THE HISTORY OF THE FIFE PITCAIRNS

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The first historical document relating to the Pitcairns is in the reign of Alexander III. It is a charter confirming a grant of lands of Innernethy to John de Pitcairne by his kinsman Sir Hugh de Abernethy, in 1250 A.D.

1Innernethy originally belonged to Sir Hugo de Abernethy, who gave the lands to his kinsman Johannis de Pitcairne. There is a copy of the charter still extant in the Advocates’ Library, Edinburgh dated 1250, “confirming grant of lands of Innernethy in Strathearn to his kinsman Johannis de Pitcarne from Hugo de Abernethy.” This Sir Hugo de Abernethy and his family were very rich and powerful. One of the Abernethies having killed Macduff, Earl of Fife, and a brother of the Earl’s being brought to trial by a member of the same family in the time of Baliaol, at a meeting of the Estates the King, John Baliaol, pronounced sentence in favour of the

1 Constance , p17.
Abernethies, adjudging to them the lands about which the dispute had arisen. Upon this Macduff, thinking himself ill-used, appealed to Edward, King of England. Edward cited Baliol to answer, and plead his own cause in the English Parliament, which he did, as he was there with Edward, and sitting next to him in the House, at Westminster.

Baliol, enraged at not being allowed to get some one else to plead for him, and having to obey King Edward, soon after his return to Scotland sent to Edward revoking the surrender of himself and his subjects, on the plea that he had no right to make such a surrender. On receiving this message, Edward promised the kingdom to Bruce if he would help him. He marched against the Scots, defeating them near Berwick, when nearly 7000 were killed, among whom were the flower of the nobility of Lothian and Fife. Edward took Baliol prisoner; the Scottish nobles had again to swear allegiance to him, which they all did with the exception of William Douglas, who nobly refusing to take the oath, languished and died in an English prison.

1 After the fifteenth century Innernethy branched off, and was settled on James Pitcairn and his heirs, a younger son of Alexander Pitcairn of that Ilk. It then descended from father to son for more than a hundred years, when it was sold by Andrew Pitcairn, of Innernethy in 1655 for the sum of 15,850 merks.

2 This branch of the Pitcairn family was descended from John de Pitcairne who in 1250 had the lands of Innernethy given to him by Sir Hugh de Abernethie (see charter in the account of the Pitcairns of Pitcairn and Forthar).

Alexander Pitcarne of that Ilk, eighth laird of Pitcarne and Innernethie, had two sons – George Pitcarne of Pitcarne and Airdree, of that Ilk, who succeeded his father in the lands of Pitcarne; and James his second son, to whom he gave the lands of Innernethy, and who was the ancestor of the Pitcairns of Innernethy.

Alexander first resigned the lands into the hands of his overlord, George Earl of Angus. The deed is as follows:

Procuratory of Resignation by Alexander de Petkarne of that Ilk, appointing David Broun, citizen of St Andrews, and John Cluny, a husbandman of Rhynd, his procurators, for resigning in the hands of George, Earl of Angus, Lord of Abernethy, his whole lands of Ennernethy in the lordship of Abernethy and Sheriffdom of Perth. Dated at Perth 6th March 1453-4.

1 Constance, p.22 2 Constance, 347.
The original is in possession of Sir William Fraser’s trustees, and the above note is printed in the ‘History of the Family of Douglas.

Then follows this charter to James, Alexander Pitcairn’s son, by the Earl of Angus:

Georgius, Comes Angusie, to Jacobo de Pettcarne et Alicie Sponse sue (by which he granted and confirmed) the terras de Innernethy cum pertinentiis jacen infra dominium nostrum de Abirnethy infra vicecomitatum de Stratherne, quas terras de Alexander de Petkarne mediato suo procuratore per furtem et baculum in minibus nostris sursum reddidit.

Apud Sanctum Andriam, 1 May 1454.

Translation.

Charter by George, Count of Angus, to James of Pitkarne and Alicia his wife, by which he “granted and confirmed to them the lands of Innernethy with its belongings, lying under our lordship of Abernethy in the county of Perth, which lands were procured for us by Alexander de Pitkarne by furtem and baculum in our hands as above related. At St Andrews, 1st May 1454.”

It is therefore evident that Alexander had resigned Innernethy to his overlord the Earl of Angus, to enable his son James Pitcairne to receive a new charter from the Earl. James therefore became ninth laird of Innernethie.

This charter was in 1454, and there is nothing heard of these Pitcairns until another James Pitcairne makes over the estate to his son Andrew in 1546.

I. Andrew Pitcarne and seven sons were killed at the battle of Flodden field in 1513. He left a posthumous son, who had his estates taken from him by his enemies; but they were restored by the King. If this Andrew was the son of James and Alicia, the tenth laird of Innernethie, then his son James would possibly be the eleventh laird, who gave his estate to his son Andrew in 1546, in the following charter:

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1 Gen. Dict. , London, 1739. The Forthar Pitcairns also claim descent from this Andrew, but I have not found evidence to prove this.
II. Andrew Pitcarne, so and heir-apparent of James Pitcarne of Innernethy, and Janet Chalmers, wife of Andrew, had seisen given to them of Innernethy by Peter Carmichael in Bagle (Baiglie) near Aberargie, as bailie in hac-parte of a noble Earl, Archibald, Earl of Angus, Lord of the regality of Abernethy, under reservation of the frank tenement and possession of the said lands, manor, garden, and orchard thereof, of the said James Pitcarne his father. Jan. 29. 1546.

“In 1552, November 14, James Pitcarne occupied the lands and house of Cordoun, in the barony and regality of Abernethy, formerly belonging to Ogilvie of that Ilk, county of Forfar, and then belonging to John Aspens, Edinburgh, and 14th November 1552.”

James Pitcarne, eleventh laird of Innernethy, left two sons – Andrew, twelfth laird, and George Pitcarne, of whom nothing is known, excepting in the inventory of his elder brother’s goods he is one of the creditors.

