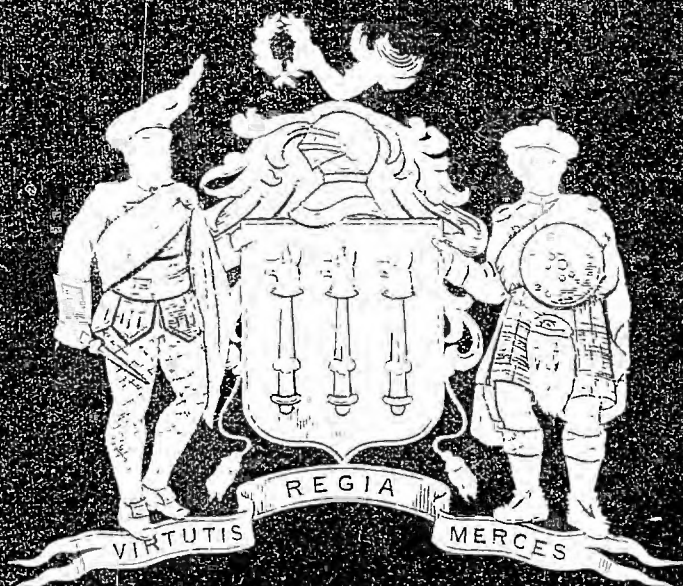


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SKENE OF RUBISLAW, CURRIEHILL, AND HALYARDS (MIDLOTHIAN).

(2) JAMES SKENE, of Westerporse, 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.

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The family of Dumbreck is now represented by Captain

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

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

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

(1) Jean Skene, m. Sir Wm. Scott, of Ardrross, 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

SKENE OF HALYARDS (FIFE).

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

Sir Andrew Skene, eldest son of Chappelton, and afterwards of Halyards in Fife, 1619-1658; Knighted by CHARLES I., November 6th, 1641. On January 18th, 1628, he received a Crown Charter, confirming him in the lands and barony of Auchtertule, which contained within it the Castle and Lake of Halyards, where he established his residence, and from which he took his designation.

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

John Skene, of Halyards, 1658-1707. 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) Elizabeth Skene, m. Sir H. Wardlaw, Bart. of Pitreavie.
(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.

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 Whig, 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.

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, 1778. 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.

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.

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.

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

Barbara Forbes, sister of Sir Wm. Forbes, 1st Bart. of Craigievar, M.P. for Aberdeenshire.

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

Alfred Skene, Provost, Provost of the Halyards, Fife.

SKENE OF PITLOUR.

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

(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, eventual heiress of Pitlour.

(2) Philip Skene, General in the army, o.s.p. 1788.

(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.

Emily Rait, 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.

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.

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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, 1656-1680. = 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, = (1) 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."
= heiress of Skene, 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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(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 Ingleston.

(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.

(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.

(2) William Forbes Skene, LL.D., D.C.L.; Historiographer Royal of Scotland, author of "Memorials of the Family of Skene," issued in 1887, as its first volume, by the New Spalding Club, and from which this chart is mainly compiled.

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

John Skene, of Halyards, = Mary Ker.

(1) John Skene, Major in Sir Wm. Douglas's 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, s.p.

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

(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.

(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.

(2) Helen Skene, m. Hugh Brown.

Hugh Skene, 4th son of James Skene, was a distinguished military officer, and died at Jarmar, 1724, leaving issue. 2. Drummond, 3. Helena.

Elizabeth Skene, only daughter, d. unm. after 1773.

(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.

(3) James Henry Skene, an accomplished Author, Consul-General at Aleppo.

(1) Felix James Henry, Clerk in the House of Lords, m. Jane E. H. Hossack, 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.

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Strathmiglo, Co. Fife, 2nd wife.

Skene, = Jean Douglas, of Strathandry.

Skene, = Colonel George Moncrieff, of Roedie and Myres Castle, Co. Fife.

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

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

Moncrieff Skene, = Lorina Charlotte, daughter of the Very Rev. H. G. Liddell, Dean of Oxford.

Moncrieff Skene, b. 1880, daughters.

James Skene, 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, alone of sons, Alexander killed George created Duke of Fife and Marquis of Macduff in 1889, and shortly after appeared W.R. the 4th Prince Louis Victor, eldest daughter of the Prince of Wales.

