



## Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses: Pairt 16

Walcome tae pairt saxteen o Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses. In this pairt Jeems V is coortit in Europe an the stoushie ower releegion breks oot.

### **HOOSE O THE STEWART** (haudin-gauin)

**Jeems V The Guidman o Ballengeich 1513-1542** Born 10 Aprile 1512, at Lithgae palace, in Wast Lothian, Jeems V wis the ae son o Jeems IV an Magret Tudor. Whan his faither wis killt at Flodden Jeems V becam king at a year an hauf auld. His mither, Queen Magret, cawed the nobles tae Stirlin castle for tae see the bairn crount at the king's chaipel on 21 September 1513. It wis kent as the 'murnfae crouning' acause that mony fowk haedna been lang killt. Deed, Scotland wis in an affa steer an expectit Inglan tae invade ony time. The cooncil o Embra even stertit biggin a new wa roond the burgh, kent tae this day as the Flodden Wa. Gauin bi the deid king's will, Magret wis tae be tutrix, or guardian, tae the king, sae lang as she bade a weeda. This didna suit a puckle nobles heidit bi Chauncellor Bishop Jeems Beaton o Glesca an the erle o Arran. For thaim Magret wis the sister o the king that's airmy haed jist killt her man. In August 1514 Magret wis mairried in hidlins on Airchibald Dooglas erle o Angus, but aince the ithers o the cooncil fund oot, it wis her undaein. Noo that Magret wisna a weeda ony mair, she cuidna get heidin the cooncil an wis made tae demit. Her unfreens haed aye wantit John duik o Albany (1481-1536) tae be govrenor o the kinrik. John haed been born an reared in Fraunce an wis the kizzen, an appearant heir, o the laddie king.

Albany won at Scotland an wis made govrenor on 10 July 1515. He kent fine that his maucht lippent on the keeping o the king. He askit Queen Magret tae gie Jeems ower, but fund her ahin the steekit yetts o Stirlin castle an refusin tae gie her son up. Albany brocht guns an sodgers, but poor Magret, awa tae hae a bairn an forleit wi her man Angus, haed tae rander the castle an haun ower her son. In the months efter this Magret jyned wi her man an thay fled intil Inglan. Lord Home, that haed helpit Magret, rose agin Albany but wis defait, gien the jyle an syne heidit for treason. Albany jaloused he haed peacified Scotland an gaed back tae Fraunce in Juin 1517 tae troke a mairrage for King Jeems.

Scotland haed been comprehendit in a truce atween Fraunce an Inglan, an bi the Treaty o Rouen, gree'd 26 August 1517, alliance wi Fraunce wis renewed an a dochter o the Frainch king hechtit King Jeems. But Frauncis I o Fraunce wis a luewarm freen. He wis sairly fasht wi the growin alliance atween Inglan an the Imperor Chairles V an socht weys tae fecht or mak in wi them turn about. Tae please Hendrie VIII o Inglan it suitit Frauncis tae keep Albany in Fraunce until November 1521. Whanever Inglan moved agin Fraunce, on behauf o Chairles V, it suitit Frauncis tae steer Scotland. Whan Albany haed gane ootland Queen

Magret an Angus cam back tae Scotland an steert up a stoushie, baith wi the Hamiltons, an amang thairsels. Bi 1519 Magret wantit a divorce acause Angus wis makkin ower free wi her siller, but maistly throu his keepin a fancy wife, Jenet Stewart o Traquair. Magret socht oot her auld unfreen Albany that's guid-sister haed mairried on the paip's nevey. A word in the paip's lug fae Albany an the queen dowriar o Scotland cuid mibby get her divorce. At hame the Dooglas an Hamilton faimlies focht for pouer. In Aprile 1520 the Dooglases drave the Hamiltons doun the Heich Gait o Embra in a clatter o blades kent sensyne as 'cleanse the causay'.

The Scots wisna cantie wi King Frauncis sae thay gaed speirin at ither kings. This policy wis eneuch tae gie Frauncis a fleg, aince peace wi Ingland brak doun. In November 1521 Albany wis sent back tae Scotland agin weir, but Queen Magret, mindfae she wis a Soothron, clyped til her brither King Hendrie. Whan Albany maircht sooth in July 1522 the Scots nobles wadna gae ower the border. In October he gaed back tae Fraunce speirin for men an siller. Hendrie o Ingland brunt Kelsae an Jethart in Juin 1523, an in September Albany landit wi 6,000 Frainch sodgers. But his November campaign, in dreich, glaurie, weet weather endit in a hauf-hertit siege o Wark. Soon thay gied up an the Scots traipsed hame in the snaw scunnert that Fraunce wis takkin a lend o them.

