

*This manuscript is roughly bound in a charter dated 1615 and is written in early 17<sup>th</sup> century script, with some later additions. The first section is a narrative account of the Earls of Ross. This is followed by a summary of the same material (in the same handwriting) with some corrections. The final section is an account of the Rosses of Balnagown, part of which is in the handwriting of David Ross, the last of the original line of Ross of Balnagown, who died in 1711. He inserted a paragraph to bring the line of descent up to date with himself.*

### **Ane Breve Cronicle of the Erllis of Ross**

In the yeir of God laj ii ct ~~three score~~ and twelff yeiris Alexander the third King of Scottis passit with his ladye Queene Margaret accompanyit with many nobillis and barones of Scotland to London to the coronatioun of King Edward Longshanks, King of England, brother to the said King Alexander's wyffe and on the assumption day of our ladey in the same yeir ane thousand tua hundreth and ~~twelff~~ yeiris ~~three score~~ twelff yeiris upon the sixtene day of November was the coronatioun of the said King Edward at London with great triumph. At this tyme thair was ane Normand ane frenschman callit Dougall Duncansone in the said King Edwardis hous of mervillous strength and had sic craft in wrasling that he caist all men yat assilyeit him. Notheles, he was finallie wanquishit be farq<sup>r</sup> Ross ane Scottis man. The forsaid King Alexander for his notabill wassillage gave to the said farq<sup>r</sup> the Erldome of Ross. Of this farqu<sup>r</sup> descendit ffyve erllis being Ross of surname viz<sup>t</sup> farq<sup>r</sup> the first Williame the second Williame the third Hew the ffourt Williame the fift but the sext erle was namit Walter Ross utherwayis Leslie quha maryit the said fift Erl of Ross his dochter callit Euphame. This Walter Ross alias Leslie was ane nobill valizeant man quha made great service to the King of Scotland and soucht to his reuarde the heretrix of Ross and callit himself Walter Ross alias Leslie or ellis the said Euphame wald not mary him. The said Walter Ross alias Leslie begat on the said Euphame Ross ane sone callit Alexander Ross alslog as his mother leivid and thereafter was callit Alex Leslie quha was marit on Duik Robert Steuart governor of Scotland his dochter and begat with her ane dochter callit Marie quha deyit virgin. Therefter was Alexander Ila and John Ila Erlis of Ross. The said Williame qlk was the fyft Erl of Ross had two dochteris the eldest Eupham Ross maryit on Walter Ross alias Leslie as said is the uy<sup>r</sup> maryit on Donald of the Iles quha strak the batell of Harlaw in Garyeoch upon Sanct James evin in the yeir of God ane thousand four hundreth and elleven yeirs. In this battell was slaine nyne hundreth men with two principill captains upon the side of the said Donald of the ilis. The name of the twa captains wer Makillane and Malcome toche and upon the Erl of Mar side war slaine Alex Ogilvie James Scrimgour and many others as the Cronickles declares in the 16 buik and 17 cap. Now let us come to the first Erl of Ross callit Ferq<sup>r</sup> Ross quha made the vow to God gif he overcome the fornमित frenshman as God gaiff him the victorie that he should found ane abbay of the first religious men that he should happen to meit with efter his victorie within the Erldome of Ross and sua thereafter obtanit the victorie. He chancit to meit with twa quhyte channonis in Galloway ane callit Malcome with ane uther brother haiffing certaine of Sanct Ninianis

