

# Anabella Drummond

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**Annabella Drummond** (c. 1350–1401) was the Queen Consort of Scotland as the wife of Robert III of Scotland.

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## Family

She was the daughter of Sir John Drummond, of Stobhall, near Perth, 11th Thane of Lennox and Chief of Clan Drummond, and Mary Montifex. Her father's sister was Margaret Drummond, the second wife of David II of Scotland.



Anabella and her husband the King, depicted on the 1562 Forman Armorial

## Life

She married John Stewart (the future Robert III of Scotland) in 1367. Soon, she was enveloped in a power struggle with her husband's brother, Robert. Since Anabella and John did have two daughters, but no sons for several years, he was a supporter of a law that would bar women from inheriting the throne.

## Annabella Drummond



Queen Consort of Scotland

**Tenure** 1390–1401

**Coronation** 1390

**Spouse** Robert III of Scotland  
m. 1367; dec. October 1401

### Issue

Elizabeth, Baroness Dalkeith

Mary, Countess of Angus

Egidia

Margaret, Countess of Douglas

Robert

David Stewart, Duke of Rothesay

James I of Scotland

**Father** Sir John Drummond, 11th Thane of Lennox

**Mother** Mary Montifex

**Born** ca. 1350  
Dunfermline Abbey, Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland

**Died** October 1401 (aged 51)  
Scone Palace, Scone, Perth

**Burial** Dunfermline Abbey

Annabella was crowned with her husband at Scone Palace when he came to the throne in 1390. She continued bearing children until she was past forty and had her last child, the future James I of Scotland, in 1394.<sup>[1]</sup>

Robert, an invalid since 1384 due to an accident with a horse, grew increasingly despondent and incompetent throughout the 1390s. During this time he is said to have said to his wife that he should be buried in a dung heap with the epitaph “Here lies the worst of kings and the most miserable of men”.<sup>[2]</sup> Annabella was prompted to take matters into her own hands. Protecting the interests of her oldest son, David, she arranged a great tournament in 1398 in Edinburgh, where her oldest son was knighted.<sup>[3]</sup> In April of that year she also called a council where he was created Duke of Rothesay and Lieutenant of the Realm in the same year.<sup>[2]</sup> Shortly after his mother’s death he would be imprisoned by his uncle and died in mysterious circumstances.

The Fife burgh of Inverkeithing was a favorite residence of the queen. Her presence is still recalled in the sandstone font, decorated with angels and heraldry, which she presented to the parish church of the town, one of Scotland’s finest surviving pieces of late medieval sculpture.

## Issue

Annabella had several children with Robert III:

- Elizabeth, married James Douglas, 1st Baron Dalkeith
- Mary, married first to George Douglas, 1st Earl of Angus, second to Sir James Kennedy the Younger (by whom she had Gilbert Kennedy, 1st Lord Kennedy), third to William Graham of Kincardine, and fourth to Sir William Edmonstone of Duntreath.
- Egidia, died young
- Margaret, married Archibald Douglas, 4th Earl of Douglas
- Robert, died young
- David, later Duke of Rothesay
- James, later King of Scots

## Death

Annabella died in Scone Palace in October 1401, and was buried at her birthplace of Dunfermline. With the loss of her protection, her eldest son David would become the prey of his uncle, Robert Stewart, Duke of Albany, dying shortly after.<sup>[2]</sup>

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