Andrew Pitcarne, son and heir of James Pitcarne of Innernethy, had a seisen of Innernethy of his father in 1546; he made his will on the 3rd of February 1553, and died the following day, although his will was not proved until the 15th December 1584.

His will mentions his wife Janet Chalmers, and Andrew, his eldest son and heir. He left a legacy to his granddaughter Janet, daughter of Christine Pitcarne, wife of Alexander Anderson, merchant in Perth. Janet’s mother, Christine died 11 September 1578.

At Perth, on the 14th of July 1568, “Andrew Pitcarne of Innernethy was one of the inquests who served David Swyntone, heir to John Swyntone his father, in twenty-four acres of the cottary of Elcho.”

II. Andrew Pitcarne, twelfth laird of Innernethy, had three sons: 1. Andrew Pitcarne, his heir; 2, John Pitcarne; 3, James Pitcarne; and one daughter Janet.

Christiane Pitcarne we have already mentioned.

Andrew’s second son, John was a notary practicing at Abernethy, who also filled the office of Reader at the church of that parish.

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1 Reg. Mag. Sig. 2 Edinburgh Testaments. SC49/48/4. 3 Scottish notes and Queries.
On the 29th October 1576, he, described as “John Pitcarne, son of Andrew Pitcarne of Inneynethye borne there within the parish of Abernethye, of the age of twentie,” was admitted Notary Public by the Lords of Council and Session. In 1583 he is mentioned in the Books of Sederunt of the same Lords as then being Reader at Abernethy. He married Katharine Lyell who is supposed to have been a granddaughter of Alan Lyell in Inchyra on the north bank of the Tay, nearly opposite to Inneynethy.

Mrs Pitcarne predeceased her husband in September 1583. Her testament is recorded in Edinburgh the 23rd of December 1584.

Mrs John Pitcairn’s will dated Abernethy the 28th of September 1583 was witnessed by-

Andro Pitcarne of Inneynethy; Andro Pitcarne, his son and apparent heir; Mr James Pitcarne, his youngest son; Thomas Moir of Aberargie; Mathow Lyell in Colfargy (Culfargie) her brother, and others; John Pitcairn her husband, to be executor, one-half of the goods in communion to be his, the other half to Michael Lyell, her brother, and Agnes Lyell, spouse to William Forfar in Colfrargie, her sister, between them: Leavis of her clathis to Mirabill Lyell, her brotheris dochтир, her broun kirtill, and to Agnes Lyell, her other sister, her blak cloik.

His third son, Mr James Pitcairn, minister at Falkland was presented to the vicarage of that parish by James VI on the 28th of October 1595. He had previously been doing duty as Reader at Strathmiglo and Lathrisk. Dr Scott, in his ‘Scoti Fasti Ecclesiae,’ state that Pitcarne incurred the Royal displeasure, and was confined to his parish in 1611, for giving admission, with three others, to the minister of Strathmiglo without the Archbishop’s authority. During the period of his incumbency, on the 9th of August 1611, George (Gledstanis), Archbishop of St Andrews, made a visitation of the kirk of Falkland. The Report drawn up of that occasion is given in the ‘Record of the Synod of Fife’ printed for the Abbotsford Club and bears, inter alia, that 2 -

Mr James Pitcarne, Minister of the said Kirk, is fund to teache twyse on the Sabbath-day bot not on the week dayes. He is removed, tried, and approving be the haill sessioun of that Kirk; elderis and deikins also approving.

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1 Records of Admissions of Notaries, M.S. in Register House Edinburgh.
2 Scottish Notes and Queries.
On the 17th January 1605, we find him invoking the authority of the Lords of the Privy Council against two refractory debtors of his—viz., William Rankelour, Kyntyre pursuivant (who was probably identical with a person of that name who figures as a Messenger-at-Arms at Cupar, circa 1586), and William, his son, and obtaining a warrant to the captain of the Guard to apprehend them for non payment to him of £100 specified in their obligations to him. Mr James Pitcarne demitted his charge in the year 1625.

III. Andrew Pitcarne, thirteenth laird of Innernethy (eldest son of Andrew Pitcarne, II), on the 9th of March 1598, had a charter from -

His feudal superior, William Earl of angus, Lord of Douglas and Abernethie, to him and his heirs, of the lands of Innernethie and fishing upon the water of Erne, in the barony and regality of Abernethy—holden by him immediately of the Earl by the tenure of ward and relief—on his own resignation made at the Canongate per furtem et baculum; and containing a novodamus of the lands, and pro bono servitio “changing the holding from ward to that of libera alba firma Reddendo nide annuation unum denarium usualis monete regni Scotie at Whitsunday, on the ground of the said lands, in nomine albe firme si petatur.”

This charter is written “in officina scriptoria Adami Lautie, scriba infra Edinburgum,” by Daniel Melvill his servitor, and to be witnessed by Mr Richard Douglas of Brokeholles. Confirmed the 27th of June 1601.

At Abernethy, on the 3rd of May 1610, Andrew Pitcarne of Innernethy witnessed a discharge granted by Mr Archibald Moncrieff minister of Abernethy, to Sir John Weims of that Ilk.

This laird and the proprietor of Balgonie adjoining Innernethy appear to have been at variance, for in 1603 the latter took our “Letters of Lawborrows” against Andrew Pitcarne of Innernethy, and on the 10th of November of that year Henry Pitcarne of that Ilk became cautioner for him in the sum of 1000 merks that he “would not harm Mr Archibald Moncrieff” of Balgonie.

