

CHAPTER VI.

CORC.

Circa 1195-1270.

Corc, Korc, or Kork, was one of the younger sons of Alwin, second Earl of Lennox. He is placed by the editor of the Lennox Cartulary as the seventh son of the Earl,¹ which position is also assigned to him by Sir William Fraser in his book on the Lennox.²

Of the ten sons of Alwin, most of them occur frequently as witnesses to charters by their brother, Earl Maldouen, but three of them, viz, Murdoch, Corc, and Ferchar, only appear once each. This might indicate that they had more of a roving disposition than their brothers. Murdoch, as above shown, was a great warrior, and it is possible that Corc and Ferchar joined him on his expeditions and participated in his martial exploits.

The only charter known to be witnessed by Corc is one by Maldouen, third Earl of Lennox, to Maldouen and Gillemore, recognising their title to the lands of Luss. Earl Maldouen, although very liberal in his grants to the church, was apparently a man of grasping disposition. He had illegally withheld the three lower quarter lands of Luss, and another quarter land on the west side of Luss, from the heirs of Maldouen, Dean of Luss, to whom these lands had been granted by Alwin, Second Earl of Lennox. This tardy recognition by Earl Maldouen to the rightful owners was prompted, so he said, by penitence. It is in this charter that we find Corc mentioned as a brother to the Earl. Among the names of the witnesses are "*dominus Amhleu fratre nostro, Duncano et Henrico et Corco, fratribus nostris.*" The original charter is at Rossthun, and an excellent reproduction of it is displayed in Fraser's "*The Lennox,*"³ which shows how well the original has been preserved.

¹ Cart. Com. de Lovenax, p. xl.

² Fraser's "*The Lennox,*" vol. II, p. 496.

³ Vol. II, pp. 404, 405.