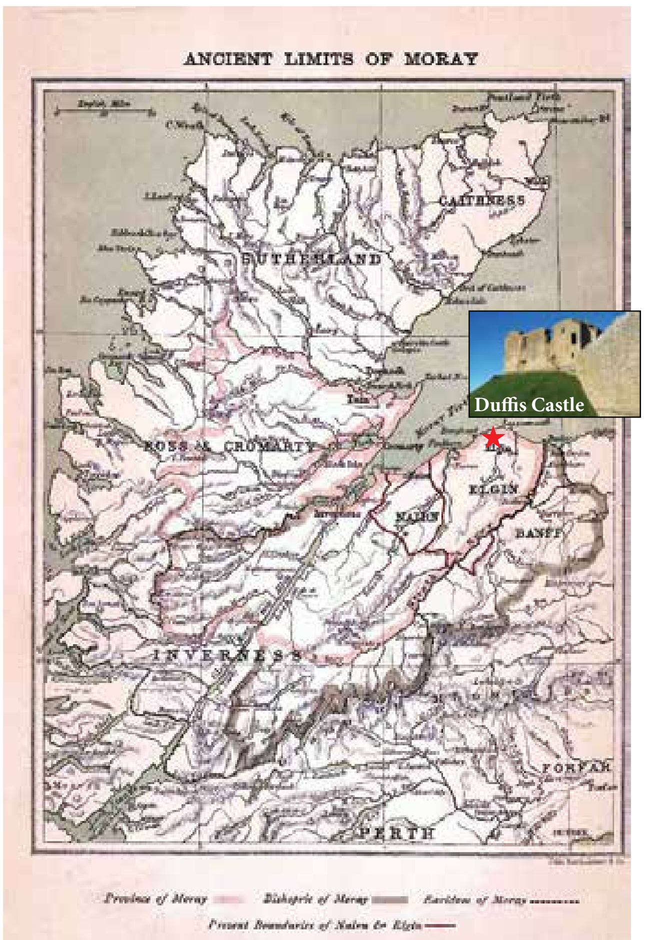
1200 | 1300 | 1400 | 1500 | 1600

Malcolm IV 1153–1165 | William I, The Lion 1165–1214 | Alexander II 1214–1249 | Alexander III 1249–1286 | House of Sverre -Margaret the Maid of Norway 1286–1290 | House of Balliol John Balliol 1292–1296 | Second Interregnum (1296–1306) Guardians appt by Edward I of Eng | House of Bruce (1306–1371) | Robert I, The Bruce 1306–1329 | David II 1329–1371 | Disputed Edward Balliol 1332-1356 | House of Stewart/Stuart (1371–1651) | Robert II, The Stewart 1371–1390 | Robert III, The Lame King 1390–1406 | James I 1406–1437 | James II, Fiery Face 1437–1460 | James III 1460–1488 | James IV 1488–1513 | James V 1513–1542 | Mary I 1542–1567 | 1560 Reformation of Church of Scotland | James VI 1567–1625 | Charles I 1625–1649 | Charles II 1649-51



Map of medieval Moray and Sutherland from A History of Moray and Nairn *by Charles Rampini, Edinburgh, 1897. Scotland had 13 bishoprics during Medieval times including Ross, Moray, and Aberdeen.*

Christianity in Scotland

Saint Columba, an Irish missionary, gets credit for converting Northern Scotland to Christianity. He crossed over to the island of Iona in 563 and founded a sacred monastery there. The Diocese of Moray interwove Christianity with ancient monastic Celtic traditions, more so than the Scottish church of St. Andrews did.

Freskin and the Douglases of Moray
From William Douglas's DouglasArchives.com

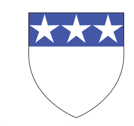
Geoffrey Barrow wrote[12], "it is virtually certain that **Freskin** belonged to a large group of Flemish settlers who settled West Lothian and the valley of the Clyde in Scotland" not long after the Norman Conquest of 1066. "Freskin's land acquisition may have been part of a royal policy in the aftermath of the King Óengus of Moray's defeat [by King David's forces] at the *Battle of Stracathro*. For example: on 25 Dec 1160, King Máel Coluim IV [Malcolm IV] issued a charter to Berowald Flandrensis [Berowald the Fleming], who seems to have controlled Bo'ness in West Lothian, granting him the lands of Innes and "Nether Urquhart" [Etherurecard] in the "province of Elgin." "Wilhelmus filius Frisgin" [Freskin's son, William] was one of the three witnesses to the charter.

Freskin was the progenitor of the "de Moravia" clans, who were lords of Duffus in the later 12th cent and early 13th cent. They rose to become the earls of Sutherland (southern Caithness), taking the surname "de Moravia" by the 13th cent.

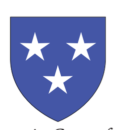
It is likely that the House of Douglas arose from the same stock as the House of Moray. The first recorded **Lord of Douglas, William de Douglas**, is attested to in various charters of King William the Lion. Apparently, Douglas married a relation of Freskyn's. Notice how he named one son *Hugo* (the name of Freskyn's grandson) and one son *Freskyn*. Hugo Freskyn may have been named after Douglas's son since that Hugo was an Archdeacon.

Five of Douglas's sons became clerics; the eldest, Bricius de Douglas, became Bishop of Moray in 1203. Alexander, Henry, and Hugh de Douglas became Canons of Spynie, Moray's principle kirk before Elgin Cathedral was built. Freskin de Douglas remained in Lanarkshire as parson of the parish of Douglas, before being appointed Dean of Moray.

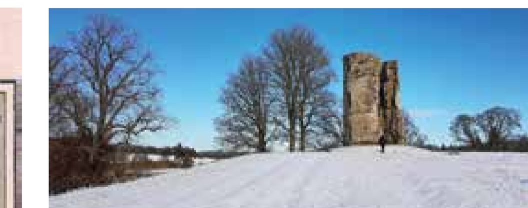
Note: *Moravia* was the Latin/Roman name for *Moray*. The name has nothing to do w/the historic region of *Moravia* in today's Czech Republic.



Douglas Coat of Arms (Blazon: Argent on a chief Azure three mullets of the first.)



Moravia Coat of Arms (Blazon: Azure, three stars argent, two and one)



Douglas Castle in Lanarkshire
The Black Douglases vs the Red Douglases

All that is left of Douglas Castle in Lanarkshire, Scotland, is this tower. The Douglas family built the first castle, either of wood or stone, sometime before 1288, during the era of the **1st William, Lord of Douglas**. During the Wars of Scottish Independence in 1307 [led by Robert the Bruce], the English under Lord Clifford captured the castle from its current resident, **Sir James Douglas**, who was the new King Bruce's right-hand man and deputy. James successfully recaptured his family seat in an event known as the *Douglas' Larder* [details at right].

King Robert rewarded Sir James's loyalty w/vast holdings. In 1357, Bruce knighted Sir James's nephew, **William Douglas**, as the **1st Earl of Douglas**(C) (1323-1384). When William died in 1384, the title passed to his son, **James Douglas**(D)(1358-1388) as **2nd Earl**. But when that James died with no legitimate heirs in 1388, the title passed back a generation to Sir James's 2nd son, **Archibald Douglas**(E) (1330-1400), who became the **3rd Earl**. The 3rd Earl rebuilt Douglas Castle as one of his strongholds.

By the 15th century, the family had divided into two branches: the *Black Douglases* and the *Red Douglases*. The *Black Douglases*, led by **James Douglas of Balvenie, 1st Earl of Avondale, 7th Earl of Douglas**(I), were the most powerful. Balvenie was the wealthiest magnate in Scotland. In 1455, all five of his sons, led by **James Douglas, 9th Earl of Douglas**(K), went to battle against King James II's Stewart monarchy and the *Red Douglases*, led by **George Douglas, 4th Earl of Angus**(5). Besides being a Douglas, George was the King's 1st cousin once removed. The King and the *Red Douglases* beat the *Black Douglases* at the *Battle of Arkinholm*. The **9th Earl** had been the last of the Black Douglases. The King's forces sacked Douglas Castle. The family lands in Lanarkshire and titles forfeited to the *Red Douglases* (the Earls of Angus). They likely rebuilt the castle soon after, since records state that Regent Morton (James Douglas, 4th Earl Morton, who had become Regent of Scotland under James VI) visited Douglasdale in June 1574 "to survey the house of the Earl of Angus with a view to repairing it and living there."

