

# Alexander Stewart, 4th High Steward of Scotland

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**Alexander Stewart** (1214–1283), also known as **Alexander of Dundonald**, was 4th hereditary High Steward of Scotland from his father's death in 1246.

A son of Walter Stewart, 3rd High Steward of Scotland by his wife Bethóc, daughter of Gille Críst, Earl of Angus, Alexander is said to have accompanied Louis IX of France on the Seventh Crusade (1248–1254).<sup>[1]</sup> In 1255 he was one of the councillors of King Alexander III, though under age.<sup>[2]</sup>

He was the principal commander under King Alexander III of Scotland at the Battle of Largs, on 2 October 1263, when the Scots defeated the Norwegians under Haakon IV. The Scots invaded and conquered the Isle of Man the following year, which was, with the whole of the Western Isles, then annexed to the Crown of Scotland.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

## Alexander Stewart

<b>Born</b>	1214
<b>Died</b>	1283
<b>Title</b>	4th High Steward of Scotland
<b>Tenure</b>	1246-1283
<b>Nationality</b>	Scottish
<b>Predecessor</b>	Walter Stewart, 3rd High Steward of Scotland
<b>Successor</b>	James Stewart, 5th High Steward of Scotland
<b>Parents</b>	Walter Stewart, 3rd High Steward of Scotland Bethóc (Beatrix) Mac Gille Críst

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## Marriage and children

The identity of Alexander's wife is uncertain.<sup>[5]</sup> Some secondary sources erroneously<sup>[6]</sup> identify her as Jean, daughter of James, son of Angus, son of Somerled.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup>

- James Stewart, 5th High Steward of Scotland (c. 1243-1309)<sup>[10]</sup>
- Sir John Stewart of Bonkill, Berwickshire (c. 1245-22 July 1298), described as the “second son” who married the Bonkill heiress, had seven sons and one daughter, and was killed in the Battle of Falkirk.<sup>[11][12]</sup>
- Andrew Stewart (a.k.a. Andrew Steward) Esq. (c. 1245),<sup>[10]</sup> third son of Alexander Stewart.<sup>[13][14]</sup> Married the daughter of James Bethe. Father of Sir Alexander ‘the fierce’ Steward and direct ancestor of Oliver Cromwell.<sup>[15]</sup> Great uncle of King Robert II.<sup>[16]</sup>
- Elizabeth Stewart, (c. 1248, d. before 1288) Married Sir William Douglas the Hardy, Governor of Berwick-upon-Tweed.<sup>[7]</sup> She was the mother of the Good Sir James Douglas.<sup>[9][17]</sup>
- Hawise Stewart (c. 1262) Married the brother of the Lord of Liddesdale, Sir John de Soulis.<sup>[18]</sup> Had female issue, Muriel de Soulis.

Through their eldest son James they were great-grandparents of King Robert II, the first Stewart to be King of Scots, and thus ancestors of all subsequent Scottish monarchs and the later and current monarchs of Great Britain.

Through their second son John, they were the direct ancestors in the male line of Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, and of the Stuart monarchs of Scotland and England from Darnley's son James VI and I onwards.

Through their third son Andrew they were the 9x great grandparents of Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector.

## Ancestry

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## External links

- "Alexander Stewart, 4th High Steward of Scotland" (<http://www.ThePeerage.com/p466.htm#i4656>)

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<b>House of Stuart</b>		
<b>Born:</b> 1214		<b>Died:</b> 1283
<b>Peerage of Scotland</b>		
Preceded by <b>Walter Stewart</b>	<b>High Steward of Scotland</b> 1246–1283	Succeeded by <b>James Stewart</b>

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