The bond of caution was written by Mr Andrew Pitcarne, scribe, and subscribed at Pitcarne (near Leslie) the 10th of November 1603, before David Pitcarne and John Brown. Four days later, Andrew Pitcarne and his wife, Marion Spence,
executed a discharge in favour of James Philip, portioner of Berriehole (parish of Abdie) of 1050 merks secured to them over certain lands belonging to the grantee lying in the Hauche of Newburgh – one of the witnesses being Mr Andrew Pitcairn, his son and heir-apparent. He seems to have participated in the spoils of the Collegiate Church of Abernethy. At all events, he owned a tenement and croft of land in the territory of Abernethy, which had belonged to the Prebend, variously written Forevin, Forevinschip, and “Forlevin fundit of auld within the said Church.1 In the year 1611 he feud ed this prebend subject to one Robert Ferny and his spouse, Marjory Culros, for a feu-duty yearly of 618 Scots and twentie sheir dearge of guid and sufficient scheararis according to use and wont in Innernethy yearlie betwixt the feistis of Lambes and Michelmes yearlie in all tyme cuming allenarlie.”

IV. Andrew Pitcarne, fourteenth laird of Innernethie (son of No. III.) He was bred up to letters, and was a Master of Arts – probably of the University of St Andrews. By contract of marriage, in the year 1606, he was affianced to Margaret Ramsay, daughter and heiress-apparent to Henry Ramsay of Lawes, County Forfar (who appears to have been connected with some of the landed families of that ancient surname in the County of Fife.) They were married ante 9th February 1607.

On the 21st August 1622 he had "seisen of Innernethye", on Charter by his father, dated at Auchtermuchtie, the 21st of August of that year, and witnessed by Henry Pitcarne of Forthar, and Robert Pitcarne his son, servitor to a Serene Prince, Charles of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, David Seton in Urquhart (Urquhart, parish of Strathmiglo), and John Philip, Clerk of Newburgh.

1) Andrew Pitcairn, 15th Laird of Innernethy and Cordoun, possibly 2) another son called Patrick Pitcairn, who married Margaret Donaldson, information from Perth Deeds2. They had two sons and two daughters. 1) Robert Pitcairn, Merchant Burgess of Perth,3 mentions London England, with issue, no spouse name. a) John, b. 9 Aug 1640. b) Patrick, b. 12 Jul 1644. c) Andro, b. 6 Aug 1645. d) Margaret, b. 5 Jun 1642, d. child. e) Helen, b. 20 Jul 1643. f) Margaret, b. 23 Sep 1649.

Note: - Andrew, 14th Laird possibly had a brother Patrick Pitcairn who m. Margaret Donaldson, with issue. Mentioned in Deeds.

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1 Scottish Notes and Queries. 2 B59./I/17 1660 3 Scottish Notes and Queries p.60.
2) John Pitcairn, Merchant Burgess, Perth, second son of Patrick Pitcairn and Margaret Donaldson. Also, 1) Margret b. 7 Oct. 1618. 2) Jeane, b. 16 Sep 1621.

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V. Andrew Pitcarne, fifteenth laird of Innernethie and Cordon (eldest son and heir of fourth Andrew). In 1632 he, and Margaret Robertson his future spouse had seisen from his father of Innernethye. This laird, and his wife on the 3rd of august 1646, entered into a –

Contract with Archibald, Earl of Angus and his wife, the Lady Ann Stewart, for her interest, by which the former alienated to the latter the lands of Pitcurraneis, adjoining Abernethy. In excambion for the alienation of the above lands the Earl and his countess, by charter dated the 3rd of August 1646, disposed to this Andrew Pitcairne and his wife the lands of Cordoun,1 with the mill, woods, fishing & to be holden of the Earl and his heirs-male and successors, barons of the barony of Abernethy, in feu-farm for a yearly feu-duty of £8 Scots, and a duplicand thereof on the entry of heirs.

Andrew Pitcairne also acquired the lands of Haltoune, in the parish of Abernethy, from Andrew Lundie of Carie and Provostmains; and Andrew Pitcarne and his wife Margret Robertson were infect therein on the 22nd June 1656. He latterly got into embarrassed circumstances, and had to alienate the family estate of Innernethy, which he his wife, and his father did in the year 1655, for the sum of 15,850 merks, to Patrick Ross, a notary in Perth, and Mr Robert Ross, his eldest son.2 Cordoun was apprised from him and from his eldest son James Pitcarne in the year 1662 by William Oliphant of Provostmains, for £4,390, 12s.10p. Scots of principal, and £220 of Sheriff-fee.

At Falkland, on the 4th July 1659, Andrew Pitcarne, son to Andrew Pitcarne of Cordoune, witnessed a renunciation granted by William Aittone, brother-german of David Aittone of Kirkcaldie, to Andrew Lundie of Carie.3

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1 Scottish Antiquary p.60. 2 Deeds Register MD. Register House. 3 Perth Sasines, Series iv. Vol.392.
He was alive in 1664. He had the following issue:

1. James Pitcarne of Cordoune, eldest son of Andrew Pitcarne, sixteenth laird of Innernethie, was involved with his father in money difficulties. He died it is believed (sine prole) ante 18th April 1664, of which date Isabella Edgar, his relic, obtained Decree of Adjudication against her father-in-law, and William Oliphant of Provostmains, for his interest, adjoining Cordoun for a debt due to her.

VI. Andrew, who on the 26th of December 1655 had seisin of an annual rent out of Cordoun, and had the lands of Forret. He owned a great deal of property in and about Abernethy. He was dead before June 1693. He was seventeenth in descent. Andrew married Isobel Balvaird, heiress of Pitblae, who, on the 31st of May 1693, had a seisin of –

Pitblae, Malartyne, and Montquhirrie on a Precept of Clare Constat by the Marquis of Douglas, for infefting her in these properties as heir to John Balvaird of Pitblae, brother-german. ¹

VII. Andrew Pitcarne,² their son eighteenth in descent, a bailie of Abernethy, married Christian Lennox, daughter of Alexander Lennox tenant of Balhepburn in the parish of Rhynd. On the 23rd of November 1706 he had a Precept of Clare Constat from Maria, Marchioness of Douglass for infefting him, as heir to his father² in tenement of land with houses and garden adjacent to the same on the north side of the burgh of Abernethy, the vennel called the Dead Wynd being on the south, and in the land there.