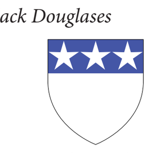
The castle was ruined and rebuilt many times after that. In 1703, **Archibald Douglas, 3rd Marquess of Douglas**, who became **Duke of Douglas**, rebuilt it. However, that structure fell to fire in 1755. Two years later, the Duke hired architects to plan a 5-story manor with round *and* square towers on an extensive park. It would have been the largest manor in Scotland. But the Duke died in 1761 and it was never built. A bitter dispute over his estate between his nephew **Archibald James Edward Douglas** and the Duke of Hamilton ensued. Archibald won, and the castle stayed in the Douglas family through the 1930s. Unfortunately, the Duke allowed coal mining in nearby fields which "caused dangerous subsidence to the manor." It had to be demolished in 1938.

Trivia: Sir Walter Scott employed the history of Castle Douglas and its location in his novel *Castle Dangerous*. Sometimes the castle is referred to by that name.

The Douglas Larder

On Palm Sunday, 7 Apr 1308, after the English under Lord Clifford had captured Douglas Castle, James, Lord Douglas had plans to take it back. He, his kinsman, Thomas Dickson (s/o Earl Richard Keith & Castellan of Douglas Castle), and a small troop had hidden near the castle until the early morning. When the English garrison left the battlements to attend mass at the local parish kirk, the Scots entered the establishment with the war-cry "Douglas! Douglas!" They killed some English soldiers, took others prisoner, and drove those prisoners back to the now-empty castle. The Scots piled all the stores from the larder (including many wine casks) together in the cellar. They then beheaded the prisoners and placed their body parts on top of the pile, which they set alight. The wine and the wood from the casks served as fuel. Before departing, the Scots poisoned the wells with salt and the carcasses of dead horses. The local Scot villagers gave the gruesome episode the name the *Douglas Larder*.

Black Douglases



Coat of arms for James Douglas, Lord Douglas.

William de Douglas/Dufglas, 1st Lord of Douglas *fl. betw* 1123 & 61; 1st known owner of Douglasdale; *poss* arrive Scotland same period as Freskyn's Flemish settlers; *poss* Norman; d. *c*.6 Nov 1213 Douglasdale, Lanarkshire
m. **Unknown of Moravia**
Their son Bricius referred to Freskyn as *uncle*. Definitely not *grandfather*, but could be *great-uncle*. Notice how William and his wife named their 2nd son Hugh and 3rd son Freskin. Maybe Hugh Freskyn was named after their Hugh, who was an Archdeacon?

Freskyn of Moravia Flemish settler who arrived w/others to; Scotland dur r. of King David I who granted him lands in Moray
m. **Unknown**

William s/o Freskyn *fl.* 1165 & 1171, King William I the Lion granted to William Freskin the lands of Strathbrock, Duffus, Roseisle, Inchkeil, Machir, Kintrae, & other lands in Moray, "which his father held in the time of King David."
m. **Unknown**

Sir Archibald de Douglas, 2nd Lord of Douglas; b. *c*.1166 Douglas, Lanarkshire; Abbot of Dunfermline Abbey 1178-98; knighted *bef* 1226; episcopal charters of bro Bricius shows spent much time in Moray; d. 18 Jul 1240 Douglas
m. **Lady Margaret de Crawford** b.1187 (d/o Sir John de Crawford II, wid/o Walter Barclay; son Hugh Barclay); she d.1225

Hugh de Douglas, Archdeacon of Moray b.1171; d.1238 Scotland

Margaret Douglas; b.1177; *poss* m. Hervey de Keith, 1st Marischal of Scotland (d.1186); childr: Sir John de Keith, Marischal of Scotland & Richard de Keith

Freskin de Douglas, Dean of Moray; b. *betw* 1148 & 82 Douglas Castle; *priest;* d. *bef* 12 Sep 1232

Bricius de Douglas, 7th Bishop of Moray (aka **Dunkeld** & **Giric** in Gailic); b. *betw* 1148 & 96 Douglasdale; *priest*; Bishop of Moray 1203–22; "one of most important clerics in Scotland of his time;" served under King William the Lion, but *prob* appt by Moravians, a powerful clan in the 1200s in Moray [Some bishops appt by king.] d. 1222 Morayshire; bur. Birnie Kirk

Henry de Douglas, a canon of Spynie

Alexander de Douglas, vicar capitular of Elgin; b. *betw* 1148 & 96; *priest*; d. *aft* 1237

Hugh of Moravia, Lord Sutherland (Hugh Freskyn)
Inherited lands from f. *c*.1210 when granted a large estate as "Lord Sutherland." His "younger" son, Andreas de Moravia, followed Bricius de Douglas as Bishop of Moray; d. in 1242
m. **Unknown**

Andreas de Moravia, Bishop of Moray (not our ancestor, but key link to our story); b. say 1190; 1213 elected Bishop of Ross, for reasons unknown, refused to accept election & obtained consent of Pope Innocent III to resign this position; 1222–42 Bishop of Moray (*aft* Bricius de Douglas); d. 1242 Moray; bur. Elgin Cathedral "in the south side of the choir under a large blue marble stone"

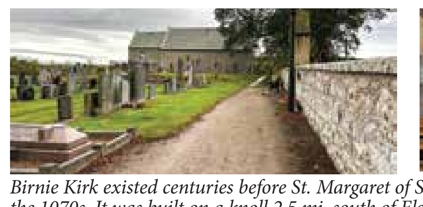
William Douglas, Lord of Douglas (Longlegs)
b. *c*.1220 Douglas, Lanarkshire; *prob* built Douglas Castle; d. 16 Oct 1274 Douglas
m#1 **Constance Battail** (d/o William de Bataile & Constance de Flamville) b.*c*.1215 Fawdon, Castle Ward, Northumberland; d. *c*.1274 Douglas Castle
he m#2 **Martha de Carrick**

Note: Some records claim a Sir Andrew Douglas of Hermiston, who served alongside Sir Archibald, was Archibald's 2nd son; however, DNA evidence has disproved that.

William Douglas, Lord of Douglas (le Hardi/the Bold)
b. *c*.1255 Douglas Castle; gov of castle at Berwick-upon-Tweed; friend of William Wallace (1270-1305); d. hanged by English on 24 Jan 1298 in Tower of London
m#1 **Elizabeth Stewart of Crawford** (d/o Alexander Stewart, 4th High Steward of Scotland who d.1287/8)
m#2 **Eleanor de Lovaine** (d/o Matthew II de Lovaine of Little Easton & Helisant de Bohun; wid/o Sir William de Ferrers of Groby); b. *bef* 1237 France; she m#3 Sir William Bagot; she d. 3 May 1326 Dunmow, Essex, Eng

Willelma Douglas b. *c*.1255 Douglas Castle, d.*c*.1302

Hugh Douglas



Birnie Kirk existed centuries before St. Margaret of Scotland refurbished it in the 1070s. It was built on a knoll 2.5 mi. south of Elgin on the River Lossie on the location of the Cairn of Kilformana, a Neolithic Celtic stone circle. Danish Vikings also had an encampment nearby when they ruled the area. Today's website states, "One or two of those boulders are built into the churchyard wall, and a large sculptured one occupies a place at the northern entrance." The 4th Bishop of Moray, Simon de Tosny, and the 6th Bishop, ***Bricius de Douglas(*)****, were buried here. 376 years later, in 1598, our George Douglas was the minister at Birnie. George was the minister at Dallas, across the river, from 1588-1601*
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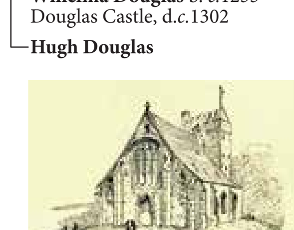
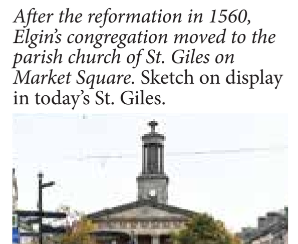
Ruins of Elgin Cathedral. ***Bricius de Douglas, 7th Bishop of Moray****, arranged for the see to move to Elgin in 1208, but he died in 1222. His cousin,* ***Andreas de Moravia, 8th Bishop of Moray,*** *oversaw the building of the cathedral. Bricius was buried at Birnie Kirk. Andreas was buried in Elgin Cathedral. The Cathedral was abandoned after the Scottish Reformation and left to rack and ruin.* Photo by Billreid 2010, WikiMedia



After the reformation in 1560, Elgin's congregation moved to the parish church of St. Giles on Market Square. Sketch on display in today's St. Giles.



