

## Inventory of James Brebner, Farmer in Towie of Clatt

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Inventory of the Goods, fiar debts, and other underwritten, which pertained and were resting and owing, to the deceased **James Brebner** in Towie of Clatt the time of his death, who died upon the twenty first day of January in the year (Jeyvy?) and fifty. Given up by **Robert Barclay** Merchant in Huntly, Son in Law to the said defunct, and Executor dative Deemed to him Conform to the decrees of Executry pronounced thereanent upon the Tenth day of May in the year (Jeyvyl) and Fifty, Under Protection to eik as comes to his knowledge that he be not further liable but according to his intromissions, and that he have Retention in his own hand all of the Inventory underwritten, of the defuncts funerall expences ammounting to the Sum of (blank) Scots money, Conformation particular account and discharges thereof, (Jlem?) of the Servants fees, from Martinmass (Jeyrey?) and fourty nine (1749) to Whitsunday (Jeyvl?) and fifty (1750), ammounting to the Sum of Fifty two pounds, ten shillings Scots money Conform to a particular account thereof (Jlem?) of the Sum of ninety three pound Six shillings and eight pennies Scots money on the last half of the money rent of the defuncts possession of Towie of Clatt, from (Jeyvyl?) and fourty nine (1749), due to my Lady Forbes, with two bolls of Bear. At Six (?) pound the boll, resting of the defuncts Bearn Farm, send from and his proportion of Cess, Item of the Sum of Six (?) hundred and Fifty merks Scots Money, And Annual rent resting since the Tenth of March (Jaesvy?) and Fourty Seven (1747) years, due by the defunct (and?) the said **Robert Barclay** Executor foresaid, who advanced the same upon account and for the behoof of **James Brebner** the defuncts Eldest Son, by order of the defunct, Item of the Sum of Eighteen Shillings and Six Pence Sterling, paid by the said Executor, to **George Duguid**, Merchant in Aberdeen for ane Account due to him by the defunct viz. Receipt, Granted to the said **Robert Barclay**, Item of the Sum of Eleven pound, ten Shilling Scots money disbursed by the said Executor in part of the maintenance of the defuncts family, to Whitsunday after his death And The like(?) under Protestation, That the said Executor, have Retention in his own hand all of the Inventory underwritten of the Expenses debursed by him for procuring warrands for Inventorring and Appreciating(?) the defuncts Effects, And the cheriges of Inventoring and Apurtening the same and likewise of the Expenses of Confirmation of this present Testament and to Lawyers? and their servants for their pains and advice thereanent, And the like? For the Executors personall charges incoming frequently to Aberdeen, in order to procure the warrants expedite the confirmation, and to take advice about the management of the defuncts affairs, and Generally of all Sums of money charges and Expenses, which the said Executor has debursed or shall deburse in reference to or ingoing about the said Office of Executry in any manner of every

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**Robert Barclay** and in presence of Marjory **Gordon**, Relict of the said defunct, Conform to the Commissarys Appointment, And all which were Estimate and Appreciate, to the Sum of One Thousand and Thirty Eight pound, Eight Shilling Scots money Conform to the Inventory thereof signed by them, Of which Invights(?) plenishing of the said defuncts house there is on third part due to the said **Marjory Gordon** by virtue of her Contract of marriage amounting to the sum of (blank) Scots Money,

Item the Corns Meall and Bear, about the defuncts house ammounting to the Sum of Two Hundred Seventy Four-Pound Scots Money, in virtue

Item Some Yarn, gray cloath, and leykin(?) Estimate to Thirteen Pound and 5 Sh. 6 pennies Scots Money,

Item Some old Dealls being about 15 in number Fifty One shillings Scots.

Item The sum of Fourty pounds Sixteen shillings Scots of Cash found in the defuncts perfs., with a (istern?) Gold ring worth Seven Pound ten Shilling Scots.

Debts owing to the said deceased **James Brebner** the time of his decease afsaid.

At Aberdeen the Twelfth day of May In the year one Thousand Seven hundred and Fifty In presence of Patrick **Duff** of Premnay Esquire Commissary of Aberdeen.

Imprimus, by the **Right Honorable James Lord Forbes** the principall Sum of Five Hundred and Sixty pounds Scots money anant a rent thereof Contained in Cess Accepted bill to the defunct dated the Sixth Day of February (Joyvy?) and fourty eight years (1748).

