

Notes on the de Vaux lords of Dirleton

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John I de Vaux

Witness to royal charters of Malcolm IV, from c. 1160:
RRS i, nos. 205, 221, 222, 228, 230, 255 and Barrow, Anglo-Norman Era, App. I, no. 1, which is dated at Eldbotle.

Witness to royal charters of William, to c. 1180:
RRS ii, nos. 44, 116, 179, 188, 204, 238.

John de Vaux witnessed a charter, 1165x69 (*Dunf. Reg.*, no. 161).

In 1174, John I de Vaux was a hostage for William at Falaise. (CDS i, no. 139).

In c. 1175 (?), John I de Vaux W (CDS i, no. 197).

John I de Vaux W a charter of Alexander de St Martin to St Andrews, 1178, prob. 13 May x. (*St And. Liber*, 333-4).

John de Vaux witnessed a charter of Robert de Brus (*conventio* with Bp Ingram of Glasgow), dating 1175 x 23.3.1189, prob. 1187 x (*Glas. Reg.*, no. 72). If it is 1187x89, then it is the last appearance of John de Vaux. However, as this deals with the Annandale area, it is possible, perhaps probable, that this John is from the Gilsland family.

William I de Vaux

William de Vas witnessed a charter of Eschina, lady of Mow, to Paisley Abbey, 25.3.1173 x 1177. (*Pais. Reg.*, p. 75).

William de Vaux witnessed royal charters in the period 1189-99 :
RRS ii, nos. 293, 300, 317, 396, 401, 421.

William de Vaux, perhaps the lord of Dirleton, witnessed a charter of Anselm de Neuby to Wetherhal Priory in Cumbria, *Wetherhal Reg.*, no. 138, x 1195.

William de Vaux granted 2 bovates in Gullane to Coldingham Priory, x 1203. (ND, no. 172).

William de Vaux granted a toft and some land in Gullane, to be held by Osmund of the monks of Coldingham, perhaps c. 1200. (ND, no. 173; DCD, MC no. 714)

William de Vaux witnessed Newbattle charters, nos. 112-114. No. 112 can be dated to 13.6.1212 x 7.10.1214. William de Vaux confirmed a charter of William Noble of Garmilton of land next to the Peffer Burn. There was also a dipsute between William de Vaux and Newbattle over the bounds of this land (*Newb. Reg.*, no. 119).

William de Vaux witnessed Alexander II's grand confirmation to Arbroath Abbey, dated at Clunie, 1 March. 17.2.1215 x 15.12.1218. (el. Robert bp. Ross x cons. Gregory, bp. Brechin) (so 1 March, 1215x1218).

William de Vaux granted, for the soul of his lord, King William 'of good memory', 15.12.1218 x 12.10.1233 (royal confirmation; *Arb. Lib.*, nos. 116, 118.)

William de Vaux witnessed a charter of William de Munfichet to Coupar Angus Abbey, 28 Dec. 1220 x 24 Mar. 1222 ('1221' O.S.)

William de Vaux was in a dispute with the nuns of South Berwick, 15.4.1221. *Dryb. Lib.*, nos. 35, 36.

William de Vaux granted a charter to Dryburgh Abbey of the right of patronage of the church of Gullane, in the presence of Brother James, the papal legate, probably on 16 April 1221 (*Dryb. Lib.*, no. 23). This was definitely William de Vaux lord of Dirleton, as his son John confirmed the grant in no. 25.

William de Vaux granted a charter to the church of St Andrew of Gullane of the chapel of St Andrew of Dirleton and gives a pound of incense on the feast of St Andrew. (*Dryb. Lib.*, no. 29) Date uncertain, but William was dead by the time of Bishop William Malveisin's confirmation, 16.4.1221 x 9.7.1238. (*Dryb. Lib.*, no. 30).

William de Vaux granted a charter to Dryburgh Abbey and the canons on Fidra, 20 and a half acres of land in Eldbotle and the land of Reginald Tailor in Dirleton. Undatable, except by William's dates, say ca. 1180 x ca. 1221.

John II de Vaux

Apparently hostage for King William in treaty with King John, 1213.

