



Clan FENTON

ARMS
CREST
MOTTO

A silver shield with a black cross between four black fleur de lis.
Not available
Gwell angau na gwarth (Death before disgrace).

This family held the lands bearing their own name at Dirleton in East Lothian. They were powerful nobles, and the castle at Dirleton remains one of the finest examples of thirteenth-century fortified architecture. Sir William Fenton, styled 'Lord of Beaufort', was one of the auditors at Berwick of the competing claims for the Scottish throne between Bruce and Balliol. According to Nisbet, this noble, or perhaps his son, married Cecilia Bisset, co-heiress of William Bisset, Lord of Lovat. The principal seat of Lord Lovat, near Beaulieu, is still known as Beaufort Castle. The Lowland Fentons ended in an heiress who married Withelaw of that Ilk. Sir Thomas Erskine, first Earl of Kellie, received the titles of 'Viscount Fenton' and 'Baron Dirleton' as reward for rescuing James VI from the Gowrie conspirators. The title is still borne by the present Earl of Mar and Kellie, chief of the Clan Erskine.

Taken from "Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia", by Collins, HarperCollins Publishers 1994

This clan information sheet has been prepared by
The Scottish Society of Louisville, Inc.
PO Box 32248
Louisville, KY 40232-2248

Visit our website at www.scotsoflou.com