

Copy of a memorandum prepared by the Revd. Walter Wood, brother of Alexr. Wood, F.R.C.P.Ed.

Notes on the family of Wood.

Alexander Wood married in 1682 Marion, daughter of Jasper Johnston of Warriston. He inherited from his father-in-law a brewery at Abbeyhill. In 1682 Burgess of Edinburgh. In 1695 acquired lands at Westbarns near Dunbar, and, under reversion, the barony of North Berwick subscribed £300 to the Darien Scheme. Died in 1703, and his wife at Restalrig in 1726. His children were -

1st. Jasper Wood of Warriston; married 11th Sept. 1702, Jean only daughter of George Rome writer in Edinburgh and Jean Lyle. He died before 1726.

2nd. William, Surgeon Apothecary, had a disposition from his mother of the land at Restalrig. I am not well acquainted with this branch. Dr Andrew Wood, the representative of it, promised me information, but I have not received it. The son of William was Andrew Wood (M.D.): The sons of Andrew, William, Surgeon, and John: and the son of William, Andrew.

3rd John. } of whom I only know their names.
4th George }

5th Thomas, born after 1702. He was a farmer, and farmed

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the land on which stands Heriot Row down to the Stockbridge Road. His farm house stood not far from St. Luke's free church, 43 Queen Street, Edinburgh. See reminiscences of a Scottish gentleman by Philo Scotus (Ainslie?) 1861. He died aged 96. We shall return to his issue.

The children of Jasper Wood of Warriston were 9 sons and 5 daughters. Of these it is only necessary to mention -

1st. Thomas. Died unmarried in 1775.

2nd. George, who purchased Warriston from his brother and afterwards sold it. He had two daughters, Elizabeth married Alexander Crichton; and Agnes married 1795 Revd. Dr Black.

3rd. Jasper, born 1707 died 1793. He was a surgeon in England and had one daughter married to Mr Crawford.

4th. Of the daughters one married Mr Spark minister of Currie, and another Mr Marshall minister of Kirkcaldy.

5th. John, whose son was John Philip Wood deaf and dumb, auditor of excise, author of History of Cramond, and of Woods Douglas peerage. His children were John George Wood, W.S., William Wood, Accountant, Mrs Maitland and other two daughters.

The children of Thomas Wood, the farmer, were -

1. Alexander, Surgeon. (Long Sandy Wood), who married Veronica Chalmers, and died in 1807, aged 80. We return to his issue.

2. Walter, Merchant at Elsineur, burgess of Edinburgh 1794.

Married Anna Wood. We return to his issue.

3. Thomas, surgeon, died in 1816, He had two sons who died young, and four daughters who died unmarried.

4. William, and three daughters who all died unmarried.

The children of Alexander Wood, Surgeon, were -

1. Thomas; died in 1781.

2. Dr George married in 1788 Isabella daughter of John Campbell of Newfield. His son was Alexander (Lord Wood), Judge of the Court of Session.

3. Sir Alexander - married 1807 Miss Forbes, eldest daughter of Sir Wm. Forbes of Pitsligo and had no issue.

4. Four daughters who died unmarried.

The sons of Walter Wood, merchant, at Elsineur were -

Dr James Wood and two others who died unmarried, and

The sons of Dr James Wood and Revd. Walter Wood, and

Dr Alexander Wood.

Referring to the note of the "Woods of the College of Surgeons" I suppose William who entered in 1716, to be of the family represented by Dr Andrew Wood, perhaps the son of the first Alexander.

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The same may be said of Andrew who entered in 1769, and William who entered in 1805. Alexander, who entered in 1756 is Long Sandy Wood. Thomas, who entered in 1775, is, I suppose, his brother, who died in 1816. George, who entered 1784 is Dr George Wood, his son.

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Note by J. Gairdner.

The foot notes are mine; the rest an exact copy. The memorandum of mine which the writer refers to, as to the dates of entry of the Woods of the College of Surgeons is as follows -

Wm. Wood	entered	Augt. 30, 1716.
Alexander W.	"	Jany. 14, 1756.
Andrew W.	"	Feby. 25. 1769.
Thomas W.	"	Decr. 9, 1775.
George W.	"	Octr. 13, 1784.
Wm. W.	"	Oct. 1, 1805.

I may add to this that the 2nd 3rd and 4th of these, Andw., Thomas, and George, were all of them alive in my time - and Wm., the 5th, was a very intimate friend of mine.

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The story of Warieston, Warriston or Warristoun as told by Wodson vol.I. p. 86, is as follows:-

His name was Sir Archd. Johnstoun. He was a zealous covenanter, but on good terms with the government of Cromwell after whose death (from Carlyle's, Oliver Cromwell's letters &c. Vol. II. p. 267, it would appear that Sir Archd. was Lord Register of Scotland at least as early as 12th April 1651) he accepted the office of Lord Register (a circumstance for which he expresses deep regret) being moved thereto by consideration of the interests of his large family. In virtue of his office he is called by Wodson, Lord Warieston. He was indicted in 1661, convicted, capitally, and his family forfeited in absence, he having retired to France. An emissary of Chas. government brought him back from Rouen with the consent of Louis XIV, of whom nothing better could have been expected. In 1663 he was put to death by hanging, was decapitated, and was buried in the Greyfriar's Churchyard (22nd July). His daughter was married to Lieut. General Drummond (of whose military genius honourable mention is made in Burnet's History).

Burnet tells us that Warieston was his uncle. The Bishop's mother must therefore have been Sir Archd's sister.

From the Scottish Acts it appears that the eldest son of Sir Archd, Mr Alexr. Johnstoun, conveyed Warriston in 1669 to Andw. Burnet "writer" in a later act "advocate" in Edinburgh and to Alisone Wardlow/

Wardlow his spouse (21st June 1669); that this was confirmed to these by Act of Parliament; the Govt. on petition of the Creditors having in 1667 ordered inquiry and found the value of the estate to fall short of the debts by 12361 merks Scots, or £686.14.5 sterling. Burnet took on him the obligation to settle with the Creditors. The forfeiture was cancelled and the family restored to their "name of fame" by an act of 1690, which confirmed the rights of Burnet, but made intromitters with the estate liable to "refund" see Vol. vii. Chas. II. 1669 - c. 84. Vol.viii. 1672. c.135. Vol.ix. 1690. ch 80. at which last date Andw.Burnet was dead. In 1696 Vol.x. p.28 Jasper Johnstoun of Warristoun appears as one of the Commissioners of Supply for County of Edinr.

It seems not improbable that Andrew Burnet was a brother of the Bishop of Salisbury and that Jasper Johnston may have got Warriston by inheritance from Burnet.

The crimes imputed to Warriston were his sitting in the Parliament of 1657-8 & in the Committee of Safety (see Act of 1690) Lord _____ his friend, played the game of Charles.