relicts with yame qlk Malcome with his brother the said Erll brought with him in Ross and Foundit ane abbay of yat ordor and religioun at Ferne besyd Kincardin in Strathharrin quhair the situatioun thair of yit does appear. Quhair of the said Malcome was abbot fifteen yeiris and yair he decessit and was buryed yair. Quha was halden efter his death amangis the peopill as a sanct and thairefter the said erll with consent of the abbott and brethrene of the said place for ye mor tranqulitie peace and quyetnes thair of translaited the said monesterie quhair now it presentlie standis. The XXVI yeir of the said Farq<sup>r</sup> erldome & in the yeir of God ane thousand twa hundreth... In the qlk tyme was the second abbot Malcome of Nig and the said erll leived erle fourtie yeiris and deceissit in Tayne ane thousand twa hundreth fiftie ane yeir in the beginning of the calendis of Feb. and succedit to the said farq<sup>r</sup> Williame his sone and godsone to the erll of Buchane quha leived Erll XXIII yeiris and deyit at Erllis Allane the 20 calends of Junii ane thousand tuo hundreth threscor fourteen yeiris. In his tyme was the third abbot Machabeus Makhersin Unto the qlk Williame succedit Williame his sone Quha was made erll at Witsonday the said zeir quha leived erll fourtie nyne yeiris. In quhais tyme Robert Erll of Carricke made unsurrexioun pretending to the croune of Scotland & the King made considderatioun with the said Williame that Hew quha was aire to the said Williame in respect he had gotten him with the King his sister callit Mauld ane sone callit Williame, the said Williame father to the said Hew leivand should mary the said Mauld Quhilk Williame for his fidelitie to the realme was long imprisoned in Ingland zit he reteired happille to his awin and depairted at Delnay in Ross the XXVIII day of Januar ane thousand thrie hundreth twentie tuo yeiris & in the tyme of this erll Williame wer divers abbottis of Ferne that is ane Martein ane channon in Quhythorne nicht chosin but presentit be the pryour of Quhythorne, and ane uyr brother Johne of ye said hous of Quhythorne intrussit nocht chosin. The third abbot callit Mark Ross sone to Sir Mark Ross ane Knicht nocht chosin be the convent of ferne but presentit be the said pryour of Quhythorne Quhilk Mark Abbot enterit in the said monasterir tuo yeris befor the deceis of Erll Williame the seconde & fande the said place destitute of idonius personis ornamentis biggingis and utheris gudes Quha in his tyme governit the said place and Kirk Weill as weill in brothers to be ressavit as alreddie ressavit and according to the ordour instructit yaime diligentlie. In tyme of this Mark abbott forsaid Hew goodsone to the King was made Erll of Ross upon sanct Patrike his day the XVVII day of March efter the deceis of his father ane thousand thrie hundreth & twentie thrie and leved Erll ten yeiris and for the defence of the realm depairtit on the conflict of Hildonhill beside Beruike the threttene calendis of August ane thousand thrie hundreth threttie thrie yeiris Unto quhome succedit Williame the third his sone oy to the King Robert Steuart quha efter long banishment in Norroway come hame to his awin and fand his men converted to the obedience of England quha manfullie gatherit ane great armie and invaidit the town of Pearth quhair Englishmen was and drew watter from them quilk constrainit yame to departe furth out of the said toune for ever: And as Juda Machabeus ane strong man persuit the wickit men within Israell quha was partakeris of the common welth unto the death sua the said Erll Williame persuit the wickit peopill to ye death haiffing in reverence favour and Kyndness keeping all zealous personis of the law of God religious and ecclesiasticall persones helping reedifeing and supplying the biggings and manor places of his predecessoris in sindrie pairtis of Ross amplifeing the samen honorable quha was made erll efter returning frome his exile upon Fryday befor Witsonday ane thousand thrie hundreth & threttie sex. In

