

second son of Sir David Hamilton of Cadzow, as he is usually declared to be. Gavin Hamilton of Cleland, one of the Under Clerks of Session, had married, then, Isobell, the eldest daughter of James Hamilton of Innerdovat, who because she had no brothers became her father's heir. She had a sister, however, as we shall see. Gavin and Isobell had a son Walter, baptized May 11, 1694, Isobell's uncles Alexander, John and Henry Hamilton being witnesses. Other witnesses were James Hamilton, clerk in the Canongate (perhaps a brother of Gavin's), Dr. James Nisbet, who seems to have been the physician of most of the Olivestob family at this period, and David Crawford, Secretary to the Duke of Hamilton. The child was born "April 27, last, in ye morning early." Daniel Hamilton writer, and his wife Margaret Murray had a son Gideon, baptized September 1, 1695, at which baptism both Gavin and James Hamilton were witnesses. This Daniel Hamilton, who in 1707 was Clerk to the Admiralty, was a son of Robert Hamilton, of Barncluth, Lord Pressmanen and a brother of the second Lord Belhaven. He had another brother, Henry Hamilton, a surgeon in Edinburgh, who married Catherine Ross, daughter of James Ross and his wife Anna Strachan of Swanstown, and there may have been some near relationship between Gavin and them. At any rate, not only were Daniel and Henry on intimate terms with Gavin, but they were also intimate with Henry² of Olivestob, from whom, as we learn from the latter's will, they had borrowed in 1706, a thousand pounds, Scots money. It is indeed quite possible that the younger Henry was a namesake of the elder, for the name Henry is of very rare occurrence at this early time, or indeed at any time, among the Scottish Hamiltons. In the will of Henry Hamilton² of Olivestob, another daughter of his brother James of Innerdovat is mentioned. This is "Ann Hamilton, *second* lawful daughter of the late James Hamilton of Innerdovat, my brother, now spouse to John Burns of Middlemilne." Her children, John, Alexander, and Mary Burns, are also mentioned; and from the Forgan, Fife, parish register we learn that John Burns of Middlemilne had a daughter Isobell baptized March 14 (?), 1705. In the issue of these two daughters, then, we have probably all the descendants of James² of Innerdovat, to whom we find no reference after 1685. In this year, August 1st, he appears as a witness at the baptism of his brother Henry's child, Thomas.