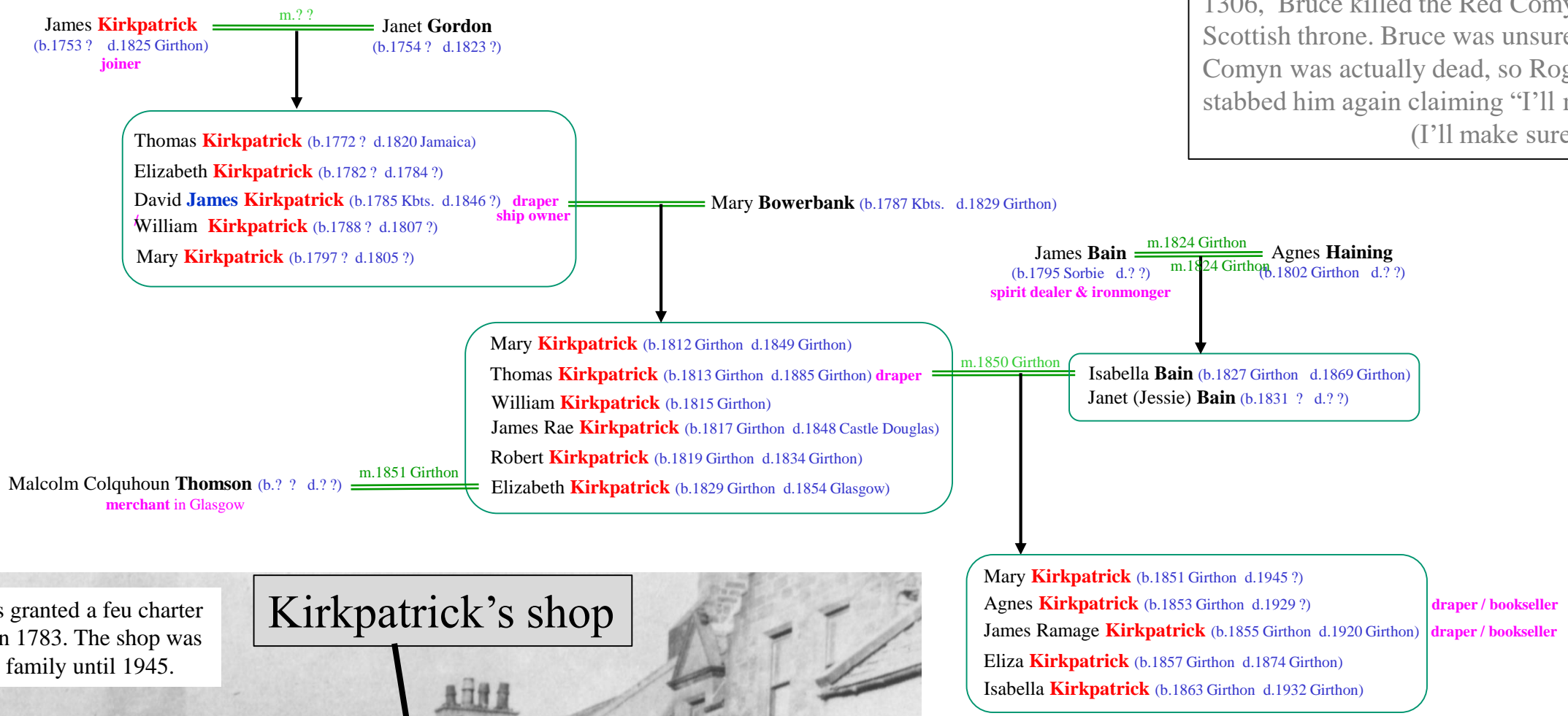


# Kirkpatrick family – drapers

The Kirkpatrick family motto is **“I’ll mak siccar”**  
 An ancestor of the Gatehouse Kirkpatrick family fought with Robert the Bruce. Whilst at Dumfries in 1306, Bruce killed the Red Comyn, a rival for the Scottish throne. Bruce was unsure that the Red Comyn was actually dead, so Roger de Kirkpatrick stabbed him again claiming **“I’ll mak siccar”**  
 (I’ll make sure).



James Kirkpatrick was granted a feu charter for his house & shop in 1783. The shop was run by the Kirkpatrick family until 1945.

Kirkpatrick's shop



James Ramage Kirkpatrick left £1500 in his will in order to set up a brass band in Gatehouse to be called the “I’ll Mak Siccar” band. This photo was taken in 1947.