The early Kirk of St. Giles was replaced betw 1826 & 1828 with the structure we see today. Photo ©2025 MAM

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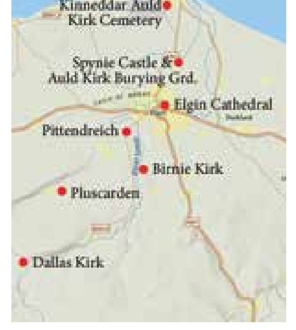
This 1730 military map of Moray shows Kinneddar as Kinedward, Castle Spynie as Castle Spine, Moray as Murray, and Lossie as Losey. It shows a large Loche Spine that cut Kinneddar off from Elgin. Map by Joseph Avery & George Wade, WikiMedia, Public Domain.



Notice how the locations involved with the Bishphoric of Moray were built along the River Lossie. Kinneddar was located at the mouth of the Lossie, i.e., Lossimouth.

Sir James Douglas, Lord of Douglas (Good Sir James & The Black Douglas); b. *by* 1286 (when his f. remarried); eldest son; sent to Paris for edu dur Wars of Independence [led by Rob't the Bruce]; became squire of William Lamberton, Bishop of St. Andrews; 1307-8 served as King Rob't the Bruce's deputy; ruthless dur relentless attacks on English garrison; English poet John Barbour called him "The blak Dowglas, a sinister and murderous force, mair fell than wes ony devill in hell," aft a gruesome event 7 Apr 1308 known as the *Douglas Larder* (description at left). Bruce knighted him 24 Jun prior to *Battle of Bannock-burn*; which ended English presence in Scotland, tho did not end war; "Blak Douglas" often raided villages in north England as far south as Pontefract & River Humber; War of the Borders belonged uniquely to him & became basis for his family's steady ascent to greatness in years to come." *aft* King Bruce's bro, Edward, died, James made "Guardian of the Realm & tutor to future Robert II;" when Bruce was dying in 1329, he asked his friend & lieutenant James, to take his heart to Holy Land & present it at Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem as mark of penance; heart placed in silver & enamelled casket that Sir James hung around his neck; but James d. 25 Aug 1330 while on Crusade at *Battle of Teba* vs the Moors; he had torn off the necklace and thrown it ahead of him (story right); succ by illegit son, William.
mistress(es): **Unknown**
We don't know if Wm & Archibald had same mum.

Hugh Douglas, Lord of Douglas (the Dull); b.1294 Douglas; canon serving see of Glasgow; held Prebendary [honorary canon] of Roxburgh; 1342 became Lord Douglas, but resigned title to nephew, Regent Archibald's youngest surviv son, William, Lord of Douglas(C), who became 1st Earl of Angus; d. *betw* 1333 & 46) (B)

Sir Archibald Douglas b. *c*.1297; Douglas Castle; serv under older bro James in 1327 Campaign in Weardale; *aft* Rob't the Bruce d., he became Guardian of Scotland; Lord of Calloway; led successful royalist force at *Battle of Annan* vs Edw. Baliol who tried to give away Berwick; commander of Scots at *Battle of Halidon Hill* where killed by King Edward III's army "along w/James the Good's son, Wm, countless Scots common soldiery, & five Scots Earls;" d. 19 Jul 1333, Halidon Hill, Berwick-on-Tweed, Northumberland; succ by son William, 1st Earl
m. **Beatrice Lindsay of Crawford** (d/o Sir Alexander Lindsay of Crawford); she m#2 Erskine (childr: Mary Erskine, Nicholas Erskine, Thomas Erskine, 13th Earl of Mar, Marion Erskine, Jean Erskine)

William, 2nd Lord of Douglas (A) (for 3 yrs) illegit; raised under guardianship of uncle, Sir Archibald Douglas; killed 19 Jul 1333 at *Battle of Halidon Hill*; unm. & a minor; succ by his uncle Hugh the Dull, Lord of Douglas(B) (*c*.1294–1342)(B)

Archibald Douglas, 3rd Earl of Douglas & Wigtown, Lord of Galloway & Bothwell (Archibald the Grim & Black Archibald) (E) illegit, b.1330; unknown mum may or may not have been same mother as his bro Wm; acc to Walter Bower "dark & ugly, more like a coco [cook-boy] than a Noble;" [Was his mum a Moor who met Sir James on crusade?]; by 1360 Constable of Edinburgh Castle & Sheriff of Edinburgh; 1388 succ James, 2nd Earl of Douglas(C) & inherited entire earldom of Douglas & estates as 3rd Earl, combining the Black Douglases; 1390 captured Lochnaw Castle; d. Threave Castle *c*.Christmas 1400; bur. Bothwell; succ by son Archibald, 4th Earl(E)
m. 1362 widow & heiress **Joanna de Moravia** (**Joan of Moray of Bothwell & Drumsargard**, now Cambuslang) who brought Bothwell Castle (near Douglas Castle) & much more to marriage
mistress: **Unknown m/o William Douglas of Nithsdale**

(Left) The seal stamp of **William, Lord Douglas** (found 1778 in excavations at the Auld Kirk at North Berwick) shows the first representation of Rob't the Bruce's heart in Douglas heraldry. (Right) The seal was assumed immediately after **Sir James Douglas's** death in 1330. Sir Douglas had meant to deliver the heart to the Holy Land, but the crusade failed and Douglas was killed at the *Battle of Teba*. The heart was brought back from Spain and buried in Melrose Abbey, where a lead casket containing it was discovered in 1921 and reburied in 1998 under a memorial stone. Crest art by Ipankonin, Wikimedia

Tantallon Castle, East Lothian, Scotland looks out on the Firth of Forth. It was home to the Earls of Douglas from c.1350-1699 —the last medieval curtain wall castle constructed in Scotland. Photo by D. Gordon E. Robertson, Wikimedia

William Douglas, 1st Earl of Douglas & Mar, Warden of the Marches (C); b.1327 Douglas, Lanarkshire, built Tantallon Castle, East Lothian; d. of seizure 1 May 1384 Douglas, Lanarkshire; bur. Melrose, Scottish Borders; succ by son, James 2nd Earl(D)
m. **Margaret of Mar, Countess of Mar** (m/o James, 2nd Earl Douglas)
mistress/"partner"#1 **Lady Margaret Stewart, 4th Countess of Angus, Lady Abernethy** (*suo iure* [*held title in her own right*]); b.1355 Douglas, Lanarkshire; was m. to Sir Thomas Mar when had affair; d. 23 Mar 1418
mist#1: **m/o Joan Douglas**
mist#3: **m/o Margaret Douglas**

Eleanor Douglas, Countess of Carrick b.1325; d.1376; m#1 **Alexander, Earl of Carrick**, natural s/o King Edward Bruce of Ireland (killed 1333, *Battle of Halidon Hill*)
m#2 **Sir James de Sandilands**, ancestor of Lords of Torphichen
m#3 **Sir William Tours of Dalry**
m#4 **Sir Duncan Wallace of Sundrum**
m#5 **Sir Patrick Hepburn of Hailes**, ancestor of Earls of Bothwell

