

# Some Genealogies of the Irvings (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)

## edited by James M Irvine

### Introduction and Contents

This Compact Disc reproduces transcriptions, mostly previously unpublished, of some early genealogical material of the Irving family, reproductions of a more recent family tree, and a modern commentary on the origins of the family. The 24 files on the disc address 8 items:

1. **Genealogy of the House of Irving**, attributed to Dr. Christopher Irvin in 1660, updated in 1777, c.1800, 1844 and 1877, and transcribed by Col. FG Jackson c.1900.  
The transcript runs to 8,000 words on 11 pages. The text of this transcript is one of several surviving versions of Dr. Christopher Irvin's "Original of the family of Irvines or Erinvines".
2. **Some Bonshaw Titles 1475-1655**, edited by James M Irvine 2012.  
This transcript runs to 9,000 words on 17 pages.
3. **Memoirs Historical and Genealogical of the Irvines or Irvings - A Border Clan of Dumfries-shire**, by Rev. Christopher Irvine of Mountjoy, written in 1892 and updated by him in 1895.  
The transcript runs to 80,000 words on 84 pages. The text is drawn in part from items 1 and 2 above. My Preface to this transcript discusses the provenance of Rev. Christopher Irvine's text and its relationship with Col. John Beaufin Irving's "The Book of the Irvings etc." (1907), for which it is shown to be the principal source.
4. **Family tree of the Irvings of Bonshaw**, by John Bell Irving of Beanlands, drawn up c.1911.  
This transcript runs to 3 pages, landscape.
5. **Family tree of the Irvines of Drum**, by John Bell Irving of Beanlands, drawn up c.1911.  
This transcript runs to 1 page. This tree, like item 4 above, is solely derived from item 2 above, as an aid to reading this text, and includes page no. references thereto.
6. **Family tree of the Royal Houses, Irving of Bonshaw and Irvine of Drum**, drawn up by Edward JB Irving of Kirkintilloch in the 1960s, in part from items 4 and 5 above.  
This 44 foot long tree comprises 17 sheets which are here reproduced separately in black and white and can be "zoomed" for legibility. They are indexed in a 1 page introductory Preface.
7. **The Origin of the Irvings**, by Alastair MT Maxwell-Irving, FSA, FSAScot..  
This transcript runs to 5,000 words on 10 pages. This article updating the early genealogy of the family is reprinted from *The Transactions of the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society*, LXXXIII (2009), pp.81-89.
8. **Abstract of contemporary references to the Border Irvings**, by James M Irvine 2015.  
This working document runs to 130,000 words on 160 pages.

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All the material is in PDF format and, except for the 16 sheets in item 6, can be word-searched.

It must be emphasised that these texts and pedigrees reflect the understandings of their authors at the time they were written, and some details have been found wanting by more recent research.

Apart from my Preface that introduces item 3, this CD deliberately does not include any explanatory footnotes or interpretations on these texts and pedigrees. Instead I will be discussing their provenance and significance in books I am currently preparing on the life and works of Dr. Christopher Irvin, and of the early family of the Irvings.

Further copies of this CD may be obtained from Christopher Irving, Bonshaw Tower, Kirtlebridge, Dumfriesshire DG11 3LY, UK, sending name and address with a cheque for US\$95 (which includes airmail postage) payable to "The Bonshaw Preservation Trust". This trust was established in 1975 by the then owner of Bonshaw, Mrs. Eileen Keys-Irving Straton-Ferrier; its primary aim is to preserve, maintain, repair and improve Bonshaw Tower, the ancestral home of the Irving clan, and today one of the most complete of the many towers of the Scottish Borders.