

# Declaration of Arbroath Family History Project

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## Project webpage

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/centreforlifelonglearning/genealogy/declarationofarbroathresearch/>

## Documentary strand

As reported previously, at least one set of research findings on all 48 individuals associated with the Declaration have now been submitted by Diploma students – 40 as part of this Project, in addition to findings on another 8 who had previously been researched as part of the Battle of Bannockburn Family History Project. These findings will be supplemented by submissions from Diploma students which should be available at the end of February. 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

Student work detailing male line descendants for up to 10 generations of 16 of the individuals will help to inform further staff work in the genetic genealogy strand of the Project. The first phase of this strand involved the gathering of DNA test results from well documented male line descendants of some of those who were associated with the Declaration. This strand has now entered the second phase, focusing on analysis of test results and identifying matches with individuals who do not have documentary evidence of their medieval descents. A number of these who are almost certainly descendants of 'signatories' of the Declaration have been identified and consideration is being given to further DNA testing for confirmation.

28 relevant DNA test results are now included in the Project and the major focus will be on the following families –

Boyd (including descent from Hay)

Lindsay

Sinclair

Stewart

Sutherland

If feasible, further research on other families may be carried out, such as the families of Campbell, Dunbar, Maxwell, Ross, Seton and Umfreville.

Contact has been made with a number of DNA surname projects and we are working with these as the research progresses.

## Exhibition

A projected list of the 16 individuals to be featured in the Project exhibition has now been compiled. The exhibition will display biographies, genealogical charts and coats of arms of these individuals, as

well as presenting documentation on all 48 of the individuals associated with the Declaration and details on the genetic genealogy research carried out.

The Project Exhibition will be held initially at Arbroath Abbey from 3 July to 14 August 2020 and also presented at Dumfries Museum from 12 September to 31 October.

The projected list of the 16 individuals to be featured in the Exhibition is as follows –

King Robert I (the Bruce)

Campbell, Donald

Douglas, James, Lord of

Graham, David

Hay, Gilbert, Constable of Scotland

Lindsay, David

Maxwell, Eustace

Menteith, Sir John

Mowbray, Roger

Randolph, Thomas, Earl of Moray

Seton, Alexander

Sinclair, Henry

Soules, William, Butler of Scotland

Stewart, Walter, High Steward of Scotland

Sutherland, William, Earl of

Umfraville, Ingram

### **Links with other organisations**

Contacts with the following organisations - Arbroath 2020, Boyd DNA Project, Campbell DNA Project, Dunbar DNA Project, Lindsay DNA Project, Sinclair DNA Project, Stewart DNA Project, Sutherland DNA Project, R-U198 DNA Project.

Liaison with Visit Scotland to explore ways of working together.

Initial discussion with Historic Environment Scotland on input to educational materials for use in secondary schools.

### **Other outputs**

Article in History Scotland, November/December 2019 issue, by Graham Holton and Alasdair Macdonald

Presentations by Graham Holton and Alasdair Macdonald

- Medieval Bruce Heritage Trust symposium on the Declaration of Arbroath, 28 March 2020, Dumfries
- Declaration of Arbroath 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, 23-25 April 2020, Newbattle Abbey College - 24 April, 4 pm. The men of the Declaration – their significance, then and now.
- Pre-exhibition presentation, 11 September 2020, Dumfries Museum (provisional)