quhas name because the Abbay Kirk of Ferne bot of clay and rouch staine alutterlie rewinous appeirindlie. The said Williame being trubblit of mynd with anguish that the sepulture of his parentis and quhair he tendit to be buryit quenever God called him out of this mortall lyffe and that ignominantlie the dropis descending from Heavin distilled in the chalice and upon the altar quhair the sacrament was ministrat Qlk Williame with diligence callit to counsel bishope Rodger then Bishop of Ross with the hail clergie thairof and all the great men in Ross with consent of Mark than abbott of ferne and convent thairof swa was it concludit that seven brethrene that then wer in the place willinglie obleist yame selffis to povertie and to beg and thig through the countrie the abbott onlie to remane in the place for attending on the warke new then begun for bigging of the said Kirk then of hewin stanis swa the warke thairof was begun the second yeir efter ye said Williame was maid Erll of Ross that is ane thousand thrie hundreth threttie aucht; and the Abbott Mark deyit amangis his brethrene efter the bigging the said warke ane thousand thrie hundreth fiftie fyve and was honorable buryit within the said Kirk as he deservit. Unto the qlk Mark succeedit Donald Pupill. In this maner the said Erll Williame the third considering the channonis of Ferne had frie power of electioun be Pape Urban the fourt in quhas tyme they wer founded and utheris fra the beginning of the said ordour giving yame speciall priviledges the said Erll willing to keip all juris to ye said religious men that nether electioun not presentatioun schould be had ra utheris but within the said abbay according to the institutioun of Augustine that sum worthie persones be electit out of ye bosome of the said place. Quhilk convent religiouslie and dewlie as accordes for y interes electit and presentit the said Donald abbott quha refussit the samyne for the jure of presentatioun qlk he had of Quythorne albeit not justlie Quha shortlie efter his elcetioun in Ferne quhen all the bretherene consentit him to be abbott he accompanyt with ane brother callit John Abernethie passit to Quhythorne to the pryor thairof in his earrand of electioun Quhair efter many resonis and contraversis the pryor of Quhythorne and convent yairof confirmit and approvit the electioun of the said Donald made at Ferne in the dayis of this Erll Williame; And in abbott Donald his tyme the satne wark of the said abbay Kirk was endit and the timber wark thairof be the suppley of the said Erll was finishit. This is that gude Williame doar and repairer of all the place of Ferne quha grantit to the samyne for his saull and his predecessors the Kirk of Tarredie in Ross that was at his presentatioun and obtenit consent of the abbay of ferne thairupon of the bishop and chapter of Ross – for quhais saull everie Channon under great pane was appoyntit ilk day to say ane mess at the hie altar Qlk Williame leved erll threttie fyve yeiris and was bannischit in Norroway thrie yeiris and deceissit at Dalnay in Ross the nynt of Februar ane thousand thrie hundreth thriescor ellevin Thair succeedit the said abbot Donald Adame Monilaw quha deceisit at Ferne the tent day of Sept. ane thousand four hundreth and sevin yeiris. And in his tyme was ane Lord of Ross ane nobill and vallyeand callit Walter Leslie quha maryit Ephame Ross dochter to the said erll Williame reparar of the forsaid abbay of ferne quha departit at Pearth the penult day of Februar ane thousand and thrie hundreth fourscore ane yeiris and to him succeedit Alexander Leslie his sone erll quha maryit ane dochter of Duik Robert governor of Scotland and gat with her ane dochter callit Marie that decessit virgin. And the said Alexander deceissit at Dingwall in his young age the aucht day of May ane thousand four hundreth and two yeiris. And efter that Thormas Kiethirnthie send by the pryor of Quhythorne stude as abbott in the ressavng and expending of the fruits of ferne ane certaine tyme And becaus he sped not