John Douglas; b. 1342; in retinue of David II of Scotland in France

Archibald Douglas, 4th Earl of Douglas, Duke of Touraine, Lord Warden of the Marches (F) (*c*.1367/9 Bothwell Castle; 1st known as Master of Douglas; King Rob't appt him Keeper of Edinburgh Castle for life; succ as 4th Earl on Dec 1400, became largest & most powerful magnate in realm (f's lordships stretched from Galloway Douglasdale, Moray, Clydesdale to shires of Stirling & Selkirk, augmented by forfeited lands of Earl of Dunbar in Lothian & the Merse); Sep 1402 defeated *Battle of Homildon Hill*; captured by English; bro James head of family til his return 1409; Scotland hands of Duke of Albany; 1416 & 1419 tried negotiate King James's release from Albany; rose again; fought in France, given Duchy of Touraine & castle towns of Tours & Loches; killed *Verneuil* 17 Aug 1424 "w/2nd son, James, & son-in-law Buchan;" bur. choir of Tours Cathedral alongside son James; succ by son Archibald, 5th Earl(G)
m. by 1390 **Princess Margaret of Carrick** (**Margaret Stewart**, eldest d/o John Stewart, Earl of Carrick later King Rob't III & Annabella Drummond)

James Douglas of Balvenie, 1st Earl of Avondale, 7th Earl of Douglas (James the Gross) (I) b.1371; 2nd son; Sep 1402 became head of clan when elder bro Archibald, 6th Earl captured at *Battle of Homildon Hill*; 1409 Archibald returned; James grantd extensive estates incl *Abercorn Castle*, principal residence for life; 1420s *aft* King James I held ransome by Murdochs, James & nephew, on jury that convicted Murdoch & sons treason for failure pay ransom & allowing king's imprisonment 18 yrs; 1435 Sheriff of Lanarkshire; 1437, around time King James I assasinated, given earldom of Avondale; then his nephew Archibald, 5th Earl of Douglas became Regent for yng James II; 1439 Archibald, 5th Earl d., his 16-yr-old son, William Douglas became 6th Earl causing succession war; James, along w/ Sir William Crichton & Sir Alexander Livingston of Callendar conspired *Black Dinner* (they beheaded William, 6th Earl, & his young bro, David); James of Balvenie became 7th Earl of Douglas
m#1 **Beatrice Stewart** (d/o Robert Stewart, 1st Duke of Albany & Margaret Graham, Countess of Menteith)
m#2 *c*.1425 **Lady Beatrice Sinclair** (d/o Henry II Sinclair, Earl of Orkney)

Marjorie Douglas; m#1 **David Stewart, Duke of Rothesay**; m#2 **Walter de Haliburton, Treasurer of Scotland**

Helen Douglas; m. **George de Lawedre of Haltoun**, Gov. of Edinburgh Castle.

Eleanor Douglas; m. **John de Dundas**

Sir William Douglas of Nithsdale; illegit; "man of dashing bearing;" 1385 w/Franco-Scots army unsuccessful besieged Carlisle Castle under Gov Lord Clifford; performed feats of valour & killed many Englishmen
m. by 1387 **Egidia Stewart, Princess of Scotland** (d/o King Rob't II & Euphemia de Ross): acc to *Liber Pluscarden*, "her beauty well renowned. Charles VI of France sent a certain most subtle painter to do her portrait & portray her charms, intending to take her to wife. But he & all other admirers lost out to Douglas's chivalric charms. Her marriage portion includ lands of Nithsdale in SW Scotland, Herbertshire in county of Stirling & £300 annuity."

James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas & Mar (D); b.1358 1358; succ f.; knighted *bef* 1330 when f. gave lands Liddesdale; d. 1388, age 30 when led Scots to victory at *Battle of Otterburn* 4 yrs aft inherit; no legit heirs; most propty & title to Arch. Douglas, 3rd Earl of Douglas(E), title of Mar went to sis, Isabel
mistr[es]: **m/o Wm of Drumlanrig & Archibald**

William Douglas of Drumlanrig, Lord Douglas (illegit); succ f. as lord but not earl

Archibald Douglas (illegit)

Isabel Douglas, Countess of Mar, 15th holder of the Earldom of Mar; wealthy; m#1 **Sir Malcolm Drummond** who became Earl of Mar (bro- in-law King Rob't III); forced to marry Malcolm's murderer **Alex'r Stewart** (illegit s/o Wolf of Badenoch); no issue

Red Douglases

George Douglas, 1st Earl of Angus (1); illegit; b. *bef* 1378 Tantallon Castle; progenitor Earls of Angus (*Red Douglases*); 1397 King Rob't III, recog him Earl of Angus after his m. to Mary; d. *aft* 14 Sep 1402 of plague whilst in English captivity *aft Battle of Homildon Hill*; bur. Douglas Castle
m. 24 May 1397 **Princess Mary Stewart, Countess of Angus** (d/o John Stewart, laterbKing Rob't III of Scotland & Annabella Drummond); b.*c*.1380; 1437 her bro, King James I, assassin; she m#2 1405 James Kennedy of Dunmore; m#3 *c*.1413 William Graham of Kincardine; m#4 *c*.1425 William Edmonstone of Duntreath (2 childr); still liv 1437 when nephew became King James II; d. *c*.1460 (same yr James II d.)

Joan Douglas

Margaret Douglas

William Douglas, 2nd Earl of Angus (2) (gr-s/o King Rob't III) b. 24 Feb 1398 Tantallon Castle; 1402 inherit Earldom of Angus; life interwoven w/ that of uncle, King James I; played key role in arresting conspirators who murdered James I; d. Oct 1437 Mar Castle, Aberdeenshire
m. 1425 **Margaret Hay of Yester** (d/o Sir William Hay of Yester)

Elizabeth Douglas

The Seat of the Bishops of Moray

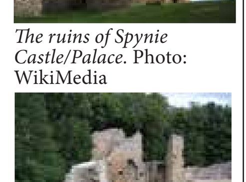
Gregory, the first bishop of Moray to be officially recorded, flourished between 1114 and 1131. During the early days of the bishopric, there was no permanent *cathedral*. [The word *cathedral* comes from the Latin word *cathedra*, which comes from the Greek word *kathedra*, which means *seat*.] The bishops alternated between three kirks. Gregory probably celebrated mass in Birnie Kirk, 5 miles down the River Lossie from Elgin (off the edge of the 1730 map). Birnie Kirk still stands and services are still held there. Their website states that the kirk is the second oldest cathedral in Scotland. In 1172, King William I the Lion made grants to the 4th Bishop, **Simon de Tosny** for the kirk of the Holy Trinity in Spynie, which is 2 miles north of Elgin. Only its graveyard remains today. Simon may have built the castle in Spynie that served as his home. A third kirk, Kinneddar, had been built over an ancient Celtic religious site near Lossiemouth. Only a grassy field exists there today. Until the 1700s, a large lake separated Kinneddar from Elgin.

Between 1206 and 1208, Pope Innocent III granted **Bricius de Douglas, 7th Bishop** (the bro of our ancestor, **William Douglas)**, formal permission for a permanent establishment at Spynie. Spynie turned out to be "vulnerable to attack and too far from the market." So, in July 1216, Bricius asked for permission to move the bishopric to Elgin, where the royal castle could protect it. Bricius died in 1222, but his successor (and cousin) **Andreas de Moravia, 8th Bishop of Moray**, carried out his plans. The first stones of the foundation for Elgin Cathedral were laid on 19 July 1224.

Even though the see had moved from Spynie to Elgin, the Bishops of Moray continued to live in Spynie Castle for most of the next 375 years. There was a disruption during the Scottish reformation in 1560 after the Church of Scotland expelled its bishops. After 1587, James VI annexed the castle and estate and assigned it to Alexander Lindsay, 1st Lord Spynie. The Lords Spynie lived there until 1590, when **Bishop Alexander Douglas** (brother of our ancestor, **George Douglas**) arranged for the castle "to be surrendered back to the crown," allowing him and future bishops to live there again. **Bishop William Hay** was the last bishop to live in the *Palace*, even though the Church of Scotland had deprived him of his office in 1689 when they abolished episcopacy. Following his departure, the palace fell into disrepair.

Meanwhile, Elgin Cathedral had been abandoned after 1560 in favor of the parish church of St. Giles in Elgin. St Giles was home base for **Alexander Douglas** when he was the Bishop of Moray from 1602 to 1623. When Alexander died, he was buried at St Giles Cathedral "in a vault by a window." That building was replaced between 1826 and 28 with the structure that stands today. The vault has disappeared.

