

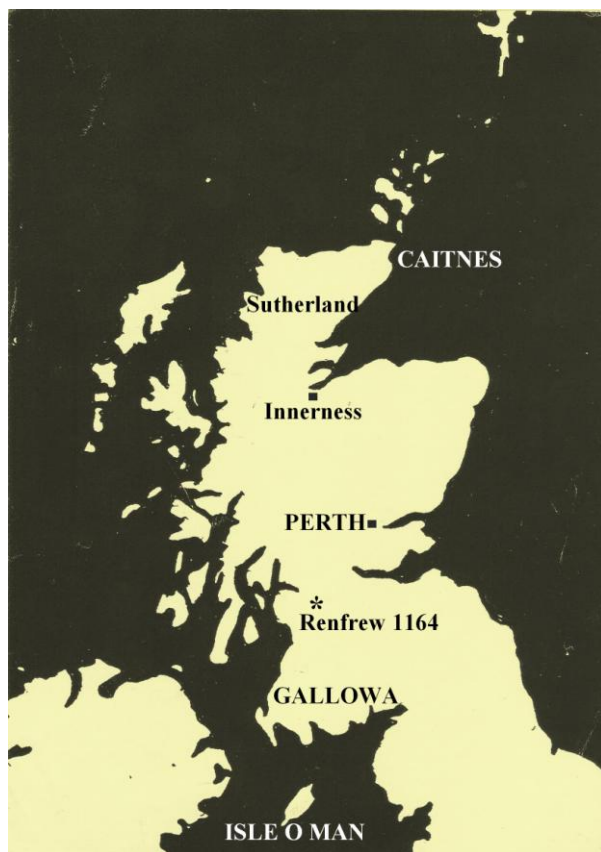


Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses: Pairt 6

Walcome tae pairt sax o Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses. In this pairt we hear about the kings o Scots atween 1153 an 1214.

Maucom IV The Maiden 1153-1165 Born 20 Mairch 1142, Maucom wis son o Prince Hendrie an Ada o Warwin, an granson o King Dauvit I. It haed been the ettle o King Dauvit that Hendrie wis tae follae him on the throne – clear eneuch that the kingship wis chengin fae the auld custom o walin the best king fae among the kinred – but wi Hendrie's deith his son Maucom IV becam Scotland's first boy king. Sae an 11 year auld laddie wis noo made king at Scoun. Appairinly Duncan erle o Fife wis guardian o Maucom as a bairn an maist likely ruled on his behauf for twa-three year, at least til 1157. Maucom wis an oot-an-oot Norman in his fancies an freens, a fact that fasht a wheen nobles. But waur in thair een, wis this young king no staunin up tae the Inglis king. In July 1157 Maucom met wi Hendrie o Ingleand an dispooned his lands o Cumberlond an Northumberland, Hendrie giein him the erledom o Huntingdon insteid. Hendrie haed broken his earlier wadd that thir lands wad aye belang the Scots croun, but the Soothron king haed the maucht an the impire tae daunt the laddie king. Haudin the lands o Huntingdon, Maucom wis cawed on tae serr in Hendrie's army in Fraunce in the simmer o 1159 an thay baith siegit the toun o Toulouse. Here Maucom wis knichtit bi the Inglis king, but baith haed tae draw awa tae Normandy whan King Lewis o Fraunce turnt up wi his ain army. But noo Maucom's weys haed the auld nobles o Scotland asteer. In 1160 he won back hame an gaed tae Perth. Fergus the *rí* o Gallowa pit hisel at the heid o a curn nobles an siegit the king in Perth. Thay didna like thair king gauin ootland an serrin in a fremmit army as anither cheil's vassal. But Maucom's Norman knichts brak the siege. Syne, thay lichtit on Gallowa, for tae gie Fergus a paikin, an the auld *rí* wis made tae demit his lands til his twa sons, Uchtred an Gilbert. Fae noo on, Maucom's faimly regairdit Gallowa no as a kingship but as a lordship tae be held fae him throu Norman-style charter. It wis in this time that Maucom strengthend ties wi fremmit rulers. His mither, the queen dowriar Ada, wis a kenspeckle body at the Scots coort an she wis affsprung fae Hendrie I o Fraunce. Maucom's sister Magret wis mairried on Conan duik o Bertany in 1160, an anither sister, Ada, wis mairried on Florence coont o Holland in 1161 or 1162. In the wast, in Argyll an the isles, Sumerleid the *rí* o Argyll warsled wi baith the king o Man an the king o Scots. *Ab.*1154 Gothreid, king o Man, haed become the 'man' o the king o Norrowa, makkin this offeecial for the first time, tho the kings o Norrowa haed lang claimed owerlordship ower Man an the lave o the isles. But in 1156 Sumerleid o Argyll focht an defait Gothreid an syne drave him oot in 1158. Sumerleid an his faimly noo rang ower aw the isles but Lewis an Skye, tho he wis threitent bi King Maucom's Norman lords biggin up thair ain pouer in the Firth o Clyde. The war a fykie peace tae stert wi, but in 1164

