

James Stewart III King of Scotland



Born: 10 Jul 1452 Stirlingshire, Scotland
Married: 13 July 1469 Margaret Odenburg, Princess of Denmark
Died: 11 Jun 1488 Milltown, Scotland
Parents: James II, King of Scotland & Dorothea Brandenburg

James III **Stewart**, King of Scotland was born on 10 July 1452 at Stirling Castle, Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland. He was also reported to have been born in May 1452. He was the son of James II **Stewart**, King of Scotland and Marie **von Geldern**. He married Margaret **Oldenburg**, Princess of Denmark, daughter of Christian I **Oldenburg**, King of Denmark and Norway and Dorothea **von Hohenzollern**, on 13 July 1469. He was also reported to have been married on 10 July 1469. He died on 11 June 1488 at age 35 at Milltown, Bannockburn, Scotland, assassinated. He was buried at Cambuskenneth Abbey, Stirlingshire, Scotland. James III Stewart, King of Scotland gained the title of *Duke of Rothesay* on 10 July 1452.³ He succeeded to the title of *King James III of Scotland* on 3 August 1460, at the age of 9. He was crowned King of Scotland on 10 August 1460 at Kelso Abbey, Roxburghshire, Scotland. He fought in the Battle of Sauchieburn on 11 June 1488. He was kidnapped on 9th July, 1460 by Sir Alexander Boyd. and in 1479, he ordered the murder of one of his brothers and exiled the other on grounds that they were suspected of plotting against their brother, the king. On the 22nd July, 1482, he was unseated by his own nobles under the leadership of his uncle, the Earl of Atholl. Internal divisions among his enemies eventually allowed him to regain control. The king's brother, the Duke of Albany, was again forced into exile. James II was finally defeated and killed after a battle at Sauchieburn, near Stirling, under the nominal command of his son, the Duke of Rothesay. His wife Margaret was the daughter of King Christian I of Denmark and Norway, the dowry being the Orkneys, Shetlands and Western Isles. Succeeded by his son as James IV.

Children of James III Stewart, King of Scotland and Margaret Oldenburg, Princess of Denmark

1. James IV **Stewart**, King of Scotland+ b. 17 Mar 1473, d. 9 Sep 1513
2. James **Stewart**, Duke of Ross b. Mar 1476, d. 12 Jan 1504
3. John **Stewart**, Earl of Mar b. bt 16 Jul 1479 - 12 Jul 1480, d. 11 Mar 1503

Citations

1. [S11] Alison Weir, *Britain's Royal Family: A Complete Genealogy* (London, U.K.: The Bodley Head, 1999), page 236. Hereinafter cited as *Britain's Royal Family*.
2. [S11] Alison Weir, *Britain's Royal Family*, page 238.
3. [S11] Alison Weir, *Britain's Royal Family*, page 237.



Cambuskenneth Abbey, Stirlingshire, Scotland



Tomb of King James III of Scotland