as he would he retyred hame. He was supponit to be ane sensuall and fleschlie hooremaister but quhat his end was it is uncertaine; And efter this ane abbot Finlaw oy of Sir Williame Feriar Vicar of Tayne quha for ane certaine tyme governit the place in ressaiving and expending the gudes thairof. He theikit the Kirk of ferne and deyt yair the fiftene of October laj IIIct XXXVI yeiris; And thairefter Alexander Ila was erll of Ross and justice fra forthe north. He was valzeant in all his actes and lovinglie governit the erldome in tranquillitie and peace and deyt at Dingwall and was buryed at the channerie of Ross the aucht of Maii ane thousand four hundreth fourtie and nyne. He maryit Euphame dochter of the said Walter Leslie quhairby he was Erll of Ross. King James the first 1426 beheaded James Campbell for the murther of Johne of the Isles a man dearlie belovit of his people. In the next yeir following qlk was efter the incarnatioun 1427 Alexander Lord of the Iyllis was arreistit be the King at Inverness for yat he was accusit to be ane succourar and manteaner of thevis and robberis in the cuntrie but for as mekill as he promissit in tyme cuming to reforme the former misdemeanours and was pardonit and set at libertie groff ensewit great trubill immediatlie efter for schortlie upon his deliverance he gatherit a power of wickit scapthrifts alias reivaris and sorneris and with the same cuming into Inverness brunt the toun and beseigit the castell inforcing with all diligence to win the same till he was advertised yat the King was cuming towards him with ane great power qrupon he fled incontinent to the Iyllis. Finallie haiffing knowledg that a great number of people lay daylie in wait to tak him that they micht out him to the Kingis hands he come disguysed in ane pure array to Holyrud hous and thair finding the King on Pasch day devotlie in the Kirk at his prayeres he fell down on his kneis befor him and besocht him of grace for his saik that rose as that day frome deith unto lyffe. At request of the queene the King pardonit him of lyffe but he appoyntit Williame Douglas Erll of Angus to haiff the custodie of him and yat within the castell of Tantallon that no trubill should ryse be his meanis thairefter His mother Euphame dochter to Walter sumtyme Erll of Ross was also committit in wards in Sanct Colines Inch because it was knawin that she solicted her sone Alexander to rebell in maner as is afoirsaid against the King. Nocht long efter Donald Ballach brother to the said Lord Alexander of the Iyllis came with ane power of men unto Lochquhaber. The erlls of Mar and Caithnes come with sic number of thair people as thay could raise to defend the cuntrie against the invasion of these Hylandmen and fought against Donald at Inverlochie quhair the erll of Caithnes was slane and the erll of Mar discomfited. Herewith did Domald Balloch return with a very great prey of goods and riches unto the Iyles the King was sorely moved with the newis thairof came with ane great armie to Dunstaffnage purposing with all speed to pass into the Iyllis. The clanns and other chiefmen of the hylands advertissit hereof cam to Dunstaffnage and submittit thair selffis to the King excusing thair offence for as they alledgit the said Donald had constrained them against their willis to pas with him to Lochquhaber. All these clans upon this thair excuse were admittit to the Kinges grace and sworn to persew the said Donald unto the death. Schortly herefter the said Donald fled into Ireland quhair he was slain and his head send be ane Obeirn a Lord in Ireland in quhas cuntrie he lurked as a gift to the King quha lay as than at Striveling. Thair wer also thrie hundreth of his adherentis takin and by the King hangit for thair offence within thrie weeks space efter his fleeing into Ireland betwixt the yeiris 1454 and 1455. There was ane callit Donald Erll of Ross in the tyme that the erll Douglas came out of England invading the Scottismen he tint the battle of Arkinholme his brother Archibald was slaine

