

Declaration of Arbroath Family History Project

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Documentary strand

At least one set of research findings on 40 individuals associated with the Declaration have now been submitted by Diploma students, in addition to findings on another 8 who had previously been researched as part of the Battle of Bannockburn Family History Project. This completes the initial coverage of all the relevant individuals and these findings will be supplemented by submissions from Diploma students in the next academic session. The findings consist of brief biographies, four generation genealogies showing descendants of the grandparents of the focus individual and details of coats of arms. The list of their names can be found on the Strathclyde genealogy website at <http://www.strathgenealogy.org.uk/declaration-of-arbroath/>

Genetic genealogy strand

Preparatory work is being undertaken on 13 families.

The current status of the work is as follows -

- Sent out invitations to documented male line descendants to take a DNA test – 3, with 1 positive response so far
- Issued invitations to documented male line descendants who have already taken a DNA test to join the Project – 3, all have agreed to take part
- Research needed to identify documented male line descendants – 4
- Investigate feasibility of including family in genetic genealogy strand of Project – 2

The families concerned are –

Campbell, Arthur
Campbell, Donald
Graham
Hay
Lindsay
Maxwell
Menteith (Stewart)
Oliphant
Ramsay
Ross
Sinclair
Sutherland
Umfreville

It is also planned to undertake further work on the Stewart descendants of Walter Stewart, 6th High Steward of Scotland, following on from the research for the Battle of Bannockburn Family History Project.

Contact has been made with a number of DNA surname projects and it is hoped that we will be cooperating with some of these as the research progresses.

Exhibition

As mentioned in previous Progress reports, the Project Exhibition will be held initially at Arbroath Abbey from 3 July to 14 August 2020.

Quotations for the hire of display boards and printing have been obtained.