

Clan ABERCHIRDER

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From the old barony of Aberkirder in the parish of Marnoch, Banffshire. Johan de Aberkerthe or Aberkerthor of the county of Banff rendered homage in 1296. In 1329 provision of a canonry and prebend in Bredhin was made to Walter de Abirkerdore, burgess of Elgin, witnessed a grant to the church of Murray in 1343. Archibald de Aberkerthore forfeited half of the land of Bengouer in West Lothian, and in 1370 John Aberchirder took part in a murderous assault on John de Gairdyn. Sir John of Abyrderdor resigned the chancellorry of Caithness in 1390. David de Aberderdor, burgess of Donde, witnessed a grant made by Alexander de Moravie of Culbyn and Newton to another burgess of the same town dated at Scone in 1391, and in the same year King Robert III confirmed a grant to David de Abirkedor by William Angus, Abbot of the monastery of Londoris. Johannes de Aberkerdor, vicar of Elgyn, appears in several deeds relating to Moray between the years 1388 and 1399. David de Abbukerdor witnessed a resignation by Thomas Strachan of Glenkindy in 1406, and Walter de Abirkerdor possessed a tenement in Dundee in 1442-43. David Aberkeldor was temporary provost of Dundee in 1463, and in 1467 George and David Aberkerdo were commissioners to parliament for the same burgh. David Aberkirdach was among those who were slain on the earl of Huntly's side in a conflict with the earl of Crawford at the gates of Arbroath in January, 1446. Alexander Abirdeidour was a follower of Campbell of Lundy in 1529. Alexander Abirkerdour had precept of a charter of the Legisland in the regality of Kerymure in 1528, and in 1531 there is recorded the escheat (reversion of the property of a deceased person to the state when there are no legal heirs) of Alezander Abirkeirdo in Angus. Aberderedoure 1312.

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