The Lord of Ormond beand Douglas was hurt and tane. The erll of Douglas fled to Dunstaffnage quahir finding Donald Erll of Ross and Lord of the Iyllis he procurit him by nature inclinit and reddy to mak warr in his favour against the King. And efter he had set him anes on wark he got him back again into England. Donald waistit not only the Kingis cuntrie that lay neare Dunstaffnage but passing through Ardgyll did much hurt in all places their. He invadit so the Iyle of Arran and chased the bischop of Lismore constraining him to take sanctuarie. This he entered then went to Lochquhaber and so into Murrayland and burnt the town of Inverness and wan the castell by a guileful trayne meantyme the erll of Ormond efter he recoverit of his hurte as the ... and efter he had remaned in prison a long tyme he was at lenth beheaded. The Countess Beatrice sieing no hope that the erle Douglas should recover his former estate came to the King and submitted herself laying all the blame on the erll quho had procured her unto such unlawful marriage with him being her former husband's brother. The King ressavit her richt courteouslie and gave to her the Baronie of Balknie to meantean yrw<sup>t</sup> hir estate. Schortlie efter the Countess of Ross fled frome her husband and came to the King for fear of her husband's crueltie quhilk partlie she had tasted alreddie. The King because he had made the mariage betwixt her and her husband assigned her forthwith sufficient revenewes for the mentenance of her Estate. In the yeir of God 1455 the King acquytted the Iyllis and gat obedience yrof that they war in reddines to serve the warrs speciallie Donald of the Iyllis and Erll of Ross quho had before joynd himselff in confederacie with the erlls of Douglas and Crawfurde against the King and had taken in his hand the Kingis hous and castell of Inverness as befoir ye haiff herd nameing himself King of the Iyllis nevertheless the King at the lenth gave pardon to the said Donald for trew obedience in tyme cuming he wald not enter to his former deilling with the King's enemies. King James the second was slaine with the wadge of a gunn at Roxburgh in the yeir of his lyffe XXIX and of his reign XXIV and efter the incarnatioun 1460. Then did regentis governe the realme morover schortlie efter Donald of the Iyllis and Erll of Ross being reconceilled began new to his old maneris spoilyeing and harrying the haill cuntrie of Atholl and tuik the erll and countess yairof captives to the Iyllis. The saids regentis preparing ane armie to pass on the said Donald trew advertisement cam that the said Donald was stricken with wodnes and lost all his ships in the sea and the spuilyies that he tuik. The erll of Atholl and his ladie war restored and the said Donald himselff was slain in the castell of Inverness be ane cleirschear that playit on ane clersha in the year 1461. The cleirschear said he wald play ane spring that he never herd befoir nor yet efter and so cutted his throat for the said Donald slew his father. The said Donald's son was callit Lord of the Iyllis and Erll of Ross. In July the fourt day of the yeir of God 1476 and Parliament was haldin at Edinburgh. In the qlk Johne Lord of the Iyllis and Erll of Ross was attended partlie for his awin evil deids but maist speciallie for the defaultis of his father Donald Lord of the Iyllis. In Maii in the yeir of God 1477 the King raissit ane puissant armie of the maist abill upon the north syd of the watter of Fforth to persew the Lord of the Iyllis baith be sea and land. The Erll of Crawfurde was made admirall of the sea and the erle of Athole the Kingis uncle by his father was livetennent of ye armie be land. Bot such meanes was used be the Erll of Athole that the Lord of the Iyllis humbled himselff to the Kingis pleasor upon certaine conditiones and thairupon in the beginning of July nixt ensewing the said Lord of the Iyllis came to the Parliament at Edinburgh and thair was the agreement made and confirmit betwixt the King and him. He resignt in the

Kingis hands all the richt he had to the erldome of Ross. Swa the King come to the erlldome of Ross the lands of Kinteer and Knaiplden. Qlk erldome the King annexit to the crowne and pardonit him and his servands of all offencis befoir yat day comitted and invested him of new in the lordship and signorie of the Iyllis and uy<sup>rs</sup> his landis nocht released to hald the same of the King be service of wards and releiffe. The King also gaiff the Erll of Atholl for his diligence schewed in reducing the said Lord of the Iyllis to ordour the lands and forestis of Clonie. The said Johne Ila was Erll of Ross and Lord of the Iyllis during the lyfetye and that graciouslie be the Kingis gift.

