

Clan Elliot Origins

For the father's father of the Elliott, Elliot, Elliott and Eliot

The origins of the border names **Eliott/Elliot**, have been highly documented by the following research genealogists, and historians, most of the name **Eliott/Elliot to be of Elwald/Elwalde/Elwold** origins;

Eliott;11th Baronet of Stobs, Arthur Eliott;

The Elliots

The Storey of a Border Clan

A Genealogical History

by The Dowager Lady Eliott of Stobs

and Sir Arthur Eliott, 11th Baronet of Stobs

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The Name

In charters prior to 1500 the name was usually written in Old English 'Elwald' or 'Elwold'. But it was always pronounced 'Ellot' (as it often is in the Borders to-day) and by 1600 the phonetic spelling had almost completely superseded all other forms. It therefore appears correct to regard the earlier Saxon form of spelling as archaic and to refer to the clan as 'Ellots' until about 1650 when the name was changed altogether to 'Eliott'.

The introduction of an 'i' into the name 'Ellot' was, without doubt, unfortunate. It immediately confused the Clan with the well-known English Norman family of St. Germain, settled in the West Country and South Wales and in no way related, whose name was derived from 'Alyot'. And it confused still further the already indeterminate origin of those whose name was spelt with two 'Ls' and two 'Ts'. As the old verse has it:

'Double L and single T **Eliott from Elwald**
The Elliots of Minto and Wolfelee;
Double T and single L **Eliott from Elwald**
The Eliotts that in Stobs do dwell;
Single L and single T **Eliot from Aliot**
The Eliots of St. Germain be;
But double L and double T
The de'il may ken wha' they may be.'

George Tancred in his Annals of a Border Club;

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Elliotts of Aberlot or Elliotston. That the name Elwald should find its original form in Aliot seems highly improbable, while, on the other hand, we can clearly trace the modification of the name Elwald into Elwad, Elwood, Ellat, Elliott, and finally Elliot. The English Elliotts are thus probably of an entirely different family and origin, and we have accordingly the singular coincidence of two dissimilar surnames, after being subjected to the ill-usage of several centuries, eventually acquiring the same form.

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THE BORDER ELLIOTS

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l and *n* in other names, as Ballantine and Bannatyne, Colvill and Colvin, Melvill and Melvin. The Rev. James Melvill in his *Diary*, published by the Bannatyne Club, writes his name indifferently either way, and even in the same page it is found spelt both *Melvill* and *Melvin* (e.g. at pp. 87 and 238). In the same way the Master of Hailes, writing about the Elliotts in 1518, first spells their name 'Elwandis,' and in the next line 'Ellotis.' See Armstrong, i. 211. 'Elwand' never became one of the forms in common use, but the chief of the clan is called 'Robert *Elwand* of Redheuct' in 1508,¹ and other instances of its occurrence might be given.

'Elwald,' with slight deviations, continued to hold its own as the most ordinary spelling till towards the middle of the sixteenth century, when considerable changes began to appear. The English, who had been in the habit of using 'Elwold' as well as 'Elwald,' now adopted the form 'Elwood,' which became the usual one with them. In Scotland, about the same time, or a little later, 'Ellot' began to take the place of 'Elwald,' and soon obtained the predominance.² But the older form was not entirely superseded. It is not infrequently found alongside the newer one, and even quite at the end of the century—in the year 1597—the names of three 'Elwalds' appear.³ At this time, however, 'Ellot' or 'Elliott' was the spelling almost universally adopted, with only slight variations, such as Ellett.

Walter Elliot in his article The Elliot who took on Bothwell;

[The Elliot who took on Bothwell Published Date: 13:13 Monday 06 July 2009 The Southern Reporter
By Walter Elliot

<http://www.thesouthernreporter.co.uk/news/local-headlines/the-elliott-who-took-on-bothwell-1-107850>

Reference to the name (**Elwald, Elwalde, and or Elwold**) being associated to **Northumbland** is also contained in the research of these renowned genealogical historians.

