



Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses: Pairt 8

Walcome tae pairt echt o Scotland's Ain Kingly Hooses. In this pairt we hear about the stoushie ower the croun that led tae the lang weirs atween Ingland an Scotland.

HOOSE O NORROWA

Magret The Maiden o Norrowa 1286-1290 Born afore 9 Aprile 1283, Magret wis the dochter o Eric king o Norrowa an Magret dochter o Alisaunder III an Magret Plantagenet. The dowriar Queen Yolande wis haein the deid king's bairn, a seetiation that haed awbody in a swither, but she miscairried. Wi her granfaither, twa uncles, an mither aw deid, Magret o Norrowa wis the ae heir tae the croun o Scotland, gauin bi the rule o *primogeniture*. The throne noo passt tae the kingly hoose o Norrowa, makkin it like that a Norse fairly wad rule ower Scotland. In Aprile 1286 sax lords, kent in Latin as *custodes*, or guardians, wis waled tae rule ower the kinrik on behauf o wee, faur-awa Queen Magret. Thir lords wis Alisaunder Cummin erle o Buchan, Duncan erle o Fife, Weelum Frazer bishop o Saunt Aundraes, Robert Wishart bishop o Glesca, John Cummin o Badenoch, an Jeems the Heich Stewart. The guardians haed the burden o keepin the hail kinrik peacified, no easy athoot the respect that a king alane cuid command. Duncan o Fife wis murdert in 1289, an Alisaunder o Buchan dee'd the same year. The king o Ingland – Edwart Langshanks – pit it tae the Scots that a treaty o mairrage atween the queen an his ain son wad jyne the twa kinriks in peace. Tae mony o the nobles, haein lands in baith the kinriks, it wis wicelike, but the guardians gaihert, confeered, an intimate that ony mairrage treaty wad want the richts an freedoms o Scotland tae be respectit, as a kinrik aye apairt fae Ingland. Thay war cannie eneuch tae bring mony ither nobles, barons an kirkmen, forspeakers for the hail political community, intae the body o the trokin. Bi the Treaty o Birram gree'd on 18 July 1290, Queen Magret wis trystit til Edwart prince o Ingland. Even afore this, in Juin 1290, Edwart Langshanks shawed his haun bi takkin ower the Isle o Man, or as he pit it, giein beild tae the fowk. An the Soothron king wis wantin the guardians tae eik his ain appyntit factors amang thair cooncil. But, awthing wis pit in an affa steer in the hairst. On the wey ower fae Norrowa, Queen Magret took no weel an the wee sowel dee'd at Kirkwal, courried in the airms o the bishop o Orkney, on 26 September 1290. She wis taen back tae Norrowa an burried at Birren kirk. It wisna appearant whit body wis the richtfae heir, an the heidmaist nobles noo gaed about bodin in fear o weir.

THE MUCKLE CAUSE 1290-1292

Whit the community maist feart – a kingless kinrik – haed come aboot. Robert Bruce o Annandale, an John Balliol o Gallowa, noo pit forrit claims tae the croun. Baith wis the affspring o Erle Davit o Huntingdon, brither o Weelum

