

Matthew Forrester =Yair.

Notes from Lands and Lairds of Larbert and Dunipace Parishes by John Charles Gibson published 1908.
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Matthew is said to have married -----Yair, “daughter of the Gudeman of Carsie”¹. (*Possibly Sir John Yair?*) There was always some excitement going on in the Forrester family. About the year 1481, Janet Forrester, a daughter of Matthew Forrester, was either abducted by or induced to elope with John Shaw, son of Sir James Shaw of Sauchie, which occasioned an outcry and demand for justice by Janet’s father and relatives. A notary’s statement, dated 28th November, 1481, tells that “James Shaw of Sauchie came to the ludging of Matthew Forrester, with Jonet Forrester, his daughter, who, being interrogated anent her being carried off by John Shaw son of the said James, averred that it had been done with her consent and that she was now his wife.” Fortunately matters ended happily.

1. M.S. Pedihree (1708), in possession of Dr. Maitland Thomson, Sir John Yair was present with Matthew and Duncan Forrester at the redemption of the lands of Easter Leckie 16th July, 1472. - Stirling Burgh Records (Printed).

Extract from The Red Book of Scotland by Gordon MacGregor.

Matthew Forrester, was a Bailie and Sheriff of Stirling of considerable importance and note and for whom there is a substantial body of evidence but all of which is entirely silent on the matter of his parentage. He is generally accepted to have been the younger son of Robert Forrester, 1st of Torwood, and although that is very likely correct, it remains unproven. He is first named in 1458 in relation to a loan he made to the king when in Flanders¹ and was witness to a charter by Agnes de Airth granting part of the lands of Carnock to Alexander Forrester and Agnes Livingston, his wife, dated 12 February 1463². On 10th November 1471 Thomas Somerville of Batlaw gave warning to him of his intention to redeem the lands of Airthbeg and Lawquarter which were under reversion³. He renounced the wadset of the lands of Pittendreich in favour of Henry Elphinstone of Pittendreich on 3rd May 1472, which had been wadset to him on payment of 40 merks redemption money and is styled a sheriff of Stirling at a session of that court on 12th July 1473⁴. He was infeft with ten merks worth of land near the church of Kippen on 16th August 1473, resigned his lands of Draglaw, in Perthshire, to John Drummond of Cargill on 21st March 1483/4 and bound himself to observe the points of his daughter, Isabella’s marriage contract with Sir John Lundy of that Ilk on 24th April 1474. He granted a resignation of the lands of Strowy, in Perthshire, William Stirling of Keir on 18th October 1477, and had sasine of the £5 lands of Alva on 13th July 1478. He granted redemption of the lands of Salchy to Humphrey Colquhoun of Luss on 25th August 1482⁵. is named with son Duncan, in an action brought against them by William James on 12th December of that year and regularly represented Stirling Burgh in Parliament. He appears to have died soon after August 1482. He was the father of Sir Duncan Forrester of Skipinch and Torwood.

1 Ex. Rolls. Vol. VI. P. 388. 2 C2/8/13. Printed Vol. 1424-1513. No. 978. 3 Stirling Burgh Protocol Book. 4 Stirling Burgh Protocol Book. 5 Stirling Burgh Protocol Book.

Matthew legitimated 15th November 1477.

1332. Apud Edinburgh, 15 Nov.

REX, ex gratia speciali sua, concessit MATHEO FORESTAR burgensi de Striveling,—ut ipse libere disponere valeret ad ejus libitum voluntatis in toto tempore ejus vite, sive eger fuerit sive sanus, sive in tempore ejus mortis, de omnibus ejus terris, tenementis, &c., infra regnum Scotie exist-

entibus, et de omnibus bonis ejus quibuscunque, prout ipsi melius videretur expediens ;—non obstantē ejus bastardia in qua genitus est ;—ac etiam dictum Math. ad omnes actiones et libertates in judicio et extra judicium exercendum, dignitatibus, &c., et omnibus privilegiis et honoribus gaudendum in omnibus et per omnia sicut de legitimo thoro fuisset procreatus, legitimum fecit et eum legitimavit.

viii. 45.

1326. Apud Edinburgh, 30 Oct.
 REX confirmavit cartam Willelmi Striveling
 de Kere,—[qua,—pro certa summa pecunie
 premanibus persoluta,—vendidit et alien-
 avit MATHEO FORESTAR burgensi de
 Striveling, heredibus ejus et assignatis,—
 terras de Littil Coig et Ratherne, ac molen-
 dinum de Ratherne, terras ac aquarum
 decursus solitos et consuetos ejusdem, vic.
 Perth:—TENEND. de rege:—REDDEND.
 regi unum denarium argenti, nomine albe
 firme:—TEST. Dominis Jac. Darow, Joh.
 Franche, capellanis ac notariis publicis, Joh.
 Striveling, Jac. Simsoun, David Arnot:—
 Apud manerium de Kere, 27 Sep., 1477]:—
 SALVIS regi wardis, &c.:—TEST. 83. 86. 7.
 60. 3. 16. 54. 58. 100. viii. 43.