'son of William de Vaux of Dirleton'

in custody of Robert de Vaux of Gilsland, 13.6.1213 (*CDS* i, no. 574).

Witnesses some royal charters while father still alive:

RRS ii, no. 509. (late in William's reign)

Handlist, no. 48 *Newb. Reg.*, no. 121 28.8.1219 (sheriff of Edinburgh)

Witnessed many charters of Alexander II:

<i>Handlist</i> , no. 106	<i>Melr. Lib.</i> , no. 245	22.7.1226
no. 125	<i>St And Lib.</i> , 232-6	29.8.1228 Selkirk
no. 144		9.1.1231
no. 161		5.10.1232
no. 176		3.7.1233
no. ???	<i>Coupar Reg.</i> , no. 23	18.7.1234
<i>Handlist</i> , no. 248	<i>Newb. Reg.</i> , no. 157	21.4.1241
<i>Handlist</i> , no. 274	<i>Holy. Lib.</i> , no. 74	16.2.1246
<i>Handlist</i> , no. 280	<i>Newb. Reg.</i> , no. 218	2.9.1246
no. 255		8.4.1242
no. 256		9.4.1242
no. 267		7.6.1244

no. 271 9.12.1244
no. 272 7.1.1245

Witnessed non-royal charters - *Newb. Reg.*, nos. 89 (as sheriff of Edinburgh), 132, 196.

Married to a woman named Ada: *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 33.

Confirmed grant of father to Dryburgh of the church of Gullane: 16.4.1221 x. *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 25.

Granted a stone of wax to church of Gullane, uncertain date, prob. after death of father: *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 31.

Granted crofts in Gullane to Dryburgh and church of Gullane. Date uncertain. *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 33.

David, bp. St Andrews, allowed him to have a chantry in his chapel at Dirleton, 1240x 53. *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 32.

Confirmed grant of William de Vaux of land in Gullane and increases rent of Osmund to 7s. *ND*, no. 174. Date unknown. Confirms *ND*, no. 173.

Confirmed island of Fidra to canons of Dryburgh as his father had given it. Prob. after death of father. *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 105.

Confirmed half mark from mill of Haddington made by his father William to Arbroath Abbey. 30.4.1230 x 11.9.1233, prob. 3.2.1231x. *Arb. Lib.*, no. 117.

Presumably the John de Vaux who was seneschal to the Queen of Scotland in 1236-7 [this is odd, however, as Ermengarde died in 1233 and Alexander did not marry Marie de Coucy until 1239. Presumably retroactive title for Ermengarde] Had a pension from king of England of £14, 13s, 4d 'to sustain himself in his infirmity' (*CDS* i, no 1309).

Grant to Glasgow Cathedral. 18.4.1243. *Glas. Reg.*, no. 184.

Also mentioned in the following charters (usually as witness):

<i>Panm. Reg.</i> i, cliv	c.1219?
<i>Arb. Lib.</i> , no. 128	1233
<i>Aberdeen Reg.</i> ii, 268	3.3.1233
<i>Aberdeen Reg.</i> i, 17a	1247x56
<i>Arb. Lib.</i> , no. 250	17.2.1250
NLS Adv. MS, 15.1.18, no. 68	1251
<i>Dunf. Reg.</i> , no. 160	5.7.1251

In 1244, John de Vaux was one of a group of nobles to write to the pope. *CDS* i, no. 1655.

Witnessed some early charters of Alexander III:

<i>Handlist</i> , no. 2		3.6.1250	
<i>Handlist</i> , no. 5	<i>St And Lib.</i> , 294	25.4.1251	Haddington
<i>Handlist</i> , no. 6		29.4.1251	
<i>Handlist</i> , no. 7		30.4.1251	
<i>Handlist</i> , no. 13		20.10.1251	

Part of a royal council, 20.9.1255 (*CDS* i, no. 2013; *APS* i, 419-20; *Handlist*, no. 22).

William II de Vaux, clerk

Son of William I, brother of John II.

Held some lands in Gullane/ Eldbotle area non-heritably, mentioned in charter of John II to Dryburgh Abbey, *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 25.

