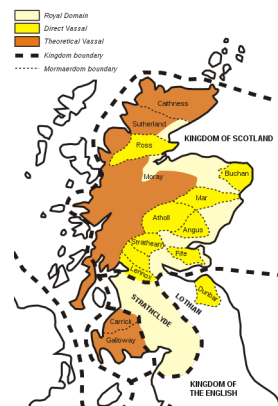
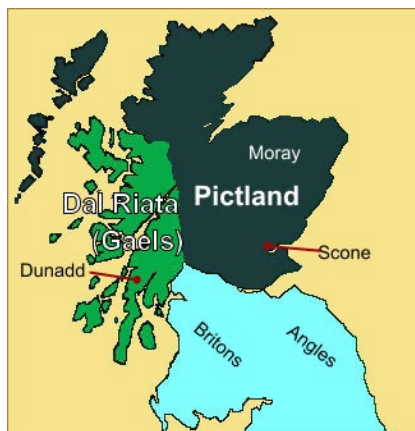


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## *PART II* *Scottish Treachery (800-1066)*



**In the early middle ages, the situation in what is now Scotland was chaotic. Borders were uncertain and subject to constant change. Scotland consisted of separate tribal areas.**



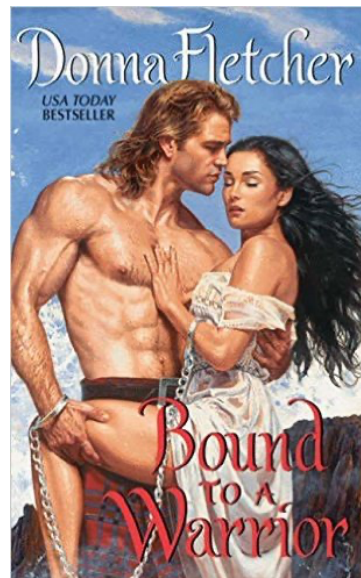
**"The Courageous"**  
**King Alpin I MacEochaid**  
**(King of Scotland MacAlpin, 839-834)**  
**c. 778 - 834**  
**[My 34<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather]**



He was born on July 12, 778, in Fordoun, Kincardineshire, the child of Eochaid IV, King of Scots and Fergusa Urgusia Princess Royal of Picts. He married Queen Fergusa Urgusia Princess Royal of the Picts, Queen of Scotland. He died 20 Jul 834. Beheaded after Battle with Picts in Dumfries, Galloway, Scotland. Age 56.

**"The Conqueror"**  
**Kenneth I MacAlpin**  
**(King of The Picts & Dalriada, 841-859)**  
**c. 810 -859**  
**[33<sup>rd</sup> Great-grandfather]**

He was born on May 11, 0810, in Argyll, the child of King Alpin I MacEochaid King of Scotland and Queen Fergusa Urgusia Princess Royal of the Picts, Queen of. He was married four times. He died on February 6, 859, in battle with rival family at Forteviot, Perthshire, at age 48.





## **"The Martyr"**

**Constantine Causantin Maccinnaeda**

**(King of the Scots, Picts and Dalriada, 863-877)**

**c. 836 - 877**

***[32<sup>nd</sup> Great-grandfather]***

He was born on August 30, 836, in Argyll. He married Sabhfh Alba, Princess of Alba, Queen Consort of the Picts in 862 in Fife. They had two children during their marriage. Died 6 February 877 in a battle near the Black Cove, Angus, Inverdovat, Forgan, Fife, Scotland. He was beheaded by Vikings age 41.



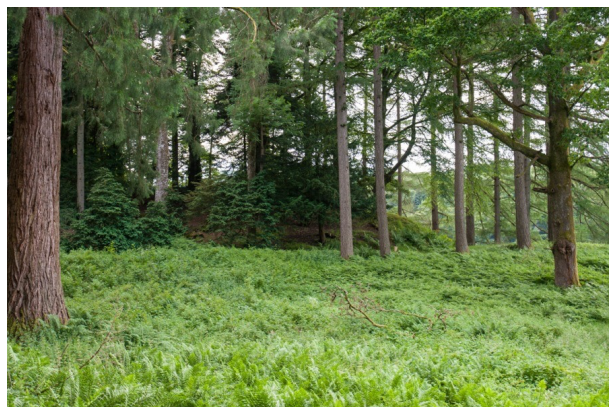
**Duncan of Strathearn**

**Prince of the Scots, Hereditary Priest of Dule, Earl of Caithness**

**Lay Abbot of Dunkeld)**

**c. 871 - 925**

***[My 31<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather]***



When he was born in 871 in Perthshire, his father King Constantine was 35 and his mother, Sabhfh, was 39. He married Groa Thorsteinsdottir and they had four children. He then had two sons with Lady Halvdan Sigurdsson. He died in 925 in Dunkeld, Perthshire, at the age of 54.

