

PATRICK COUTTS.

(OF THE MONTROSE BRANCH).

PATRICK Coutts, fourth son of Provost John Coutts and Christian Smith, was baptized on the 2nd July, 1669. Anxious to succeed in the world, he left Montrose for Edinburgh, but the exact year of his departure for that city is unknown. It appears from his books of accounts, however, that he carried on the business of a merchant at least as early as the year 1696. In 1697 he married, as his first wife, Jean, daughter of James Dunlop, of Garnkirk, and widow of Robert Campbell, of Northwoodside, dean of guild of the city of Glasgow. By the latter person she was the mother of Janet Campbell, wife of Thomas Haliburton, of New Mains, whose daughter, Barbara, was the grandmother of Sir Walter Scott, the great novelist.

By his first wife, Jean Dunlop, Patrick Coutts was the father of two sons, John and James, and a daughter, Christian. John, the eldest son, was born on the 28th July, 1699. James, the younger son, was baptized in Edinburgh, on the 24th January, 1701, Christian was baptized on the 19th March, 1698.

Patrick Coutts married as his second wife, on the 14th December, 1702, Rachael Balfour, widow of William Forrester, writer to the signet, of which union there was a