This Clare says that he was son of Andrew Pitcarne, bailie of Abernethy, and grandson of Andrew Pitcairne of Innernethie. He was father of Robert Pitcairne of Pitblae, nineteenth in descent had a Clare from the Commissioners of the Duke of Douglas or infefting him, as heir to his father, on the 13th of June 1727.

In subjects of Abernethy, in the way leading from the Pyramid of Abernethy (the famous round tower said to have been built by the Picts) and the Kirkyard being on the east; and in a pendicle there called St John’s Croft, and in the lands called the Fluks.

¹ Perth Sasines. SC49/48/6. 1662 ² Scottish Notes and Queries, p.61.
In this writ there is mention of Isobel Hunter, other of Isobel Balvaird, the maternal grandmother of the grantee. By Ann Alison, his wife, Pitcarne had a son, also Robert Pitcarne of Pitblae, twentieth in descent, to whom 29th January 1770, he conveyed his various properties in and about Abernethy, and who, on the 28th July, had a charter from Archibald Lord Douglas of Douglas (the successful claimant of the great Douglas Cause) confirming the last mentioned disposition to him. Robert was served heir to his cousin Andrew Pitcarne of Hill town, a writer in Edinburgh, on the 11th October 1804.

VIII. Andrew Pitcarne, brother to the first Robert. On the 14th of December 1726 he, designated “lawful son of the deceased Andrew Pitcarne of Pitblae,” was, at twenty-three years of age, admitted Notary Public. Notarial motto, Divina Providentia mihi hereditate est. He was extensively employed in conveyancing business in Strathmiglo and neighbourhood. His name appears among the agents admitted by the Court of Session in the year 1755, and he carried on his business in Halkerston’s Wynd. On October 12, 1735, he was married to Grizel Aison (his brother Robert had married Ann Aison, - possibly they were sisters) daughter of the then deceased Thomas Aison, writer at Glentarkie, near Strathmiglo.

The following entry from the Parochial Register of Strathmiglo relates to the burial of Mr Alison in 1730, May 24, in “Fish Cloth of Thomas Aison, the writer of Glentarkie, £4.16s.0d.”

Andrew Pitcarne died at Edinburgh, in the year 1780, and on February 5 was buried in the Greyfriars’ Burying-Ground there “3 D(ouble) p(aces) n(orth) the gate leading to Herriot’s Hospital, closs the wall, aged 80” (Greyfriars’ Mortuary Register, MS). His wife, Grizel Aison, who predeceased him, was buried in the same churchyard (“in Mr Brown’s Ground”) on the 5th day of May 1774. They had, with other issue -

IX. Andrew Pitcairn of Hilltown, who followed his father’s profession of Wrier in Edinburgh, born in 1736. He died in the year 1803, d.s.p., and on the 14th of March was buried beside his father in the Greyfriars’. On the 11th October 1804 his cousin, Robert Pitcairn of Pitblae, was served heir-general to him; and (2) Janet the wife of Mr James Laidlaw, writer to the Signet.
She appears to have died *sans* issue on the 24th October 1798 and was buried in the Greyfriars’ on the 26th. Andrew, her brother, was served heir-general to her on 24th May 1799. Mr Laidlaw remarried at Dundee on 11th August 1801, with Jean, second daughter of the deceased John Pitcairn, merchant and late Provost of Dundee. His first wife’s family and his second wife’s were probably related.

III. Christina Pitcairn, wife of the Rev. Alexander Pirrie, a minister at Newburgh author of several works, was the daughter of the VIIth Andrew Pitcairn.

Robert Pitcairn 20th Laird, had a charter from his father, in 1770 of property in Abernethy he died *d.s.p*. His heir was Andrew Pitcairn W.S. Edinburgh, of Hilltown, Robert’s cousin. This Andrew also died *d.s.p.*
BRANCH 11.  PITCAIRNS OF INNERNETHY.

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Flodden field, left one son I

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James Pitcairne  =
11th of Innernethy I

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Andrew Pitcairn = Janet Chalmers
12th of Innernethy I

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Andrew Pitcairn = Marion Spence
13th of Innernethy I

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Andrew Pitcairn = Margaret Ramsay
14th of Innernethy I dau and heiress

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Andrew Pitcairn = Margaret Robertson
15th Laird of Innernethy I

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James Pitcairn = Isabella Edgar Andrew Pitcairn = Isobal Balvaird William = John = Janet
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Andrew Pitcairn = Christian Lennox John = Margaret Straton
18th Laird Merchant Dundee I

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Robert Pitcairn = Ann Alison Andrew Pitcairn = Grizel Alison John =
19th Laird I I Merchant
_d.s.p._ I Dundee I

I ___________ I
Robert Pitcairn =
20th Laird of Hilltown Writer Dundee
_d.s.p._ d.s.p.

NOTE -  This Family now goes to William Pitcairn ‘Elder’ Merchant Dundee and brother John’s issue.

See Main Chart.

John Pitcairn, Burgess of Perth, fourth son of Andrew Pitcairn 15th Laird of Innernethy and Margaret Robertson, married Jonet Setoun, daughter of David Setoune, Guild Brethren Perth. He d. 23 Sep 1587 at Abernethy. Issue – 1) John, Merchant Dundee, who married Margaret Stratton, (many documents in the Register of Deeds) more later. 2) Nicolais b. 7 Jun 1640 Perth. 1) Anna b. 5 Oct 1636, 2) Margaret, b. 23 Oct 1637, 3) Mary, b. 26 Nov 1638. There are many documents in the Court Books on this family.

