Hamilton Bruce



Royal Palace of Falkland

Hamilton Bruce Family

Professor John Bruce, Professor of Logic and Metaphysics in Edinburgh University was appointed King's Printer and Stationer for Scotland, Keeper of the State Paper Office and Historiographer to the East India Company. He bought Falkland Palace in 1820 becoming Hereditary Keeper and restored much of the Palace. He was visited several times by Sir Walter Scott.

When he died in 1826 having changed the entire family name to Hamilton Bruce when his sister married Robert Hamilton, he left the estate to his niece Margaret Stewart Hamilton Bruce.

On Margaret's marriage she and her husband blended their names to Tyndal Bruce. There is a monument to the family in Falkland village - the Bruce Memorial.

Margaret's cousin Colonel Walter Hamilton Bruce inherited the palace on her death taking the name Tyndal into his name, - the family coat of arms can be seen in Myers Castle near Falkland. Walter's son Andrew inherited the estate in his turn and sold it to Sir John Crichton Stuart in 1887.

Robert had 2 daughters Waspet and her sister Catherine who founded the Trefoil Foundation and Adventure Centre in Penicuik. Andrew's son William emigrated to New Zealand and developed the Hamilton Jet Engine. His family still have the company today.



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