

THE STEWART TARGE

This targe is made by the Scottish targemaker Joe Lindsay from Inverness and is based on an original, which belonged to MAJOR JAMES STEWART, who fought in the civil wars of the 1640s.

The original is held in a private collection by his descendants

James Stewart, 1st Duke of Richmond, 4th Duke of Lennox (* 6 April 1612 in London; † 30 March 1655), KG, was a Scottish nobleman.

He was the eldest son of Esmé Stewart, 3rd Duke of Lennox and his wife Katherine Clifton, 2nd Baroness Clifton. James Stewart inherited the Dukedom of Lennox on his father's death (30 June 1624) and was invested as a Knight of Order of the Garter in 1633. In 1645 he became President of the Councils of the Prince of Wales.

As a cousin of Charles I of England, Stewart was a Privy Councillor and key member of Royalist party in the English Civil War. In 1641-42, he served as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. He spent five months in exile in 1643, returning to England to defend the city of Oxford for the king. He died on 30 March 1655 at age 42 and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

He married Mary Villiers (1622-1685), daughter of George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham on 3 August 1637.

- Esmé (1649-1660), 5. Duke of Lennox
- Mary (1651-1668), Baroness Clifton of Leighton Bromswold, she married 1667 Richard Butler, 1. Earl of Arran