### **Ane breve Discourse of the Erllis of Ross**

Item the first erll of Ross beand Ross of surname was callit Ferq<sup>r</sup> Ross quha gat ye said erlldome threw his manfull fechtand with ane Normand ane Frenchman at London as the cronicles testifies in King Alexander's tyme in the yeir of God ane thousand twa hundreth thrie scoir twelff yeiris. The second erll was callit Williame Ross goodsone to the erll of Buchane callit Johne Cumming quha leved twenty-four yeiris and deyt at erllis allane. The third was callit Williame Ross quha maryed the Kingis sister quha bure him Hew Ross. The ffourt erll callit Hew Ross sone to the said Mald. The said Hew maryit my Lord Grahamis dochter scho bure to him Williame the fyft erll of Ross and Hew the first Laird of Balnagowne and Rariches. The ffyft Erll callit Williame Ross quha haid ane auld dochter callit Euphame Ross quha was maryed upon Walter Leslie ane nobill valziant man quha made great service to the King of Scotland and sought to his reward bot the heretrix of Ross callit himself Walter Ross alias Leslie or ellis the said Euphame wold not mary him. The said Walter Ross alias Leslie begot on hir ane sone callit Alexander and ane dochter callit Euphame. This Alexander quha was callit Alex<sup>r</sup> Ross als long as his mother Euphame leivit thairefter was callit Alex<sup>r</sup> Leslie He maryed Duke Robert Stewart his dochter governor of Scotland and begat on hir ane dochter callit Marie quha deyt virgin; And the said Alexander deceissit at Dingwall in his young age the 8 of Maii the yeir of God ane thousand four hundreth and tua yeiris The said Euphame maryed Alexander Ila quha throu hir was made Erll of Ross and Justice fra the erldome in peace and tranquillitie. He begot in hir Johne of the Iyllis ane man dearlie belovit of his people quha was murtherit be James Campbell as said is. The said Alexander Ila deyt at Dingwall the 8 of Maii the yeir of God 1449 yeiris. Thairefter Alexander brother to the Johne and son to the said Alexander and Euphame was made erll quha for his enormities was comitted to warde at Tantallon at requeist of the Queene as the cronicle can testifie and his mother also Euphame dochter to Walter sumtyme erll of Ross was comittit to warde in Sanct Colmes Inch because that it was knawin that scho solicited her sone Alexander to rebell against the King. Efter him was Donald erll of Ross and Lord of the Iyllis. In the yeir of God 1454 quha for his enormities and evill deids was atteptit and sundrie tymes amitted at last was slain be ane Irishman ane clerschaer in the yeir of God 1461. Efter him his sone Johne Lord of the Iyllis and Erll of Ross quha in ane parliament haldin at Edinburgh the first of July in the yeir of God 1476 was accused pairtlie for his awin defaultis and maist speciallie for ye defaultis of his father Donald Lord of the Iyllis and yair be aggrement betwixt the King and him maid and confirmed he resignit in the Kingis hands all the richt he had to the erldome of Ross qlk erldome the King annexit to

the crowne and pardonit him of all offencis befor that day comittit be him or his servandis as the Cronicle at mair lenth will shew.

