

A four-page summary of the Craighalls' descent  
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Showing the descent of

SIR JOHN STEWART OF BONKYL

the progenitor of the Stewart Kings of Scotland and of  
the Stewarts of Craighall.

from

1. WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

2, DAVID I OF SCOTLAND

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WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR'S grand-daughter:

JUDITH married DAVID I OF SCOTLAND.

their son:

HENRY PRINCE OF SCOTLAND did not succeed to the crown but  
he had three sons :-

MALCOLM IV died without issue.

WILLIAM IV died without issue.

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HENRY whose daughter

MARJORIE married GILCHRIST EARL OF MAR

their daughter

BEATRIX married WALTER THIRD LORD HIGH STEWART.

and had issue



ALEXANDER FOURTH HIGH STEWART who had two sons  
JAMES FIFTH HIGH STEWART from whom MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS.

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SIR JOHN STEWART OF BONKYL.

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SIR JOHN STEWART OF BONKYL had seven sons. The male line of the first son became extinct in 1377.

From the second son came the EARL OF DARNLEY who married MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS; issue JAMES THE VI OF SCOTLAND and FIRST OF ENGLAND; STEWART KINGS. Line extinct on male side with death of PRINCE CHARLES EDWARD AND CARDINAL DUKE OF YORK but continues on female side in the present ROYAL family (GEORGE V).

Male line of third son extinct but on female side continues in EARL OF GALLOWAY, STEWARTS OF CALLEY, THYSGILL etc.

The male line of the fourth son SIR JAMES STEWART OF PIERSTON and WARWICKHILL (Killed at Halidon Hill) continues unbroken to today.

His eldest son SIR ROBERT STEWART LORD OF ROSEYTH



and DURRISDEER killed at Shewesbury

His eldest son SIR JOHN inherited. He married MARGARET CRAGIE only child of JOHN OF CRAGIE COUNTÉ de LINESCUE and of BRAIDWOOD in county of LINLITHGOWSHIRE with seat at Dalmeny. He was also killed.

Their eldest son SIR ALEXANDER adopted the appellation of STEWART OF CRAGIEHALL. Also killed.

His eldest son SIR DAVID succeeded and married the daughter of LORD CATHCART. The male line continued unbroken to :-

SIR JOHN OF CRAGIEHALL and NEWALLS. He had four sons DAVID, JOHN, ALEXANDER and ARCHIBALD. About 1721 he disinherited the first three sons in consequence of religious and political difference of opinion. David had apparently turned Roman Catholic and the two other sons supported David. In consequence the three eldest sons parted from the father. Archibald who was a child at the time thus came into the estates, but misfortune necessitated their being sold. His male descendants died out with Archibald Stewart Surgeon Royal Navy 1825.



With his death it had been presumed that the Stewarts of Cragiehall had become extinct in the male line. Recently, with the discovery of the disinheritance of the elder brothers came the discovery of their descendants in the MIDDLETON STEWARTS and BURTON STEWARTS. Such evidence as is available at present points to the MIDDLETON STEWARTS as senior as in direct and unbroken descent from David. It has, however, definitely to be established whether David or Alexander (ancestor of the BURTON STEWARTS) was the eldest of the four brothers.

On this decision rests the distinction of chieftainship of all of the name ("THE STEWART") as heir of the LORD HIGH STEWARTS OF SCOTLAND and co-heir to THE PRINCE OF THE ISLES and KING OF SCOTLAND.

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