

pans railway station, standing amid fine trees, with magnificent gardens behind it, and broad fields stretching backward towards the town of Tranent. Almost directly opposite, a few rods away, is the tower of the Preston Hamiltons, now owned by Sir William Stirling Hamilton, Bart., who represents the Preston family; and about two miles further east, a little toward the Firth of Forth, is Seton Castle, which stands on the site of Seton Palace, so famous in days gone by. In a field a little to the eastward is the site of the memorable battle of Prestonpans, and in the lawn of Bankton stands a monument to the good Colonel Gardiner, the owner of Olivestob at the time of his death, who fell in this battle in 1745. The interior of the house was once throughout richly panelled in oak, but a fire in the early part of the present century swept through it and destroyed all the wood-work. †

Of the family of John Hamilton of Muirhouse and Olivestob, we find a pretty complete record on the Registers of the old Parish of Edinburgh. Like his brother Hugh, who was also a resident of the city of Edinburgh and a merchant there, and of whose family we have a full record, Mr. Hamilton must have come in very early manhood from Ayrshire to the capital city. He was married three times. His first wife was Margaret Logan, who bore him children: John,² bap. May 8, 1614; Agnes,² bap. July 26, 1616, and Susanna,² bap. Sept. 1, 1622. He m. (2) Catherine Brown, and by her had children: John,² bap. January 25, 1629; and Margaret,² bap. May 30, 1630. His third wife was Anna Elphinstone, whom he married, it is likely, in 1632, and who bore him thirteen children:

Anna, ²	baptised	15 March, 1633.
William, ²	"	9 March, 1634.
James, ²	"	24 September, 1635.
Thomas, ²	"	21 April, 1638.
Alexander, ²	"	3 June, 1639.
Henry, ²	"	21 October, 1640.
John, ²	"	25 January, 1643.
Lillias, ²	"	24 April, 1645.
Margaret, ²	"	22 July, 1647.
Hugh, ²	"	6 August, 1649.
Frederic, ²		
David, ²		
Elizabeth, ²		