**Ruins of Dunkeld Castle, Perthshire.**



**Duncan's brother "Donald the Madman"**

**King Domnall MacConstantin**

***[My 31<sup>th</sup> Great-uncle]***

Donald (Domnall mac Causantín) was the son of Constantine. He succeeded Eochaid and Giric and annexed Strathclyde, establishing himself as King of the Scots. He had some success against the Vikings in the West, but the North was dominated by Viking Sigurd the Mighty based in Orkney.

Donald was killed in 900, possibly murdered, at Donnattar near Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire. He was buried on Iona.

**Duncan Donachadh MacDonachad**

**Earl of Strathclyde, Mormaer of Atholl, Thane of Dule, Abbot of Dunkeld)**

**c. 920 - 965**

***[My 30<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather]***

When he was born in 920 in Perthshire, his father, Duncan of Strathearn, was 54. He had three sons with Lady Halvdan Sigurdsson. He died in 965 in Perthshire, at the age of 45, and was buried in Dunkeld, Perthshire.

**Duncan mac Donnchad**

**(Mormaer of Atholl and the Isles, Abthane of Dule, Abbott of Dunkeld)**

**c. 945 - 990**

***[My 29<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather]***



When he was born in 945 in Dunkeld, Perthshire, his mother, Lady Halvdan Sigurdsson, was 25. He married Lady Athelreda Dunbar, Countess of Atholl and they had one son together. He also married Groa Thorsteinsdottir in Perth, Perthshire. He died in 990 in Mortlach, Banffshire, at the age of 55.

## Crínán Mormaer "Thane of The Isles" (Abbot of Dunkeld)

c. 976 – 1045

[My 28th Great-grandfather]

Crinan "Thane of The Isles" Mormaer, Abbot of Dunkeld, was born in 975 in Perth, Perthshire, the child of Duncan MacDonnchad and Lady Athelreda. In 1045, Crínán rose in rebellion against Macbeth in support of his grandson, Malcolm III's claim to the throne.<sup>[3]</sup> Crínán was killed in a battle at Dunkeld.

He was the lay abbot of the monastery of Dunkeld, and perhaps the Mormaer of Atholl. Crínán was progenitor of the House of Dunkeld, the dynasty which would rule Scotland until the later 13th century. He was the son-in-law of one king, and the father of another. He was married to Bethóc, daughter of Máel Coluim mac Cináeda (Malcolm II) (King of Scots, who reigned from 1005 to 1034). As Máel Coluim had no surviving son, the strongest hereditary claim to the Scottish throne descended through Bethóc. Crínán and Bethóc's eldest son, Donnchad (Duncan I), reigned as Scottish King from 1034 to 1040 (then killed by MacBeth). Crínán's second son, Maldred of Allerdale, held the title of Lord of Cumbria. From him, the Earls of Dunbar, for example Patrick Dunbar, 9th Earl of Dunbar, descend in unbroken male line.

## Lord Maldred MacCrínán I Canmore of Cumbria and Allerdale c. 1015 – 1045

[My 27th Great-grandfather]

Lord Maldred, son of "Crinan the Thane," was born about 1015, and married, about 1036, Ealdgyth Agligitha, daughter of Uchtred, Earl of Northumberland and granddaughter of Aethelred, King of England, who was the great-great-grandson of Alfred, King of England. Maldred gained the title of Lord of Allerdale. He held the office of Regent of the Kingdom of Strathclyde between 1034 and 1045. Maldred was brother, as well as neighbour, of "the gracious Duncan," who was King before he succeeded his maternal grandfather, Malcolm II as King Duncan I of Scotland on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1034. He died in battle against his cousin MacBeth 1045 in Dunbar, East Lothian, at the age of 30.





**Princess Ealdgyth Aglithia of Northumbria**  
**Wife of Maldred MacCrinan**  
**c. 1020-1086**  
***[My 27<sup>th</sup> Great-grandmother]***

Ealdgyth Aglithia, Princess of Northumberland, born 1020. Ealdgyth married twice, first to Maldred of Scotland and later married Alfgar III Earl of Mercia.



**Lady Godgifu of Mercia**  
**(aka “Lady Godiva”)**  
**Wife of Leofic, Earl of Mercia.**  
**Grandmother of Princess Ealdgyth Aglithia of Northumbria**  
**c. 980 – 1067**  
***[My 29<sup>th</sup> Great-grandmother]***



Lady Godiva was the wife of Leofric, the Earl of Mercia. Earl Leofric was one of the all-powerful lords who ruled England under the Danish King Canute. Lady Godiva was a rich landowner in her own right and one of her most valuable properties was Coventry. Leofric was a tyrant, he tyrannized the Church and did not hold the same religious convictions as his wife, nor her fondness for the Midlands and its populace. He mercilessly demanded from the people of Coventry an oppressive tax called the Heregeld. This tax paid for King Canute’s bodyguard and Leofric made sure that the people of Coventry paid it! Lady Godiva pleaded with Leofric to stop this hated tax and he is reputed to have said, “You will have to ride naked through Coventry before I will change my ways”.

