

Short synopsis of the History of David Ruffus and Kinreich Mill

Charter (*dated 1270*) by Nicholas, abbot of Scone, Master Robert de Stutevyle, dean of Dunkeld, and Robert, treasurer of Dunkeld, citing a charter (*dated 1201*) of Adam, son of Abraham de Lur, whereby he grants to David Ruffus of Forfar, Kyncrey, and, in addition, part of the territory of Lur, for an annual payment of two and a half silver merks and the performing of the service of the king for a davach of Kyncrey and the tenth of two davachs of Lur, with exemption from other services, reserving for himself a site for his mill, at which David and his heirs may grind their grain of the land of Kyncrey and Lur, if they so desire; he has likewise granted to David and his heirs to spend every Tuesday and the following night at the mill, without any obligation of services to it. *Discussion on suits and courts between David & Adam*. In defect of heirs, David is empowered to bestow this holding on

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Page 37 Thus, at the end of the 12th century, we read of the court of Adam of Lour and that of his tenant in Lour, David Ruffus of Forfar. (22)

(22) *CA Chrs*, i, no 10. *Charters of the Abbey of Coupar Angus*, ed. D.E. Easson (2vols, SHS, 1947) Forfar library 941.32

Ä Regestorum domini Innocentii pape III. nonus liber incipit.

1206-1207

Kinrieich, Gft. **Angus**. Vgl. B. ARROW. , Anglo-Norman Era, 164, 218. Die Schenkung des. Kreuzfahrers **David Ruffus** von Forfar (bezeugt ab 1178/1180) von 1201 ...

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Translates as:-

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Kinreich, county of Angus. cf. B. ARROW., Anglo-Norman Era, 164, 218. The donation made by crusader David Ruffus of Forfar (born ca. 1178/1180) in the year 1201...

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Page 164 At the beginning of the thirteenth century Adam son of Abraham gave as a marriage portion to David Ruffus of Forfar land in Little Lour and Kinreich, which David himself, before setting out for Jerusalem, granted to the Cistercians of Coupar Angus. (106) David was to pay an annual rent for the land of 2 ½ merks and he was to perform the king's forinsec service due from one davoch in respect of Kinreich and from the tenth part of two davochs in respect of Little Lour. Many years later, Adam's son Henry of Nevay, confirming David's gift to Coupar Abbey, says that his father specially stipulated how the lord king's forinsec service was to be performed whenever it might happen that the knightly army and the Scottish army should operate in the king's service together or separately. (107) Unhappily, the charter in which Adam of Lour specified these arrangements has not survived, but we are left in no doubt of the distinction between the two types of service.

(106) *Coupar Angus Chrs.* I, nos 10, ii (in the text of no. li, p. 25, the words *iterum ierlin* are to be read *iterus Ierusalem*).

(107) *Ibid.*, no. 60; In latin and relevant to service and not Kinreich.

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Page 132 In 1247.....Similar arrangements may be seen in the next reign. (*Presumably the reign of Alexander III 1249-1286*)The Angus knight, Henry of Nevay surrendered to the king an estate consisting of Nevay near Glamis and Lour near Forfar. Henry was allowed to keep Nevay but Lour was granted to Hugh lord of Abernethy who was to perform the proportion of a knight's service due from that estate.

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Charters of the Abbey of Coupar Angus Vol 1. Scottish History Society 1947

Page 21: Although not relevant to the mills research, David Ruffus presumably returned to Scotland as he was again signing charters by 1206.

Page 21: Adam de Lur was apparently father of Henry de Neuith (see LIX).

Page 130: Henry de Neuith, son of Adam, appears as henry, son of Adam de Lur in No. LX.must be the same Adam de Nevith.....de Lur and De Nevith are taken as identical. See page attached.

The History and Traditions of the Land of the Lindsays in Angus and Mearns: with Notices of Alyth and Meigle

The oldest proprietors of Lour that we have found are a Henricus de Neuith, knight, who, for failure of service, resigned the property into the hands of Alexander III; and next, Hugh of Abernithy, who received a charter in 1264, in the lands which had shortly before come into the King's hands from the foresaid Henricus.