



Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses: Pairt 5

Walcome tae pairt five o Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses. In this pairt we hear about the Hoose o Cainmore atween the years 1093 an 1153.

Donal III Bain 1093-1097 Born *ab.*1033, Donal Bain wis a son o Duncan I an Sybilla Bjornsdochter. His by-name o bain springs fae the Gaelic meanin 'white'. As the brither o King Maucom, an the auldest male o the faimly, Donal took the kingship, unner the custom o tanistry, as soon as he kent his brither wis deid. Tae mak guid his claim, Donal siegit Embra castle whaur Queen Magret haed dee'd, an it is said, her corp haed tae be smuggled oot for burrial at Dumfaurlin. Donal is affen regairdit as a gey inward-lookin king, gauin bi whit twa-three Soothron chronicles haed tae say, but he didna want ony Normans or ithers pittin thair nebs intil his kinrik. But the Normans wadna lea Scotland alane. In Mey 1094 his nevey Duncan, reared in the weys o Norman knichtheid, wis sent up fae Ingland wi an airmy on the grounds that Duncan wis the eldest son o King Maucom. Gauin bi Duncan, an gauin bi the Norman wey o thinkin, it wis the eldest son that wis the appearant heir, nae maiter whit his age. Thay cryed this kind o kingship, *primogeniture*. King Donal wis at first defeat an haed tae gie backs, but in November 1094 Donal an anither nevey, cryed Edmund, focht for the kingship aince mair. For near on three year, uncle an nevey ruled Scotland thegither, until thay got dung doun bi anither nevey, Edgar, in October 1097. Donal wis taen presonar an endit his days blindit an libbit. Nae king hoched an hurtit in sic a wey cuid rule. He dee'd in 1099 at Rescobie, in Angus, an wis the hinmaist king o Scots burried on Iona.

Duncan II 1094 Born *ab.*1060, Duncan wis the son o Maucom III an Ingibiorg. He wis mairried on Ethelreida o Dunbar *ab.*1090, dochter o Cospatrik erle o Northummerland. For the price o a Norman airmy Duncan becam the 'man' o Weelum o Ingland, a fact that the Scots nobles cuidna thole. Duncan's life wisna warth a docken aince he sent the Normans oot the kinrik. A curn nobles, heidit bi the mormaer o the Mearns, killt Duncan at Mondynes, by modren Steinhylve, on 12 November 1094, an brocht Donal Bain back tae pouer. Gin fowk minds o Duncan ava, it wis the first king o Scots tae gie oot a wrutten charter, this ane bein tae the monks at Durham in 1094.

Edgar The Lown 1097-1107 Born *ab.*1075, Edgar wis the son o Maucom III an Saunt Magret. Ding dang, like his aulder hauf-brither, Edgar haed a lend o Norman sodgers aff the king o Ingland an becam his 'man'. Donal Bain, as said afore, wis defeat an gien the jyle. Acause the Norman kings o Ingland haed gien sodgers tae claimants tae claucht the kingship o Scotland, thay regairdit the Scots kings as owe them homage. Hoo this wis tae wirk in practice, an whither or no it wis jist atween kings for the time, or ongauin for the hail kinrik, wisna clear, an wad lead tae miskens an fawoots for the

follaein twa hunner year. In the wast, in 1098, Edgar cam up agin King Manus Barries o Norrowa. The Waster Isles an pairts o Argyll haed fell tae the Norse lang syne, an the wisna muckle Edgar cuid dae athoot makkin a stoushie. Raither nor fecht, Edgar haed tae gree that the Waster Isles belanged the croun o Norrowa. King Edgar dee'd unmairried on 8 Januar 1107 at Embra castle. It seems he wis kent as 'the lown' acause he wis easy-osy an wantit nae trouble.

Alisaunder I The Fiersie 1107-1124 Born *ab.*1077, Alisaunder wis the neist son o Maucom III an Saunt Magret. He wis mairried on Sybilla, dochter o Hendrie I o Ingland bi his fancy-wife Sybilla Corbet. Unner baith Edgar an Alisaunder I the kings o Scots haed guid neeborheid wi the kings o Ingland. In fact, thair sister Maud wis the wife o Hendrie I, an sae queen o Ingland, an thair ither brither, Dauvit, wis ane o the foremaist barons o Ingland, haudin mony estates. Alisaunder stertit tae bigg castles in the Norman wey, an tae grant oot lands til a puckle Norman, Inglis an ither fowk that wis for sattlin doun in Scotland an bringin new skeels. Still an aw, he haed tae caw cannie o Ingland's maucht, an his brither Dauvit's cheepin at Hendrie's lug. In 1113 it seems that Dauvit even threitent his brither Alisaunder wi his Norman freens an wis gien the rule ower whit is noo the sooth o Scotland. The follaein year, in 1114, Alisaunder serred in the airmy o Hendrie o Ingland that lichtit on Gwynedd in Wales, aiblins tae win back Hendrie's favour, whaur it is said Alisaunder brocht aboot peace atween King Griffith an King Hendrie. But Alisaunder whiles ettled at policy free o Ingland. The aircbishops o Caunterberry an York baith claimed that the bishops o Scotland wis owe thaim allegiance, but Alisaunder stood agin thir claims. He haed howps o haein the kirk in Scotland recognised as freestaunin bi the paipacy, an brocht the Augustinian order tae Scoun aboot 1115. Ane o thir monks, Robert, wis made bishop o St Aundraes bi Alisaunder in 1124. The king earned for hisel the by-name o 'the fiersie' whan he pit doun a rising in Moray bi the affspring o the faimly o King Aulach Fool. It cuid be richtly said, that neither Alisaunder, or his brither Edgar, wis Gaelic or Auld-Angles in culture alane, but striddled the baith. Alisaunder dee'd on 23 Aprile 1124 at Stirlin castle an wis burried at Dumfaurlin. His wife Queen Sybilla, haed dee'd on 12 July 1122 at Loch Tay.