# My Royal Relatives

## King Duncan I

King of Scotland (Alba) (1034 to 1040)

c. 1001 – 14 August 1040

*[My 27<sup>th</sup> Great-uncle]*

King Duncan I was a son of Crínán, hereditary lay abbot of Dunkeld, and Bethóc, daughter of king Máel Coluim mac Cináeda (Malcolm II). The early period of Duncan's reign was apparently uneventful, perhaps a consequence of his youth. Macbeth (Mac Bethad mac Findláich) is recorded as having been his duke, today rendered as "duke" and meaning nothing more than the rank between prince and marquess, but then still having the Roman meaning of "war leader". In context suggests that Macbeth may have been the power behind the throne. In 1039, Duncan led a large Scots army south to besiege Durham, but the expedition ended in disaster.

Duncan survived, but the following year he led an army north into Moray, Macbeth's domain, apparently on a punitive expedition against Moray. There he was killed in action, at Bothnagowan, now Pitgaveny, near Elgin, by the men of Moray led by Macbeth, on 14 August 1040. He is thought to have been buried at Elgin before later relocation to the Isle of Iona.





**MacBeth (Mac Bethad mac Findlaích)**  
**King of Scotland**  
**c. 1040-1057**  
**[My cousin 27x removed!]**

In 1040, MacBeth acquired the throne after defeating Duncan I in battle following years of family feuding. He was the first Scottish king to make a pilgrimage to Rome. A generous patron of the church it is thought he was buried at Iona, the traditional resting place of the kings of the Scots.



**King Malcolm III of Scotland**  
**Son of King Duncan I.**  
**c. 1031-1093**  
**[My cousin 26x removed]**



The son of Duncan I, he succeeded to the throne in 1057 after killing Macbeth and Macbeth's stepson Lulach in an English-sponsored attack. He married Margaret the sister of Edgar Ætheling. William the Conqueror invaded Scotland in 1072 and forced Malcolm to become his vassal. In 1093 he was killed in battle by the Earl of Northumbria.





## King Donald III Ban

[My 26<sup>th</sup> cousin 3x removed]

Son of Duncan I, he seized the throne after the death of his brother Malcolm III and made the Anglo-Normans very unwelcome at his court. He was defeated and dethroned by his nephew Duncan II in May 1094.

## King Duncan II

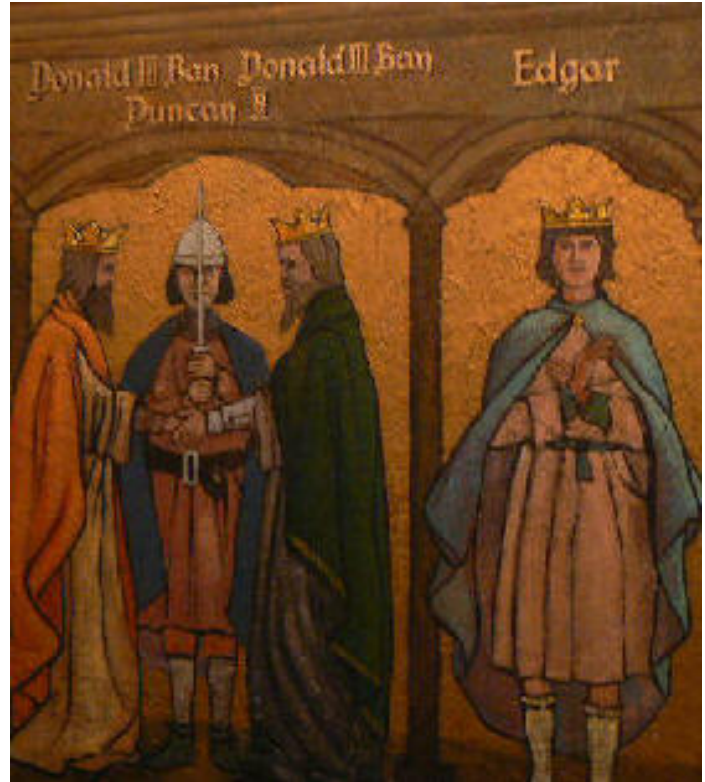
[My 26<sup>th</sup> cousin 4x removed]

Son of Malcolm III, in 1072 he had been sent to the court of William I as a hostage. With the help of an army supplied by William II (Rufus) he defeated his uncle Donald III Ban in 1094. Then Donald III engineered his uncle's murder on 12 November 1094 and reclaimed the throne.

## King Donald III Ban

[My 26<sup>th</sup> cousin 4x removed]

In 1097 Donald III was captured and blinded by another of his nephews, Edgar Ætheling.



King Donald III Ban was the last king of the Scots to be finally buried on the Isle of Iona.

