

by himself, of the lands of Malcomestoun and Little Curry, lying in the barony of Ratho and shire of Renfrew, on the resignation of the said William Broun, to be held of the Prince and Steward in fee and heritage, for the rights and services due and wont, reserving the frank tenement of the said lands of Malcomestoun and Little Curry to the said William for his lifetime, and a reasonable third part to Marion, his spouse, dated Edinburgh, 18 September, 1476. (Reg. Mag. Sig., Lib. 8, No. 131.)

This Margaret Halket was a daughter of James Halket, fourth Baron of Pitfirran, by a daughter of Sir John Boswell of Balmuto (Douglas's Baronage of Scotland), by Mariotte, daughter and co-heiress of Sir John Glen of Balmuto (Ibid.), descended from Robert Glen and Margaret Bruce, illegitimate (?) daughter of King Robert the Bruce. (Robertson's Index, p. 33.)

This is evidently the Alexander mentioned below as last served in the Barony of Sauchie in 1510.

As we have already seen, William Brown of Colstoun, Alexander's great-grandfather, had a charter of the lands of Malcomestoun and Little Curry from Robert III. in 1395. He is without doubt the husband of Margaret de Annand, and the father of William Broun of Sauchie. The question, Was he the same as William Broun of Cumber-Colston, whose wife's name is Margaret? is not yet solved.