

"de Leky" as a surname, and his original charters, from the King, to the lands of Wester Leckie are still preserved at Leckie.

Malcolm's grandfather, Murdoch, was the son of Corc, a son of Alwyn, the second Earl of Lennox, and received a charter to the lands of Croy,¹ in the County of Stirling, latterly known as Croy-Leckie to distinguish them from the other lands of Croy, in the same county.

Thus the Leckies, who are a branch of the ancient and noble house of Lennox, may be said to have established themselves as a separate family in the year 1352. In order to differ from the parent family, the Leckies substituted a chevron for the saltire in the Lennox coat of arms. The coat of arms of the Earls of Lennox of Old is argent, a saltire between four roses gules,² the de Leky or Leckie arms being argent, a chevron between three roses gules.³

Among genealogists and historians there has been much controversy as to the origin of the Earls of Lennox; so, before tracing the family from the earliest ancestor in the male line, of whom we have record, a chapter will be devoted to this much discussed subject.

1 *Cartularum de Levenax*, p. xi and 79.

2 *Sir David Lindsay's Register*, 1542, p. 46.

3 *Sir David Lindsay's Register*, 1542, p. 127b.