The ruins of Spynie Castle/Palace. Photo: WikiMedia



Interior of Spynie Castle. Photo: WikiMedia

Archibald Douglas, 5th Earl of Douglas & Wigtown, Lord of Galloway, Lord of Bothwell, Selkirk & Ettrick Forest, Eskdale, Lauderdale & Annandale (G) (& in France) *de jure* **Duke of Touraine, Count of Longueville & Seigneur of Dun-le-roi**; (*c*.1390-1439); succ f. 1424; aft murder King James I at Perth 1487 appt Lt Gen/o Scotland, Regent dur minori James II til 1439; d. fever 26 Jun 1439 Restalrig, Midlothian; bur. Douglas, Lanarkshire
m. *c*.1424 **Lady Eupheme Graham**

Elizabeth Douglas; m#1 **John Stewart, Earl of Buchan** (d. w/f.*Verneuil*); m#2 **Thomas Steward** (s/o Alex. Stewart, Earl of Mar); m#3 Wm Sinclair, 1st Earl of Caithness (who d. 1480); d. *c*.1451

William Douglas (*bef* 1401-*prob* d. yng.)

Sir James Douglas (?-17 Aug 1424 w/f. at *Verneuil)*

Marjory Douglas; m. **Sir Simon Glendinning of Parton**

William Douglas, 6th Earl of Douglas (H) for one year (*c*.1424-1440); murdered by gr-uncle James Douglas, Sir William Crichton, & Sir Alexander Livingston of Callendar at *Black Dinner* when summoned w/younger bro, David, to Edinburgh Castle, boys beheaded on false charges over protests of yng K. James II; d. 24 Nov 1440; succ by gr-uncle James Douglas as 7th Earl of Douglas

Margaret Douglas, Fair Maid of Galloway (3) (*bef* 1435-1475); m. cuz **William Douglas, 8th Earl** (below)

David Douglas (*bef* 1430-24 Nov 1440) beheaded alongside bro Wm at *Black Dinner*

Beatrice Douglas; m. **William Hay, 1st Earl of Erroll, Lord High Constable of Scotland**.

William Douglas, 8th Earl of Douglas, 2nd Earl of Avondale, Lord of Galloway, Lord of the Regality of Lauderdale, most powerful magnate S. Scotland; (1425-1452) knighted 1430; gained lordships of Galloway & Bothwell thru m.; *poss* part of *Black Dinner Conspiracy*; d. childless 22 Feb 1452 when King James II murdered him w/own hands; succ by bro James as 9th Earl; m. cuz. **Margaret Douglas, Fair Maid of Galloway** (3) d/o 5th Earl above); she >10 yrs younger

James Douglas, 9th Earl of Douglas, 3rd Earl of Avondale (Fiery Face (K) birthmark & temper) last of Black Earls of Douglas (1426-) *twin by* few min Archibald; succ earldom *aft* bro Wm murdered; m. bro Wm's widow, **Margaret Douglas, Fair Maid of Galloway** (3) not certain if m. occur); 1 May 1455 fought vs. James II & George Douglas, 4th Earl of Angus (Red Douglases) at *Battle of Arkinholm,* lost, bro Archibald killed; bro Ormonde taken prisoner & executed, & bro Balvenie escaped to Eng; lands & estates forfeit to crown & given to Red Douglases; d. 1491 Lindores Abbey

Archibald Douglas, Earl of Moray (1426-1455), *twin* James; became Earl of Moray *jure uxoris* when m. Eliz.; by 1445 appears as earl of Moray; d. 1 May 1455 *Battle of Arkinholm*; head taken to King at Abercorn Castle.
m. **Eliz. Dunbar, 8th Countess of Moray** [*jure uxoris*]
mistress: **Unknown m/o James Douglas of Pittendreich**

Hugh Douglas, Earl of Ormonde

John Douglas, Lord of Balvenie

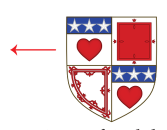
Janet Douglas, child w/ **Constantine Dunlop**; m. **Robert Fleming, 1st Lord Fleming**

Margaret Douglas (?-1473); m. **Henry Douglas of Borg**

Egidia Douglas (**Fair Maid of Nithsdale**); m#1 **Henry Sinclair, 2nd Earl of Orkney**; m#2 **Sir Alasdair Stewart** (s/o Murdoch Stewart, 2nd Duke of Albany)

Sir William Douglas, Lord of Nithsdale (?-1419) knighted young; described as *chevalier* in a *safe-conduct* 30 Jan 1406, when 19 yrs old

Last of Black Douglases
All five brothers from Black Douglas family unsuccessfully clashed w/King James II trying to take his throne.



Arms of Archibald Douglas, Earl of Moray. Vector art ©2022 Euryrel

James Douglas, 3rd Earl of Angus (3); succ f. 1437 age 11; betroth Princess Joan (3rd d/o King James I), but d. before m.; d. 1446, age 19/20, childess [she m. **James Douglas, 1st Earl of Morton**]

George Douglas, 4th Earl of Angus (The Red Douglas, Lord Douglas, Abernethy & Jedburgh Forest & The Great Earl of Angus) (4) b. *c*.1427 in Mar, Aberdeenshire; 1st cuz once remov of King James II; 1446 suc bro as Earl of Angus; 1st Red Chief of Douglas; support King James II 1 May 1455 *Battle of Arkinholm*, won, ending rule of Black Douglases; received lands & Douglas Castle; 1460 *aft* King James II d. accident dur *siege of Roxburgh*, placed crown on new child king's head, declaring as he did so: "There! Now that I have set it upon your Grace's head, let me see who will be so bold as to move it." d. 14 Nov 1463 Abernathy, Perth & Kinross; bur. Abernethy
m. **Isabel Sibbald of Balgony** (d/o John Balgony, Master of Household of King James II of Scotland & Treasurer of Scotland)

Hugh Douglas, Rector of St. Andrews

Helen Douglas of Angus

William Douglas of Cluny

Lady Catherine Douglas

Margaret Douglas

James Douglas of Pittendreich, Provost of Elgin; *fl.*1466-1477; King's Chamberlain in Moray 1466; 1469 receiv Pittendreich from King James III in a feu charter.[4,5] (James III r. 1460-1488); 1474 bailie of Pluscarden; 1488 Provost of Elgin; 1494–5 in dispute w/priory of Pluscarden over erection of mill at Pittendreich [today, area called *Pittendreich Mill*]
m. **Miss Innes** (2nd d/o **Robert Innes, 11th of that ilk** who liv *bef.* 1427-1464)
mistress: **Unknown m/o James, Earl of Moray;** Provost James referred to in following: "In 1476, James Douglas, custumar of the burghs of Elgin and Forres, charges himself w/twenty pounds, being the custom of salmon carried beyond the kingdom for two years past. It is noted in the Rolls about this time (1501) that **James Douglas of Pittendreich** "has had and exersit the office of Chaumerlanery of oure lordschip of Murray this lang tyme bypast." "22nd Nov 1477 the King granted to **James of Douglas** and his heirs certain lands in the Lordship of Moray, he paying, *inter alia*, the sum of £5 6s. 8d. yearly from the lands of Pittendreich to a chaplain, of old foundation on the Castle Hill of Elgyne."

David Douglas, Lord of Pittendreich, Provost of Elgin b. *c*.1465; heir to Pittendreich; Provost of Elgin 1521–25
m. **Unknown**

James Douglas, Earl of Moray; Named in record No.1 as "Elizabeth's bastard uncle; bro of David, who on 26th Sep 1528, the King granted to [David's] bro, James, Earl of Moray, his heirs & assignees, the third part of the lands of Duffus, the lands of Pettindreich, Caldcottis, Darcle & Serestoun, & the house, tower, tenements & buildings w/in the burgh of Elgin pertaining to the King by reason of the forfeiture of George Douglas, brother of Archibald, formerly Earl of Douglas."
Record No. 2 "1546, Aug 17th, the Queen granted to Alex'r, Lord Gordon (son & heir apparent of George, Earl of Huntly), his heirs and assignees, the land and tenement, w/garden and tail in the burgh of Elgin, on the east side of the Queen's highway, between the croft called Harvyisfield, the lands of Rob't Innes and Elizabeth Douglas, and the land called St. Ninian's land, pertaining to the Queen by the death of James, Earl of Moray, her uncle, bastard, w/out lawful heirs."

