



Clan TWEEDIE

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This famous Peeblesshire family claimed to descend from a water spirit living in the River Tweed. The name is certainly derived from the lands of Tweedie and the family was never lacking in spirit, whether granted to them by a water sprite or not. Chambers' *History of Peeblesshire* states that they had the reputation of being a savage race and another commentator in the eighteenth century described them as 'a powerful and domineering family'. Finlay de Twydyn appears in the Ragman Roll of 1296, submitting to Edward I of England for his lands in Lanarkshire. Roger, the son of Finlay of Twydyn, received a charter to the house and lands of Drumelzier around 1320. They were to hold these lands for more than three hundred years. In 1592, James Tweedie of Drumelzier was accused of the murder of Geddes of Glenhegdon in Edinburgh. The complaint brought against Tweedie narrates that it was unknown 'how many slaughters have been committit by James Tweedie of Drymelzier and his friends'. The Tweedies of Oliver Castle descend from a younger son of Drumelzier and they obtained their lands from the preceptor of Torphichen in the late fourteenth century. Thomas Tweedie of Oliver Castle was implicated in the murder of Lord Fleming in 1524, and a bloody feud erupted between the families. In 1531 Thomas was exiled from Scotland for three years. Thomas Tweedie received a charter in 1611 from Robert Williamson, Superior of all the temple lands in Scotland and heritable Baillie of the Regality of Torphichen, for which he required to pay one penny annually as feuduty. Captain Michael Tweedie served in the Royal Artillery during the Peninsular War (1808-14). Major General Michael Tweedie also served in the royal Artillery in the 1850's, throughout the Crimean War and during the Indian Mutiny. Admiral Sir Hugh Tweedie, born in 1877, had a distinguished naval career: he was aide-de-camp to George V in 1925 and retired as an admiral in 1936, but was recalled at the outbreak of the Second World War. He was created a Knight of the Bath, in addition to holding the French Legion of Honor and the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun.

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