1) John Pitcairn, Merchant Dundee, St Andrews and Leith, d. 14 Jun 1714, he is stated as a cousin of John, son of William, (FB2-18-2). 2). John Pitcairn m. 2 May 1662 Margaret Straton. Issue: three daughters, 1) Helen, b. 15 Jul 1664. 2) Margaret, b. 18 Feb 1666. 3) Janet, b. 23 Nov 1673, and two sons - 1) John, b. 1662, d. child. 2) John Pitcairn, Merchant Dundee, b. 22 Jan 1672, Dundee, no spouse’s name given. Children, 1) Robert, b. circa 1693. 2) John, b. circa 1696. 3) Andrew Pitcairn, Writer, Dundee, third son, d. 1791. d.s.p. His heir was Andrew third lawful son of John Pitcairn, grandson of Robert Pitcairn Writer Dundee, his cousin, FB2-21-4.

Archibald Pitcairn, Burgess Perth, 1674, fifth son of Andrew Pitcairn 15th Laird of Innernethy and Margaret Robertson. There are many Deeds pertaining to this Archibald and Margaret Black in the Court Records. He d. 2 Nov 1674, married Margaret Black, with issue – 1) John, b. 22 Jun 1656 Perth, Deeds tell us he was heir to his Father in 1668. 2) Archibald, b. 21 Feb 1658, married Margaret Henderson, more later. 3) Mitchell, b. 9 Oct 1659, 4) Patrick, b. 1 Nov 1663.

Note:- There are many Court Records for John P and Margaret Stratoun and Archibald and Margaret Black. FB = Family Branch.

1 RD48/1 1601. 2 SC49/48/12 1684 3 Maltman Perth RD 1664. 4 SC49.48/14 1667-9
a) Archibald Pitcairn, son of Archibald Pitcairn and Margaret Black. He married 24 Feb 1704, at Abernethy Perth, Margaret Henderson, issue - two sons and four girls.  1) Archibald, b. 27 Aug 1709 at Abernethy Perth.  2) Robert, b. 17 Apr 1715, and possibly married Jean Pearson.  
1) Elizabeth, b. 10 Feb 1706.  2) Margt, b. 7 Oct 1711.  3) Jane, b. 14 Jun 1713.  4) Christian, b. 2 Aug 1719.

NOTE – to finish the Innernethy Branch we go back to Andrew Pitcairn 14th Laird of Innernethy and Margaret Ramsay, they possibly had another son called Patrick Pitcairn, who married Margaret Donaldson and is mentioned in Perth Deeds of 1660.

1) Robert Pitcairn, Merchant Burgess of Perth and in deeds dated 1637 mentions London England. He had issue – 1) John, b. 9 Aug 1640.  2) Patrick, b. 12 Jul 1644.  3) Andro, b. 6 Aug 1645. Daughters, 1) Margaret, b. 5 Jun 1642 d. child.  2) Helen, b. 20 Jul. 1643.  3) Margaret, b. 23 Sep 1649.

2) John Pitcairn, Merchant Burgess Perth. Daughters, 1) Margaret b. 7 Oct 1618 and Jeane, b. 16 Sep 1621.

NOTE - This completes the Innernethy Branch of the Family to date.

We now go back to William Pitcairn, ‘elder’ the ancestor of the Pitcullo Castle Branch, third son of Andrew Pitcairn 15th Lard and Margaret Robertson,

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1 B59/1/17 1660.  2 B59/8/16/p47.
ARMS OF PITCAIRN OF PITCULLO.

William Pitcairn ancestor of the Pitcairns of Pitcullo Castle from James Pitcairn of Cordoun 1661.

Shield, Argent, Three Lozenges, Two and One, Gules.

Crest: The Sun.

Motto: *Spes Lucis Æternae*

This family adopted the use of the Original Pitcairn Arms
PITCAIRNS OF PITCULLO

The Pitcairns of Pitcullo are, it is believed, a branch of the house of Pitcairns of that Ilk and Forthar-Ramsay in Fife, their ancestors having probably settled on the Pitcairn Forfarshire estates as early as the beginning of the sixteenth century. Henry, tenth laird of Pitcairn and Forthar-Ramsay in 1453, had four daughters; 1. Elizabeth, married to Sir John Ramsay of Dounfield; 2. Isobelle, married to Patrick, fourth Lord Lindsay of the Byres; 3. Margaret, wife of David Moray of Ochtertyre; and 4. Catherine, who married Ballingall of that Ilk.

Henry Pitcairn’s eldest son, Henry, succeeded to the family estates in Fife and Perthshire in 1489. David, his second son became Archdean of Brechin; he succeeded to the Kincardine estate, and was witness to many deeds, one as early as 1515. He alludes to James Ramsay (son of Elizabeth Pitcairn, who married John Ramsay of Dounfield) as “his nephew,” in a deed in which he gave Ramsay half of the lands of Dounfield, Jan 2, 1515 (see Pitcairns of Forthar), proving David Pitcairn was brother to Elizabeth, Lady Ramsay; and to Lady Lindsay. He was witness to the latter’s marriage-contract and deeds in her favour at Struthers, 29th April 1524; and was witness to another charter from Thomas Erskine at Brechin, 11th August 1541.1 John Pitcairn of Brechin is often mentioned at the same date, and signing the same deeds. There was a John Pitcairn notary and presbyter of St Andrews, about this date and earlier probably the same person. On the 1st of February 1565 Mr James Pitcairn’s will was proved in Edinburgh: “1 Feb. 1565, Mr James Pitcarne, Archdean of Brechin.”2 He may have been a son of David Archdean of Brechin.

