



"BRICIUS"

*Effigy of Bricius
Iona Abbey museum. The inscription on the pillow
commemorates Bricius (who may have fought at
Bannockburn) and his two sons. The type of armour and
sword suggest that the effigy was carved during the mid or late
fourteenth century, some time after Bricius's death. It belongs
to the high period of Scottish monumental sculpture (see
pp. 204-5)*



Bricius

Who Bricius (Britius, Brixius)
Ancestors were is uncertain and is
purely speculation on some historians
part, as to who they were.

He may have been connected to the
Siol Alpine, clan federation of the
Royal House of Alpine and there Septs
Many clans have claimed him as a Thar
(Chieftian) of their Clan.

However his name could be an old Lat
ecclesiastic spelling of Bruce (Brusiu
which was also spelled in the 11th Ce
Brucius, De Brius, Bruys, and De Brix,
or perhaps he was Abbot Brice, Abbot of
St. Columba, who rendered homage in 1296
As his seal bears the same coat of ar
with the motto:—"S'abbatis de Insula
Sancti Columbi"., (Bain II p. 197, 542)
(A.C. Black's Surnames of Scotland)

Surnames were not used in the Highlands
of Scotland until 1900, in some areas.
when it became law under the British
in 1820, and later in the Highlands.
The old name system was lost for ever
when it became compulsory to register
a surname, which was standardised to a
Anglicised form.

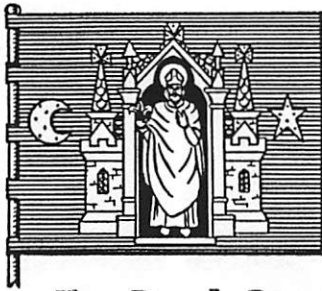
ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCALDY

Azure, an abbey of three pyramids Argent each ensigned with a cross patée Or.

And on the reverse of the seal is insculped in a field Azure, the figure of Saint Bryce with long garments, on his head a mitre, in the dexter hand a fleur-de-lys, the sinister laid upon his breast, all Proper, standing in the porch of the church or abbey ensigned on the top as before, all betwixt a decrescent and a star in fess Or.

The *Motto* is "Vigilando Munio".

(Lyon Register, i, 457: c. 1673)



The Royal Burgh of Kirkcaldy Banner.

KIRKCALDY appears as a Burgh of the Abbot of Dunfermline in a Royal Charter dated between 1315 and 1328 and was set in feu to the bailies and the community in 1451. Though represented in the Convention from 1574, it was not until 1644 that it was created a Royal Burgh by King Charles I.⁴ In 1930, the Royal Burgh of Dysart was joined to Kirkcaldy.

The Burgh is one of the four in Scotland which has two coats of arms. In the first coat, the abbey may refer to the church of Kirkcaldy dedicated in 1242 to St. Bryce,



The Seal of Brice of Douglas who became Bishop Brice of Moray in the year 1203.

C.E. ST. BRYCE'S DAY 13TH FEBRUARY.