

Captain George Durie (1640-1703) 5th of Craiguscar, Provost of Dunfermline

George was the son of James Durie of Netherton and Craiguscar and Christian Durie (her maiden name, daughter of Robert Durie of Grange and Christian Rutherford). His part of the Luscar lands in Carnock Parish, was afterwards known as “Stobie’s Luscar”.

The rank refers to his captaincy in the Scots Guards of Louis XIV.



He was elected Provost of Dunfermline in 1664, 1665, 1685 and possibly at other times, according to Dunfermline Burgh Records, including in 1687.

He was the first Durie to matriculate a coat of arms – along with his cousin and in-law Durie of Grange – in the newly-instigated Public Register of All Arms in 1672.

Captain George had no sons by his wife Jonet Currie (his daughter Christine or Grizel, *b.* 1668, married a Bowman) and he was succeeded as 6th of Craiguscar by his brother, John Durie (1641-1726).

Photograph, taken from a portrait belonging to Andrew Durie of Durie, was for some time thought to be of Abbot George Durie but has recently been authenticated as that of Captain George Durie.

Portrait measurements: approx 91 x 82cms.



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