

Gillescop Galbrad, his grandson (nepote).¹ This charter is estimated, from the names of certain witnesses, to have been granted between the years 1207 and 1214.²

It thus appears from the first-mentioned charter that Alwin (junior), Earl of Lennox, about the year 1199, was the grandfather of a man old enough to be a witness to a charter, or presumably about 20 years of age. This would place the probable date of the birth of Alwin (junior) about seventy years previous to the granting of the charter, or about the year 1130, and the probable date of the birth of Alwin (senior), Earl of Lennox, about 1100.

The second Alwin, Earl of Lennox, died about the year 1216, as we find his son Murdoch mentioned in 1215 as "son" of the Earl of Lennox,³ and not "brother," as would be the case if Alwin were dead. In the year 1217 Maldouen, as Earl of Lennox, grants a charter to his sister Eva,⁴ so Alwin's death must have occurred between these two dates.

The next question is, When did the first Alwin succeed to the Earldom of Lennox, or when was he granted that title?

From an inquisition made by the Abbot of Paisley in 1233, it appears that Earl David, brother to King William, held the Earldom of Lennox some time after the accession of William to the throne, and, to judge from statements made by Anekel, one of the witnesses, after the year 1173.⁵

There is a charter by King William the Lion, granting the Lennox to his brother David, the probable date of which is between 1178 and 1182.⁶ But King William confirms a charter, by Prince David, of the churches of Campsie and Altermunin to the monks of Kelso, the probable date of which is between 1173 and 1177,⁷ so David may have possessed the Earldom of Lennox before the grant of it by his brother as above mentioned.

Fraser supposes that Earl David held the earldom in ward during the minority of the second Alwin, as when

1 *Registrum Episcopatus Glasguensis*, vol. i, pp. 86-88.

2 Robertson's "Scotland Under Her Early Kings," vol. ii, p. 496.

3 Skene's "Chronicles of the Picts and Scots," etc., pp. 273-4.

4 Fraser's "The Lennox," vol. ii, p. 401.

5 *Registrum Monasterii de Passelet*, pp. 166-168. Fraser's "The Lennox," vol. i.

6 *Chartulary of Lindores, Scot. Hist. Soc. i.*

7 *Liber de Calchou*, pp. 136, 304.