1326. At Edinburgh, 30 Oct. 1488 KING
 confirmed a charter..... William Stirling of
 Kere,—[by which,—for certain sum of
 money has been paid,—sold and
 alienates to MATHEO FORESTAR burgess
 of Stirling, his heirs and assignes,
 —The lands of Littil Coig and Ratherne, and
 Mill of Ratherne, its lands and waters ...
 Perth:
 — To hold of the king:
 Paying the king one penny of silver, Scots
 money.
 Test. Owners Jae. Darow, Joh. Eranche,
 capellanis and notariis public, Joh.
 Striveling, Jas. Simsoun, David Arnot :
 At the manor of Kere, 27 Sep., 1477] :
 Salvis regi wardis, &c.:
 Test. 83. 86. 7. 60. 3. 16. 54. 58. 100. viii.
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Some extracts from R.M.S. concerning other Forresters.

8. 43. 58. 43. xiii. 293.

2388. Apud Linleithq, 16 Feb.
 REX confirmavit cartam Alexandri Fores-
 tare filii quondam Roberti F. de Torwod,—
 [qua—pro certa summa pecunie premanibus
 persoluta—vendidit et alienavit fratri suo
 MALCOLMO FORESTARE de Torwod,
 heredibus et assignatis ejus,—terras de
 Carbok, et Gartcabor, vic. Striveling:—
 TENEND. de rege:—REDDEND. unum de-
 narium argenti nomine albe firme:—TEST.
 M. Rob. Forestare vicario de Kilmaronok,
 Dominis Jac. Darroch, Rob. Redeheuch,
 capellanis ac notariis publicis, Rob. Fores-
 tare de Pettintoskane, Wil. Arnot, Wil.
 Stevin, Joh. Bowe, And. Gray, et Rob.
 Murray:—Apud Striveling, 11 Maii 1477]:
 —TEST. 30. 44. 42. 84. 20. 45. 38. 43.
 xiii. 303.

2388. At Linlithgow 16 Feb. 1498 The KING
 confirmed a charter of Alexander Forostare
 son of Robert F. of Torwod,—[which—for a
 certain sum of money paid—sold and set to his
 brother MALCOLMO FORESTARE of
 Torwod, his heirs and assignes his lands of the
 Carbok, and Gartcabor, Sherrifdom of
 Stirling:—To hold of the king:—Paying to
 the King one denarius silver Scots money:—
 Test. [Witnessed]
 M. Rob. Forestare vicario of Kilmaronnk,
 Dominis Jac. Darroch, Rob. Redeheuch,
 capellanis and notariis public, Rob. Forestare
 of Pettintoskaue, Wil. Arnot, Wil. Stevin,
 Joh. Bowe, And. Gray, et Rob. Murray: Apud
 Striveling, 11 Maii 1477]: -Test.
 30.44.42.84.20.45.38.43. xiii.303.

1482. Apud Edinburgh, 19 Jul.
 REX concessit MACOLMO FORESTER
 commoranti in nemore de Torwod, et heredi-
 bus ejus,—terras dimedietatis baronie de
 Littil Kettilstoun, vic. Linlithq;—quas
 Rob. Forester resignavit:—TEST. *ut in
 carta 1477.* ix. 71.

1482. At Edinburgh, 19 Jul. 1481 REX grants
 MACOLMO FORESTER in forrest of Torwod,
 and his heirs—the lands of half the baronie of
 Little Ketilstoun, Sherrifdom of Linlithgow —
 which Rob. Forester resigned

1249. Apud Edinburgh, 22 Jul.
REX concessit DAVID FORESTAR, filio
et heredi apparenti Macolmi F., et heredi-
bus ejus,—officium forestarie memoris de le
Torwod, vic. Striveling;—quod dictus
Mac. resignavit:—RESERVATIS libero tene-
mento dicto Mac. ac rationabili tertia parte
proficuum ejusdem officii Margareto
ejus sponse, cum contigerit :—Test. *ut in*
carta 1246. vii. 339.

1249. At Edinburgh, 22 Jul. 1476 The KING has granted to DAVID
FORESTAR, son and heir apparent of Macolmi F., and his heirs—
office of forrester of Torwod, Sherrifdom of Stirling; —

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.....Margarete his spouse,: