

SKENE OF HALYARDS (FIFE).

(2) ANDREW SKENE, of Ancharie, 1605-1619, 2nd son of the Laird of Skene. = Bessie Calder, daughter of the Laird of Asloun.

Sir Andrew Skene, eldest son of Chappelton, and afterwards of Halyards, in Fife, 1619-1653; Knighted by CHARLES I., November 6th, 1641. On January 18th, 1628, he received a Crown Charter, confirming him in the lands and barony of Auchtertulie, which contained within it the Castle and Lake of Halyards, where he established his residence, and from which he took his designation.

(2) Patrick Skene, ancestor of the Skenes in Austria.

*Allydoun Skene Breman
Baron of Halyards in Fife*

(1) Barbara Skene, m. 1st David Ramsay, 2nd Sir D. Mores.
(2) Katharine Skene, m. Wm. Lindsay, Bishop of Dunkeld.

SKENE OF PITLOUR.

John Skene, of Halyards, 1653-1707. Halyards Castle, Fife (now in ruins, and called Camilla), is mentioned in Sir Robert Sibbald's Statistical Account of Scotland (vol. viii, p. 112), as having been at this time the rendezvous of the Fifeshire Lairds, in the interest of the STUARTS.

(1) Margaret McGill, sister of Sir James McGill, of Bankeillour, Co. Fife, 1st wife.
(2) Helen Pitcairn, daughter of Patrick Pitcairn, of Pitlour House, Strathmiglo, Co. Fife, 2nd wife.

(1) Elizabeth Skene, m. Sir H. Wardlaw, Bart. of Pitcairie.
(2) Katharine Skene, m. (1st) Sir James Anstruther, of Airdrie, (2nd) Major Andrew Whyte, (3rd) Lord Edward Murray.

John Skene, of Halyards, 1707-1709. Euphemia Wallace, sister of John Skene's wife, married John Drummond, Earl and Duke of Melfort, K.G. (from which marriage the present Earl of Perth and Melfort descends), and the Skenes and Melforts accompanied King JAMES to St. Germain's.

DAVID SKENE, = Jean Douglas, of Strathandry, (who owned also the Palace of Falkland.)

James Skene, eventual heir of the family, Halyards being sold by his eldest brother, John (o.s.p. in 1717), and the ruin of the family effected through attachment to the house of STUART. James Skene was a devoted loyalist, was taken prisoner at Preston 1715, condemned to death for high treason, but subsequently pardoned. He was afterwards engaged in the attempt of 1719, and was again taken at Glenshiel.

(1) Robert Skene, Lieut.-Gen., Commander of the Forces in Scotland, M.P. Co. Fife, o.s.p. 1787.
Helen Skene, = Colonel George Moncrieff, of Reddie and Myres Castle, Co. Fife.
(2) Philip Skene, General in the army, o.s.p. 1788.

Philip Wharton Skene, eldest son, was named after his godfather, the Duke of Wharton. He served in the Royal Scots, 27th and 10th Regts, and was several times wounded. Called "a veteran of Cartagena, Fontenoy, Culloden, and Havana" in Osgood's History of America. Was Brigade-Major to Lords Amherst and Albemarle, and became Colonel, 1768, and Lieut.-Governor of Forts Crown Point and Ticonderoga, 1776. Died 1810, aged 85. His vast estate of Skeneborough, on Lake Champlain, acquired partly by purchase and partly by grant from the Crown, was confiscated, and he and his son, Major Skene, were attainted as British Loyalists for high treason against the United States, on the establishment of American Independence.

(3) David Skene, Capt. 28th Regt., m. Eliz. Morrison, and had an only son David, who o.s.p. 1803.
Patrick Moncrieff, = Lucy, daughter of Peter Hay, of Leys and Randerston, Co. Fife, by Elizabeth Scott, niece of General Scott, of Balcomie.

Andrew Philip Skene, only son, who, on the death of the last Laird of Skene, became chief of the family, and entitled to the arms and designation of Skene of Skene. Was appointed an Ensign 27th Regt. when 8 years old; served in the 72nd, 43rd, 46th Regts., 5th (Royal Irish), and 9th Light Dragoons; Major of Brigade in the American War.

Emily Bait, 1st wife. = Patrick George Moncrieff, changed his name to Skene, on succeeding his grandmother at Pitlour. = Jessie, daughter of Dugald Campbell, of Skerrington, Co. Ayr, 2nd wife.

Andrew Motz Skene, Captain, R.N., only son who left issue, his elder brothers, Philip Orkney Skene (Lieut. Royal Engineers, A.D.C. in attendance on the Crown Prince of Prussia at the entry of Paris, 1815, also to Lord Dalhousie, and planner of the lines of Quebec Fortress), and David James Skene (Lieut. 68th Regt. and 1st Light Dragoons, severely wounded in the Peninsula), having died s.p.

Moncrieff P. G. Skene, o.s.p. 1868.
William Baillie Skene, late Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, now of Pitlour. = Lorina Charlotte, daughter of the Very Rev. H. G. Liddell, Dean of Christ Church.

Andrew Philip Skene, only son, heir male of the family of Skene.

Philip George Moncrieff Skene, b. 1860, and two daughters.

JAMES SKENE OF SKENE, = Lady Joan Douglas, daughter of 1604-1606. In his marriage contract with Joan Douglas he is described (his father being then alive) as "James Skene, apparent of that ilk." His marriage took place c. 1563, and c. 1588 Skene and his wife signed a discharge to Sir A. Douglas for their marriage portion. His father having lived to a great age, James Skene was Baron of Skene for only one year, being succeeded by his grandson.

Gilbert, ancestor of Skene of Dumbreck, and of Newtyle.

Patrick, ancestor of Skene of Dyce and Lethentie.

The family of Dumbrack is represented by Charles, son of Gilbert, who is mentioned in the family of Skene of Dyce and Lethentie.

ALEXANDER SKENE, eldest son, died in his father's life time. = Margaret, daughter of Sir George Johnstone, of Caskieben.

ALEXANDER SKENE, of Skene, = Janet, sister of Sir Thos. Burnet, 1695-1634, succeeded his grandfather.

JAMES SKENE, of Skene, 1634-1656, only son, "a great loyalist;" served also under Gustavus Adolphus; M.P. for Aberdeenshire, 1646. = Elizabeth Forbes, daughter of Arthur, 9th Lord Forbes.

JOHN SKENE, of Skene, 1656-1690. = Jean, daughter of Alex. Burnet, heir-apparent of Sir Thomas.

ALEXANDER SKENE, of Skene, = Giles, daughter of David Adie, 1680-1724. = of Newark and Easter Echt.

GEORGE SKENE, of Skene, = Elizabeth, daughter of Major 1724-1756, was nine times elected Lord Rector of Marischal College and University. = George Skene, of Caralstone.

GEORGE SKENE, of Skene, = Mary, daughter of George Forbes, 1756-1781. = of Alford.

GEORGE SKENE, (2) James Skene, = James, 3rd Earl of Skene, 1781-1825. Captain in the army, in 1827. General Gordon's Regt., M.P. for Aberdeenshire, 1786-90, for Elgin Burghs, 1806-7. Died at Skene, Aberdeenshire, unmarried, April 27th, 1825. The "Last Laird."
(1) Mary Skene, = James, 3rd Earl of Fife, grand-father of James, 5th Earl, who was created a British Peer by the title of Baron Skene, of Skene, in 1857.
(2) Sarah Skene. = Thos. Macdonald.

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Robert Skene, of Belhelvie. His next brother, Gilbert Skene, was Physician to the King.

David Skene, of Potterton, 3rd son, but apparently eventual male heir.

He m. 2nd Claris Seton, and had a son, Sir George Skene of Rubislaw and Wester Fintray, M.P. for Aberdeen, o.s.p. 1707.

Thomas Skene, = Sa...

Robert Skene, = Ja... eldest son. He was Treasurer of Aberdeen.

George Skene, = Ka... only son, of Rubislaw by disposition of Sir George Skene, M.P. He was Professor of Philosophy and Regent of King's College, Aberdeen. Died 1708.

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James Skene, cf = J... Rubislaw. His elder brother, George Skene, Lieut. 46th Regt., o.s.p. 1791. Mr. James Skene, a most accomplished man, and elegant scholar, died 1864, aged 89.

George Skene, = G... of Rubislaw, advocate, Professor of Law in Glasgow University, o. 1875.

James Francis, Adv... Maria Isabella. Jane Georgina, m. and has issue. Katharine, m. Georg...

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