

Ducal Namesakes

The “Roxburghe Succession”

The Ker family, with its many branches among the landed nobility and gentry, featured prominently in the history of Scotland in the early modern period. The most senior branch of the family became Earls and then (1707) Dukes of Roxburghe, with Floors Castle their family home.

After the 3rd Duke unmarried in 1804 he was succeeded by a distant cousin, William Bellenden. He too had no surviving children so attempted to name a younger relative as his heir before his own death in 1805.

With no obvious male heir, complicated succession laws came into play, and the succession dispute engendered considerable public interest. After detailed consideration of the claimants’ respective claims, the House of Lords finally recognized the claim of Sir James Innes (already elderly and without a male heir) in 1812.

Only in 1816 did his (second) wife produce a son, who succeeded his father in 1823.

The following are lists of names with Duke-type names – ordered by Birth / Name / Ancestor. Ker(r) could simply be after Louisa Ker. Innes after Elizabeth Davies’ father – William Innes (See article – [Real Innes in the House](#)). As for Roxburgh...was it as simple as being named after a famous person? Or is this further substance for the ‘Related to the Duke’ story? (See article – [Breach of Promise](#)).

By Birth Date

Elizabeth Innes Deasy Davies 1827-1892

James Roxburgh Ker 1836-1897

Edmund Ker UHR 1841-1903

Ernest Leslie Kerr Uhr 1855-1918

Augusta Louisa Innes Uhr 1861-1939

Elfric Ker JONES 1864-1871

Charles James McRobert (Innes Ker) Uhr 1865-1930 (as an adult)

Harold Ker JONES 1871-1903

Anna Madeline Ker BERKLEY 1877-

Oswald Ker JONES 1879-1950

Ethel Violet Roxburgh Missing 1885-1962

Innes Amy Laura Uhr 1886-1962

James Roxburgh Edward Ker 1887-1947 (3 Mar)

D’Arcy Roxburgh Sherwood Uhr 1887-1917 (2 May)

Leslie Kerr Neild Uhr 1889-1918

Stuart Wentworth Innis Ker PETERSON 1890-1972

Elizabeth Innes MacINTYRE 1916-

Elizabeth Agatha Ker KING 1919-1963

Elizabeth Innes Smith 1927-1938

By Name

ROXBURGH

D'Arcy Roxburgh Sherwood Uhr 1887-1917 - WCU

Ethel Violet Roxburgh Missing 1885-1962 - EBU

James Roxburgh Ker 1836-1897 - James Ker

James Roxburgh Edward Ker 1887-1947 - James Ker

INNES

Elizabeth Innes Deasy Davies 1827-1892 - GRU - WI

Augusta Louisa Innes Uhr – 1961-1939 - WCU

Innes Amy Laura Uhr 1886-1962 - GRU - WI

Elizabeth Innes Smith 1927-1938 - WCU

Elizabeth Innes MacINTYRE 1916- - GRU – WI

*Stuart Wentworth Innis PETERSON 1890-1972 - DP – Louisa Ker

**Charles James McRobert (Innes Ker) Uhr 1865-1930 - WCU

William Innes (father of Elizabeth Davies)

KER / KERR

Edmund Ker UHR 1841-1903 - EBU – Louis Ker

Ernest Leslie Kerr Uhr 1855-1918 - GRU - WI

Leslie Kerr Neild Uhr 1889-1918 - GRU - WI

Elfric Ker JONES 1864-1871 - MLP – Louisa Ker

Oswald Ker JONES 1879-1950 - MLP – Louisa Ker

Harold Ker JONES 1871-1903 - MLP – Louisa Ker

Elizabeth Agatha Ker KING 1919-1963 - EBU

Anna Madeline Ker BERKLEY 1877- - MLP – Louisa Ker

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**Charles James McRobert (Innes Ker) Uhr 1865-1930 - WCU

By Ancestor

Mary Louisa Peterson (Daughter of Louisa Ker)

Elfric Ker JONES 1864-1871

Oswald Ker JONES 1879-1950

Harold Ker JONES 1871-1903

Anna Madeline Ker BERKLEY 1877-

Daniel Peterson (Son of Louisa Ker)

Stuart Wentworth Innis Ker PETERSON 1890-1972

Edmund Blucher Uhr (Son of Louisa Ker)

Ethel Violet Roxburgh Missing 1885-1962

Edmund Ker UHR 1841-1903

Elizabeth Agatha Ker KING 1919-1963

William Cornelius Uhr (Son of Louisa Ker)

D'Arcy Roxburgh Sherwood Uhr 1887-1917

Augusta Louisa Innes Uhr – 1961-1939

Elizabeth Innes Smith 1927-1938

Charles James McRobert (Innes Ker) Uhr 1865-1930 (as an adult)

George Richard Uhr (William **Innes**, father of wife Elizabeth) (Son of Louisa Ker)

Elizabeth Innes Deasy Davies 1827-1892

Innes Amy Laura Uhr 1886-1962

Elizabeth Innes MacINTYRE 1916-

Ernest Leslie Kerr Uhr 1855-1918

Leslie Kerr Neild Uhr 1889-1918

James Ker (brother of John Ker – father of Louisa Ker)

James Roxburgh Ker 1836-1897

James Roxburgh Edward Ker 1887-1947

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