Item by **Henry Lumisden** of Cushney the principall Sum of Nine Hundred pounds Scots money and a rent thereof Contained in his accepted Bill deeded the Seventh of December (Jeyvyl?) and fourty nine (1740).

Item by **John Gordon** of Craig the principall Sum of Four Hundred and Ninety pounds Scots at anent thereof since Martinmass (Jeyivyl?) and Fourty Eight (1748) contained in his accepted Bill to the defunct dated the seventeenth day of January (Jeyvll) and Thirty nine years,

Item by **John Couper**, Tennant in Mains of Newbigging, the principal Sum of One Hundred and Seven pound, Three Shilling Scots money, and Contained in his accepted bill, dated the fifth of September (Jeyvll) and fourty nine,

Item by **Alexander Barclay** in Mosstown, the Principall Sum of Seventy One Pounds Eight Shillings Scots and present (?) these fore tained in his accepted Bill to the defunct, date the Fifteenth of March (JaybvI)? And Fourty nine,

Item by **Andrew Cobban** in Bankhead the Principall Sum of Twenty three pound Scots, and anent thereof Contained in his Bill to the defunct dated Third October (Joyvyl?) and fourty Eight,

**Item by James Cowie** in Blackhillock, The Principall Sum of Fifty pound, nine Shilling and Four pennies Scots money and interest thereof. Contained in his accepted Bill to the Defunct, Dated Fifteenth August (Jeyvyl) and fourty eight (1748).

Item by **Charles Touch** in Westhills, the Principall Sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Pound Scots money and (interest) thereof, Contained in his accepted Bill to the defunct dated Eleventh of November (JayviiI) and Fourty Eight (1748).

Item by **Alexander Gilchrist** in Stonyfield the Principall Sum of Ninety Three Pounds Scots money Contained in his accepted Bill to the defunct Dated fifth of August One Thousand Seven Hundred and fourty seven,

Item by **Andrew Couper** in Clatt, the Principall Sum of Thirty-Three Pounds Scots money and arrears? Thereof Contained in his Accepted Bill to the defunct, Dated the Twelfth of January (Jayvil?) and Fourty Nine,

Item by **James Couper** in Clatt the principall Sum of One Hundred and Fourty Pounds Scots money and @rent therof, Contained in his Accepted bill to the defunct dated the Twenty Second of May (Jayvil) and fourty nine,

Item by **Lady Gordon**, Kirkhill the Principall Sum of Seventy Three Pound, thirteen shilling Scots money and @rent thereof, Contained in her Accepted Bill to the defunct, Dated the Twelveth day of December, (Javill?) and fourty Eight (1748).

Item Severall small debts in the Country, due to the defunct by his subtenents, and other persons conform to his count Book Accounting to one hundred and sixty nine pound, seventeen shilling Scots.

The Commissary foresaid confirms the said **Robert Barclay** Executor Dative to the said deceast **James Brebner** conform to the Decrees of Executry abovementioned and Received **Andrew Logie** Mercht. In Aberdeen as Cautioners for him, That the goods gear debts and others above specified Shall be forthcoming to all partys having interest therein as accords of the law, and both the said principal and Cautioner Subject themselves both Jurisdiction of the Company of Aberdeen In all matters and things relating to the defuncts Executry, and that whether they continue to reside within the choice (?) of Aberdeen or shall remove furth therof to any other place, and in case they or either of them shall happen to remove without the bounds of the said Commissariot and reside else where, In that case they affix the writting chamber of **Alexander Thompson** advocate in Aberdeen, and failling thereof the Commissary Clerks office of Aberdeen as a domicile for laying on all attestations(?) upon them which they declare to be as valed and sufficient or as if they were Summoned personally within the said diocce (?) and proces logo on in the same manner as if they were having thereinto and the said **Robert Barclay** obliges himself be relieved his said Cautioner of his Cautionry above written.

(Signed) **Andrew Logie, Robert Barclay**

#### Comments:

It would appear that **James Brebner's** debts of about £3000 far exceeded his assets of about £1400. The appointment of **Robert Barclay**, as executor seems to have been unpopular, most probably with **James'** eldest son **James Brebner**

who would have been about 25 at his father's death, but also with **Margaret Gordon**, widow of the elder **James**, as the note that **Robert Barclay** would retain all inventory "under protestation" suggests. **Robert Barclay** married the second daughter of **James** and **Margaret Gordon**, **Mary Brebner** in 1741.

I believe that the younger **James** was the **Brebner** who changed his name to **Gordon**.

