock in 1619. Garrerie eventually returned to the Monreith estate in 1665. John of Monreith's heir was his son John who married Catherine, daughter of Robert of Garrerie. William Maxwell (great-grandson of Herbert) had two sons, John and William. John the eldest was a staunch supporter of the Covenant and was married to the daughter of Agnew of Lochnaw. Both his father and Agnew represented Wigtownshire in Parliament. He fought at Pentland in 1666 and at Rullion Green. He then fled home and thence to Ireland with his wife. He died shortly after leaving his wife and son William in Ireland.

William Maxwell's second son William was an Episcopalian and as such was able to protect the family lands. He was also able to clear his nephew's name. William Maxwell Senior died in 1670 followed soon after by his grandson William in 1671. William, the second son, thus acquired the lands of Monreith.

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