Sumerleid led his army doun the Clyde an wis met at Renfrew bi Walter Aulanson, the heich stewart at the king's coort, an the war a shairp fecht. Sumerleid wis killt, an Walter's faimly, syne kent as the Stewarts, cam tae haud the croun o the causay in the Clyde airt. As for King Maucom, he took no weel in the hairst o 1165 an dee'd on 9 Dezember at Jethart in the Borders. He wis burried in Dumfaurlin. Whit wey he wis cryed 'The Maiden' isna clear, but he wis jist 23 year auld an wis never mairried.



Weelum I The Lion 1165-1214

Born in 1143, Weelum wis the second son o Prince Hendrie an Ada o Warwin. Weelum wis made king at Scoun on 24 Dezember 1165. Like his brither Maucom, he wis gey Frainchified, an wis the first Scots king tae mak common cause wi the king o Fraunce, but this wad be his undaein. Tae stert wi, Weelum got along weel eneuch wi his neebor in Inglan, whaur he gaed in 1166 tae pey homage for the erledom o Huntingdon. This gied him the inlat tae pit forrit his faimly claims tae Cumberlann an Northummerland, an he even follaed the Inglis king ower the watter tae Bertany, in the simmer, whaur it is said the Scots king took pairt in the rinks. But, bi 1173, Weelum cuidna wait ony mair tae see whither the norlan

shires o Inglan wad be judged his, an he jyned a hantle fowk – the king o Fraunce comprehendit - in a rising agin the king o Inglan. He lichtit on the border wi an army tae mak guid his claim an ettled at a siege o the important castle at Anneik in Northummerland. In 1174 he got aheid o his army, along wi a puckle Frainch an Fleemish knichts, an made camp. But ae morning his sma pairty wis ambusht wi a curn norlan barons o Inglan, an Weelum took a lance til his horse, leain him preened tae the grund. His men slauchert, King Weelum wis taen presonar, an cairried awa tae Normandy whaur the Inglis king wis. The Inglis king, Hendrie II, wadna lowse Weelum til he gree'd tae the bemeanin Treaty o Falaise, sealt on 1 Dezember 1174.

Bi the terms o this, Weelum wis noo tae pey homage til Hendrie II, no jist for lands held in Inglan, but for the kinrik o Scotland forby. An for tae mak shair the treaty wis upheld, hostages wad be gien ower, an the hooses o strength at Berrick, Embra, an Roxbra fillt wi Soothron sodgers. But Hendrie o Inglan wisna feenisht. He wantit the bishops o Scotland tae mak thairsels subject tae the kirk in Inglan. Hooanever, the bishops o Scotland wis eident in the defence o thair richts, an for the kinrik. At a cooncil held in 1176 thay wadna gree tae be subjectit til Inglan. The paip in Rome wis in a swither, an pit the

maiter aff in 1179, an affcome that weel suitit the Scots. An sae the maiter o the kirk in Scotland wis left hingin, but Weelum haed sairly duntit his croun.

While thir debates haed been gain on, the men o Gallowa fell tae fechtin amang thairsels. The twa brithers, lords Uchtred an Gilbert, focht ane anither for the hail lordship. The king's Norman lords thareawa fund thairsels siegit an killt, an syne Gilbert took Uchtred an cuttit oot his tongue. It wis 1176 afore King Weelum dauntont Gilbert, at the command o his owerlord King Hendrie. It wis wi the blissin o his owerlord that Weelum, aged 42, wis mairried on Armangarda o Beaumont, dochter o Richert vicoont o Beaumont, in Fraunce, an Constance o Maine. The mairrage took place on 5 September 1186 at Woodstock, by Oxfuird in Ingland. Weelum haed tae thole his vassal staunin til Hendrie o Ingland dee'd. The new king, Richert, syne kent as the Lionhertit, wis wantin siller for his crusade. In Dezember 1189, in a gaithering held at Caunterberry, a new treaty wis made atween the kings. The auld treaty o Falaise wis elidit, an King Weelum noo bocht back his freedom - an the freedom o Scotland - for the sum o 10,000 merks in gowd an siller. Fae noo on, the Soothron king gree'd, Scotland wad be as freenstaunin as it haed been in the days o Weelum's brither Maucom, an ony homage peyed bi the Scots king wad be for his Inglis estates alane.

