



Clan FORTHINGHAM

ARMS CRESTS

Quarterly, Ermine, three bars Gules (Fotheringham)
(1) A griffin segreant Proper (Fotheringham) (2) A lion's paw erased holding a scimitar Proper

MOTTO SUPPORTERS

(1) Be it fast, (2) Dissipate (Disperse)
Two Saviages, wreathed about the middle with laurel, each carrying over his exterior shoulder a club all Proper

The name in Scotland comes from the parish of Inverarity in Angus and is probably a corruption of Fotheringhay, a manor on Northamptonshire, because of the resemblance in ancient script between 'ay' and 'm'. The manor was one of those held by David of Huntingdon, later David I of Scotland. By an unlikely tradition, the name of Forthingay is supposed to belong to a Hungarian who came with the retinue of Edward Atheling whose sister, Margaret, married Malcolm III. Huwe de Forthingeye rendered homage to Edward I of England, appearing on the Ragman Roll of 1296, in common with many of the Scottish nobility. During the reign of Robert III, John Forthingame acquired the lands of West Powrie in what was then part of Forfarshire. It is believed the land was acquired through marriage to a daughter of the Ogilvies of Autheterhouse around 1399. In 1481, Nicholas Forthingham of Powrie attempted to deprive the widow of the Earl of Montrose of her lands at Dunbog in Glennesk. Nicholas was among the many Scottish nobles who died at Flodden in 1513. Sir Alexander Forthingham of Powrie, and ardent supporter of Charles I, was taken prisoner at Alyth and sent to England in 1645. He died in exile in France in 1652. His grandson, David, was a renowned equestrian and was particularly fond of horse breeding. He matriculated the family's coat of arms at the Lyon Court around 1677. Thomas Frederick Fotheringham, a captain in the Scots Fusiliers, served with distinction throughout the Crimean War (1853-56). He married Lady Charlotte Carnegie, sister of the ninth Earl of Sutherland. Their son, Walter, succeeded to handsome estates of Grandtully and Murthly in Perthshire, together with the two splendid castles which still stand on these estates. Murthly was originally a royal hunting lodge and its main tower was probably built at the beginning of the fifteenth century. It was substantially extended in a classical style in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The ballroom, in the east wing of the house, is particularly splendid.

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