Was *persona* of the church of Gullane, 15.4.1221 or soon after. *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 35.

Held garbal teinds of Kingston in his lifetime; these were to go to the nuns of South Berwick upon his death. 15.4.1221 or soon after. *Dryb. Lib.*, no. 35.

Along with William of Gullane, was a clerk of Bishop William Malveisin of St Andrews, as mentioned in the bishop's charter, which dates to 16.4.1221 x 31.3.1229, probably early in this range. Charter suggests that William may have been an episcopal clerk at time of the Fourth Lateran Council (Nov. 1215).

William, rector of the church of Gullane, who was in a dispute with the nuns of South Berwick circa 28.9.1219 (*Dryb. Lib.*, no. 37) was William of Gullane as opposed to William de Vaux.

Possibly rector of the church of Congalton on 21.3.1224 (*Dryb. Lib.*, no. 42)

Alexander de Vaux

Grantor, *Dryburgh Liber*, nos. 285bis to 289, **22.1.1240 x, prob. 20.9.1255 x**

Grantor, *Glasgow Reg.*, no. 219. At Glasgow, **26.8.1267**.

John III de Vaux

(Not to be confused with John de Vaux, sheriff of Norfolk and itinerant royal justice in England)

14.3.1290. Convention of Birgham (Stevenson, *Documents*, no. 92).

24.6.1291, Sir John de Vaux swore fealty in the chapel of the castle of Berwick. *CDS* ii, no. 508.

28.8.1296, John de Vaux of the county of Edinburgh did homage at Berwick. CDS ii, no. 823, p. 198.

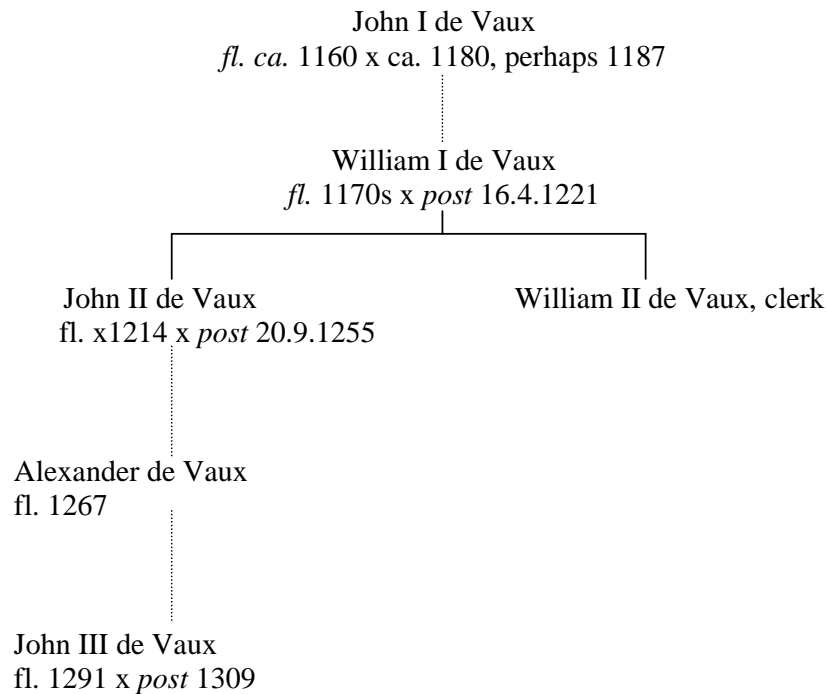
5.10.1297, Sir John de Vaux to have his lands back for good behaviour. CDS ii, no. 949.

Feb. 1304, Sir John de Vaux was present at the battle of Strathord. CDS ii, no. 1741.

11.6.1307, Sir John de Vaux to get wheat from king's ltnt. CDS ii, no. 1938.

30.10.1309. Sir John de Vaux to provide Dirleton Castle. CDS ii, no. 1164.

DE VAUX FAMILY



De Vaux lords of Gilsland, Cumbria

Hubert I de Vaux

Robert I de Vaux, d. 1195

Ralph de Vaux, d. 1199

Robert II de Vaux, d. post 1233

Hubert II de Vaux