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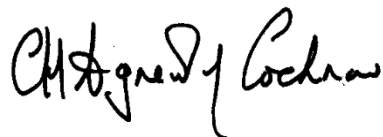


# FOREWORD

The Red Book of Scotland is an outstanding historical and genealogical resource, recording the genealogy of many of Scotland's families that are of importance both nationally and locally. It is an immensely useful resource for historians in Scotland trying to place significant individuals in their historical context when acting in national and local affairs. Gordon MacGregor has put in many years research into the production of this nine volume *magnus opum* collection of genealogies with the entry for each person clearly referenced.

I have worked with Gordon MacGregor on a number of successful claims to titles and clan chiefships in the Court of the Lord Lyon, where his evidence has been accepted by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms who accepted "that Mr MacGregor has experience as a genealogical record researcher and has knowledge of researching in Scottish records". The success of the claims depended on his expertise as a record searcher to produce the documentation to prove the genealogies of the claimants. He clearly has a wide experience of all the mediaeval and historic record sources in the Scottish repositories. However, what has impressed me more, is that when a client has presented what they consider to be their genealogy, Gordon MacGregor is prepared, after the appropriate research, to tell them fearlessly that he considered their genealogy to be wrong. I consider that to be the mark of a committed expert and an indication of the rigour that he must have applied to genealogies he has included in the Red Book.

I commend the Red Book of Scotland to anyone interested in the history and personalities of the many and varied families of Scotland.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt QC  
Rothesay Herald of Arms

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