Archibald Douglas, 5th Earl of Angus (Bell the Cat*) (5); eldest son; b. *c*.1449 Tantallon Castle; 1462/3 succ f. as 5th Earl of Angus, aged 14; assoc w/1482 rebellion vs James III of Scotland; one of most powerful noblemen in Scotland thru position on Scottish Marches; involved in multiple rebellions dur reigns of James III & James IV; 1488 marched vs James III *Battle of Sauchieburn*, where king killed; 1493 returned to favour; 1501 in disgrace again & confined to Dumbarton Castle; one of councilors of Queen Regent, Margaret Tudor; Sep 1513 his two eldest sons killed at *Battle of Flodden*; d. Oct/Nov 1513 Tantallon Castle, heartbroken over d. of sons; succ by gr-son, Archibald Douglas, 6th Earl of Angus
m#1 1468 **Elizabeth Boyd** (d/o Robert Boyd, 1st Lord Boyd) b.1450; 7 childr; d.1496
m#2 1500 **Katherine Stirling** (d/o Sir William Stirling of Keir) no issue
mistresses incl: **Janet Kennedy**

Isabella Douglas

Janet Douglas of Angus

Elizabeth Douglas

Margaret Douglas

John Douglas

Anne Douglas

Alice Douglas

James Douglas b. *c*.1460; m.**Unknown** son named Walter

Egidia Douglas

**Bell the Cat* refers to *a dangerous task undertaken for the benefit of all. Archibald had captured King James III's favourite, Thomas/Robert Cochrane, as prelude to arresting the king at Lauder 22 Jul 1482.*

George Douglas, Master of Angus b.1469 Tantallon Castle; d. in battle 9 Sep 1513 *Flodden Field*, Branxton, Scottish Borders/ Northumberland
m. **Eliz. Drummond** (d/o John Drummond, 1st Lord Drummond)

Lady Mariot Douglas; b.1470; m. **Cuthbert Cunningham, 3rd Earl of Glencairn**; had issue

Sir William Douglas of Glenbervie, Kt; 2nd son; b.*c*.1471/3; d. *Battle of Flodden Field* 9 Sep 1513; obt Glenbervie thru m. 1492 to **Lady Eliz. Auchinleck** (d/o James Auchinleck)

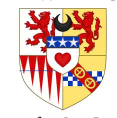
Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld b. 1472

Lady Elizabeth Douglas b.1474

Sir Archibald Douglas, Laird of Kilspindie (called **Greysteil** by James V); Treasurer of Scotland; Provost of Edinburgh; b.*c*.1475 Kilspindie, Perthshire; friend/o King James V; lost lands when nephew Archibald, 6th Earl, lost power; d.1522
m. "**a rich widow in Edinburgh**," *poss* Isobel Hoppar, Margaret Douglas's nurse/ "gentlewoman," (aka Mrs Murray of Blackbarony)
mistr#1 **m/o Alexander**

Lady Janet Douglas b. 1476

Elizabeth Douglas, Lady of Pittendreich d/o & heir of David Douglas of Pittendreich; b. *c*.1500 Morton; 12th Mar 1560/1, "James Hay of Mayne, Alexander Guthrie in Elgyne, & 7 other burgesses of Elgyne were *delated* [*reported a crime*] before the Lords for convocation of the lieges to the number of 8 score[160] on the 8th day of Jan last, & for setting upon Alexander Robertson in Pittendreich & other tenants & servants to Elizabeth Douglas, Lady of Pittendreich, and hurting & wounding them to the great effusion of blood. They compeared not & were denounced rebels." d. 1571
m. **Sir Geo. Douglas of Pittendreich, Master of Angus** (i) b.1490; obtain Pittendreich from wife's f. David Douglas of Pittendreich; clever diplomat; helped guide bro Arch. Douglas, 6th Earl in intrigues; d.1552 [same as (i) below]



Arms for Sir George Douglas of Pittendreich, Master of Angus. [*The buckles represent the Leslie family.*]

Archibald Douglas, 6th Earl of Angus (6) b.*c*.1489; 1496 succ gr-f. as earl; m#1 1509 **Margaret Hepburn** (d/o Earl of Bothwell); she d.1513
m#2 6 Aug 1514 dowager queen & regent, **Margaret Tudor** (wid/o James IV, m/o 20 yr-old James V, elder sis/o Henry VIII) caused civil war; she lost regency to John Stewart, Duke of Albany; he move in w/mistr#1 *c*.1517 **Lady Jane of Traquair**; stole Margaret Tudor's propty; she sided w/ Albany; 1526 he guardian minor King James V but kept him prisoner 2 yrs (1526 -28); back & forth in favor w/crown; Apr 1544 captured & imprisoned Blackness Castle; d. of *erysipelas* Jan 1557 Tantallon Castle; bur. Abernethy; no legit surv sons, succ by David Douglas of Pittendreich, 7th Earl of Angus
mistr#2 **m/o George, Bishop of Moray**
m#3 1543 **Margaret Maxwell** (d/o Rob't Maxwell, 5th Lord Maxwell)

Sir George Douglas of Pittendreich, Master of Angus; (i) same as (i) above; m. **Elizabeth of Pittendreich**

William Douglas

Elizabeth Douglas

Alison Douglas of Eskdale; b.1480; m#1 **Robert Blackadder** (d. 1513 *Flodden Field*); m#2 **David Hume, 4th Baron of Wedderburn**; d.1530

Janet Douglas, Lady Glamis; lands forfeited when 6th Earl Archibald lost power, found guilty of treason & burnt at stake on Castle Hill, Edinburgh 17 July 1537

Sir Archibald Douglas of Glenbervie m#1 **Agnes Keith** (d/o William Keith, 3rd Earl Marischal); m#2 **Elizabeth Irvine**, 2s & 6d; m#3 **Margaret Carmichael**

Alexander Douglas the Elder; *fl.* 1528; *priest,* given crown nomination to Apostolic see to succ Robert Shaw, Bishop of Moray who d. 1528, but fall of 1st cuz Arch. Douglas, 6th Earl of Angus in 1528 doomed candidature; appt opposed by John Stewart, Duke of Albany, Angus's rival who support own bro, Alex. Stewart (Bishop of Moray 1529-1537); "largely disappears from records; appears lists of bishops as "Alexander Douglas I" or "the elder" to distinguish him from **Alexander Douglas** "the younger" (iii)

David Douglas of Cockburnspath & Pittendreich, 7th Earl of Angus; (7) b.*c*.1515; succ uncle Archibald, 6th Earl of Angus(6); d. Jun 1557 Cockburnspath; succ by son Archibald, 8th Earl Angus(8)
m. **Lady Margaret Hamilton** (d/o John Hamilton of Samuelston)

James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton; Regent of Scotland; b.1516; nephew of Archibald, 6th Earl of Angus; Chancellor of Scotland 1562-67 & 1567-72; Regent of Scotland for minor King James VI 1572-78; bitter enemy of king's mum, Mary Queen of Scots; d. by execution 2 Jun 1581 Edinburgh for involvement in murders of Mary's husb, Lord Darnley, & her secretary, David Rizzio; no legit heirs, 4 natural sons
m. **Elizabeth Douglas** (d/o **James Douglas, 3rd Earl of Morton**)
mistress: "named **Cullen**" (don't know if m/o all 4 natural sons)

Martha Douglas

Margaret Douglas b.1515; Archibald's only surviv legit child, lady in waiting to Ann Bolyn; her nurse/ gentlewoman was Isobel Hoppar of Edinburgh (w/o Sir Archibald Douglas, Laird of Kilspindie); d.1578)
m. **Matthew Stewart, 4th Earl of Lennox**

Lady Janet Douglas b.1530; mum only 12 when she b.; Henry VIII kept guardianship & raised her in royal household; d. age 23 bef. her f. 16 Dec 1552
m. **Patrick Ruthven, 3rd Lord Ruthven**