For the father's father of the **Elliott, Elliot, Eliott, Eliot**; The Dowager Lady **Eliott** of **Stobs**, Sir Arthur **Eliott**, 11th Baronet of **Stobs**, have like the old Eliot-Eliott-Eliott-Elliott name poem spell their name

**with a single l, and a double t
and they are from Stobs.**

George Francis Scott **Elliott**, and Walter **Elliott** are the **Elliott** from Scotland; Minto and Wolflee,

Noted; The relation between the Crosare (Crozier), Elwald (Ellot), Home (Hume), in the Minto (Wolflee/Wolfhopelee) regions is shown in a Declaration of Sasine to David of Home 1436, when a Johannes Elwald, and a Jacobi Crosare witness the deed of David Hume receiving land from of Wolflee and Wolfhopelee from William Douglas. (rf Report on the Manuscripts of Colonel David Milne Home of Wedderburn Castle, Issue 2 Great Britain. Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts H. M. Stationery Office, 1902 - Home family)

they have a double **l** and a single **t**.

The English **Eliot** given census surname distribution of 1881, show them being of the St Germans, Cornwall near Port Eliot southwest coast of England.

<http://gbnames.publicprofler.org/Map.aspx> enter; **Elliott**.

For the **Elliott, Eliott, Eliot, and Elliot** the old verse holds true;

**The double L and single T
Descent from Minto and Wolflee,
The double T and single L
Mark the old race in Stobs that dwell.
The single L and single T
The Eliots of St Germans be,
But double T and double L,
Who they are nobody can tell.**

Robert Bell in "The Book of Scots-Irish Family Names" "For double L and double T, the Scots should look across the sea!" (German Wikipedia)

https://de.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Clan_Elliott&stable=0&shownotice=1&fromsection=Namensherkunft

GENEALOGY OF THE ELIOT FAMILY.

Genealogy of the Eliot family, William Smith Porter, G. B. Bassett & co., 1854 pg 2.

I. ELIOT FAMILY IN ENGLAND.

1. SIR WILLIAM DE ALIOT, A. D. 1066.

TRADITION traces back the ancestry of the Eliots of England, to the time of the landing of William the Conqueror on the shores of England, in the year 1066.

Aliot a town in Southern France became Eliot Northern France (Breton), and southern England (St. Germain).

Surname distribution map for the name Elliot shows dual origins;



Croyser Riccarton Ricarden
 Halyfyrsted
 Redheugh Hetreys
 Redehugh
 Elwald

Mangerton 1 of 4 regions of Liddesdale

vii s.
 xx s. iiii d.
 xviii s.
 xv s.

Summa huius quarterii xlix lbr. xxii d.

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FORESTA.

Songdon
 Clehop
 Styrkschelhope
 Ladlawhope
 Wytwrahop
 Soundhope **Sundayhop**
 Qwytfeld
 Park (grove) of the Hermitage **Park de Ermetag**
 Braidley **Bradle**
 MacPatrikhope (Braidley Burn) **Maleatthop**
 Gorrenberry **Goranbery**
 Billhope **Bylhop**
 Tarras
 Cwys.....
 Catley **Catle**.....

forested groves

Elwald; is "el" (Scottish "ell" Edinburgh Standard for length previous to the English Imperial "yard" or the French "metre") "wald"; forest, So Elwald meant people of the forest groves and these are the groves the Elwald lived in.

xii marce.
 iiii lb.
 viii marce.
 iiii marce.
 viii marce.
 viii marce.
 xx marce.
 vii marce vi s. viii d.
 v lbr.
 x marce.
 x marce.
 x marce.
 ... marce.
 ... marce.