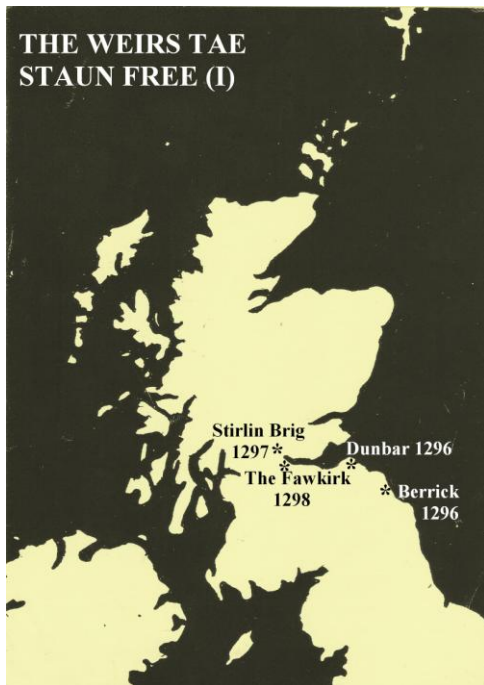
the Lion. Bruce wis his granson, while Balliol wis his ieroe. Weelum Frazer bishop o Saunt Aundraes noo wrate til Edwart Langshanks, an askit him as a guid neebor, an kinsman o the deid queen, tae come an keep the peace, feart that a ceevil weir wisna faur aff. Bi the ware o 1291 the Inglis king haed even been askit tae judge whit noble haed the best claim. Edwart wis gled tae, sae lang as the guardians awned him as owerlord o Scotland. Tae dae mense tae the guardians, thair reply wis that naebody but a king cuid answer sic a claim – an thay didna ken thairsels o ony sic claim - but thay didna think that he, Edwart, wad mak it unless he thocht he haed the richt. It wis a rare bootgait that haed Edwart in a swither. The Inglis king joukit this tickler bi makkin the fourteen claimants tae the croun sweir fealty directly til him. In Juin 1291 the guardians demittit office but wis appyntit again, this time on Edwart's say. Thay an ithers o the kinrik swure fealty til Edwart as *superior dominus*, or owerlord, on 13 Juin 1291 at Norham. On 2 August a coort at Berrick stertit hearin the Muckle Cause, or law pleas o the claimants tae the croun. The guardians bade in office atween hauns til the coort fund in favour o John Balliol as king, in November 1292.

HOOSE O BALLIOL (I)

John Tuim Tabard 1292-1296 Born *ab.*1250, John wis the son o John Balliol an Devorgilla o Gallowa. John haed awready been mairried on Isabella o Warwin, dochter o John o Warwin 3rd erle o Surrey an Alice Le Brun o Mairch. The coort in the kingship cause fund on 17 November 1292 that John shuid be king as the cheil sprung fae the line o the eldest dochter o Erle Dauvit. He wis crount 30 November 1292 at Scoun, but it wis weel seen that Edwart regairdit John his vassal king. In Dezembar, no lang efter John wis made king, a burgess o Berrick appealed tae Langshanks agin judgements in a Scots coort. The king o Inglanld made it clear that he wad hear appeals fae John's subjects an wad summon John til Inglanld whan necessar. In 1293 this is the weird that John haed tae dree whan he wis bemeaned afore the Inglis pairlament. It wisna lang afore mony o the Scots nobles scunnert at the wey that the croun wis ill-haunled. But demands bi Langshanks in the simmer o 1294 for Scots tae serr in his weir agin Fraunce, daein skaith tae Scots tred, wis ower muckle, an a cooncil o nobles took ower in King John's name in the simmer o the follaein year. Weelum Frazer bishop o Saunt Aundraes noo heidit an ambassadry tae Fraunce, an on 23 October 1295 a treaty wi King Philip wis gree'd agin Inglanld. This is affen thocht o as the stert o the sae-cryed Auld Alliance, but Fraunce an Scotland haed awready been makkin common cause agin Inglanld fae the 1170's onwards. Weir cam in Mairch 1296. It wis the Scots that strak first, led bi King John's kinsmen the Cummins. The Bruce faimly, claimants tae the croun, an unfreens o the Balliols, wadna serr John. Langshanks brocht up his airmy, siegit an spylt Berrick, slauchterin its fowk, an syne defait a Scots airmy at Dunbar on 27 Aprile. The Scots didna ken whit haed dung them. Langshanks breenged up the east coast an King John randert hisel. On 10 July at Brechin John wis made tae demit his croun an wis cairried awa a presonar tae Lunnon. Acause the kingly airms on his tabard or coat wis torn aff, he wis kent evermair as tuim tabard. At the hinnerend he wis gien ower tae the custody o the paip an dee'd in Aprile 1313 at Bailleul-en-Gouffern in Normandy. He wis likely burried thareawa.