### **Ane breve Discourse of the Lairdes of Balnagown callit Ross**

The first Laird that was upon Rariches and Balnagown beand Ross of surname was callit Hew Ross sone to Hew Ross the fourt erll of Ross in the yeir of God 1333 yeiris. Efter him was Williame Ross laird of Balnagown. Efter him was Hew Ross. Thairefter was Williame Crunblache he had to his wyffe the Lord Levingstonis dochter quha biggit the brig of Alnes sche bure him Walter Cluganach quha had to his wyffe Paul McTyres dochter callit Katharene quhair by the Ross ar callit Clanlanders scho bure to him Hutchone Ross quha maryed the erll of Sutherlandis dochter callit Jonet Sutherland hir mother beand the erll of Orknayis dochter callit Helene Sinclair. Sho bure to him Johne Ross Laird, Hutcheon Ross, Mr. Williame Ross and Mr. Thomas Ross. Johne Ross Laird of Balnagown maryit Christian McLoid dochter to Torkill McLoid of Lewis scho bure to him Alexander McDo<sup>d</sup> and gallicallim Alexander Laird of Balnagown was maryit on Doroie Sutherland quha had the weat of the field Aldcharvis quhair-in her husband was slaine scho bure to him Sir David Ross Laird of Balnagown. Sir David Ross was maryed on the Laird of Inverugies dochter callit Helenor Keith ane guid woman scho bure to him Walter Ross Laird, William Ross, and Hutcheone Ross. Efter hir deceis he maryit the Duke of Albaneis dochter quha bure no bairnes. Walter Ross, Laird of Balnagown was maryed on the Lord of Grauntis dochter callit Marion Graunt sho bure to him Alexander Ross Laird of Balnagown and Hutcheon Ross. Thairefter Walter Ross was slaine in Tayne. Alexander Ross, Laird of Balnagown was maryed on Jonet Sinclair the Erll of Caithnes dochter quha bure to him ane sone callit George and sindrie dochteris. Thairefter maryed Katharene McKenzie quha buir to him Nicolas and Malcolme and sindrie dochteris. George Ross, Laird of Balnagown maryed Marjorie Campbell dochter to the Laird of Cadwell quha bure to him ane sone callit David Ross of Balnagown and sindrie dochteris. David Ross maryit first Jean Gordon dochter to the erll of Sutherland quha bure to him no bairnes. Thairefter maryed Anabell Murray dochter to my Lord Tillibairne quha bure to him sindrie bairnes quhair of non levis.

*[David Ross's insertion:*

Bot on son callit David. David Ross Laird of Balnagown married my lord Lovat's daughter called Marie Fraser quho bur to him severall children. Bot of severall children none caim to perfection but David Ross now leard of Balnagown who married Ladie Ann Stewart daughter to James Earle of Murray.]

Thair was thrie sones of the King of Denmark quha came be sea out of Denmark and landit in the north parts of Scotland to conquest lands to themselfis be the sworde. Ewine conquest the hieland brayes of Caithnes. Loid conquest the lands of the Lewis of quhome McLoid hus is descendit. Lendries conquest Braychat be the sworde qlk the erll of Sutherland and the laird of Duffois and foullis bruikis now within the parochin of Criech, Stratharon and friewater his hall beand within Glenvey qlk was and is the laird of Balnagown his heretage. His sone Tyre and his oy Paul McTyre followed Lendres

footsteps sua of this Lendres rose up the surname Clanlendres because Paul McTyre McLendres maried his dochter callit Katherene upon the Laird of Balnagowne callit Walter Ross alias Clugganache. The foresaid thrie men Ewen Loid and Lendres had no richr of the Kings of Scotland of ony thing they conquest bot the Laird of Balnagowne and his posteritie haldis of the Kings of Scotland as thair evidentis proportis.

This Paul McTyre was ane takand man and conquest all that he had throw capitanrie and sworde. He reft Strathocill Stratharron and Sleschillis with mekill of Sutherland caused Caithnes pay him mekill blakmaill. It was said that Paull McTyre himself tuk nyne scoir Kyne yeirlie out of Caithnes for his blackmaill sua lang as he himself micht travell. This Paull McTyre had twa sones viz Murthow Reoche and Gillespik. The said Murthow was send to Caithnes with ane hoist to tak up custom Kyne. The cuntrie folks of Caithnes assemblit yame selffis togidder at the Spittalhill and slew the said Murthow Reoch besyde the ... heid loch betwixt yule and candilmes. His brother Gillespik heirand of his brothers slauchter left the cuntrie and went home to Ross to his father quha was foundand ane hous in Creich. He deyit for displeasor of his sone. Thairefter his friends send for the said Murthow Reoch his baines.

This Murthow Reoach of quhome now ye do reid  
Throw tyrannie was slaine as ye heir tell  
The eldest sone of Paull McTyre indeed  
Was buryed in Caithnes quhair the case befell  
Quhen freindis tharefter tuik yame to counsell  
And send in haist ane young man for his baines  
Quha coming home with them in Helmisdail  
Drownit thairin he and they all at aines.