



ROBERT 1<sup>ST</sup> EARL OF WINTON, LADY MARGARET MONTGOMERIE COUNTESS OF WINTON  
AND LADY ISABELLA SETON, COUNTESS OF PERTH.

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THE  
GENEALOGY  
OF THE  
HOUSE AND SURNAME  
OF  
SETOUN,

BY SIR RICHARD MAITLAND  
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
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THIS RECORD OF HIS ANCESTORS IS

GRATEFULLY DEDICATED

BY THE EDITOR.

OCTOBER, 1830.

Upon the 19 of Aprile 1608 being  
Tysday James <sup>first</sup> Earle of Perth was  
marrit upon Dame Isabell Setour  
Dochter to Robert first Earle of  
Winton. 

Upon the last of Aprile my Ladye  
Perth was deliuerit of one dochter  
at 6 hours at euen. hir name callit  
Jean Zeir of god. 1612. And was  
Baptised upon the of Maij 1612

Upon wednesday the 18 of December  
1612 The Earle of Perth desairit  
this lyfe.

## P R E F A C E.

THE text of this volume is printed from a manuscript in the possession of Mr HAY of Drummelzier, great grandson of the Honourable Elizabeth Seton, daughter of Alexander, first Viscount of Kingston.

From an expression in one of the notes, it seems to have been written by George, third Earl of Wintoun, and is remarkable for the extreme laboriousness and precision of the character.

In numberless instances it differs from the Pedigree lately printed, and contains various notices, which Sir Richard Maitland, or Lord Kingston, thought proper afterwards to omit: on a comparison with the other manuscripts, it appears not to have received Sir Richard's last corrections; and yet it is singular, that Lord Winton should have taken the trouble to transcribe from an imperfect draught. At the end is a Poem on the Setoun Family, hitherto unpublished, to which a fictitious name has probably been prefixed. The verses, for the time, are not devoid of merit, but cannot be attributed to Sir Richard Maitland, as they celebrate events which took place after his decease.

The dates of births and marriages, recorded by Lord Wintoun, are interesting, because they are not to be met with elsewhere; and it is remarkable that in these he styles Lady Perth's second husband Francis Earl of Bothwell, though none of our Peerage writers notice this assumption of his father's title.\*

It is very probable that when political misfortunes brought ruin upon the family of Wintoun, the manuscript in question became the property

\* In Balfour's Annals we read, that Lady Perth's daughter, Lady Sutherland, who was married to her Lord at Seton, died, Dec. 1638, "at the Canowgaite, neir Edinburghe, of a hec tick fever; and wes interred at the Collegiat Church of Setton, without any funerall ceremony, by night." Gilbert Gordon, in his Genealogy of the Earls of Sutherland, says, that "her corps was carryed home into Sutherland, and there buried at Dornogh, as she hade appointed in her latter-will and testament."



of Mr Hay of Drummelzier; for amid the ravages of an enraged soldiery, and the rapacity of treacherous domestics, several of the Setoun portraits seem to have been preserved, and transmitted to Dunse Castle; many pictures, however, were destroyed, embezzled, and lost; about twenty years after the plundering of the mansion, a gentleman discovered, in a house he purchased near Musselburgh, four large paintings, which had certainly belonged to Lord Wintoun: they were unframed, and covered with whitewash to insure concealment; but on being cleaned, proved to be of very little value.

The originals of the portraits with which this volume is illustrated, are in the possession of Mr Hay, and evidently by the pencil of Jameson, who seems to have copied the pictures of the husband and wife from separate representations, and joined them, very awkwardly, on one canvas; the painting is in perfect preservation, which is seldom the case with Jameson's works, and the colouring good; but though Lady Wintoun is tolerably handsome, one sees no charm to justify the raptures of the poet Montgomerie, whose Laura, probably as much from consanguinity as other attractions, she long continued to bloom—

“ Appena si puo dir, questa fu rosa.”

