

ROBERT DE SKENE, Baron of Skene. King ROBERT BRUCE gave a charter to him, still preserved, "dilecto et fideli nostro Roberto Skene," erecting his lands into a Barony, 1317. Tradition asserts he was 10th or 12th Laird of Skene, and that the old Tower of Skene was the first built stone house in Mar. A Douglas' Baronage describes him as "grandson of John de Skene, a man of eminent rank and distinction, who swore allegiance to EDWARD I., 1296," and who was, says Nisbet, "an arbiter between Bruce and Baliol, 1290."

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ADAM DE SKENE, killed at the battle of Harlaw, 1411. = Janet Keith, daughter of the Great Marischal of Scotland.

JAMES DE SKENE, 1411-1461. = The Widow of Fraser, of Corn-toun. The Exchequer Rolls show that from 1428 to 1435, JAMES I. of Scotland paid annually £6 13s. 4d. to James Skene of Skene, for his occupation of three lands of Corn-toun, belonging to Skene's Wife, widow of a Fraser of Corn-toun.

ALEXANDER DE SKENE, 1461-1470. = Marietta de Kinnaird, daughter of Thos. de Kinnaird, by Egidia de Moravia. Thos. de Kinnaird was son and heir of Richard de Kinnaird, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir J. Drummond, of Stobhall, and niece of Queen Annabella Drummond, wife of ROBERT III.

GILBERT DE SKENE, 1470-1485. He had a royal charter in 1481 to himself, and his then wife, Cristine Mercer.

ALEXANDER DE SKENE, 1485-1507. He was infest as heir in the lands and Barony of Skene, March 19, 1485. On his death, in 1507, Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum, and Duncane Forbes (his wife's brother), had the ward of his lands, and marriage of his heir.

ALEXANDER DE SKENE, 1507-1517. He died at the age of 24, one year after his marriage. = Elizabeth Black, of Aberdeen, who had in marriage portion a large tract of land. *called the Rose Table.*

ALEXANDER DE SKENE, 1517-1604. He was a posthumous child, and was designated "the Little Laird." In 1568, "that honourable man, Maister Alexander Skeyne," was made procurator to enforce an Act and Band by the Barons of the Mearns. = Elizabeth Forbes, daughter (or grand-daughter, according to Lumsden) of Duncan Forbes of Corsenday, who was 2nd son of James, 2nd Lord Forbes, by Lady Egidia Keith, daughter of Wm., 1st Earl Marischal.

JAMES SKENE OF SKENE, 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. 1583, 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.

ALEXANDER SKENE, eldest = Margaret, daughter of Sir George Johnstone, of Gaskieben.

SKENE OF RUBISLAW, CURRIEHILL, AND HALYARDS (MIDLOTHIAN).

(2) JAMES SKENE, of Westercorse, killed at Pinkie, 1547, where he commanded the men of Skene, his nephew, the Laird, being "wake and sikly," and so excused attendance. = Janet Lumsden, daughter of Lumsden of Cushine.

(1) James, ancestor of Skene of Westercorse and Ramore.

Robert Skene, of = Daughter of David Belhelvie. His next brother, Gilbert Skene, was Physician to the King. = Adie.

Sir John Skene, of = Helen Somerville, Curriehill, Lord Advocate, afterwards Lord Clerk Register, Ambassador to Denmark and Holland. = daughter of Sir John Somerville, of Cambusnethan.

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

Patrick, ancestor of Skene of Dycot and Lethentie.

*The family of Dumbreck is represented by Captain*

David Skene, of = Daughter of Potterton, 3rd son, but apparently eventual male heir. = Udney, 1st wife.

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.

(1) Sir James Skene, = Janet, daughter of Lord President of the Court of Session, 1630, created a Baronet, 1630. = Sir John Johnstone, of Hilton.

(2) John Skene, of = Alison Rigg. Halyards (Midlothian), Clerk of the Bills, and one of the principal Clerks of Session.

(1) Jean Skene, m. Sir Wm. Scott, of Ardross, and their daughter Helen Scott, m. Wm., 2nd Lord Blantyre; and their daughter Eupheme Scott, m. Wm., 1st Earl of Dundonald.

(2) Margaret Skene, m. Mr. Robert Learmonth, Advocats.

(3) Katharine Skene, m. Sir Alex. Hay, and their