The forested groves where Elwald are recorded living in 1540

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ASSEDATIO DOMINII DE LIDDISDALE, FACTA APUD CASTRUM DE **ARMITAGE**, PER DAVID WOD DE CRAG, COMPOTORUM ROTULATOREM, SEPTIMO DIE MENSIS MAII, ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO QUADRAGESIMO PRIMO.²

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Blakterres
 Twylishop viij mercate terrarum.
 Billhope **Bilhope** xij mercate terrarum. Assedantur Thome **Armistrang** de Meriantoun : solvendo annuatim vij merkis.
 Gorrenberry **Gorrumbarry** decem mercate terrarum. Assedantur Archibaldo **Elwald** : solvendo x merkis.
 MacPatrikhope **Makpatrikhope** decem mercate terrarum. Assedantur Willelmo **Elwald**.
 Braidlie **Braidlie** Octo mercate terrarum. Assedantur Andree **Elwald** et aliis : solvendo viij merkis.
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 Catlie **Catlie** Octo mercate terrarum. Assedantur Johanni **Elwald** et suo fratri : solvendo annuatim pro eisdem viij merkis.
 Dunlie quinque mercate terrarum. Assedantur Archibaldo **Elwald** : solvendo annuatim v merkis.
 Soundhope **Soundhop** viij mercate terrarum. Assedantur Leoni **Elwald** et suo fratri : solvendo annuatim quatuor mercas.

The forested groves of 1376 where Elwald living in 1540

Braidley Burn, Dinley Burn, Gorrenberry Burn and Twislehope (Twylishop) Burn, from where the Hermitage Water flows through the hamlets of Dinley (Dunlie) and Gorrenberry;

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermitage_Water, showing names are still being used.

Gorrenberry, Braidlie, Hermitage, and Sundhope are names still in use today in Planning the proposed **Windy Edge (Hermitage Castle) wind farm**.

13th century;

Alanus Elfwold recorded in Bec, Norfolk 1248; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beck_Hall, and Robert Elwald son of Alan is found in Oulton, Norfolk, about 12 miles (20 km) away https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oulton,_Norfolk.

Alanus **Elfwold** where **Elwold**, and **Elwald** are used in conjunction with each other, and are early forms of **Ellot/Elliot**. **Elfwold** is an Anglo-Danish name where the Danish elk (**elg**; US moose), and the Danish wolf (**ulf**), where personal names previous to surnames **Elg**, and **Ulf** were **Danish** personal names. It is felt since the elk (moose) and wolf were extinct or near extinction for the wolf, that the name from **Elf** (from English **elf**) was used for Anglo-Danish of the name **Elgwald** (Denmark) or **Elchwald** (Germany). The surname **Elfwold** became **Elwald** for a line of **Elliot** chiefs with the name **Robert Elwald**. By or beginning the next century

"Robert Elwald son of "Alan" moved on to Rimington (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rimington>). "Robert Elwald" of the Redheugh Cheif" (sasine/deed) in 1476, according to a pedigree ca.1704 (previous to Stobs fire), this Chief **Robert Elwald is felt to be the 10th of the name**. (rf; ROBERT THE 10TH The Elliots; The Story of the Border Clan page 12, Sir Arthur Elliott 1986).

On 20th September, 1484,³ Angus again executed a precept directed to "Walter Scot de Edschan, Radulpho Ker, fratri Wateri Ker de Cefurd et Willielmo Elwaldo de goranbery" to infest Robert Elwald of the Redheuch in the 20 merk lands of Over and Nether "Larrostane."

On 13th November, 1489,³ at "Calco," the earl directed a further precept to William Ker of "Mersyntoune Radulpho Ker de Primsyde louch, Wilielmo elwad de gouinbery et Wilelmo gledstanys" to infest Robert Elwad of the "Redehuch" in the lands commonly called "redehuch," "layhauch," "hartsgarth," "caraschele," "dawmane," and "larostanys superior et inferior," lying in the lordship of "Lyddalisdale;" and on 13th June, 1497,⁴ in presence of Ninian Elwald, Robert Elwald, William Elwald, John Elwald, Andrew Elwald, John Crosar, Quynatin Crosar, John Grame, and George Forstar, sasine of all the foresaid

Robert receiving land of and around Redheugh, and Laristan, sasine-deed, with landholders and witnesses.

The Annals of a Border Club (the Jedforest): And Biographical Notices of the ...
By George Taitted
T. S. Small, 1899 - 505 pages

Wilelmo gledstanys (William Gledstanis) listed with landholders.