In the ware o 1524 Albany gaed aince mair tae Fraunce, but efter his wa-gain Queen Magret an the erle o Arran cowpit Albany bi declarin the king o age. Thay brocht King Jeems, noo twal year auld, til Embra an haed him investit wi the croun, sword an sceptre on 26 July This weel suitit the king o Ingland that's policy wis aye tae shed the Scots fae the Frainch. He sent Angus back hame tae Magret howpin the twasome wad adhere an heid a pairty that wad see Scotland in Ingland's aucht. In 1525 the twa made a public shaw o makkin up, but Magret wis jist tholin Angus atween hauns. The same year, thanks til Albany, Magret got her divorce, but the king's mither clearly haedna the can for drumlie politics. It wis thocht wicelike tae gie the keeping o the king til a different noble ilk season o the year, Angus amang them, but aince it wis time tae mak the chenge in November 1525, Angus wadna gie the king up. The Dooglas kinred noo took ower mony offices in the king's name an tho twa attempts wis made tae rescue Jeems, at Melrose on 25 July an at Lithgae on 4 September 1526, the Dooglases bate thair faes in twa airmed fechts. At the hinnerend, Jeems haed tae lowse hisel fae thair grup, gettin awa ae nicht, either fae Embra or Stirlin, in Mey 1528, while maist o the Dooglases wis awa ithergaits. Aince he won at Stirlin he ootlawed the faimly an syne haed pairlament condemn them tae deith for treason, but Angus fled til Ingland in the November.

King Jeems's bairnheid wis kenspeckle for the makkin o an orra politics whaurby the ordnar fecht atween Fraunce an Ingland becam insnorled wi releegion. In 1517 a German monk cryed Mertin Luther haed miscawed the paip for mony wrangs in the Catholic kirk. Nae man cuid get tae heeven throu the paip or priests, he threapit, or throu guid warks, but throu faith alane. Afore lang the war ither fowk, steert up, cawin for the kirk tae be reformed, for scriptures tae be in the vernacular or hamelt tongue, sae that fowk cuid better unnerstaun, an for an end tae the worship o eemages an saunts as distractions fae faith. Thir ideas

spreid braid Europe thanks tae the prenting press. Chepman an Millar, twa Embra merchants, haed been grantit the richt tae found a press in Embra bi Jeems IV in 1507, but it wis unner Jeems V that prent word spreid. Mertin Luther's ideas fund thair wey intae Scotland bi wey o buiks inbrocht the ports o Dundee, Leith an Saunt Aundraes in parteclar. The maun'a been a strang tred this gait for pairlament haed tae pit throu an act in 1525 bannin Lutheran buiks fae Scotland. Syne, in 1528, a cheil cryed Paitrik Hamilton wis brunt for heresy at



Saunt Aundraes, the steid whaur he dee'd markit the day wi the letters o his name. He wis Scotland's first martyr. The year efter, the German princes that favoured Luther addresst thairsels tae the Imperor Chairles V as *protesters*, giein the releigious reformers a new name: Protestants. It wis intae this sliddery warld o politics an releigion that the 16 year auld Jeems stertit his personal ring. Tho scrimp o a guid education, Jeems wis skeely eneuch at music an cuid write Frainch forby his ain Scots leid. Whiles his mither haed spylt him, an he wis gien tae Pettit acts. The young king wis a swank laddie, an eesome tae the ladies. In fact, he wis a radgie cheil, cawed bi

some a huremaister, an the erle o Angus haed indulged the callant's intress in weemen tae distract him. For the lave o his days Jeems gaed oot mony a nicht wenchin wi twa-three companions, sae it wisna muckle wunner that he faithert a screed o bairns. The'r a ferm by Stirlin castle cryed Ballengeich an whan Jeems gaed stravaigin he wad tell fowk that he met in wi he wis the guidman o Ballengeich, that is, the maister o the ferm.

Jeems haed lang been coortit as a husband amang the kingly hooses o Europe. The deposed Dens king, Christiern, wis nearly sib an offert his twa dochters in the howp o a hauder fae Scotland tae tak back his throne. The Imperor Chairles V offert three o his kinsweemen tae brek Jeems's alliance wi Fraunce, but it wis

