

CHAPTER VIII.

DUNCAN.

Circa 1270-1333.

Duncan, the son of Murdoch, was closely associated with Malcolm, fifth Earl of Lennox, and consequently must have taken an active part in the struggles to secure for Robert Bruce the throne of Scotland. Duncan evidently rendered good service to the King, for Bruce conferred upon him the office of Hereditary Sergeant of Dumbartonshire. In the same charter, the King confirmed to him half the quarter lands of "Ratheon" and "Atrenmonyth"¹ in the Lennox.² These lands, as before stated, were part of the private property of the old Earls of Lennox and probably descended to Duncan, as the patrimony of his grandfather Corc, son of Earl Alwyn. Robert I also granted the lands of Kurdeny and Fortuveth (Forteviot) in Perth, to Duncan, the son of Murdoch.³ These may also be a reward for services.

Duncan, son of Murdoch, is witness to charters by Malcolm, fifth Earl of Lennox, to Malcolm de Luss, of the lands of Luss;⁴ to Patrick Galbraith, of the lands of Camkell;⁵ to Patrick Galbraith, of the lands of Balecarrage;⁶ and to a charter confirming a charter by Maldouen, Earl of Lennox, to Gilmore, son of Maldouen, of the lands of Luss.⁷ All of these charters were executed between the years 1292 and 1333. We do not find Duncan's name mentioned after the latter date, so it is probable that he, too, ended his life that year, by the side of his chief, Earl Malcolm, in the Battle of Halidon Hill.

The name of Duncan's wife is unknown, and we have record of only one son, MALCOLM.

¹ Rehane and Altermony.

² Reg. Mag. Sig. Rob. I, 83.

³ Robertson's Index of Scottish Charters, p. 19, No. 87.

⁴ Cart. Com. de Levenax, p. 24.

⁵ Same vol., p. 32.

⁶ Same vol., p. 33.

⁷ Fraser's "Chiefs of Colquhoun," vol. i, p. 20.