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I. NAME.

Rentoul, or Rintoul (or Rantoul).

- I. Original British Domicile — Scotland. Branches of the family now found in Ireland, England, the United States of America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Large mountain in New Zealand — "*Mt. Rintoul*" — Province of Nelson, Middle Island (near "Ben Nevis," and "Mt. Franklin") called after this family name.
- II. Scottish Counties in which the name was originally domiciled after its introduction into Great Britain,— Perthshire,— Fifeshire, and (especially) Kinross-shire.
- III. Origin of "Rentoul," or "Rintoul" Family and Name.

Family tradition, at least in the Perthshire stock, points unwaveringly to French origin. This is supported by the character of the name itself, as also by the fact that it is to be found in France. The exceedingly limited number of those bearing this name to be found in British lands points to its being of foreign extraction. It is in no sense a "clan," or tribal Scottish name; it is strictly a *family* name, of rare occurrence, and remarkably slight diffusion. But while the persistent tradition as to the French extraction of this name is doubtless correct, it has, like all such family history handed down from mouth to mouth, become confused as to times and dates. The account preserved amongst the representatives of the Perthshire stock is that the common ancestor who introduced this name from France into Scotland was a Huguenot, who came from France into Holland and thence into Scotland as a refugee for conscience' sake, after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685. That common ancestor settled in Perthshire, Fifeshire, or