tae Fraunce that Jeems lookit for a wife unner the Treaty o Rouen. King Frauncis, wantin tae keep in wi Ingland, wadna offer his dochter, but suggestit Katren o Medici insteid. The paip wantit Katren tae mairry intae Fraunce, sae wis agin ony mairrage wi Scotland. Jeems, in turn, wrate tae Frauncis an tellt him whit braw offers he'd haen fae the Imperor. Jeems wis in a bonnie poseetion. Tae mak up for Katren o Medici, the paip alloued a muckle tax on the kirk in Scotland in 1531. On the face o it, this wis tae pey professional judges in a College o Justice. Jeems peyed them, but maist o the siller wis alloued tae eik the king's ain coffers. The Imperor Chairles V haed made a treaty wi him in 1529 anent mercats in Flaunders an the Netherlands, an in 1532 sent Jeems the Order o the Gowden Fleece. In 1534 Hendrie VIII o Ingland made a treaty o peace an sent Jeems the Order o the Garten. But in 1536 it wis gree'd Jeems wad mairry on Mary o Bourbon an King Frauncis sent him the Order o Saunt Mitchell. Jeems wis that blithe he haed his orders o chivalry carved ower the yett at Lithgae palace. But he wisna that blithe whan he gaed ower tae Fraunce in September 1536 an seen Mary o Bourbon. He gaed tae see Frauncis at Lyons an Pairis whaur it wis gree'd that the king o Scots wad noo mairry insteid Magdallen Valois. She wis the dochter o Frauncis bi his wife Claude Valois an haed been born 10 August 1520 at Saunt German on Lay. Jeems an Magdallen wis mairried 1 Januar 1537 oot o Noterdames Heich Kirk, Pairis, but Magdallen wis a peely-wally lassie. She cam back tae Scotland wi Jeems in the Mey, but dee'd 17 July 1537 at Halyrood Hoose. Jeems trokit a second mairrage, this time on Mary o Guise. The dochter o Claude I duik o Guise an Antoinette o Bourbon, she wis born 22 November 1515 at Bar-le-Duik in Loren an wis kin tae the king o Fraunce. Efter a proxy waddin, Mary wis brocht tae Scotland, landin at Crail, an she an Jeems wis mairried oot the heich kirk o Saunt Aundraes on 11 Juin 1538. As tae the king's mither, Magret, she haed mairried on her third man, Hendrie Stewart, back in Mairch 1526. She dee'd at Meffen castle, Perthshire, on 20 November 1541 an wis burried in Perth.

At the back-end o the 1530's Jeems haed come tae lippen ever mair on his kirkmen, sic as Cardinal Dauvit Beaton, tho he wisna feart tae threiten them tae win mair favours fae the paip. In the wast the MacDonells staw a dint on the Campbells an King Jeems gied commission til Alisaunder o Isla in the Sooth Isles insteid. The wast wis maistly lown but for the rising o Donal Gorm in 1539. Atween Mey an August 1540 Jeems hisel sailt roond the wast wi 12 ships, liftin heids o kin as he gaed. He spent time in Orkney whaur the haed lang been trouble atween Lady Magret Sinclair's kin an Jeems Sinclair o Brecks. Deed, the twa sides haed focht at Summerdale in 1528 an Brecks, the winner, haed gane on tae Shetland whaur he hung the lawman an ithers. In 1539 Lord Weelum Sinclair an Edwart Sinclair, brither o Brecks, gree'd a baund o freenship, but in 1540 King Jeems gied the tack o Orkney til his favourite, Oliver Sinclair, abolisht the office o lawman an set up a Scots coort insteid o a Norse ane. But Norse an Scots law wad baith haud-gauin, allouin sleekit cheils tae tak a lend o whitever ane best fittit thair ain ends. Alang the mairches o Scotland King Jeems held justice coorts, dealin wi fairmies sic as the Airmstrangs, an for a while's time the reivers wis dauntont.

Bi 1541 Fraunce an the Impire wis aw oot. The king o Ingland, excommunicatit an feart for invasion, lowsed an airmy o 3,000 on Scotland. But it wis met bi the erle o Huntly an blootert on 24 August 1542 at Haddon Rig by Kelsae. In October Jeems gairthert an airmy at Lauder but the war an affa Scots tore in twa wi releegious an ither maiters. In truth, Ingland an Scotland wis pusht until a weir bi Fraunce, the Impire, an ill dreid o the ither. The king fell ill syne an wisna wi his airmy whan it gied backs an skailt on the hauchs o the Solway Moss, on the border wi Ingland, on 24 November. Some 1,200 wis taen presonar bi the Inglis, mony gien ower athoot a fecht. Jeems, awready no weel, heard the ugsome news an took til his bed at Faulklan. Thare he wis tellt the queen haed gien birth til a dochter an he cam awa wi the weel-wordit quote "It cam wi a lass, it will gang wi a lass", meanin that the croun haed come tae the Stewarts throu a wumman, Merjorie Bruce, an wad be tint tae them throu anither, Jeems's dochter. He lay wi his face turnt tae the wa, whiles laucht, an at the hinnerend kisst his haun tae Cardinal Beaton an the ithers by his bed, an dee'd on 14 Dezember 1542. He wis 30 year auld. No lang efter he wis taen an burried at Halyrood.

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