



Common Ancestor of the Irwins of Chester County, Pennsylvania and The Royal Cousins



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Sir William Keith, (born circa 1505; obit 7 OCT 1581 succeeded his grandfather as 4th Earl Marischal of Scotland. He served as one of the *Lords of the Articles*, (Scottish Privy Councillors). One of the "*Lords of the Congregation*" he led the peers for the Protestant (Reformation) of Scotland in 1560, yet the aged Keith was a counselor to both *MARY, Queen of Scots*, and her mother *MARY of Guise*. The fall of *MARY, Queen of Scots* (1567) ended Keith's political years. He became a recluse at his castle at Dunnator. Sir William Keith married circa 30 JUN 1538 Margaret Keith of Inverguie, a distant cousin. Their children included: ¹

Elizabeth (Will dated 20 JUN 1585) who married in 1552 to **Alexander Irvine**, 8th laird of Drum. He died 1602. His brother, Gilbert Irvine of Colairlie, was also an ancestor of U.S. President **Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.** One son was:

Alexander Irvine, 9th laird of Drum (1553; obit Kelly 1630, buried at church at Abiriot). He was chosen one of the *Lords of the Articles* on 16 APR 1604. He remodeled the castle at Drum in 1619 in its present form. He married in early 1590 to Marion Douglas of Lochleven. She died circa 1650 and is buried at the Auchterhouse chapel. One of their children was:

Sir Alexander Irvine, 10th laird of Drum, died 1658. He m. 2 JUL 1617 **Magdalene Scrimgeour** ³ Their third son was:

James Irvine (or Irwin) (born 1622; obit post 1666, recusant royalist, imprisoned during the "Troubles." Reportedly then fled to Ulster. He appears resident at "Bogside" in Hearthmoney Roll of 1666 for County Derry. He inherited 10,000 merks from his Father's estate in 1658.⁴ One of his numerous children is said to be:

Jared Irwin "was a Covenantor and not welcome at Drum." Said to have been born about 1655, and returned and died in Scotland about 1720. ⁵ Several of his children immigrated in the 1720s to the British colonies (New Jersey and Pennsylvania). These would include: **John** (died 1728), **Edward** married Sarah Woodward, **Robert**; ⁶ **James**; ⁷ **Mary** married **Joseph Darlington**; **Elizabeth** married Robert Darlington, **Jane** (died 1728), all of Chester County, PA and for further exemplary purposes **George** who married **Jane Matlack**. An exemplar son and daughter:

George Irwin married Jane Matlack. Their children included: **Jerret** (or Jared 1736-1815) who married first Marie Laverty, (1755-1790) and second, Elizabeth Vance (d. 1832);

Alexander; **George** (1728-1815) married Rebecca Porter (1733-1792); **John** (1730-1824) m. Isobel Porter (1736-1776); **William** (1722-1794) who married his cousin, Grace Darlington (1723-1783); **Robert**; **Archibald** m. his cousin, Margaret Irwin, (a daughter of Edward and Sarah Irwin); and their daughters: **Mary** married her cousin, James Irwin (a son of Edward and Sarah Irwin); **Mercy** (obit 1793) m. Adam Guthrie; and **Letitia** (1741-1826). **George Irwin** (who died in 1748), was a farmer in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Said to have arrived in the Delaware river (Philadelphia) on the ship **George & Anne** in 1729. He acquired the **Honeybrook farm**. ⁸ A son, noted above, was:

William Irwin (1722-1794) married his cousin, **Grace Darlington** (1723-1783). They lived at **Honeybrook Farm** in Chester County, Pennsylvania. They are buried at Brandywine Manor U.P. Church, Chester County, Pennsylvania. One of their 3 daughters was:

Mary Irwin (1751-1796) m. (1) James Smith (KIA at Battle of Crooked Billet in Revolution MAY 1778); (2) **Charles Blair** (1753-1810) son of James Blair. Charles Blair, ⁹ a veteran of the American Revolution was a pioneer at **Plaingrove** in 1796. One son was:

John Blair (1790-1869) of Plaingrove, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, m. 20 MAR 1820 Mary Ramsey (1799-1875). Their daughter was

Margaret Blair (1823-1881) m. **Robert Gibson** (1821-1899) of **Gibsondale**, a farm in Pennsylvania. Their son was:

James Scott Gibson (1856-1910) of **Gibsondale** m. 26 NOV 1885 Mary Jane Mayne (1857-1935). One of their sons:

Robert Edwin Gibson (1887-1953) of **Gibsondale** m. Sarah Elsie White (1896-1966). Their daughter:

Eleanor Irene Gibson m. (26 NOV 1941) **Arthur Paul McCormick** (1914-1973) served in US Navy, WWII (Pacific). Their son:

Philip Lee McCormick, (born 29 JUN 1948), veteran of US Marines-Vietnam. He resides at Dickson, Tennessee. His daughter is:

Suzanne m. Tony Wills of Dickson, Tennessee. Their children are:

Benjamin, Jacob and Tonilyn Wills

Janet, married 6 FEB 1543 **John Lyon**, 7th Lord Glamis² (1521; obit 1548). Their son:

John Lyon, 8th Lord Glamis (1544 obit 1578), Chancellor of Scotland in 1573, m. 11 APR 1561 Elizabeth Abernethy. She died MAY 1581. Their son was:

Patrick Lyon, 1st Earl of Kinghorne, (1575; obit 19 DEC 1655) earldom created 1606, m. 1595 Anne Murray of Tullibardine (a *cousin* of **Magdalene Scrimgeour**). Their son was:

John Lyon, 2d Earl of Kinghorne (1596 obit MAY 1647) m. 1641 Elizabeth Maule of Panmure. Their son was:

Patrick Lyon, 3d Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne (29 MAY 1643-15 MAY 1695). He married 22 AUG 1662 to Helen Middleton of Middleton. She died 1708. Earldom of Strathmore created 1677 A son was:

John Lyon, 4th Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne (8 MAY 1683; obit 10 MAY 1712) m. 21 SEP 1691, Elizabeth Stanhope. Their elder sons were succeeded by a younger son:

Thomas Lyon, 8th Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne, baptized 6 JUL 1704 m. 20 JUL 1736 Jean Nicholson Rutland. A son was:

John Lyon, 9th Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne, (17 JUN 1737; obit 7 MAR 1776) m. 24 FEB 1767 Mary Eleanor Bowes of Streatham (24 FEB 1749; obit 22 APR 1778):

Thomas Bowes-Lyon, 10th Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne (1773; obit 1846) m. Mary Carpenter, One of their sons was:

Thomas George Bowes-Lyon, Lord of Glamis, (6 FEB 1806; o.v.p. 27 JAN 1834) m. 21 DEC 1820 Charlotte Grimstead (1797; obit 19 JAN 1881). Their son

Claude Bowes-Lyon, 13th Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne (21 JUL 1824; obit 16 FEB 1904) m. 28 SEP 1853 Francis Dora Smith (29 JUL 1832; obit 5 FEB 1922). Their son was:

Claude George Bowes-Lyon, (14 MAR 1855; obit 7 NOV 1944) 14th Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne m. Ninia Cecilia Cavendish-Bentick, (11 SEP 1862; 23 JUN 1938). One of their ten children is:

Lady **Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon** (1900-2002) styled **H.R.H. Queen ELIZABETH, Q.M.**, after her marriage to **H.M. GEORGE VI, King of Great Britain & Ireland, Emperor of India**, etc. (1895; obit 1952). Prior to abdication of EDWARD VIII, the King was a Naval officer. Their daughter is:

H.M. ELIZABETH II, the Queen, (born 21 APR 1926), who m 20 NOV 1947 to **H.R.H. Prince Philip** (Mountbatten), Duke of Edinburgh, Prince of Denmark & Greece (born 10 JUN 1921 who served in Royal Navy, WWII). Two of their children are:

H.R.H. Prince Charles, Prince of Wales,¹¹ (born 14 NOV 1948) m. Princess **Diana Spencer**, Princess of Wales. He and his brother were Naval officers. Their sons are:

T.R.H. Princes William & Henry

William Keith, Master of Marischal (o.v.p.) married Elizabeth, daughter of George Hay, Earl of Erroll. Their son succeeded his grandfather as:

George Keith, later 5th Earl Marischal of Scotland, was a *proxy* for the King of Scotland at wedding at Uppsalla of Anne of Denmark to JAMES VI. On the trip he was accompanied by Robert Irvine, a brother of 9th of Drum. Keith married Margaret, daughter of Alexander, Lord Hume. Their daughter was:

Anne Keith, married 8 MAR 1604) **William Douglas**, 7th Earl of Morton, Treasurer of Scotland (1630-6). A younger son succeeded as

James Douglas, 10th Earl of Morton on 12 NOV 1649, m. Anne, daughter of Sir James Hay, Bt. of Smithfield. The 10th Earl of Morton died 25 AUG 1686 later succeeded by a younger son as:

George Douglas, 13th Earl of Morton (obit 4 JAN 1738) married

Frances, daughter of William Adderly M.P. of Halsgow, Kent. Their son:

Sir James Douglas, K.T. 14th Earl of Morton m. (2) Bridget, daughter of

Sir John Heathcote of Norman Rutland. A son was:

John Douglas, (1756-1818) 15th Earl of Morton, m. Frances, daughter of Edwin Lascelles, 1st Earl of Harewood. A daughter:

Harriet Douglas m. (1) 1809 **James Hamilton**, Viscount Strabane, County Tyrone. o.v.p. 1814). Their son: succeeded his grandfather later created:

James Hamilton, Duke of Abercorn m. Louisa Jane Russell, daughter of Duke of Bedford. A son & daughter were:

James, 2d Duke of Abercorn m. 1860 Mary Anne Curzon. A son:

James, 3d Duke of Abercorn, m. 1894 Rosalind Bingham.¹⁰

Louise m. **William Scott** Duke of Buccleuch

Herbert, Lord **Scott** m. Marie Edwards

Marian Scott m. in 1927 **Andrew Ferguson**. A son:

Roland Ferguson m. Mary Wright

H.R.H. Prince Andrew Duke of York, married **Sarah Margaret Ferguson**, Duchess of York. Their girls:

T.R.H. Princesses Beatrix & Eugenie

¹ *Historical and Authentic Account of the Ancient and Noble Family of Keith*, by P. Buchan, Peterhead, Scotland, 1820. In 1372, ROBERT II, King of Scots created Sir John Lyon, as Thane of Glamis for his deeds. In 1376, Sir John Lyon married Joanna (Stewart), the king's daughter. The hereditary (Scottish tharoderm) was raised to a feudal lordship in 1443. Old legends relate to Glamis castle. *Macbeth*, sometime King of Scots, was styled Thane of Glamis in the play by William Shakespeare. ² *The Scots Peerage*, edited by Sir James Balgair Paul, L.L.D., Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland, published by David Douglas, Edinburgh, 1909, Volume 3, p. 314. *The Book of the Irwins*, by John Beaufin Irving, Rosemont Press, Aberdeen, 1907, p. 96. *Irwin of Drum*, by Lt. Col. Jonathan Forbes-Leslie, Aberdeen, 1909 (hereinafter *Forbes-Leslie*), p. 125. ³ *The Book of the Irwins*, by John Beaufin Irving, Rosemont Press, Aberdeen, 1907 p. 96. *Forbes-Leslie* p. 125; ⁴ *Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland*, by John Burke, Esq., reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1977, Volume 2 (hereinafter *Burke's Commoners*) Volume 2, p. 682. ⁵ *The Heraldic and Genealogical Society of the Clan Irwin Association*, Volume IV, 1978, and the records of *Irwin Family Remains*. ⁶ *Irwin*, with over 125 years of tradition, of Chester County, Pennsylvania. ⁷ Executor of Will of his brother George Irwin discussed infra. ⁸ *Irwin and the McDowell*, by John H. McDowell, 1918, pages 367-8.

⁹ Will of George Irwin (sometimes Irvin), dated 13 APR 1748, probated 29 NOV 1748 (Chester County Will Book C, p. 88 and see also Deed Book S, Volume 18, page 521 for deed to Honeybrook Farm in Chester County, bought May 6, 1738, recorded in 1748). ¹⁰ *James Hamilton* was a daughter of William Matlack, a Quaker colonist at Burlington, New Jersey in 1677. ¹¹ Charles Blair visited and purchased land at Plaingrove in NOV 1796. He returned in the Spring of 1797 to build a home and farm there. See also *Pennsylvania Heritage* 7: 14-41, 5-6-270, 5-6-420, 5-6-252, 5-6-470, 5-6-477 and 6-6-619. See also NSDAR 287634, 31 6830, and 352282 and NSRAR 102713, 115682 (Blair Supplemental) and *Plain Grove*, Rev. Robert McCaslin, D.D., Charles Blair, a son of James Blair. See other Revolutionary War veterans of this lineage, under NSRAR 102713. ¹² Lady Rosalind was descended of H.M. CHARLES II and his paramour Louise de Keroualle, the Duchess of Portsmouth. ¹³ *Ancestry of H.R.H. Prince Charles, Prince of Wales*, compiled by Gerald Paget, printed by Charles Skilton, Ltd., London and Edinburgh, 1977 (two volumes), Volume Two.