Over Larriston (superior) (higher elevation)
Nether (under) Larriston (inferior)

John and Quynatin Crosar Crosier Crozier listed with the witnesses to sasine-deed, are felt to be tenants.

In the Lariston Tree below Robert Elliot of Lariston, the 15th, is brother to Martin Elliot of nearby Prickinghaugh.

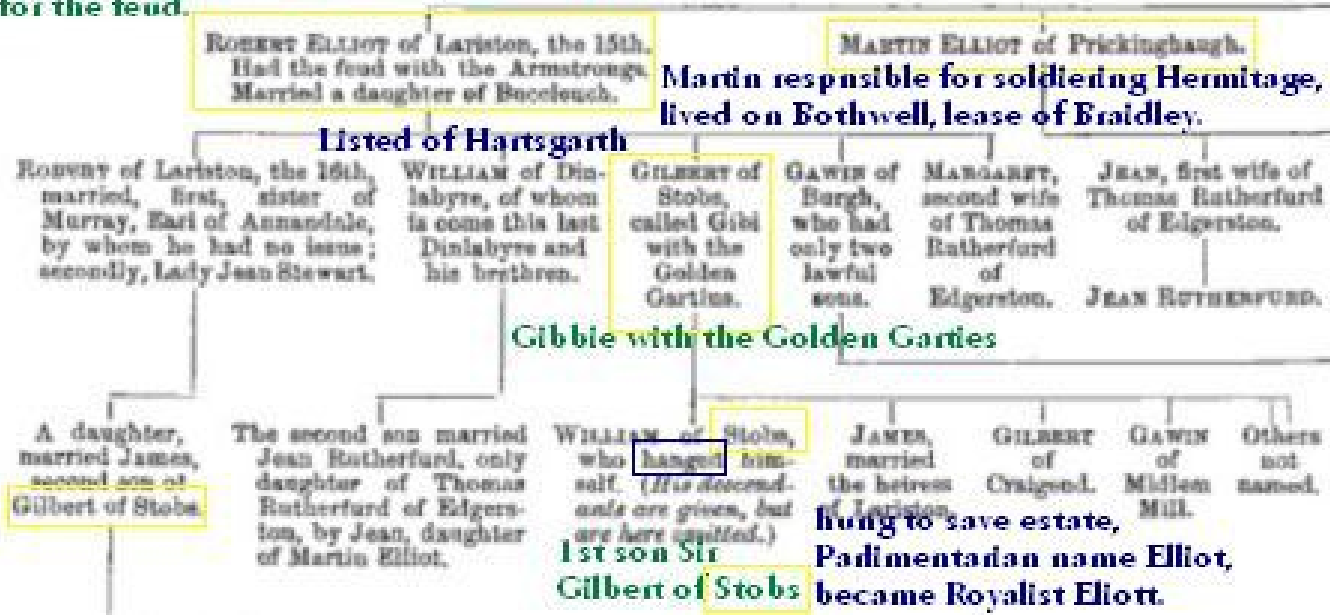
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ELLIOTS OF LARISTON

of Lariston; Pedigree According to the Genealogy of 1704-7 (Stobs fire 1720)

PEDIGREE ACCORDING TO THE GENEALOGY

As the 'Genealogy' is somewhat intricate in its arrangement, a genealogist indicates that Robert 15 may have preferred marrying an Armstrong, except for the feud. But it contains many other names besides



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Redheugh Deed 1484; Walter Scot of Edschaw, where schaw means forest, which is south of the Hermitage, and north of Mangerton, where the people like the Scots today are referred to as Scott, the people referred to as Elwald (of the forest groves) first live, it was not for centuries later when surnames were required did they acquire the surname Elwald, like the Scots, acquired the surname Scot. Brothers Cessford, and William Elwald of Gorrenberry, likely next younger brother to Robert become of Redheugh.

(1476 of Redheugh-1248 of Northfolk)/10th = 22.8 years per generation.