The engraving of the chapel is taken from a drawing by a Lady of high rank, a descendant of the family; but it is to be regretted that no delineation was made till the inside of the building had been much defaced, the tombs broken, and the pavement raised, by the rabble, and common soldiers, in searches after hidden treasure, and the lead which inclosed the bodies; the last was for the most part carried off: yet some years ago there remained, in a ruined vault, a leaden face as large as life, which had belonged to one of the coffins, and greatly resembled those rude heads that are sculptured on Egyptian mummy cases.

The fate of Setoun house is detailed in Grose's Tour, to which the reader is referred; and it is ever to be regretted that the present noble possessor of the place should not have been the first purchaser; as the acknowledged good taste of the Earl of Wemyss, putting his descent

from the family of Setoun out of the question, would have ensured the safety of these venerable ruins.

Since Sir Richard Maitland's History has been put to press, an account of the Setoun family, compiled by Nisbet, and transcribed into one of Robert Mylne's genealogical volumes (now in the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh,) has been pointed out to the Editor—from this, the following extracts are made, which contain sundry particulars not noticed by Sir Richard Maitland and Lord Kingston.

M.S. 34.6.12  
(p. 481 seq.)

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ATCIEVEMENT of the Right Honourable GEORGE, 8th of that name, 12th Lord Seaton, and fourth Earle of Winton.

Is quarterlie, first or, 3 crescents within a double tressure, counter floured gules (the paternall coat of Setoun,) second, azur, 3 Garbs or (as a coat of pretentione to the Earldom of Buchan,) 3d as ye 2nd, fourt as ye first; over all ane Escochion azur, charged with a blazen starr, within a double tressure, counter floured or (as a coat augmentative assumed when the familie was honoured with the dignity and tytle of Earle,) above the shield a crown and helmet suiteable to his Lordship's qualitie, ensigned with a ducall crown in place of the wreath, and y<sup>r</sup> on for crest a dragon vert, spouting out fyre behind and before, charged with a blazen starr or, on the wing. Supporters, two martricks proper. (Mr Martin, in his Description of ye Western Islands, printed at London 1703, descryveing the Isle of Harries, page 36, says, the mertrick, a four footed creature, about the size of a big catt, is pretty numerous in this Isle; they have a fine skin, which is smooth as any furr, and of a brown collour: they say y<sup>t</sup> ye dung of this animall yields a sent like musk,) collared, and y<sup>r</sup> to chaynes affixed, passing betuixt y<sup>r</sup> foir leggs, and reflexed over y<sup>r</sup> backs, or; standing upon a compartment with thes words y<sup>r</sup> in, "Intaminatis fulget honoribus." All within a manteau gules, fringed or, and doubled ermyne, on the laps y<sup>r</sup> of the fors<sup>d</sup> blazon; and above all, on ane Escroll for motto, "HAZARD ZIT FORDWARD."\*

DOUGAL DE SETOUN. "His armoreall bearing was or, 3 crescents gules, and it may be reasonable supposed y<sup>t</sup> ye lands of Setoun being formed by the sea in fashion of a halfe moon, the crescents were assumed by ye s<sup>d</sup> Dougall, as we have already said of Burdeaux and others.

\* The frontispiece of Sinclair's Philosophical Dialogues, printed in 4to. at Rotterdam, 1669, and dedicated to George Earl of Winton, consists of a large engraving of the Seton Arms; but the motto below is, "INVIA VIRTUTI VIA NULLA."

PHILIP DE SETOUN "married Alice, daughter of Waldevus Earle of March."

ALEXANDER DE SETOUN "married Margaret Barkly, daughter to Walter Barkly, Chancellour to King William."

ADAM DE SETOUN "married Marg<sup>t</sup>. daughter to Hewgh Gifford of Gifford Hall, whom some call Lord Easter."

CHRISTELL or CHRISTOPHER DE SETOUN, "married Maude, daughter to Ingraham Peircie, Lord Joplet."

CHARTER of Erection of CHRISTELL's Chapel at Dumfries. "Robertus Dei gratia, &c. Quia Christopherus Seton gener nocter dilectus mortuus est in servitio nostro, et Christiana de Bruce spousa sua sorror noster dilecta, in loco quo mortem subiit prope Dumfriess, ideo capellam celebramus pro animabus Christopheri et Christianæ, &c."

