

LINDSEY FAMILY

"The Lindseys of Scotland is one of the most ancient and honorable house of the Scottish Kingdon. They intermarried with the royal princesses and at one time were second only to the royal family, according to the historian of the Lindsey family.

The first to appear were two brothers, Waltog (?) and William de Lindsey, Anglo-Normans about the year 1116. They were the sons of Baron Baldric de Lindsey, a Norman Knight, related to and contemporary with William the Conqueror. (Note: Battle of Hastings, Oct. 25, 1066.)

The Lindsey were of Norman extraction and the family was seated near Rouen for many centuries and through their Norwegian ancestor, Molahole (?), are remote descendants of the great house of de Toeny (Tony?), the hereditary Standard bearers of Normandy.

William de Lindsey of Ercildoun, grandson of the first William was "high judiciary of Lothian", one of the highest offices in the Kingdom. This William was the Lindsey who first organized the magnificent mountain Estate of Crawford from which the LINDSEYS take their title, Earl of Crawford, situated in Berwickshire (location?)

This Estate was held by the family until 1488, when David Lindsey, Fifth Earl of Crawford and Duke of Montrose, was deprived of it by the misfortune of Civil War.

Randolph de Lindsey, younger brother of Baron Baldric de Lindsey, came over to England with his kinsman, William the Conqueror, who bestowed upon him some forty lordships in different counties in England for his services. His great granddaughter, Eleanor Lindsey, one of the richest heiresses in England, married her Scot cousin, Sir David Lindsey, thus uniting the two branches of the house in the year 1199.

One of the most noted members of the Lindsey family was Sir David Lindsey of the Mount, Lord Lion King at Arms to James V; the title of Lion King was born by the chief of the heraldic corporation (word?) of Scotland.

Sir David Lindsey was a poet and religious reformer exerting his influence against the Church of Rome. Sir David Lindsey, Lion King in 1530, was considered the Chief Judge of Chivalry and acted as ambassador to foreign countries. It is from still another David Lindsey that the Lindsey family of Virginia trace their direct line of descent---Rev. David Lindsey, known to the world as the minister of Leith, the celebrated Bishop of Ross.

Rev. David Lindsey was the son of Alexander Lindsey, of Edsell Castle, who was the son of David Lindsey, Eighth Earl of Crawford (see Page 1, House of Crawford).

Rev. David Lindsey, Bishop of Ross, was chaplain for James I of England and V of Scotland. He is said to have been a man of great ability and deep learning. He held several high offices under the Crown.