

Handwritten notes in cursive script, likely a genealogical record or commentary on the Skene family history.

Trotter, Henry John
 " Descent

THE FAMILY OF SKENE.

- 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. 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."
- GILIAN DE SKENE, Baron of Skene.
- ADAM DE SKENE, Baron of Skene.
- ADAM DE SKENE, Baron of Skene.
- ADAM DE SKENE, killed at the battle of Harlaw, 1411. Janet Keith, daughter of the Great Marischal of Scotland.
- JAMES DE SKENE, 1411-1461, designated, in 1446, as " nobilis vir Jacobus de Skene de eodem." He m. 2nd Egidia or Giles de Moravia, of Culbin, in Morayshire, widow of Thomas de Kinnaird, of that ilk, and granddaughter and heiress of Gilbert Moray, of Culbin and Skelbo, by Eustach, daughter of Kenneth, 3rd Earl of Sutherland.
- ALEXANDER DE SKENE, 1461-1470, who continued the contest with the Earl Marischal family begun by his father, and succeeded in recovering his lands. He married Mariot de Kinnaird (the daughter of his step-mother by her first husband), in 1438.
- GILBERT DE SKENE, 1470-1485. He had a royal charter in 1481 to himself, and his then wife, Cristine Meroer.
- ALEXANDER DE SKENE, 1485-1507. He was infeft as heir in the lands and Barony of Skene, March 19, 1485. On his death, in 1507, Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum, and Duncan 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.
- 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.
- 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. 1568, 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.
- ALEXANDER SKENE, eldest son, died in his father's life
- Marion Meroer, daughter of the Baron of Aldie and Meiklure, Perthshire.
- 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 terce lands of Corn-toun, belonging to Skene's Wife, widow of a Fraser of Corn-toun.
- 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. Dummond, of Stobhall, and niece of Queen Annabella Drummond, wife of ROBERT III.
- Agnes, daughter of James, 2nd Lord Forbes, who was son of Alexander, 1st Lord Forbes, by Lady Elizabeth Douglas, daughter of George, Earl of Angus, and grand-daughter of King ROBERT III.
- Elizabeth Black, of Aberdeen, who had in marriage portion a large tract of land.
- 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.
- 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 Arch'bald, 6th Earl, by the Princess Margaret of England, Queen-Dowager of Scotland.)
- Gilbert, ancestor of Skene of Dumbreck, and of Newtyle.
- Patrick, ancestor of Skene of Dyes and Lethentia.
- Margaret, daughter of Sir George Johnstone, of Caskieben.

(1) James, ancestor of Skene of Westercorse and Ramore. Robert Skene, Belhelvie. His next brother Gilbert Skene was Physician to the King.

David Skene, Potterton, son, but apparently event male heir. He m. 2 Claris Seton and had a son Sir George Skene of Rubislaw and Wester Fintra M.P. for Aberdeen, o.s. 1707.

Handwritten notes:
 The family
 Dunbrack's
 re-arranged
 of Culbin
 Charles Skene

SKENE OF HALYARDS (FIFE).

1605-1619. 2nd = Bessie Calder, daughter of