SIR ALEXANDER DE SETOUN. "King Robert rewardit him also with the Barony of Barns; and augmented his armoriall bearing with ane honourable addition, to witt, a sword erect in pale, supporting a falling crown, to show y<sup>t</sup> he and his ancestors had supported the crown when it was in a distrest condition; q<sup>ch</sup> Seton of Barns yet bears, becaus he got the lands of Barns (when he came to [q<sup>y</sup> off?] ye house of Seton,) q<sup>ch</sup> wes disponcd with ye armes. Sir Alexander married Isobell, sister to ye Earle of Fyffe, whose armoriall bearing in the foirsaid genealogicall tree is impaled with her husband's, being palky of sex, or and gules."

SIR ALEXANDER SETOUN. "He married Christian Chein, whose armoriall bearing is impaled with her husband's in ye foirsaid genealogicall tree. Quarterly, 1st and 4th azur, a bend argent, betuixt sex cross croslets, or: 2nd and 3rd, 3 edock leaves slipped, vert.

"SIR ALEXANDER SETOUN, Knight, 4th of y<sup>t</sup> name. He married Margaret Murray, sister to William Murray, Captaine of ye Castle of Edinburgh. Her coat is impaled with her husband's, in the foirsaid old genealogicall tree, viz. azur, or, 3 starrs argent, within a double tressure, or."

SIR ALEXANDER SETOUN, 5th of y<sup>t</sup> name. "He married Jean, daughter to Sir Thomas Hallyburton of Dirleton, whose coat, as in ye foirsaid genealogicall tree, is impaled with her husband's. Quarterlie, 1 and 4, or, on a bend azur, 3 mascles of ye first. 2nd or, 3 bars gules. 3d argent, a bend gules."



WILLIAM, first Lord Setoun. "Married Katharin Sinclair, (daughter to Sinclair of Hermiston in East Lothian,) who carried for armes, argent, a cross ingrailed azur. Isobell, his eldest daughter, was married to John Earle of Lenox, Lord Darnly. Margaret, the 2nd, was married to John Lord Kennedy, predicesor to ye Earle of Cassillis. Mariane, ye 3d daughter, was married to Sir John Ogilvie, of whom is descendit ye present Earle of Airlie. Jean, the 4th daughter, was married to John Lord Lyll, whose armes in the foirsaid tree is, quarterly 1 and 4 gules, a fret or, 2d and 3d azur, a bend or, betuixt sex cross croslets fitchie, argent. Katharine, the 5th daughter, was Lady to Adam Haddin of Glennagies, whose armoriall bearing in the forsaid tree is, quarterlie 1st and 4th argent, a saltire ingrailed sable, 2nd argent, on a cheef sable 3 escalops, or, 3d argent, a saltier betuixt 4 roses, gules. Anna, sixt daughter, was espoused to Sir John Hamilton of Fingaltoun and Preston in East Lothian, who carried, gules, 3 cinque foils argent, within a border compone of ye first and ermine. Lucia, ye 7th daughter, was married to Lauder of P'ople."

JOHN, 2nd Lord Setoun. "Married Janet Dumbar, daughter to George Earle of March, whose paternall bearing is, gules, a Lyon rampant argent, within a bordure of the last, charged with 8 roses of the first. This Lord John died at Seton, and was interred in ye chapell q<sup>ch</sup> his mother founded y<sup>r</sup>, anno quinto regni regis Jacobi 2di. On a stone on ye south east door of that chapell, she placed ye armes of her husband William first Lord Setoun, which are yet to be seen, viz. 3 crescents within a double tressure. The shield is couche by ye sinister chiefe, and y<sup>ron</sup> a closs syde standing helmet, adorned with a ducall croun, (conforme to q<sup>ch</sup> Mr Nisbet hes placed the lyke croun upon ye helmet of ye present Earle George atchievement,) y<sup>r</sup> out of for crest a crescent betuixt two plums of feathers, or tuo branches of palmes, or else tuo wings: tuo beasts supporting ye casque, whither mertricks or lyons I cannot be positive, ye ston being worne by time and weather, but they probable conclude that ye crest is a crescent, betuixt tuo plums of feathers, and ye supporters martricks, because his grandchild's armes is so distinctly adorned on ye rooff of the house of Seton; on ye dexter corner of that stone is her oun armes, viz. a cross ingrailed for Sinclair."