Weelum haed twa problems in his kinrik, ane sib tae the ither. Ane wis the ongauin claim o the faimly o Weelum Duncanson tae the croun - a claim that wis a guid ane - an the ither wis the maucht o Harald erle o Orkney. Harald haed seen aff his faes in 1158, leain him maister o the hail o Caitnes an Orkney his lane, an he wis mairried on the kinred o Maucom Sanderson. This maks sense o his uphaud o the kinred o Weelum Duncanson, itherwise kent as the MacWeelums. In 1179 thay rose up, an King Weelum haed tae gae north. He pusht up intae Ross an biggit castles alang the Cromarty Firth but this didna stop Donal MacWeelum bringin in an airmy in 1181. For a puckle year the twa sides warsled wi ane anither until, in the simmer o 1187, the king's men, heidit bi Roland lord o Gallowa, happent tae meet in wi Donal at a steid cryed *Mam Garbh* (or 'rauch hill') north o Innerness. The war a shairp fecht an Donal wis killt. Roland haed Donal's heid sindert an sent tae Weelum as a gift. Erle Harald, meanwhile, haed taen the wrang side in the ceevil weir in Norrowa, an the king o Norrowa took Shetland aff o him in 1195. Bishop John o Caitnes didna get alang wi Harald either an steert King Weelum agin the Orkney erle. In 1196 King Weelum led an airmy the length o Thursa an dauntont Harald, but the follaein year Harald's son Thorfinn focht agin the king's men at Innerness. Harald wis claucht, haed his lands in Scotland forfeitit, an jyled for a time, an his son Thorfinn blindit an mankit. In 1201 Bishop John clyped tae King Weelum that Harald wis haein dealings wi the king o Ingland an syne Harald's men ill-hurtit the bishop. Weelum maircht north aince mair, but a greement wis made whaurby Harald wad haud Caitnes but pey a tribute tae the Scots king. An sae things stood whan Harald dee'd in 1206.

King Weelum haed pusht his rule intae Caitnes, Sutherland an Ross, an he wantit tae redd up the staunin o the kirk in Scotland, that the bishops o Caunterberry an York haed baith been claimin authority ower. The maiter haed been left hingin, but in 1192 Paip Celestine's decret declared that the *Ecclesia Scotticana*, or kirk in Scotland, wis subject tae nane but the paip as his ain byous dochter kirk. Alang wi this, an maist likely at the fleitchin o

kirkmen, the king's chauncery drappit the auld form o addressin fowk in chairters conform tae thair ethnic backgrund, whither as Frainch, Inglis, Scots, or whitever. Clearly it haed come tae some cheil's mind that addressin fowk this wey upheld the sindry ethnic springheids. Insteid, the chauncery unner King Weelum noo adresst fowk jist as the king's guid subjects.

In 1198 Queen Armangarda haed gien birth til a son, cryed Alisaunder. This meant that the croun wad haud-gauin in Weelum's line, sae lang as naebody upheld the richts o the MacWeelums. The king, noo auld an aiblins donnert gettin, wis maist fasht that his son wad follae him athoot ony weir. This is whit wey Weelum wis sweirt tae get intae mischief wi King John o Ingland, even whan John was actin it, but nanetheless trouble cam in 1209. The Inglis haed biggit a new castle at the border, Weelum didna like it, the twa fell oot, an John brocht an airmy north. Peace wis made, an Weelum haundit ower his twa dochters, Magret an Isabella, tae be mairried aff in Ingland. He wis aye in howp that the Inglis king nicht gie him a hauder agin the MacWeelums.

The storm cam in the simmer o 1211. Gothreid MacWeelum landit fae Irland wi an airmy an steidit hisel in Ross. Aince mair the auld king haed tae come north. The war blatters back an forrit, the king biggit forts, Gothreid brunt them doun, an sae an on. In the hairst Weelum haed tae withdraw. At the hinnerend it wis Gothreid's ain men that turnt him in throu the simmer o 1212. He wis taen tae the king's castle in the Mearns an wis heidit in front o 14 year auld Prince Alisaunder. King Weelum, noo 69, traivelled throu the Borders, an syne tae Moray whaur he haed dealings wi Erle John o Caitnes, but he took no weel on the wey sooth. He dee'd on 4 Dezember 1214 at Stirlin castle an wis burried on 10 Dezember in the abbey he haed foondit at Arbroath. He is the langest rulin king o Scots at forty nine year. He haed been an aye-gauin king, witnessin chairters fae the Borders tae Moray, tho Embra an Perth wis maist faurben wi him. Whit wey he is kent tae history as 'the lion' isna clear. Weelum's wife Queen Armangarda dee'd 11 Februar 1234 an wis burried at Balmairnie abbey, in Fife.