

# Elizabeth Mure

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**Elizabeth Mure** (died before May 1355) was mistress and then wife of Robert, High Steward of Scotland, and Guardian of Scotland (1338–1341 and from October 1346), who later became King Robert II of Scotland.

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Elizabeth Mure	
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Robert II of Scotland
<b>Father</b>	Sir Adam Mure of Rowallan
<b>Mother</b>	Janet Mure of Pokellie
<b>Born</b>	Rowallan Castle
<b>Died</b>	before May 1355

## History

Elizabeth Mure (Muir) was said to be born at Rowallan Castle. Her parents were Sir Adam Mure of Rowallan, Ayrshire and Janet Mure.

She initially became the Steward's mistress. He married her in 1336 but the marriage was criticised as uncanonical, so he remarried her in 1349 following a papal dispensation dated at Avignon 22 November 1347.

She died before her husband inherited the crown at the rather advanced age of 54, and he later re-married (Papal Dispensation dated 2 May 1355).

On 27 March 1371, "The Lord John (who later took the title of King Robert III, changing his name because of what he saw as John de Baliol's unpatriotic desecration of the name John), Earl of Carrick and Steward of Scotland, first-born son of King Robert II" was declared heir to the Crown by Parliament in Scone Abbey.

They had at least ten children, with some accounts saying as many as thirteen. Doubts about the validity of her marriage led to family disputes over her children's right to the crown.

- Robert III, born John Stewart, Earl of Carrick
- Walter Stewart, Lord of Fife
- Robert Stewart, Duke of Albany (c1340–1420)
- Alexander Stewart, Earl of Buchan
- Margaret Stewart, married John of Islay, Lord of the Isles
- Marjorie Stewart, married firstly, John Dunbar, 5th Earl of Moray, and secondly, Sir Alexander Keith
- Johanna (Jean) Stewart, married firstly, Sir John Keith, secondly, Sir John Lyon, and thirdly in 1384, Sir James Sandilands.
- Isabella Stewart, married firstly, James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas, and secondly, David Edmonstone
- Katherine Stewart, married Sir Robert Logan of Grugar and Restalrig, Lord High Admiral of Scotland
- Elizabeth Stewart, married Sir Thomas Hay, Lord High Constable of Scotland

# Ancestry

## See also

- Polnoon Castle - Elizabeth was a grand-daughter of Sir John Montgomerie of Polnoon.

## Notes

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