On July 27th 1594, thee was “confirmation” by the king of a charter granted by David Pitcairne, son and heir of the late David Pitcairn of Wester Drummis, with consent of Elizabeth Ogilvie, relict of the said David Pitcairn elder, (David Pitcairn elder was possibly son of James Pitcairn Archdean of Brechin) and of John Graham, now her spouse, for his interest, and of the curators of the said David Pitcairn younger, to Sir Thomas Lyon of Auldbar, Knight, Treasurer of Scotland and Lady Euphemia Douglas, his spouse, of the lands of Wester Drummis, with mill &., in the lordship of Brechin and shire of Forthar. Dated at Dundee, the 11th of November 1593.3 (FB.4)

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In 1619, December 11th, at Dundee James Pitcairne of Hiltoun of Redcastle is witness to a charter of lands in Forfarshire.¹

This James Pitcairne was probably son of the second David Pitcairn who sold Wester Drummis. Redcastle is an old castle on the coast of Forfarshire, now in ruins. (Found not connected)

In 1664, on March 28th, Robert Pitcairne, Merchant Burgess of Dundee was served heir to John Pitcairne, Merchant Burgess of Dundee, his brother.²

It is a curious coincidence that -

In 1642 Robert Pitcairne, Burgess of Perth, is mentioned as brother-german with John Pitcairne, Merchant Burgess of the same burgh, nearest of kinsman – that is, cousin on the father’s side – to Margaret Pitcairne, lawful daughter of said John Pitcairne.

She married Henry Vincent, and had one son, Robert, who was declared her heir on February the 11th 1642.³ One month before this Margaret had been declared heir of John Pitcairne, merchant burgess of Perth, her father, Jan. 10th 1642.⁴ Possibly the Pitcairns of Perth and Dundee were cousins. This seems probable, as both the descendants of the Perthshire Pitcairns and those of Dundee (now the Pitcairns of Pitcullo) bear the same crest and motto – the crest, the sun; and the motto, Spec lucis eternae; and three lozenges for Pitcairn – on the shield. The difference is that the Perthshire Pitcairns have also an anchor on the shield, which the Pitcullo Pitcairns have not.

The next Pitcairn who is mentioned, and of whom there is authentic information, is Robert Pitcairn, writer in Dundee, (of whom later).

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¹ Ibid., lib.1. No.302 ² Retours of Heirs, Vol.i xi. Xvi. Fol. 312. ³ Ibid. fol. 188. ⁴ Ibid. fol. 313
WILLIAM PITCAIRN ‘ELDER’
ANCESTOR OF THE PITCAIRNS OF PITCULLO

We now turn to William Pitcairn, styled ‘elder’ the ancestor of the Pitcullo Castle Branch, Merchant Burgess of Dundee, third son of Andrew Pitcairn 15th Laird of Inneemethy and Cordun and Margret Robertson1 received from James Pitcairn 16th Laird of Cordun his elder brother. No trace of his spouse’s name found but from the many Deeds left we find he had three sons and two daughters.

1). John Pitcairn, Merchant in Dundee and St Andrews, eldest son of William, (Elder) Merchant Burgess of Dundee who is mentioned in a Register of Deed of 1661. John Pitcairn m. 23 Jun 1653 Agnes Campbell, sister of David Campbell, Minister of Monomial. John, d. 23 Jun 1664 d.s.p. 2 John, was heir to his father, and named his heir, his cousin John Pitcairn, son of his father’s brother John Pitcairn Burgess of Perth, (fb2-18-7) who married Janet Setoun. Their son John, also a Merchant in Dundee and St Andrews married Margaret Straton.

2) William Pitcairn, Merchant Burgess Dundee second son of William, ‘elder’ Merchant Burgess Dundee, 3 again many documents in Court Records available, he m. 29 Jun 1654 Christine Pitcairn, by whom he had one daughter Christian b. 29 Jun 1664 at Dundee. He secondly married Janet Weems in July 1656.

3) The next Pitcairn who is mentioned, and of whom there is authentic information, is Robert Pitcairn, writer in Dundee, Merchant Burgess 4 third son of William ‘elder’ Mentioned above, served heir to his brother John in 1664. No trace of his spouses name, but he did have a son Robert Pitcairn, Writer Dundee, Merchant Burgess of Nethergate and Tay Street he d. 29 Jun 1753 and was m. 5 Dec 1721 to Jane/Jean Jobson dau of James Jobson and Margaret Blair. They had three sons and three daughters.

1 RD. 1661. 2 CC3/1664. 3 RD 1644. 4 RD3.7 1664. Many other documents.
1) John Pitcairn, Provost of Dundee, b. 4 Nov 1722 m. Jean Robertson,Provost, more later. 2) James, b. 11 Oct 1724 d. 22 July 1725 a child. 3) Robert b. 24 Jun 1729, d. 17 Jul 1741 d.s.p. 1) Margaret b. 30 Jul 1726 Dundee. 2) Mary b. 9 Nov 1732. 3) Jean b. 12 Feb 1738, d. 27 Apr 1740 a child.

1) **JOHN PITCAIRN, PROVOST OF DUNDEE**, son of Robert Pitcairn and Jane Jobson, b. 4 Nov 1722, and d. 23 Nov 1800, m. Jean Robertson dau of Alexander Robertson, Provost of Dundee. He and his wife were painted by Sir Henry Raeburn, and Ronald Pitcairn, Esq., of Pitcullo (their great-grandson), kindly allowed the portraits to be photographed for this book. Mrs Pitcairn is painted in a brown dress, a white apron, black lace fichu and a white cap with coloured ribbons. She is seated in a chair. The size of the portrait is 35 in. by 26 in. It is a charming picture. The companion portrait of Provost Pitcairn is depicted a wearing a brown coat and vest, white stock and powdered wig, also seated. John Pitcairn sold Hilltown in 1779. They had six boys and four daughters as follows:

1) Robert, b. 18 Aug 1749, d. child.
2) Alexander Pitcairn (later).
3) Andrew Pitcairn of Pitcullo m. Janet Walker (later)
4) John Pitcairn, m. Janet Stoddart (later.)
5) Robert, b. 30 Jul 1757 Writer, d. 1781 d.s.p.
6) William Pitcairn Wine Merchant Dundee and Euphemia Chalmers (later.)

