

This Donald entered into religion, and, through the intercession of the head of his clan with Cardinal Wolsey, was appointed by Pope Leo X. Abbot of Cupar in the county of Angus. His vow of celibacy seemed an insuperable objection to our claim, but I have clearly ascertained that before he became a monk he had been a soldier, and that having been married he left behind him legitimate issue. In the parish church of Bendoehry, in the county of Angus, there is to be read the following epitaph:

*'Sub hoc sarcophagi monumento celeberrimus ac suæ dexteritatis vir, Magister Nicolaus Campbeil de Kethik conditur, nepos quondam serenissimi Comitiss de Argyll ex venerabili Patre Domino Donaldto Campbeil Abbate de Cupro qui obiit Anno Domini 1587. Ætatis sue 70.'**

From this Nicholas Campbell of Kethik (as we assert) was descended George Campbell my great-great-grandfather, who was ruined in his circumstances by joining in a bond as surety for his chief the first Marquis of Argyll, beheaded at the Market Cross of Edinburgh in 1661, on a false charge of having been implicated in the death of King Charles I. My ancestor's lands were judicially sold, and with the wreck of his fortune he retired into the county of Fife, where he became owner of the small estate of Baltullo in the parish of Ceres, and of a house in the ancient city of St. Andrews, in which he resided till his death. After settling in Fife he was called Chamberlain Campbell, but how he came by this designation I know not. The link connecting him with the Campbells of Kethik depends on family tradition. The rest of the pedigree is clearly proved by written documents still extant.

The Chamberlain's eldest son John took the degree of M. A. at St. Andrews in the year 1677 and gained the highest honors of that University, which then continued to enjoy a considerable portion of the literary splendor it had acquired under the illustrious Buchanan. But he was of an indolent disposition, and, without engaging in any profession, he married a lady of good

*There is another monument in the same church to David Campbell, another son of the abbot, designated '*de Denhead*.'