GEORGE, 3d Lord Setoun. "His mother, ye Ladie Seton, married ye Laird of Johnston, who was alsoe a widow, who had to him several children. Ye eldest, Gilbert, was knighted; he married Elphingston heiresse of Elphingston, (by ye assistance of his ueterin broyr ye Lord Seton, who was superior of thes lands,) off whom ye familie of Johnston of Elphingston, in East Lothian, who carried, parted per pal argent on a saltire sable, a cinque foil of ye first, and a chiefe of ye 2nd, charged with 3 cushions of ye first, for Johnston. 2dly argent a cheveron sable betuixt 3 boare heads couped gules, for Elphingston, as is to be seen on ye rooff of ye south hall of Seton. This familie continued till ye year 1663, and is now extinct: of whom by ye mother syde is ye present Home of Wedder-

burne." LORD GEORGE " his daughter Christian was married to ye Lord Kellie, and had ishue."

GEORGE, 4th Lord Setoun. " As he was in his voyage to France, he was taken by ye Dunkirkers, and spoiled of his goods, for the q<sup>ch</sup> to be revenged, he caused outrick a great ship, q<sup>ch</sup> was called the Eagle, vpon his own expenss, of a considerable burden, as appears by the streamers and flags which are yet to be seen in ye hous of Setoun. They are of rid silk; on ye flag are ye armes of Setoun, and on ye other syde a circle interlashed with a triangle in gold, with this word, *INDISSOLUBILE*. The streamers are also of rid silk, seme of crescents of gold, with a hand issuing out of a cloud, brandishing a sword, with thes words, *HAZARD ZIT FORWARD*; and below y<sup>t</sup> a dragon vert spouting out fyre behind and befoir. He kept this ship at sea against ye Dunkirkers for several years."

GEORGE, 5th Lord Setoun. " Married Jean Hepburn, eldest daughter to Patrick 1st Earl of Bothwell, Lord Crichton and Hailes, whose armes were, quarterly 1st and 4th gules, on a chevron argent 2 lyons pulling at a rose of the first, for Hepburn; 2d and 3d or, on a bend azur, 3 mascles of ye 1st, for Halyburton; which are impaled with her Lord's armes in one shield, and behind it is placed ane anchor in pale, as the badge of admirallitie, q<sup>ch</sup> is to be seen on ye roof in ye south hall of Setoun. He redeemed ye lands of Barns, Winchburgh, and Tranent, woodset by his father for upholding ye ship above written against ye Dunkirkers. After his death, his Lady built ye foir warke of Setoun, and above the gate she placed her own armes impaled with her husband's, as above blazoned, on a large stone yet standing—it was she y<sup>t</sup> built ye bridge of Musselburgh."

GEORGE, 6th Lord Setoun. " John his 2nd son married Issobell Balfour, heiress of Carriston in ye shire of Fife, of whom ye Setouns of Carristoun. With his Lady Carriston had tuo sons, George, who married a daughter of Aiton of y<sup>t</sup> ilk, and was laird of Carriston. Second son of Sir John was livetenant of ye Scots guards in France, whose daughter was married to Adinstone of y<sup>t</sup> ilke, ane ancient baron in East Lothian, of whom is lineally descended the present Countes of Winton. Lord George, after the death of his first lady, marrid Madam Meriana Epieres, a French woman."

