



Clan DALMAHOY

ARMS	Azure, in chief three spur-rowels Argent
CREST	A hand brandishing a sword aloft Proper
MOTTO	Absqz (absque) metu (Without fear)
SUPPORTERS	Two serpents mowed Proper

The family took their name from their lands: the barony of Dalmahoy lay in Midlothian, just south of Edinburgh. The first recorded member of the family was Henry de Dalmayhoy, whose name, like many other nobles of the time, appears on the Ragman Roll of 1296, as he swore fealty to Edward I of England. In the reign of Robert II, Richard de Dalmahoy, the third of that Ilk, was named on the Burrow's Rolls as a Free Baron of Lothian. Clearly at this time they were an important local family. On 17 July 1572, Alexander Dalmahoy of that Ilk was a member of the assize for the trial of George Wilkie and his son, Robert, for treason. The Wilkies were accused of plotting with the Earl of Huntly, Kirkcaldy of Grange and others at Edinburgh after they had been outlawed in 1571. In 1579 the same Alexander Dalmahoy, his brother William, his uncle John and five others, were indicted for besieging the House of Warriston, the property of William Somerville, the year before. They were apparently acquitted of all charges. In October 1581, Dalmahoy was one of twenty-four gentlemen and six ministers chosen by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to consider the question of what should be done with the temporal powers of the bishops when that office was abolished. (The Commissioners concluded that parliamentary powers should be vested in the General Assembly and that their civil and criminal judicial duties be vested with the head bailiffs in their own jurisdiction.) In 1614 Sir John Dalmahoy was knighted by James VI. He also obtained the hereditary office of Under Master of the Royal Household, an office in which he was confirmed by Charles I. This entitled the family to incorporate an augmentation to their coat of arms of a red baton powdered with gold thistles and ensigned on the top with an imperial crown. In 1679, John Dalmahoy of that Ilk was raised to the rank of baronet by Charles II. The second Baronet married Aicia Paterson, daughter of the Archbishop of Glasgow. Sir Alexander, fourth Baronet, was an officer in the service of the French king, and was created a Knight of the Order of St Louis. On his return to Scotland he lived at Carriden near Lintithgow. He was succeeded by his cousin, Sir John Hay Dalmahoy, who was a scholar at Hertford College, Oxford, and in holy orders. He died in 1800 leaving no issue, and the title became extinct.

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