

Little Laird." In 1668, "that honourable man, Maister Alexander Skeyne," was made procurator to enforce an Act and Band by the Barons of the Mearns.

Corsenday, who was 2nd son of James, 2nd Lord Forbes, by Lady Egidia Keith, daughter of Wm., 1st Earl Marischal.

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

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

Sir John Skene, of Curriehill, Lord Advocate, afterwards Lord Clerk Register, Ambassador to Denmark and Holland.

JAMES SKENE OF SKENE, 1604-1605. 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. 1568 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.

Lady Joan Douglas, daughter of Sir Archibald Douglas, of Glenbervie (by Lady Agnes Keith) and sister of Wm. Douglas, 9th Earl of Angus (who established his right to the Earldom, as heir male, against his cousin James I. of Great Britain, the King claiming as heir of line through his grand-mother Lady Margaret Douglas, daughter and eventual heiress of Archibald, 6th Earl, by the Princess Margaret of England, Queen-Dowager of Scotland.)

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

Patriek, ancestor of Skene of Dyce and Lethentle.

*The family of Dumbreck is represented by Captain Charles Skene, late of the 4th Dragoon Regiment, R.N. of Dyce, and of the name of Gordon-Cunningham Skene of Pitlurg & Dyce, and of Captain Skene (for many years) R.N. of Lethentle.*

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.

(1) Sir James Skene, Lord President of the Court of Session, 1620, created a Baronet, 1630.

(2) John Skene, of 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, Advocate.

(3) Katharine Skene, m. Sir Alex. Hay, and their grand daughter (Elizabeth Johnstone), m. Wm. 1st Viscount Strathallan, whose sole eventual heiress was Elizabeth, Countess of Kinnoull.

(4) Euphemia Skene, m. Sir Robert Richardson, 1st Bart., of Pencaitland.

ALEXANDER SKENE, eldest son, died in his father's lifetime.

ALEXANDER SKENE, of Skene, 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.

JOHN SKENE, of Skene, 1656-1650.

ALEXANDER SKENE, of Skene, 1680-1724.

GEORGE SKENE, of Skene, 1724-1756, was nine times elected Lord Rector of Marischal College and University.

GEORGE SKENE, of Skene, 1756-1781.

GEORGE SKENE, (2) James Skene, m. Mary Skene, = James, 3rd Earl of Skene, 1781-1825. Captain in the army, in 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."

Lucy, daughter of Peter Hay, of Leys and Randerston, Co. Fife, by Elizabeth Scott, niece of General Scott, of Balcomie.

Jessie, daughter of Dugald Campbell, of Skerrington, Co. Ayr, 2nd wife.

Lorina Charlotte, daughter of the Very Rev. H. G. Liddell, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford.

Thomas Skene, = Sara, daughter of Wm. Loask, of Leask.

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

George Skene, = Katharine Adie, 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.

George Skene, of Rubislaw, eldest son. He died 1757.

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James Skene, of 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, = Georgina, daughter of Alex. Munro, of Craighlockhart.

James Francis, Advocate, o.s.p. Maria Isabella. Jane Georgina, m. George M. Fraser Tytler, and has issue. Katharine, m. George Chancellor.

(1) Sir John Skene, Bart., of Curriehill, which he sold, raised a Regt. of Infantry at his own cost, o.s.p.

(2) Sir Thos. Skene, Bart., succeeded his elder brother, Sir John, o.s.p.

(1) Rachel Skene, m. Sir A. Douglas, of Cavers.

(2) Euphame Skene, m. Sir A. Inglis, of Ingliston.

(3) Helen Skene, m. (1st) Sir R. Bruce, of Broomhall, and was mother of the 4th Earl of Kincardine, (2nd) Hon. Sir C. Erskine, of Alva, (3rd) Sir James Dundas, of Arniston.

John Skene, of Halyards, = Mary Ker.

(1) John Skene, Major in Sir Wm. Douglas' Regt., sold Halyards 1696.

(2) Thomas Skene, m. Beatrice Hepburn, and had issue.

George Skene, eldest surviving son, Lieut. North British Fusiliers, died of wounds received in action, 1733. George Skene's elder brother, John Skene, Ensign in Lord Crawford's Regt., was killed in a duel, o.s.p.

John Skene, only son, o.s.p. 1743.

(1) Alison Skene, m. Alexander Swinton, Lord Mersington, and had a daughter Mary Swinton, m. Brig.-Gen. Bruce, of Kennet; and a daughter Helen Swinton, m. Colonel Charteris, of Amisfield, whose sole heiress was Janet, Countess of Wemyss.

(3) Helen Skene, m. Hugh Brown.

*Hugh Skene, 4th son of James Skene, m. Catherine, daughter of Sir James Skene, of Pitlurg & Dyce, and of the name of Gordon-Cunningham Skene of Pitlurg & Dyce, and of Captain Skene (for many years) R.N. of Lethentle. He was killed in a duel, o.s.p. 1743.*

(1) Margaret Skene, m. Colonel Ramsay, of the 2nd Foot, and had issue.

(2) Helen Skene, d. unm.

(3) Catharine Skene, m. Sir Henry Jardine, and had issue.

(3) James Henry Skene, an accomplished Author, Rizo Rangabé, of Athens.

(1) Felix James Henry, Clerk in the House of Lords, m. Jane E. H. Hossaok, and has issue.

(2) George William (Rev.), m. Maude, daughter of Hon. Edward Erskine.

(1) Zoe, m. Dr. Thomson, Archbishop of York, and has issue.

(2) Jane, m. Canon Bruce, 2nd son of Sir James Bruce, Bart., of Downhill, and has issue.

(1) Eliza, m. Baron Charles de Heidenstam of Sweden, and has issue.

(2) Katharine, m. John Forbes Grierson, and has issue a son.

(3) Caroline, m. Alex. Rizo Rangabé, Greek Minister at Paris, and has issue.

(4) Felicia Mary Frances.