GEORGE, 7th Lord Setoun. " He was Senescallus Hospitii Marie Reginae. The baton q<sup>ch</sup> he used as master houshold to ye Quein was ride semè of ye letter MR. ensigned with imperiall crounes.\* It was he y<sup>t</sup> caused make y<sup>t</sup> curious rooff of ye south great hall of

\* " In the house of Seton, his picture is curiously done in his own time, where he is made to hold the Baton of his office, being red semee of M. R. ensigned with imperial crowns. He was made one of the Lords of her Privy Council, and was one of the Knights of the most noble order of the Thistle; for in the

Setoun, q<sup>ton</sup> are the achievements of King James ye 5. impaled with his Queen's; Queen Marie's, impaled with France; the Duke of Guise; Hamilton Earle of Arran, Duke of Chatelrault; Earle of Angus, now Marquis of Douglas; Earle of Argyle; Earle of Huntly, y<sup>t</sup> of his grandfather's, impaled with his grandmother's, y<sup>t</sup> of his father's impaled with his mother's; his own, with this inscrip<sup>tion</sup>, George Lord Setoun, 5th of y<sup>t</sup> name, aged 29. 1562, caused me to be made; Maitland of Ledingtoun, Forrester of Corstorphine, Preston of Craigmiller, Lauder of Bass, Setoun of Carriston, Johnston of Elphingston, Stewart of Craighall, Dundas of y<sup>t</sup> ilk, and many others, all curiously done, with y<sup>t</sup> helmets, crests, supporters, collars of ye orders of several Knighthoods, and other marks of dignities and offices, of which more particularly in another place shall be fully spoke too—the armes of his Lady as on the fors<sup>d</sup> hall; gules, 3 cinque foils argent, within a double tressure or, impaled with these of her husband; supporter on the dexter being a martricks, and y<sup>t</sup> on ye sinister a man in a priestly habit."

ROBERT, 8th Lord Setoun. "He was by King James ye 6th created Earle of Winton with all solemn<sup>ty</sup> and ceremonie at Holyrood ye 14 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1600, and at y<sup>t</sup> tyme assumed ye inescochion azure, charged with a blazen starr within a double tressure, counterfloured or, as a coat of augmentation. He married Lady Margaret Montgömerie, only daughter to Hengh Earle of Eglinton, and had with her 5 sons and one daughter. Robert, his eldest son, succeeded his father. George, ye second, succeeded his brother. Alex<sup>r</sup>, ye 3d son, became Earle of Eglinton,\* of whom is lineally descended the present Earle of Eglinton. They took ye surname of Montgomerie and y<sup>t</sup> armes, but caried ye armes of Seton in surtout, to show they were Setoun; but have of late laid it aside. Thomas, ye 4th son, mar-

great hall of the house of Seton his arms are yet to be seen, quartered with those of the Earldom of Buchan, surrounded with the collar of that order, with the badge of St Andrew pendant; which, with the Sovereign's, are to be seen finely carved on the boxing of the chimney of that magnificent hall. He likewise repaired the fore part of the house of Seton; and especially that room called Samson's Hall, which he adorned with a roof of a curious structure: whereupon are twenty-eight large achievements, being those of Scotland, France, Lorrain, and the noble families that were allayed to his family, curiously embossed, and illuminate; and are the most exact pieces of armories to be met with."—*Nisbet's Heraldry*.

"The Parliament being broken up (1584), the Lord Somervell comes to the Drum, accompanied by his father or his brother in law (for I am not certain which of the two he was to him,) Alexander Lord Seatone (George Lord Seton, Lord Somervelle's brother in law) and John Millne, the King's master meassone; having pitched upon the place for situation, they agree with him for building a house, the lenth, breadth, and height, being condescended upon. The whole contryveance, with the price, was, by the Lord Somervell and Master Millne, remitted to the Lord Seatone, he being one of the greatest builders in that age; and at that very tyme had the King's Master of Works at Seatone, building that large quarter of his palace towards the north-east." *Memorie of the Somervills*—where it is mentioned, that the first coach brought to Scotland was by this Lord Seton, when Queen Mary came from France.

