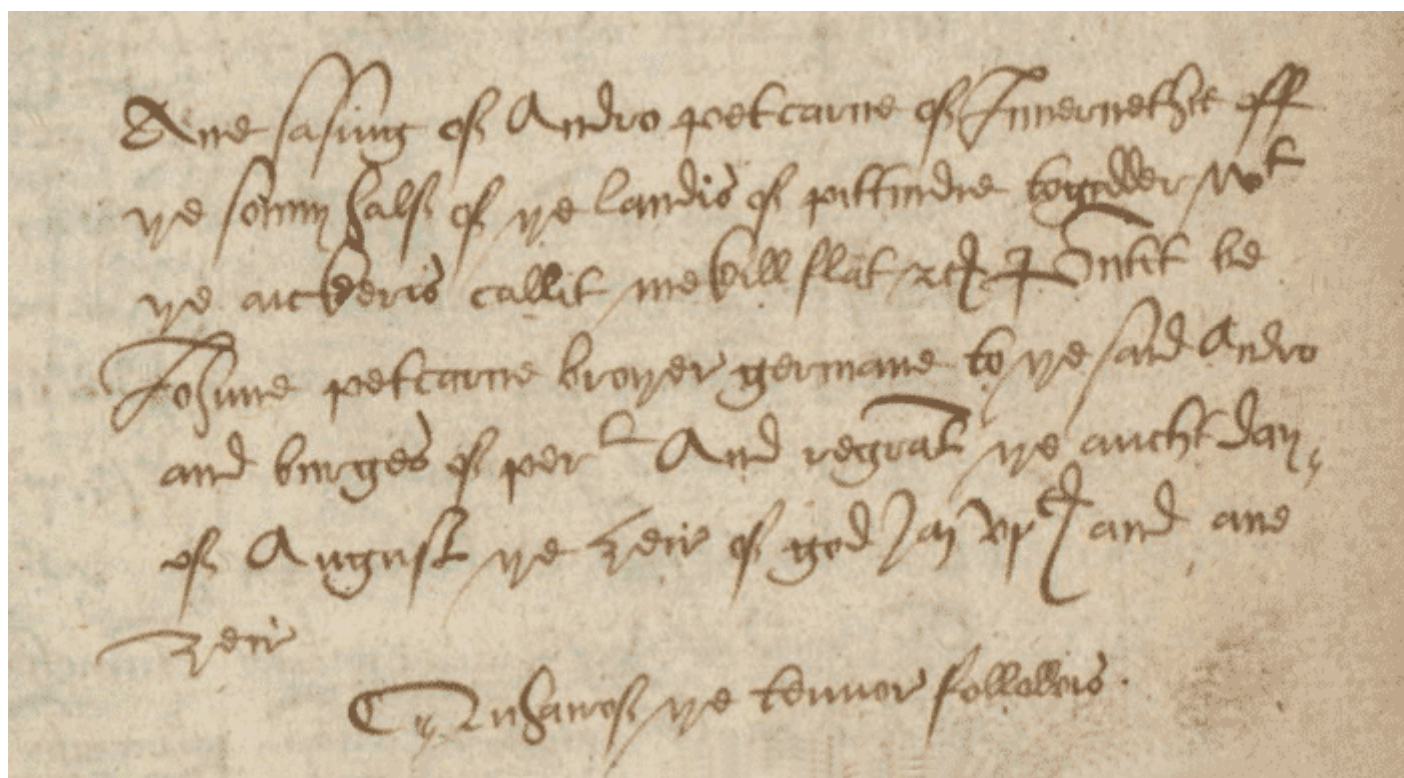


Weekly Poser 346 - Secretary Register of Sasines for Perthshire, 17th century

This week's poser is taken from the Secretary's Register of Sasines for Perthshire (National Records of Scotland, RS48/1 page 10). It is the introductory clause of a sasine.

The handwriting is fairly clear and the 16th and 17th century alphabet in our guidance section should be rather useful. Some of the abbreviations included may be slightly difficult. Watch out for the letters *thorn*, *fogh*, *f* and *s*.



This week's question: what does this sasine excerpt tell us about John Pitcairn?

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Answer: John Pitcairn is the brother-german of Andrew Pitcairn and is a burges of Perth.

Transcription:

*Ane sasing of Andro petcairne of Inuernethie off
the sonny half of the landis of pittindie togidder w[i]th
the aickeris callit mekillflat p[resen]tit be
Johnne petcairne brother germane to the said Andro
and burges of per[th] And reg[ist]rat the aucht day
of August the yeir of god Jaj vj hundred and ane
yeir
Quhair of the tennor followis*

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