More than ten children who founded main **Ruthven** line

George Douglas, Bishop of Moray; illegit; (ii) b. *bef* 14 Mar 1542/3 when formally recog as natural son under Great Seal; 1546 appt main minister Arbroath Abbey *aft* Cardinal Beaton assassin; 1566 involv murder David Rizzio Holyrood House; 1572 Commendator of Arbroath; 22 Dec 1573 chapt of diocese of Moray elected him succ Patrick Hepburn, Bishop of Moray; consecrated 5 Feb 1574; Bishop 1573-1589 (17 yrs); 6 Mar 1574 Gen. Assembly Church of Scotland censured him for immorality w/Agnes Scott (wid/o Thomas Dishington of Ardross); 1585 James Douglas, Prior, gave him: "Item, Ane tack of the teinds of Plewlandis and Hogstoune, given be George Douglasse, Bishope of Murraye" "w/consent of Dean & Chapter to Robert Innes of Innermarkie, f/o Robert Innes, now of Balveny, daitit[dated] at Spyny, the first & last of Maij 1585;" absentee prelate; resided mainly Edinburgh; participate troubled activities dur James VI's minority; d. 15 Dec 1589; bur. Holyrood Abbey; succ by Alexander Douglas, Bishop of Moray(iii); left illegit son Andrew Douglas (poss s/o Anges Scott)
mistr: **Agnes Scott**

This fellow could be Alexander's f., & Sir Geo of Pittendreich's bro William, which would explain his presence in Elgin.

William Douglas, Senior, Burgess of Elgin 1528-29; **Provost of Elgin** 1529-30,[12] directly *aft* David Douglas & *bef* Alexander Douglas; record states: "On 6th Sep 1528, the King granted ... 2s. of yearly rent from the east land of William Douglas, senior, burgess of Elgin, on the north side of said burgh; Isabella Douglas, relict of Robert Pedder is mentioned as being a neighbour in the same charter, as is James Douglas in Elgin."

Wm. Douglas, 9th Earl of Angus; (9) b.1533; 1588 succ distant cuz Arch. Douglas(8); Catholic; "zealous supporter Mary QofS; d. 1 Jul 1591, 95th yr
m. **Lady Egidia Graham** (d/o Sir Robert Graham of Morphie); m. 40 yrs, she outlived him; both bur. Glenbervie Old Kirkyard, Kincardine-shire

Lady Elizabeth Douglas

Lady Margaret Douglas

Archibald Douglas, 8th Earl of Angus; (7) b.1555; 1558 age 3 succ title & estates; brought up by uncle, James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton; spent life defending him; edu St Andrews; tutored by John Provan, Regent Morton's court; Presbyterian; d. w/o heir 4 Aug 1588 Smeaton; succ by distant cuz William Douglas #(9)below
m#1 1573 **Mary Erskine** (d/o Earl of Mar & Annabell Murray
m#2 1575, div. 1587 **Margaret Leslie** (d/o George Leslie, 4th Earl of Rothes); dau Margaret Douglas d. unm age 15
m#3 **Jean Lyon** (d/o John Lyon, 8th Lord Glamis)

James Douglas of Pittendreich, Prior; illegit; *fl.* 1577-1581; became prior "a few months *bef* 18 Oct 1577; in 21 Apr 1577 as bailie of lordship of Pluscarden, appt John Douglas, parson of Ruffill (who was servant of Bishop Geo. Douglas of Moray(ii) below in 1574); took oath Elgin 10 May; by Mar 1579 appt George Douglas, vicar of Aberchirder as chamberlain of Pluscarden; gave lands in baronies of Pluscarden & Urquhart etc. formerly held by Rob't Dunbar to his bro Archibald; 18 Oct 1577 "few months *aft* became prior", took part w/various Inneses in attack on manse of Dean Alex. Dunbar in chanonry of Elgin, dean badly wounded, his 13-yr-old dau Eliz, killed; in May 1581, when f. in prison Dumbarton Castle & a month *bef* trial & execution, 4th Earl Morton forced f. to make "son, Prior James Douglas, restore Pluscarden to Alex'r Seton"

Archibald Douglas of Pittendreich[10]; illegit; b.1562; obtain barony of Pittendreich, "on road from Pluscarden to Elgin, which had been held by his f., James, & gr-f., Sir George;" his bro James, as prior of Pluscarden, gave him lands in baronies of Pluscarden & Urquhart, mills on Pluscarden lands formerly held by Rob't Dunbar of Durris & priory's salmon fishings; d. by execution 1581
m. **Elizabeth Sutherland** (d/o William Sutherland of Duffus)

George Douglas, a cripple living in 1611

William Douglas; "son natural to James Earl of Mortoun," will 25 Nov 1590, Edinburgh[13]

Henry Stuart, Duke of Albany, Earl of Ross, Lord Darnley b.1564; d. slain 10 Feb 1567 in orchard of Kirk o' Field, Edinburgh, age 20, (8 mo. aft son, future King James VI, was b.)
m. as her h#2 **Mary, Queen of Scots;** parents of King James VI

Alexander Douglas, Provost of the royal burgh of Elgin; b. *bef* 1530; *fl.* dur Scottish Reformation; Provost of Elgin 1554-57, 1559-61; 1568-69, & 1574-75; also Burgess of Elgin; will 5 Jun 1588; probate 3 May 1594
m. **Agnes Leslie**; "slaughtered" 1589, record states "Alexander Innes, translated from Essil, 1589, deprived before 1598, and outlawed by the Court of Judiciary for "being airt and pairt in the slaughter of Agnes Leslie, relict of Alexander Douglas, Provost of Elgin, and of William Hay, Mayne.' [Hay was Provost of Elgin 1548-49. He was succ by William Innes 1553-54, who was succ by Alex'r Douglas 1554-57. Alex Innes was f/o Robert Innes, 19th of that ilk, who was somehow related to Robert Innes, f/o Alexader's dau-in-law, Mary Innes.

Wm. Douglas, 10th Earl of Angus (10) b.1554; edu: St. Andrews; sent France became Catholic; 1591 succ f.; 1597 change Presbyterian; on Privy Council; 1598 King's Lieut S. Scotland; 1609 exiled, d. Paris 3 Mar 1611; bur. Abbey of Saint-Germain-des-Prés.
m. 1585 **Eliz. Oliphant** (d/o Laurence Oliphant, 4th Lord Oliphant)

5 more sons & 4 dau

Pettindreich Mills is an "area" of Elgin where stands this old stable, and a cottage on the other side of the road. The stable may or may not be a remnant of the old manor home. There is no village of Pettindreich. The farm does not have its own postal code. ©2025 MAM

Robert Douglas; b.8 Jun 1588
m. **Jean Ross**

Elizabeth Douglas; b.1592' m. **John Innes** (s/o **Alexander Innes & Marjorie Gordon**)[wiki]

King James VI of Scotland, & James I of England & Ireland (r.1567-1625) b.1566; d.1625
m. 1589 when she 14 **Anne of Denmark** d.1619, 2nd d/o **King Frederick II of Denmark & Sophie of Meckleburg-Güstrow**

Alexander Douglas, Bishop of Moray[7] (iii) b.1561; 1574 reader at Essil; 4 Sep 1574 presented vicarage of Alves by James VI; & vicarage of Spynie 27 Oct 1574; 1580 minist. Keith (succ. Alex'r Leslie); 1581 trans Elgin; Aug 1588 appt. Commissioner for Moray; 1600 titular Bishop [succ Geo. Douglas(ii)]; 30 Nov 1602 retained parochial charge; 1 Feb 1606 Comuiendator[*sic*] [*Commendator who held revenues*] of Priory of Beauly; 1606 named Constant Moderator of Presb. of Elgin (17 Jan 1607 members ordered by Privy Council to receive him as such w/in 24 hrs under pain of rebellion); 1607 gave "Item, Ane tack of the teind sheaves of Hogstoune & Plewlandis, sett be Allexander Douglass, Bischope of Murraye, to Robert Innes, now of Balveny, & to Barbra Burnet, his spouse, in lyfrent, and nynteen yeir thereafter, daitit [*dated*] at Elgin, 10th Marche 1607; 15 Mar 1611 consecrated at Edinburgh; arranged Spynie Castle "surrend back to crown," d. Elgin 11 May 1623; bur. St Giles Cathedral, Elgin "in vault by window" (now gone); succ by John Guthrie, Bishop of Moray 1623–38
m#1 **Margaret Guthrie** (*poss* d/o Andrew Guthrie, minister of Keith bef. Alex'r., *poss* bro/o John above)
m#2 **Mary Innes** *(prob* d/o Robert Innes of Balveny & Barbra Burnet)

