



Study of the supposed skull of King Robert I of Scotland, front view.

Plate 1 from the monograph *King Robert the Bruce, 1274–1329: his skull and portraiture*, by Karl Pearson (W. Lewis at the University Press, Cambridge, 1924). Reprinted from *Biometrika* v.16. Inscribed above: 'Plate I'. Inscribed below: 'The Skull of Robert Bruce. *Norma facialis* (about natural size).'

According to the accompanying text, the grave of Robert the Bruce at the Abbey Church of Dunfermline, was opened in 1818 and again in 1819 in the presence of Sir Henry Jardine, Dr Alexander Munro *tertius* and Dr James Gregory. A cast of the skull was taken by William Scouler (d.1854) and several copies made, including one now in the Royal Collections, Palace of Holyroodhouse.

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Robert I [Robert Bruce] (1274–1329), King of Scots.