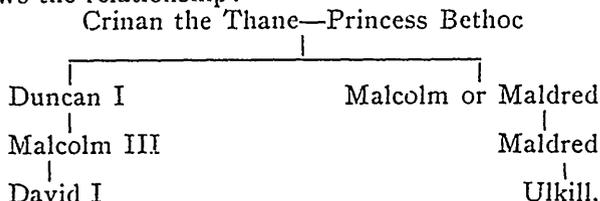


Book, where the names of Ulkill and Arkill occur relating, evidently, to the same man.¹

One of the strongest supports, however, to the theory that Ulkill, or Arkill, was the father of Alwin MacArkill, the close attendant upon King David, and who was subsequently created Earl, lies in the fact that Ulkil, son of Maldred, was closely akin to that sovereign; a factor not to be ignored at a time when the loyalty of the courtiers to their King was so very essential. The following table shows the relationship:—



This Ulkil, son of Maldred, appears as a witness to charters by Gospatric, brother of Dofin, before 1138,² Maldred being an uncle of the grantor. On account of his grandfather's position, Ulkil, or Arkil, may have held the office of Seneschal, or Steward, of the Lennox. This is suggested by finding an "Arkil Senescallus" as witness to a charter about the year 1144.³

It is more likely that Maldred, the father of Ulkill, fled to Scotland and settled there at the same time as his brother Gospatric. Gospatric was recompensed by the Scottish King with the Lordship of Dunbar,⁴ and Maldred may have been granted the stewardship of the Lennox. It is supposed that Malcolm, King of the Cumbrians, was a son of Crinan the Thane, hereditary Lay-abbot of Dunkeld, and Seneschal of the Isles,⁵ and in this connection it is interesting to note that Skene in his book, "The Highlanders of Scotland," inclines to the theory that "the Earls of Lennox before they acquired that dignity were hereditary Seneschals of Stratherne and Bailies of the Abthainrie of Dull in Atholl."⁶

1 The Victoria History of the Counties of England—County of Durham, vol. i, p. 329b. "Turkill" seems to be another variation of "Ulkill"—same vol., pp. 332a-334b.

2 Raine's "North Durham," app. No. CXI; Liber de Calchou I, 234.

3 Liber de Calchou, vol. i, p. 153.

4 Hoveden, vol. i, p. 59.

5 Rev. John Anderson in Sir J. B. Paul's "New Douglas Peerage," vol. iii, p. 241.

6 Skene's "The Highlanders of Scotland," vol. ii, p. 152.