\* This Earl, who was nicknamed Gray-steel, married Lady Anne Livingston, daughter of the Earl of Linlithgow. Their contract matrimonial is dated 19th Dec. 1612. He was then Sir Alexander Seton,



ried Anna Drummond of Casquepyll, who caried ye principal coat of Drummond, with a martlet sable in chiefe for difference. John, ye 5th son, married Margaret Kellie, daughter of Mr William Kellie of Newtoun, who caried azur, a saltir argent, cantoned with 4 flour delisses or. Of this John came ye Setons of St. Germans, who composed their armoriall bearing thus: a fess betuixt 3 crescents in chiefe, and 3 flour deliss in base, as is to be sein on a stone above ye gate of St. Germans.”\*

GEORGE, 3d Earle of Winton. “He rebuilt a great part of the house of Seton after ye union of the tuo kingdomes, and placed on several parts of his buildings this devise—a croun supported with a thristell, betuixt tuo roses, with these words, ‘Unio nunc fatis, stoque cadoque tuis,’ to show that the house of Setoun being oft brunt and demolished by the English, would in tyme comeing be preserved by the Union.† This Earle married for his 2nd wyfe Lady Elizabeth Maxwell, only daughter to the Lord Herries, whose armes are quartered, first, argent a saltire sable, and in chiefe a labell of 3 points gules, (being a 2nd son of ye Lord Maxwell, who married the only heiress of Sir Andrew Herries,) 2nd argent, 3 hurtcheons sable for Herries, 3d as 2d, 4th as first, as they are to be sein on ye house of Winton, cut upon ston.”‡

knight. James Kelly has recorded two of his prayers, which he calls his *proverbs*: “God send us some money, for they are little thought of that want it, quoth the Earl of Eglinton at his prayers—God keep ill geer out of my hands, for if my hands once get it, my heart will never part with it. The Earl of Eglinton turn’d off his chaplain, and said publick prayers in his own family; where these two proverbs were two standing petitions.”—*Kelly’s Scottish Proverbs*, p. 113.

\* The round building in the garden, which King James occupied at the funeral of this Lord, is still in perfect preservation, and, saving the chapel, now the only curious remnant of a place so remarkable for the visits of our Scottish Sovereigns and celebrated men. Queen Mary went thither frequently, as did her son King James, and Anne of Denmark. In the year 1633, King Charles dubbed nine knights at Seton, of whom Alexander and Thomas Seton were son and brother to the Earl of Winton. Here Cardinal Beaton was imprisoned, and supposed to have been liberated by Sir Richard Maitland, (*Staggering State*, p. 108.) whose son, the memorable Secretary, anno 1571, “left his ludgeing in the Castle, and was conveyed as a Prince be the Lord Seatoun, first to the place of Seatoun, and thaireftir to Lethingtoun.” *Ballantyne’s Journal*.—It may be added that, during the civil war, General Lambert was for some time at Seton; and in the year 1715, the Jacobite troops occupied the place, which was afterwards plundered by their Hanoverian adversaries, as Lord Winton states on his trial. Subsequently the present unseemly fabric formed a barrack during a part of the late French war.

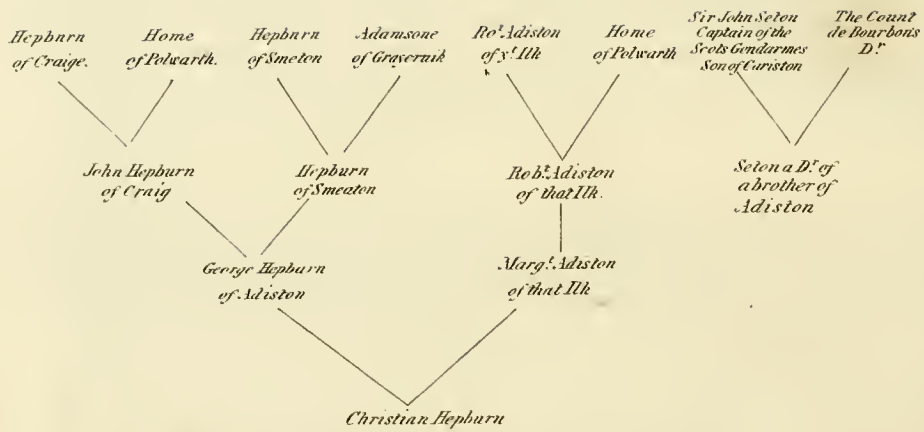
† *Nota*, ye Union was ye cause of the familie’s ruine, 1716.—MYLNE.