Dauvit I The Saunt 1124-1153 Born *ab.*1080, Dauvit I wis the youngest son o Maucom III an Saunt Magret. Dauvit wis in Scotland til aboot 1097 an syne gaed til Ingland. His sister, Maud, wis mairried on the king o Ingland in 1100 an bi 1103 Dauvit wis at the coort o Ingland as a chairter witness styled 'brither o the queen'. It wis here that Dauvit dootless learnt Frainch, becam a knight in the Norman fashion, an made mony Norman, Breton an Fleemish freens. He wis mairried *ab.*1114 on Maud o Huntingdon, dochter o Waltheof erle o Huntingdon an Northampton, an Judith dochter o Coont Lambert o Lens. Bi this mairrage, he haed a strang claim tae Northummerland. Acause Dauvit haed bade maistly amang the Normans, he seemed Frainchified tae Brettonic, Gaelic an Lothian cheils bi the time he follaed his brither on the throne, in 1124. He wis made king at Scoun, maist likely in Mey o thon year, an it is said that he didna think muckle o the actual king makkin for its want o releegious rites. Ae cheil, Weelum Duncanson, son o Dauvit's elder hauf-brither King Duncan, haed a better claim tae be king, but he did deil a haet

about his claim. Another nevey, Maucom Sanderson, the natural son o King Alisaunder, led a rising agin Dauvit in 1124, but it wis shairply pit down.

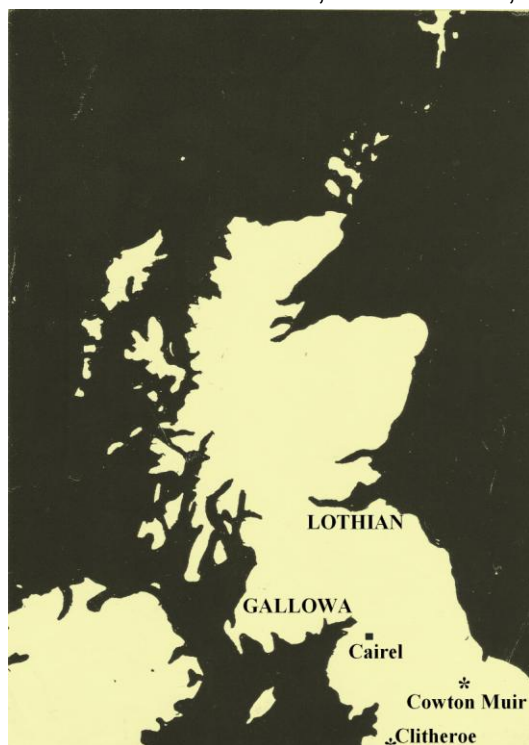
Dauvit wis maist at hame in his lands in whit is noo the sooth o Scotland, in Lothian an the Borders, an in the faur north o Ingland, but he socht tae bigg up his say in the ither airts whaur his faimly mibby wisna as strang. The maist kenspeckle airts wis Moray an Caitnes tae the north, an Gallowa an the Firth o Clyde tae the wast. Tho the king o Scots wis the maist important o the rulers in the north o the Breetish Isles, the war a hantle sma kings yet. Ane o thir men wis cryed Fergus the *rí* – or king – o Gallowa. Dauvit brocht twa-three o his Normans freens tae the region – sic as Robert de Bruce – fae the 1120's onwards. In the wast, Sumerleid wis the *rí* o Argyll an haed his een on the Firth o Clyde. Here Dauvit brocht in fowk he cuid lippen on: Hugh o Morville an Walter Aulanson, an gied them lands in north Ayrshire an Renfrew. In the faur north, the war a feud gauin on atween the kinreds o Orkney an Caitnes, that wisna ony guid for Dauvit's ideas o siccar rule tae the sooth. It suitit him braw whan his ain erle o Atholl got *his* son Harald acceptit as ane o the erles o Orkney in 1139, drawin Caitnes an Sutherland awa fae Norrowa an taewards Scotland. Hooanever, in 1151 King Eystein o Norrowa turnt up wi a fleet, claucht Harald at Thursa, gart him sweir allegiance tae Norrowa, an syne sailt down an brunt the toun o Aiberdeen.

