

# Historical Trans Men in Scotland

## Sir Ewan Forbes 1912-1991

### *11th Baronet of Craigievar*

He was educated at home after refusing to attend a girl's school.

While looking after the family estate he would often wear a man's Kilt.

“Dr Elizabeth becomes Dr Ewan”

*The Press and Journal*

Aberdeen newspaper 1952

He loved Traditional Scottish Country Dancing, and set up the Dancers of Don troupe.

“An inspiration. If he can do it, I can!”

Remembered from 1952 by Martin, a Trans Men Scotland member, currently in his eighties who transitioned over thirty years ago.



A few weeks after changing his birth certificate in 1952, he married his housekeeper Isabella Mitchell, and they remained together until death.

He made legal history by having the courts back his claim to inherit the Baronetcy that goes down the male line of his family.

He was a doctor for the local community as well as a farmer on his estate.



- Born 6th September 1912.
- 1944 graduated in Medicine.
- 1952 got his birth certificate changed from female to male at Aberdeen Sheriff Court.
- 1965 his brother died without male heirs. His right to inherit the baronetcy was challenged by his cousin.
- 1968 after a long line of appeals against him, he was granted the right by the Home Secretary James Callaghan.
- 1969 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Aberdeenshire.
- Died in 1991.



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