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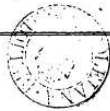
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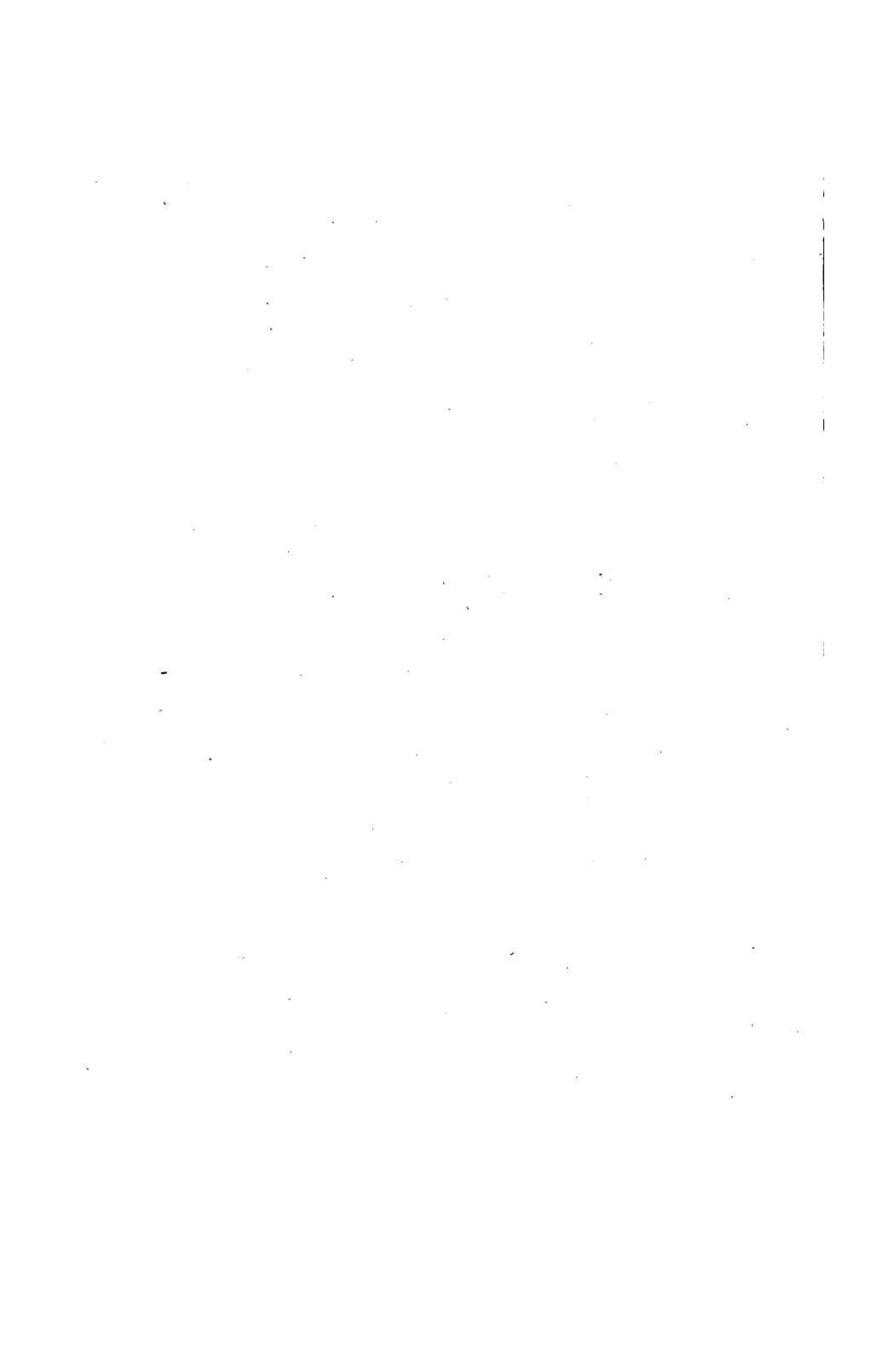
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## INTRODUCTION.



## KILMAURS CHURCH.

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THE name of the Burgh and Parish is derived from the Patron Saint of the ancient hamlet church, probably Saint Maure. The oldest spellings brought under our notice are "Kilmawaris," "Kilmawres," "Kilmauris," and "Kilmares." According to Chambers's *Caledonia*, the Church was granted to the monks of Kelso about 1200, with half a caracute of land, and continued in their possession till the time of the Reformation, when the endowments were appropriated by the Glencairn family. After the abolition of Episcopacy the Earl of Eglinton became Patron. Though much altered to suit circumstances, the Church still retains many proofs of its ancient architect. Paterson, apparently quoting from charter of foundation examined by him, fixes date 13th May, 1413. In shape it is cruciform, with walls thick and strong. The eastern limb, used as the place of sepulture of the Glencairns, has been at some period detached from the main building. In it is to be found a very fine specimen of mural architecture, recently restored, erected in 1600 by James, 7th Earl of Glencairn, to perpetuate "his race and name," as the almost obliterated inscription informs us. None of the tombstones in the churchyard are of great antiquity, but several specimens of the "mortsafe" may be seen, still in their original positions. The first secession from the Church of Scotland took place here in 1712, in consequence of the ill-treatment, by the Patron, of the then incumbent, the Rev. Hugh Thomson, to whose memory a tablet is erected within the walls. The parish records begin in 1698, but are very irregular and incomplete.