1) Ann, b. 15 Apr 1752. 2) Jean, b. 3 Dec 1755 m. 1801 James Laidlaw W.S. (he also married her cousin Janet Pitcairn. 3) Margaret, b. 18 Sep 1760, d. 1811, no issue.

2) Alexander Pitcairn, Keeper of the Register of Deeds of the Court of Session Edinburgh, eldest son of John Pitcairn Provost of Dundee and Jean Robertson, b. 10 Oct 1750. m. Helen Jobson, he died 5 July 1852 d.s.p. leaving a will.¹

¹ SC70/1/48 1832. Note: - There are many Deeds for John Pitcairn, Provost.
PROVOST JOHN PITCAIRN.

By Sir H. Raeburn.
By Sir Henry Raeburn.

Mrs. JOHN PITCAIRN.
3) William Pitcairn, Wine Merchant Dundee, sixth son of above, b. 26 Feb 1763, d. 23 Jan 1831, m. 18 Jan 1788 Eupham Chalmers.¹ The four eldest died young and unmarried.

1) John, b. 21 Feb 1788, d. child.
2) Alexander, b. 6 Feb 1793, d.s.p.
4) Andrew, b. 31 Jan 1801.

5) James Laidlaw, fifth son, b. 25 May 1803 at Dundee, he was served heir to his Father in 1831.² d. 21 Dec 1875. Married Marjory Reid, daughter of George Reid, Farmer, Marjory d. 28 Oct 1856. They had one son, and two daughters, one being Marjory Georgina who married 16 Jan 1863 John McLellan.

6) John, b. 7 Apr 1805, d.s.p.

William and Euphemia had four Daughters,

1) Jane, b. 28 Sep 1791, m. Robert Dall. 2) Anne, b. 15 May 1794, married Dr David Carnegie. 3) Margaret, b. 19 Jun 1797, d. 18 Mar 1868 m. John Sandwith.

4) Isabella Pitcairn, fourth daughter of William Pitcairn and Euphemia Chalmers was b. 24 Apr 1799, d. 11 Dec 1875, m. 4 Mar 1819 James Knowles. b. 1778, and d. 1833. They hyphenated their surname to Pitcairn-Knowles, and had two sons and two daughters. 1) Euphemia b. 1825, d. 1872 and 2) Margaret Strachan, b. 1827 and d. 1827.

1) James b. 1823, d. 11 Feb 1851 at Bombay.
2) William Pitcairn-Knowles, b. 28 Jun 1820, d. 5 Nov 1894, m. 7 Dec 1862 Doris Kluge who died 1918. They had, two sons and two daughters,

1) James Pitcairn-Knowles, b. 1863, d. 1954 an Artist.
2) Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles, b. 13 Mar 1871 d. 27 Feb 1956, m. 13 Apr 1899 Margaret Gardner who d. 1967. They had a daughter Bell probably Isabella who died young.

1) Gordon Pitcairn-Knowles, b. 9 Aug 1900, d. 23 Feb 1963, m. 21 Nov 1929 to Joyce Richardson who d. 18 Dec 1989 issue -
1) Richard Alan Pitcairn-Knowles son, b. 21 Dec 1932, m. 2 Sep 1961 Pamela Dudeney, with issue -

1) Sara Jane, b. 1 Apr 1964, m. 15 Sep 1996 James Maxwell Griffiths Cross, b. 22 Aug 1963, they have Twins Lucy Annice and Benjamin Griffiths, b. 17 Jun 1997.

2) Mark Andrew Pitcairn-Knowles, b. 13 Aug 1965, m. 31 Jul 1993, Lucy Phillipps Alice Hill, b. 19 Jul 1964, with issue -
1) Ellen Euphemia b. 8 Oct 1996. 2) Polly Hermione, b. 8 Sep 1998. 3) Bede Andrew, b. 5 Aug 2000.

3) Anna Victoria, b. 1 Mar 1972.

¹ SC70/1/46 1832. ² James Laidlaw in Edinburgh, to his Father William Pitcairn there, once Merchant, Dundee - Heir in General – 25 July 1831.
5) Andrew Pitcairn, of Pitculo Castle, fourth son of Provost, John Pitcairn and Jean Robertson, b. 5 Mar 1767, m. 15 Apr 1804 at Kemback to Janet P. Walker of Falfield, who d. 17 Jun 1853. Andrew was heir to Andrew Pitcairn third son of John Pitcairn (fb2-20-18). Andrew Pitcairn d. 18 Nov 1847 leaving issue ten sons and one daughter as follows: - Of Andrew Pitcairn’s ten sons, six died unmarried.

1) John Pitcairn b. 1805. d. child.

2) John Pitcairn of Pitculo b. 12 May 1807, m. 2 Oct 1845 Cecillla Paterson, sixth daughter of George Paterson of Cunmoquhie who d. 23 Apr 1897 at Pitculo. They had one female child b. 26 May 1847 call Moncrieffe. John d. 15 Jul 1876. He had succeeded to Pitculo on the death of his father. This estate was purchased by Andrew Pitcairn about 1808. The old castle is historically interesting: it is now a ruin, and the modern house is built close by. The estate is near St Andrews, and north-east of Cupar, Fife.

3) Walker Pitcairn, third son of Andrew Pitcairn of Pitculo, b. 13 Sep 1808, married Margaret Matilda, daughter of James Colvin, Esq. He died at Englefield Lodge in 1857, having been married nine ears. He left one son, Cecil Colvin, who died in 1880. His wife died, and her will was proved on the 15 th of February 1895. She is called therein “Mrs Margret Matilda Pitcairn of Englefield Lodge, Englefield Green Surrey.”

4) Alexander, b. 28 Jun 1810, d. 22 Dec. 1842, d.s.p.

5) James Morrison, b. 17 Sep 1811. d.s.p.

