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OLD DUMFRIESSHIRE SURNAMES. A NOTE ON THE LATE MR REID'S  
PAPER ON THE BARONY OF MOUSWALD. By JOSEPH BAIN,  
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In the last volume of the *Proceedings* (1889), p. 24, there is a very interesting paper by the late Mr J. J. Reid on Mouswald. Discussing the surname De Musseus, found in an early Bruce charter, he appeared to consider it a variant of De Muscamp. I rather incline to think it is an early form of the surname De Monceux, which is found on the Ragman Roll in 1296.

In 1347 William Mounceux was a juror at Lochmaben, and an Amand Mounceux was warden of the castle there in the end of that century, while Annandale was held by the De Bohuns (*Calendar of Documents, Scotland*, vols. iii. and iv.). It is evidently the modern surname Mounsey or Munsie, still found in Cumberland and Dumfriesshire, though not so high-sounding as in the old form. The De Muscamps who held the great barony of Wooler in Northumberland had no possessions in Galloway or Annandale. Their barony fell to coheiresses about 1251, and the surname seems to have died out long ago, though two appear on the Ragman Roll—one in Edinburghshire, and the other in Lanarkshire. The grand Norman surname of Amundeville or Mundeville (celebrated by Byron) was seated in Dumfriesshire and Wigtownshire before 1296, when Sir Henry de Mundeville did homage to Edward I., and the name still exists there in the form of Mundell. Another high-sounding Norman surname, De Campania or Champagne, contemporary with De Mundeville in Galloway, has either died out, or been altered beyond recognition. The surname Curwen, now confined

<sup>1</sup> Hurst-Monceux, in Sussex, took its name from this family.

to Cumberland, was originally a Galloway one, Colwen or Culwen, as clearly appears in the Border records.

I take this opportunity to notice a statement in Mr Reid's paper (p. 27) where he said: "*Bain* mentions that in the thirteenth century the family of Carruthers were stewards of Annandale under the Bruces, and that they were also keepers of Trailtrow Preceptory and guardians of the 'Old Kirk Ford' of Hoddam, &c." I know nothing of this, and think the name must be a misprint for that of *Boece*, the historian, who connected himself with Annandale.