GUARDIANS ATWEEN KINGS 1296-1306

In the ware an simmer o 1296 Langshanks maircht roon Scotland takkin aiths o fealty an cairryin awa the registers an ensigny o Scotland as a freestaunin kinrik. Edwart wis a king o muckle maucht that's veeson o hisel wis as imperor ower the hail Breetish Isles. At a pairlament held at Berrick on 28 August Edwart set oot the wey Scotland wis tae be run, like Wales, as a province. John o Warwin erle o Surrey, guid-faither o John Balliol, wis appyntit lutenant o the Inglis-usurpit airts bi Edwart in September 1296 but Warwin's authority brak doun in mony airts an his lutenancy endit in August 1297. A puckle Scots nobles cockit a neive at Langshanks but it wis the lesser lairds an common fowk, steert up bi Soothron tax gaitherars, that stertit heather weirs in the ware o 1297. The twa heidmaist Scots wis Sir Andra Murray (in the north) an Weelum Wallace (in the sooth).



Sir Weelum Wallace Born *ab.*1270, Weelum wis the son o Aulan Wallace a memmer o the Hoose o Elderslie. Wallace, along wi Sir Andra Murray, defait the Inglis unner thair thesaurar Sir Hew Cassinghame at Stirlin Brig on 11 September 1297. Murray wis hurtit tae the deith an dee'd in the November but no afore he an Wallace sent oot letters as 'heids o the airmy o Scotland' tae German merchants for tae lat them ken that Scotland wis lowsed fae Inglis pouer. Atween September 1297 an Mairch 1298, Wallace wis appyntit guardian his lane an heidit the community o the kinrik o Scotland agin the Inglis invader. But acause he focht in the name o King John, a hantle nobles, sic as the Bruces, wis sweirt tae follae him. But Wallace noo haed tae tak on the hail micht o

Langshanks in the simmer. Wallace haed a puckle knichts unner Sir John the Rid Cummin an airchers unner Sir John Stewart, but at the Faw Kirk, on 22 July 1298, Edwart blootert Wallace wi an airmy o 18,000, comprehendin Earse sodgers, Frainch knichts an Welsh langbowmen. In the eftercome, an bi Dezember at latest, Wallace demitit his guardianship an gied ower tae jynt guardians in the free airts o Scotland. In 1299 he gaed tae Fraunce an Norrowa, seekin a haun agin Ingland. Efter the appearant faw o Scotland, in 1304, Wallace took tae the heather until he wis betrayed tae Langshanks, taen tae Lunnon, an pit tae deith wi Jethart justice on 23 August 1305. Awmaist alane among ither Scots, Wallace never awned Edwart as owerlord, an aye focht for the community o Scotland. For aw the auld fernyears, Scots doun throu aw the ages haes richtly seen Wallace as a hero.

Jynt Guardians Robert Bruce o Annandale, son o the claimant, wis appyntit jynt guardian bi a noble cooncil at the dowp-end o 1298 but cuidna wirk wi his

political-brither John The Rid Cummin o Badenoch. Bruce demittit in 1300, an syne gaed ower tae Langshanks. John Cummin cairried on the fecht in the name o King John, an wis jyned bi Bishop Weelum Lamberton o Saunt Aundraes an Ingeram Umfra, but aw demittit office in 1301. A kenspeckle, an patriotic body, that maist fowk haes forgotten nooadays, wis Sir John Soules. He took ower fae the Cummin, Bishop Weelum an Umfra at the stert o 1301 an bade in office til the hairst o 1302 whan he gaed tae Pairis on ambassadry. John Cummin appearinly took ower as guardian aince mair fae John Soules, winnin a fecht agin the Inglis at Rosslin in 1303. But Langshanks weirrit Cummin doun until Cummin, alang wi ither heids o kin, randert thairsels at Strathord by Perth, on 9 Februar 1304, wi the terms confirmed at a pairlament held in Saunt Aundraes in Mairch. In September 1305 Edwart set oot his ettles for the kintra and appyntit a comatee o ten Scots an ten Inglis tae pit oot ordinances for the admeenistration o the 'land' o Scotland. Atween the simmer o 1305 an Mairch 1306 the war naebody in Scotland wi the maucht tae daunton, but the usurpin army o the king o Ingland.

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