6) William Pitcairn Esq., late of Bombay Medical Service, b. 18 Jan 1813, d. 1 Aug 1872, m. 23 Sep 1846 Agnes Paterson who d. 9 Aug 1895 at Western Super Mare Somerset, daughter of George Paterson of Cunnoquhie and sister of Cecillia, who married John Pitcairn of Pitculo. William Pitcairn died in 1874, leaving three daughters -

1) Janet, d. unmarried. 2) Georgina who m. 12 Oct 1876, William J. Nunneley. 3) Florence, married to the Rev. Frederick B. Nunneley.

1 Scotsman, 24 April 1897.
The Nunneleys were descendants of Joseph Nunneley of Mickleover House, Derbyshire, and Sarah Elizabeth Barham, his wife.

Georgina, William Pitcairn's second daughter has two sons, and two daughters – 1) William Pitcairn Nunneley, a lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion of the Black Watch. He is the eldest male representative of the Patersons of Cunnoquhie. Cunnoquhie is a lovely old place in Fife, on the sunny slope of a hill, with charming surroundings. It was sold some years ago.

A picture of it was to have been in this book, but I much regret that, owing to a chemical defect in the photograph, the illustrator found it impossible to reproduce it. 2) Josephine Elizabeth, 3) John Cecil, 4) Agnes Emily Barham.

William Pitcairn’s daughter Florence Agnes b. 4 May 1857 Monomial, married Rev Frederick Barham Nunneley M.D., and had four sons and two daughters – 1) Frederick Pitcairn, M.B., M.A. (Oxon.); 2) Ellen; 3) Mary Agnes Paterson; 4) George Paterson, late lieutenant 5th Northumberland Fusiliers; 5) Charles Francis, second lieutenant 3rd West Kent Regiment; 6) Robert Moncrieff, died young.

7) Bethune Walker Pitcairn, b. 9 May 1814, d. 15 Jan 1841. d.s.p.
8) Andrew, b. 30 Sep 1815. d. child.
9) Robert, b. 20 Oct 1818.
10) Lieut. Col. Andrew Pitcairn, of Pitcullo Castle, b. 17 Apr 1822, d. 10 Feb 1892, at Pitcullo, Cupar, Fife. He also had a house in Edinburgh, No. 7 Eglinton Crescent. He was Lieut. Col. Of the 42nd Highlanders, “The Black Watch.” m. 4 Aug 1857 Georgina Maria Stevenson, daughter of Captain George Stevenson, d. 16 Dec 1885. Colonel Pitcairn had five sons and one daughter, all of whom are at present living, with the exception of one son who died in infancy.

1) Ronald Andrew, was b. 13 Oct 1858. He is the present owner of Pitcullo Castle, and unmarried.
2) Charles Walker, b. 1 Feb 1860, died 23 May 1862.
3) Male child b. 13 Sep 1862.
4) Robert Henry, b. 1 Apr 1868 and served for some years as Lieutenant in the Black Watch.
5) George Stevenson Pitcairn b. 13 Sep 1869, m. 6 Sep 1899, at St Michael’s Church Cupar, Jane Alexandra Macdonald, second daughter of Alexander Macdonald of Babranald, North Uist, and Edenwood, Fife. He has one son, Andrew Alexander Pitcairn, b. 9 Mar 1901., m. 8 Aug 1938 Ruth Goda de Pree and has one son David Donald George Pitcairn, b. 6 Jun 1939 d. 22 Oct 1933 a child. Alice Rose, Colonel Pitcairn’s only surviving daughter, a twin of Margaret, b. 7 Jan 1868 d. child. Alice Rose was married “at St Stephen’s Church, South Kensington, London on the 11th of February 1896, to Captain Herbert M’Dougal Williams, 1st Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.”

6) Andrew Holford Pitcairn, b. 26 Nov 1870, m. July 1900 Cecilia Maud Talbot, second daughter of Major Talbot. They have no children. Andrew Holford Pitcairn served for some years as lieutenant in the Seaforth Highlanders.

I am indebted to the kindness of George S. Pitcairn, Esq., Douglas Govan, Esq., and Frederick Pitcairn Nunneley, Esq., for many particulars of this branch of the Pitcairn family.

1) Only daughter of Andrew Pitcairn of Pitcullo and Janet Walker was Isabella Morrison Pitcairn who married Major William Burnett fifth son of John Burnett of Elrick, Aberdeenshire. Isabella died 1850. Their daughter, Helen Garden, married at Naughton, Douglas Moncrieff Govan, who was also connected with the Pitcairns, as Helen Pitcairn of Pitlour was the great-grandmother of his father’s mother, Anne Moncrieff.

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1 Fife Herald, 6th Sept 1899.
BRANCH 11.  PITCAIRNS OF PITCULLO CASTLE

Andrew Pitcairn = Margaret Robertson
15th of Innernethy and Cordoun
of St Andrews

James Pitcairn = Isabella Edgar
Andrew Pitcairn = William Pitcairn = John Pitcairn = Janet Seton
16th of Cordoun 17th of Cordoun ‘elder’ Merchant I Merchant Burgess I
d.s.p. d.s.p. Burgess Dundee I d.s.p. I

Robert Pitcairn =
Merchant Dundee I
Merchant Dundee I Straton

Robert Pitcairn = Jane Jobson
Merchant Dundee I
Hiltown d. 173 I

John Pitcairn = Jean Robertson
Provost of Dundee I
Sold Hiltown I
Andrew Pitcairn = Janet Walker
b. 1767 I

John Pitcairn = Cecilia Paterson
Of Pitculllo b. 1807 m. 1845 d. 1876 at Pitculllo
Andrew Pitcairn = Georgina Stevenson b. 1822 I m. 1857 d. 1892 I

Ronald Andrew Pitcairn = George Stevenson Pitcairn = Jean A. McDonald
b. 1858 b. 1869 I m. 1899 d. 1937 I

Andrew Alexander Pitcairn = Ruth Goda de Pree
b. 1901 I m. 1938

David Donald Pitcairn
b. 1939
d. 1944
d.s.p.

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