

(Notes from Norval Scrymgeour to either Lucy Salome Furman written in October or November, 1941, as attested by the postscript and by an accompanying letter from Edwin Scrymgeour, dated 20 Nov 1941. The notes address the relationship between American and Scottish branches of the Scrymgeour family.." Transcribed from the original typed notes in 2002 by Gary S. Collins

A photo of Norval Scrymgeour and his wife may be found in the May 1946 issue of National Geographic magazine, page xxix, in an article on Scotland. The photo caption states: "Norval Scrymgeour Gives Rapt Attention to a Book, but Careless Hands to His Wife's Yarn; Justice of the Peace Scrymgeour is an author, antiquary, and collector. He writes on the history and ramance of Scotland. He collects his country's many nonprecious stones. His home in Longforgan contains pieces of Napoleon's china, Emperess' Eugenie's necklace, and other relics of royalty)

Notes for Mrs. Furman

By

Norval Scrymgeour

My brother Edwin has passed on to me your interesting letter, for the reason that I have made a study of family history, and have most of the authorities, including most of the Scrymgeour papers presented to the House of Lords in the case that determined the Scrymgeour Wedderburn right to carry the Scottish Standard.

At Birkhill, to which my house looks across the Tay, the Standard is preserved, and my son James, then a small boy, was given it to hold, -- the first James Scrymgeour to hold it in over 200 years.

You know much, but not enough. You will care to learn that, owing to your descent, you have a link with our Queen, As Elizabeth Scrymgeour of Dudhope married the fourth Lord Glamis. The Queen was aware of this when I talked to her at Glamis.

Scrimgeour is a spelling still found in England.

Your reference to a Sir George Scrimgeour of Thornhall quite mystifies me. I have no knowledge of the man or property, and I cannot understand what your people claimed.

The Scrymgeour Wedderburn right to lands at Tingennie, and to the erstwhile title of Viscount Dudhope and Earl of Dundee, is established beyond question. When the Earl of Dundee died, his cousin, John Scrymgeour of Kirkton claimed the title and Dudhope, but was overruled by the Duke of Lauderdale, who was supreme in Scotland. Scrymgeour of Kirkton made his claim to the Scottish Parliament, the Index of Records bears witness. His daughter, Magdalen, married Professor Wedderburn; hence the conjunction.

Our descent is from a branch of the Dudhope line, with which "Bonnie Dundee" was linked.

When the Court of Claims was set up for King Edward's Coronation, it threatened the present Standard Bearer's grandfather (a shy old man) that if he did not present the Scrymgeour claim my eldest brother would. He did so successfully, the Court ruling that the office should never have been alienated from a Scrymgeour, whose name tells the story of its creation by Decankel 1st. There is so much more for you to learn.

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James is prisoner of War in Germany

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