

Alan fitz Walter, 2nd High Steward of Scotland

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Alan fitz Walter (1140–1204)^[1] was hereditary High Steward of Scotland and a crusader.

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Life

Alan was the son and heir of Walter fitz Alan, by his spouse Eschina, who was possibly a member of a kindred from the south of Scotland. From the time of his succession to his death in 1204, Alan served as *dapifer* to William the Lion, King of Scots.^[1] It was during Alan's lifetime that his family acquired the Isle of Bute.^{[1][2]} He was possibly responsible for the erection of Rothesay Castle on the island.^[1]

Alan accompanied Richard the Lionheart on the Third Crusade, from which he returned to Scotland in July 1191.^{[3][4]}

A Royal Grant to Kinloss Abbey, signed at Melrose Abbey was made between 1179 and 1183. Amongst the witnesses are the Abbot of Melrose, the Abbot of Newbottle, Richard de Morville, Constable of Scotland, 'Alan, son of Walter the Steward, and William de Lauder.'^[5]

Alan became a patron of the Knights Templar and is responsible for expanding Templar influence in Scotland.

He appears as a witness to other charters of William The Lion.^[6]

Marriage and issue

He married firstly,^{[3][7]} Eva, who is usually named as the daughter of Sweyn Thor'sson, although some historians dispute Eva's parentage. They had no known issue.

Alan fitz Walter



Alan's seal

Born	1140
Died	1204
Title	2nd High Steward of Scotland
Tenure	1177-1204
Nationality	Scottish
Predecessor	Walter fitz Alan
Successor	Walter Stewart, 3rd High Steward of Scotland
Spouse(s)	Eva Alesta of Mar
Parents	Walter fitz Alan Eschina

By his second marriage to Alesta, daughter of Morggán, Earl of Mar^[3] ^[7] and Ada, he had issue:

- Walter Stewart, 3rd High Steward of Scotland,^[7] married Bethóc, daughter of Gille Críst, Earl of Angus and his wife Marjorie. He died in 1246.
- David ^[7]
- Leonard
- Avelina, married Donnchadh, Earl of Carrick

Some sources list Margaret Galloway as Walter's mother. Galloway is related to William the Conqueror and other royalty.

Notes

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5. [^] Professor Geoffrey W. S. Barrow, editor, *The Acts of William 1st, King of Scots*, Edinburgh, 1971, vol.II, p.277, charter 237.
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External links

- Alan Stewart, son of Walter (d.1204) @ Paradox of Medieval Scotland 1093–1286 (<http://www.poms.ac.uk/db/record/person/400/>)

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House of Stuart		
Born: 1140		Died: 1204
Court offices		
Preceded by Walter Fitzalan	High Steward of Scotland c. 1177 – c. 1204	Succeeded by Walter Óg

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