Aiblins, tho, it wis Moray that fasht King Dauvit the maist. It wis fae thon airt that claims agin his croun cam. In 1130 Maucom Sanderson, thegither wi Innes *rí* o Moray – a granson o King Aulach – led a rising agin Dauvit. Thair army got the length o Stracathra by Brechin in Angus, afore it wis defeat wi Dauvit's constable, Edwart Siwardson, an Innes hisel killt alang wi mony o his follaers. Maucom Sanderson got awa, but wis liftit an gien the jyle for life in 1134. In the twa-three year efter 1134, Dauvit's men defeat the men o Moray an the king stertit takkin lands an giein them tae the kirk. His nevey Weelum Duncanson wis gien lordship ower Moray, but whan Weelum dee'd *ab.*1147, Dauvit brocht Moray unner his ain, direct rule. It wis noo that he brocht in a puckle Norman an Fleemish knichts, tae the new castles at Auldearn, Elgin an Forres, an burgesses til his new touns. Ane o thir ootlins, Freskin the Fleeming, wis gien the lands o Duffus north o Elgin. Syne his faimly took the name o Murray.

The king foondit a wheen burghs whaur tredsmen cuid sell thair wares an cairry on aw kinds o haunling sae lang as thay peyed the king taxes on guid bocht an sellt. Amang the new burghs o King Dauvit's wis Aiberdeen, Berrick, Elgin, Embra, Perth, an Roxbra. Deed, it wis Roxbra that wis faurben wi the king an he is affen fund haudin his coort thareawa. Forby the burghs, Dauvit wis the first Scots king tae ootgie his ain coinage; the siller penny, stertin in 1136. He haed a curn mints steidit in touns sic as Aiberdeen, Berrick, Embra an Perth, an gied his coins a Scots design efter 1141. Dauvit wis the patron o mony new releegious hooses braid Scotland, sic as Halyrood an Melrose. In 1136, for instance, he an his hail coort, bringin Gaelic, Lothian an Norman lords thegither, attendit the foondin o the new heich kirk at Glesca.

In 1135, while the Inglis haed a ceevil weir gauin on, Dauvit pit forrit his claims tae Cumberlond an Northummerlond, an invadit. His ettle wis tae conquest the north o Ingland for his son Prince Hendrie. Mony castles an hooses o strength wis siegit. In 1138, Dauvit lichtit on Ingland while the king o Ingland lichtit on Lothian, an baith brunt the ither's lands. Weelum Duncanson blootert

an Inglis airmy at Clitheroe in the Juin, but on 22 August King Dauvit wis defeat at Cowton Muir, in Yorkshire, in a fecht the Inglis cryed The Staundart.



It seems that Dauvit's airmy wis tore atween the Gaelic lords, unner Malise erle o Strathearn, an the Norman lords an knichts, that haed gey different weys o makkin weir. The men o Gallowa, at the heid o the Scots airmy, breenged ramstam at the Inglis airmy but wis broken in turn bi the Norman knichts an thair airchers. This affcome pit the Scots airmy in a swither, an Dauvit an his men haed tae gie backs. Hooanever, the Scots airmy sut down ower the wunter an held maist o the north o Ingland. In Aprile 1139 Dauvit cam awa wi a rare treaty makkin his son Prince Hendrie, erle o Northummerland, an lord o Cumberlond. This meant that fae the dowp-end o the 1130s until 1157, Dauvit, Prince Hendrie, an Hendrie's son Maucom, haed the lordship o maist

o the lands fae Sutherland tae Yorkshire intae thair hauns. Dauvit's ettles at haein the kirk in Scotland recognised bi the paip as freestaunin – lowsed fae the claims o Caunterberry or York - fell throu, but he left Scotland strang, free, an noo a pairt o the European mercat. He dee'd 29 Mey 1153 at Cairn castle in Cumberlond an wis burried at the abbey o Dumfaurlin. He wis aboot 73 year auld. His wife Maud haed dee'd *ab.*1130 an wis burried in Scoun. Dauvit foondit, or dedicatit again, mony kirks, an for this reason wis kent sensyne as 'the saunt'.

Prince Hendrie erle o Northummerland Born *ab.*1115, Hendrie wis the ae son o Dauvit I an Maud o Huntingdon. He wis mairried in 1139 on Ada o Warwin, dochter o Weelum o Warwin erle o Surrey, in Ingland, an Isabel Crepi dochter o Hugh coont o Vermandois. Tho he wis never king in his ain richt, Hendrie wis *rex designatus*, meanin the king that's tae come, an clearly associatit wi his faither Dauvit in the rule o Scotland. The idea that a son folloed a faither as king, wis noo stertin tae become acceptit in Scotland, tho twa-three cheils yet haed ither thochts on the maiter. Hendrie wis ruler ower Northummerland an Cumberlond in his ain richt forby, takkin aiths o allegiance fae aw the barons, an the lave, in the north o Ingland. Like his faither, Hendrie wis Frainchified in culture an leid. He dee'd 12 Juin 1152, either at the Newcastle or Roxbra, an wis burried at the abbey o Kelsae in the Borders. His deith afore his faither meant that the new king o Scots, his son Maucom, wad maist likely be a laddie, gien that King Dauvit wis noo an auld man.