

Stewarding an Inheritance

The Ogilvy Family

William the Lion, King of Scotland from 1165, granted the lands of Ogilvy in Forfarshire to Gilbert, 3rd son of the 2nd Earl of Angus, whereupon Gilbert took the name of these lands. Around 1400, Sir Walter Ogilvy, a descendant of Gilbert, was made Sheriff of Angus. His sons, Walter and John, founded two branches of the Ogilvy family. The Ogilvys at Winton are descended from John's line, taking the title Barons of Inverquhar in 1420.

200 years later, in 1626, in return for support to James VI and I, Sir John Ogilvy was given one of the newly created Nova Scotia Baronetcies. This title remains today: Sir Francis is the 14th Baronet of Inverquhar.

The ancestral home is the castle of Inverquhar which remained in the possession of this branch of the family for 17 generations. It was sold in 1779 when Sir John Ogilvy, 5th baronet, moved to Baldovan, the home of his wife, Charlotte Tulliedeph.

In 1920, Gilbert Ogilvy inherited Winton on the death of his aunt, Constance Hamilton Nisbet. He and his family moved from Baldovan, north of Dundee, and Winton has been an Ogilvy home ever since.



Above from left: Baldovan c1900s, home of Sir John Ogilvy and his wife Charlotte Tulliedeph; Inverquhar Castle built by Alexander Ogilvy in 1430. A licence was granted by James II in 1444, allowing Alexander 'to fortalice his house and strengthen it with an iron yett' (gate). This licence is one of the oldest still in existence. The castle is still lived in today.

Changing Times

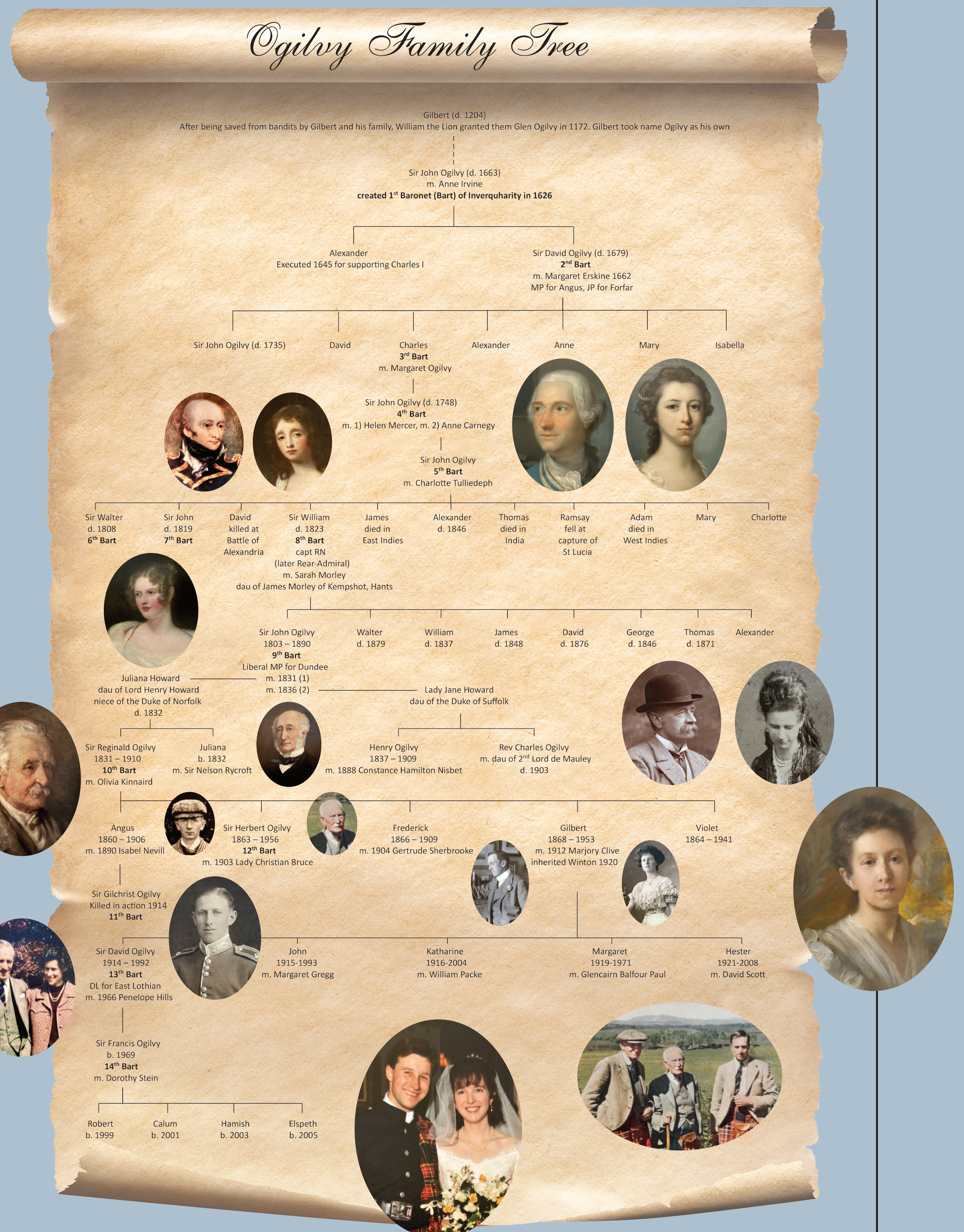
World War 1 changed the way estates were run. Reduced land and labour due to war, taxation, and the shaking of class structures, all had an impact; estates became less economically sustainable, and landowners took up professional jobs. Gilbert, a practising architect, ran offices in London and Dundee, and his son David, trained as an accountant after studying maths at Oxford.

Today, Winton is both a family home and a business, moving into the future with a combination of hospitality and rural estate enterprises. Our aim is to share the privilege of the estate's natural beauty, whilst conserving its heritage and positively stewarding resources for generations to come.



Clockwise from above left: Winton Castle Library; Winton Castle Octagonal Hall; Arable farming on the Winton Estate (all © Tony Marsh); Winton in the spring. Winton has opened to the public under the Scotland Garden Scheme since it began, hosting the SGS 85th anniversary celebrations in 2016 with a visit from HRH Camilla, then Duchess of Rothsay. Visitors can enjoy castle tours, teas, and the garden's extensive display of daffodils.

Below: Family History Figures: (Top row) Sir William, 8th Baronet and his wife Sarah Morley; Sir John Ogilvy, 5th Baronet (painted by Catherine Reed) and his wife Charlotte Tulliedeph (painted by Francis Cotes). (2nd row) Juliana Howard; (3rd row) Sir Reginald Ogilvy, 10th Baronet (painted by Violet Ogilvy); Sir John Ogilvy, 9th Baronet; Henry Ogilvy and his wife Constance Hamilton Nisbet; (4th row) Angus Ogilvy; Sir Herbert Ogilvy, 12th Baronet; Gilbert Ogilvy and his wife Marjory Clive; Violet Ogilvy (painted by Stoppoloni); (5th row) Sir David Ogilvy, 13th Baronet, and his wife Penelope Hills; Sir Gilchrist Ogilvy, 11th Baronet; (Bottom row) Sir Francis Ogilvy, 14th Baronet, and his wife Dorothy Stein; Gilbert, Herbert and David Ogilvy.



Right: Winton's grand stone twisted chimneys were restored during the Covid years of 2020-22. (@Grant Bulloch).

Below: View of Winton and its terraced gardens from Sir David's Loch.