"2nd Son"[8] *poss* **Gavin Douglas**; record states "From Alex'r Douglas the estate passed to Gavin Douglas, perhaps his bro, who had a great deal of property in Elgin. John Douglas, his son, succeeded."
m. **Unknown**

George Douglas of Pittendreich; "3rd son"[8]; b.*c*.1566; studied Edinburgh; 1588-1601 minister Dallas (Presbytery of Forres); 1598 Minister Birnie [as well?]; studied Edinburgh; grad 1599 under regency of Wm. Craig; 1601 admit "in charge of Cullen w/Deskford also in the charge;" 1601-1642 minister Cullen; freq mentioned Cullen town minutes; constant moderator of Presbytery 1606 to 1625; Burgess of Aberdeen 1628; "last appearance 1642;" d. 1642 "advanced age;" succ at Cullen by George Lesley 1642–47
m#1 **Unknown**
[We don't know which of George's 2 wives was our Wm's mother. Records say the 1st wife was Alexander's mum, so I'm assuming she was Wm's mum, too.]
m#2 **Jean Stewart** (w/whom had childr George, Elizabeth, & Marie)

End title Earl of Angus

Wm. & **Eliz**. had 3 sons & 3 dau. Their eldest, **Wm**, became **11th Earl of Angus** (11) (1589-1659), but *aft* he m. 1659 1st **Lady Margaret Hamilton**, the title went to the Duke of Hamilton.

Henry Frederick, Prince of Wales b.1594; d.1612, age 18

Elizabeth Stuart b.1596; d.1662
m. 1613 **Frederick V, Elector Palatine, King of Bohemia**

Margaret Stuart b.1598; d.1600, age 1

Charles I, King of England, Scotland, & Ireland b.1600; d.1649, r. 1625-49; succ by son, Charles II
m. 1625 **Henrietta Maria of France** (d/o **Henry IV of France & Marie de' Medici)**

Robert, Duke of Kintyre & Lorne b.1602; d.1602, 4mo 9d

Mary Stuart b.1605; d.1607, age 2

Sophia Stuart b.1606; d.1606

Alexander Douglas of Spynie; "18/19th Oct 1619 Bishop Alexander granted to his wife, Mary Innes, & his son, Alexander Douglas, the toun & lands of Spynie, the brewhouse and its croft 'betwxt the windlands & marches pairted through the wood of Spynie;" "When Episcopacy was restored in Scotland [1572], the lands of Morriston seem, by some means, to have been recovered by Alexander Douglas, Bishop of Moray, and in the year 1609 conveyed to Alexander Douglas, his son, and Mary Innes, his spouse, along w/Spynie and Burgh Briggs.
m. **Unknown**

John Douglas; "He was served heir to his father in a great variety of burgh lands, *bef* the Magistrates of Elgin in 1654, & also served heir *bef* the Sheriff of Elgin, in the half davoch land of Middlehaugh or Morriston, on 28th Dec 1655. On 23rd Oct 1665, John Douglas wadset these lands to Rob't Martin, writer in Edinburgh, for 8260 merks, & in 1668 he discharged the right of reversion, & Martin became absolute proprietor. His right was confirmed by charter from Murdo Mackenzie, Bishop of Moray [1662–77], the superior, dated 22nd Oct 1672. He also acquired about the same time a great part of the Douglas burgh lands in and about Elgin."

Dr. Alexander Douglas MD, Provost of Banff; proved by document in Charter Room of Cullen House; eldest son; Prof. Wm. Douglas dedicated his book to this "brother"

Maister William Douglas, Professor of Divinity, Marischal College; b. *c*.1600 prob. Elgin, Moray; grew up Cullen; matric King's College 1615; grad 1619; enter Presbytery of Cullen (later Fordyce) 20 Jan 1623; admit burgess, exgratia Marischal College; 1627 minister Parish of Forgue in Presbytery of Turriff 16 yrs bef appt Prof. of Div. Marischal; selected chair Oct 1643; examin & admitted Jan 1644; Professor 1643/44-1666; d. 30 Jan 1666, Aberdeen; bur. St. Machar kirkyard, Old Aberdeen.
m. *bef* 1528 **Elizabeth Ross**[4,][5] *poss* of Clan Ross of Balnagown Castle; m. d. based on b. of son James in 1528; bur. *bef* 13 Feb 1690 St. Machar kirkyard when her grandson, James Dunlop, was bur. there "next his grandmother."

Old Description of Pittendreich

"The estate was vast—always on the west side of the River Lossie, it extended south almost to Kellas [the town between Pittendreich & Dallas]. The King granted to Patrick Commendatario of Lundoris [Lindores], his heirs and assigns—a building, a dwelling called the house of Pettindreich w/garden and orchard, lying in the borough of Elgin and the north side of the same public way"

Charles James b.&.d. 13 May 1629

Charles II b.1630; d.1685 no legit liveborn issue, many acknowledged illegit issue
m. 1662 **Catherine of Braganza**

Mary, Princess Royal b.1631; d.1660; one child: William III & II.
m. 1641 **William II, Prince of Orange** b.1626; d.1650

James II & VII b.1633; d.1701, r.1685-88 til *Glorious Revolution*; last Catholic monarch; succ by Mary II & William III & II (she r.1689-94, he r. 1689-1702)
m#1 1659 **Anne Hyde** b.1637; d.1671; issue includ Mary II & Anne, Queen of Great Britain
m#2 1673 **Mary of Modena** b.1658; d.1718; issue

Elizabeth b.1635; d.1650

Anne b.1637; d.1640)

Catherine b.&d. 29 Jun 1639)

Henry, Duke of Gloucester b.1640; d.1660 no issue

Henrietta b.1644; d.1670
m. 1661 **Philip, Duke of Orléans** b.1640; d.1701; issue

William Douglas, Chamberlain of Orkney; record states "to whom he [his f., Alexander of Spynie] disponed his lands of Spynie in 1687."

Bishops of Moray

1525–1527 Robert Shaw
1528 Alexander Douglas (elder) failed nomination
1529–1537 Alexander Stewart
1538–1573 Patrick Hepburn
1573–1589 George Douglas
1602–1623 Alexander Douglas (younger)
1623–1638 John Guthrie

Episcopy abolished 13 Dec 1638.
Episcopy restored 1661.

1662–1677 Murdoch MacKenzie, became Bishop of Orkney.
1677–1680 James Aitken, became Bishop of Galloway.
1680–1686 Colin Falconer, previously Bishop of Argyll.
1687 Alexander Rose, became Bishop of Edinburgh.
1688 William Hay

The Revolution of 1688 led to the abolition of episcopy in Church of Scotland.

James Douglas, Rector Ancient Church of Nigg b.*c*.1628; d.*bef*.1673

Elizabeth Douglas b.*c*.1633: d. 1704
m. **Lewis/Lodovico Dunlop, Rector Tarland & Skene** b.*c*.1625; d.1691

Maister William Douglas, Professor of Divinity at Marischal College, Aberdeen, was my starting point for this research. Family documents from my great-grandfather, Thomas Gerald Winter, show how Wm. was his great times seven grandfather [info shaded in yellow]. An article that I obtained from the Univ. of Aberdeen Library by historian G. D. Henderson[8] published May 1934 in the genealogical journal *Scotish Notes and Queries*, states that Wm. descended from the Douglases of Pittendreich. "This family provided at least seven provosts of Elgin beginning with James Douglas in 1488, who received Pittendreich from King James III in a feu charter of 1469." Henderson claims that Prof. Douglas was the 2nd son of the Rev. George Douglas, who was the 3rd son of Alexander Douglas, Provost of Elgin from 1574. Henderson did not name the "2nd" son. He noted that Prof. Wm. named his "brother," Dr. Alexander Douglas, in his book *Vindiciae Veritatis*, pub 1655, which I found on GoogleBooks.

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