

The Earls and Chiefs of Ross

- 1) Earl Farquhar (Fearchar Mac An T-Sagairt), descended from the Celtic O'Beolain family, created Earl of Ross by Alexander II in 1234
- 2) Earl William, second Earl of Ross, "Lord of Skye and Lewis", married Jean Comyn, daughter of Earl of Buchan, died 1274
- 3) Earl William, third Earl of Ross, married Euphemia who became Countess of Ross, died 1322
- 4) Earl Hugh, fourth Earl of Ross, married (1) Lady Maud Bruce, (2) Margaret, daughter of Sir David Graham
- 5) Hugh of Rarichies and Balnagowan, progenitor of Clan Ross 1371, first Chief of Clann Ross, and 13th Baron of Balnagowan, married Margaret Barclay, died 1374
- 6) William Balnagowan, second Chief of Clan Ross, married Christine, daughter of Lord Livingstone, died before 1398
- 7) Walter of Balnagowan, third Chief of Clan Ross, married Catherine, daughter and heiress of Paul McTyne, died 1412
- 8) Hugh of Balnagowan, fourth Chief of Clan Ross, said to have married Janet, daughter of Earl of Sutherland
- 9) John of Balnagowan, said to have married Christian, daughter of Torquil Mac Leod of Lewis
- 10) Sixth Chief of Clan Ross, Alexander of Balnagowan, married Dorothy, daughter of Alexander Sutherland of Duffus, and killed at Alt a Charrais 1486
- 11) Seventh Chief of Clan Ross, Sir David of Balnagowan, married (1) Helen Keith, with issue, (2) daughter of Dule of Albany, without issue.
- 12) Eighth Chief of Clan Ross, Walter of Balnagowan, married daughter of Sir John of Grant, and slain at Tain in 1528
- 13) Katherine married John Denune of Catbole, Catharine Ross, a daughter of the ancient family of Balnagowan, which is instructed by a charter under the great seal, Johanni Denune de Catbole, et Catharine Ross ejus sponse, terrarum de Arkbole, &c. &c. in the shires of Ross and Inverness, dated 12th April 1556. By the said Catharine Ross he had two sons; 1) John, his heir. 2) Andrew, who carried on the line of his family, as will be shown hereafter. He died in the reign of King James VI, and was succeeded by his eldest son
- 14) Andrew Denune, baron of Catbole, who got a charter under the great seal, confirming a charter of vendition and alienation to his grandfather, from Donald Denune abbot of Ferne, dilecto nepoti fuo Andrew Denune, &c. of the lands and barony of Catbole, in Rossshire, for a certain sum of money paid to him by the said Andrew. The charter is dated in 1534, as before observed, and the confirmation is dated the penult day of September 1604. He got another charter, Andrew Denune de Catbole, &c. of the lands of Milntoun of Ferne, dated in September 1594. Also a charter of confirmation upon the resignation of the above John Denune of Catbole, To and in favours of his beloved brother, Andrew Denune, of the lands of Hilton, commonly called Ballocknock, in Rossshire. The resignation is dated 12th March 1589, as before mentioned, and the confirmation 11th June 1611. He died before the year 1620, and left issue a son and successor
- 15) John Denune, fifth baron of Catbole, a man of singular merit, a faithful and loyal subject to King Charles I, who spent the greatest part of his paternal estate in his majesty's service, and dying before the restoration of King Charles II, had no opportunity of getting any redress. He left issue a son and heir
- 16) Norman Denune Esq; who inherited all his fathers virtues, but little or none of his estate. He married Catharine, daughter of sir Hector Munro of Foulis Bart, by whom he had 2 sons, 1) Norman. 2) Mr. William, of whom more afterwards.
- 17) Mr. William Denune, second son of the first Norman, a man of parts and learning, and being bred to the church, was minister of the gospel at Pencaitland, in East Lothian, where he married Isabella, daughter of Doctor George Hepburn of Moncraig, Esq; by Helen his wife, daughter of sir Alexander Swinton of that ilk, and by her he had one son, George; and several daughters, 1) Christian, married to James Hepburn Congalton Esq; chief of the ancient family of the Congaltons of that ilk in East Lothian, without issue, 2) Mariamne, married to sir John Bruce-Hope of Kinross, baronet, by whom she had one son, John, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Anne Bruce-Hope of Arnot, who is now heir of line of the Hopes of Craighall, Bruces of Kinross, &c. Mr William's other daughters died unmarried.
- 18) Dr. William Alexander Denune, the earliest southern colonial portrait painter, born 1699 in Scotland, graduated from medical school in Paris France in 1721, married Elizabeth Duvall, November 24, 1728, daughter of Mareen Duvall the younger and Elizabeth Jacob of Prince George County, Maryland.