‡ Kirkton, talking of Mr Gideon Penman, curate at Creighton, and a notorious wizard, mentions eye-witnesses who declared, “that upon a time when Satan administered his communion to his congregation, Penman sat next the Devil’s elbow, and that when their deacon had served the table with wafers, in the Popish fashion, when there remained two wafers more than served the company, the deacon laid down his two wafers before the Devil, which two the Devil gave to Penman, and bid him goe carrie these to the Papists in Winton.”—*History of the Church of Scotland*, p. 190.

“It is said that when Lord Traquair married Lady Anne Seton (daughter of George, third Earl of Winton,) the Covenanters made him stand at the kirk door of Dalkeith, in the sack gown, for marrying a







*The Quarters on the funerall escutcheon  
of Christian Hepburn, Countess of Winton.*

*from Visbets M<sup>ss</sup>.*

GEORGE, 4th Earle of Winton. "Now living—he was bred in France, and wes in the French King's army a considerable tyme, particularlic during the siege of Beizaulson in Burgundie. In his return home by England, the King made him a privie councillor, and gave him a commission to command the militia of East Lothian, with whom and his vassals he marched to Pentland Hills in the year 1666; in the year 1679 to Bothwell Bridge; and in anno 1685 against ye laite Earle of Argyle, imitating ye extraordinary loyalty of his predecessors, never any of y<sup>m</sup> from ye first Dougall to this day being guilty of rebellion or treason,\* nor addicted to avarice, so y<sup>t</sup> never was there a remission in y<sup>r</sup> charter chist, nor any of the lands of ye church in their possession. This Earl has reassumed the surtout azur, charged with a blazen starr or, (which of laite was layd a syde) with this suitable motto, 'Intaminatis fulget honoribus.' He built the new harbour east of Cockenie, called now Port Seton, near to which he now lives in the house of Setoun, the ancient seat of his progenators, where being disengaged from publick business, by his prudent and frugall managerie, will restore his fortune to its former opulent condition, being some years bygon under debts, which his father and grandfather necessarily contracted by y<sup>r</sup> loyalty to y<sup>r</sup> kings in the late rebellion, as said is. He married first Lady Mary Montgomery, daughter to Heugh Earle of Eglington, with whom he had only a daughter, Lady Mary, who died a chyld. 2ndly, to Mistres Christian Hepburne, heiress of Ælinston, an ancient barron in East Lothian, who since King Robert ye Bruce were heritable standart bearers to ye hous of Setoun; and its observable that she only, and none of the former ladyes, brought any lands to ye fortoun. By her the Earle hes tuo sons, George Lord Seton, now in France, and Mr Christopher,† in whom is to be found such a lyvely transcript of the raire qualities q<sup>ch</sup> ennobled y<sup>r</sup> prediccessors, y<sup>t</sup> they may deservedly be termed the worthy progenies, successores of y<sup>r</sup> noble ancestors progenitors."‡

Papist, nevertheless, he died of that religion himself, anno 1666." *Border Antiquities*.—In the MS. Register of the Kirk Session of Humbie, the following interdicit is to be found: "26 March, 1648. The which day, intimation was made anent the excommunicat Ladies and others at Seatone, that none resort to them, or receive any sort of cure for their siknes from them." This sickness was the plague! George, Earl of Winton, died at Seton on Sunday, 15th Dec. 1650, "of ane palsey; and was interid among his ancessors in the churche ther, without any funerall solemnity."—*Balfour's Annals*.

\* Excepting to K. James ye 3d, that George Lord Seton wes ane of ye rebels against him; and for which he fell at Flowdon with King James ye 4th, his son.—MYLNE.

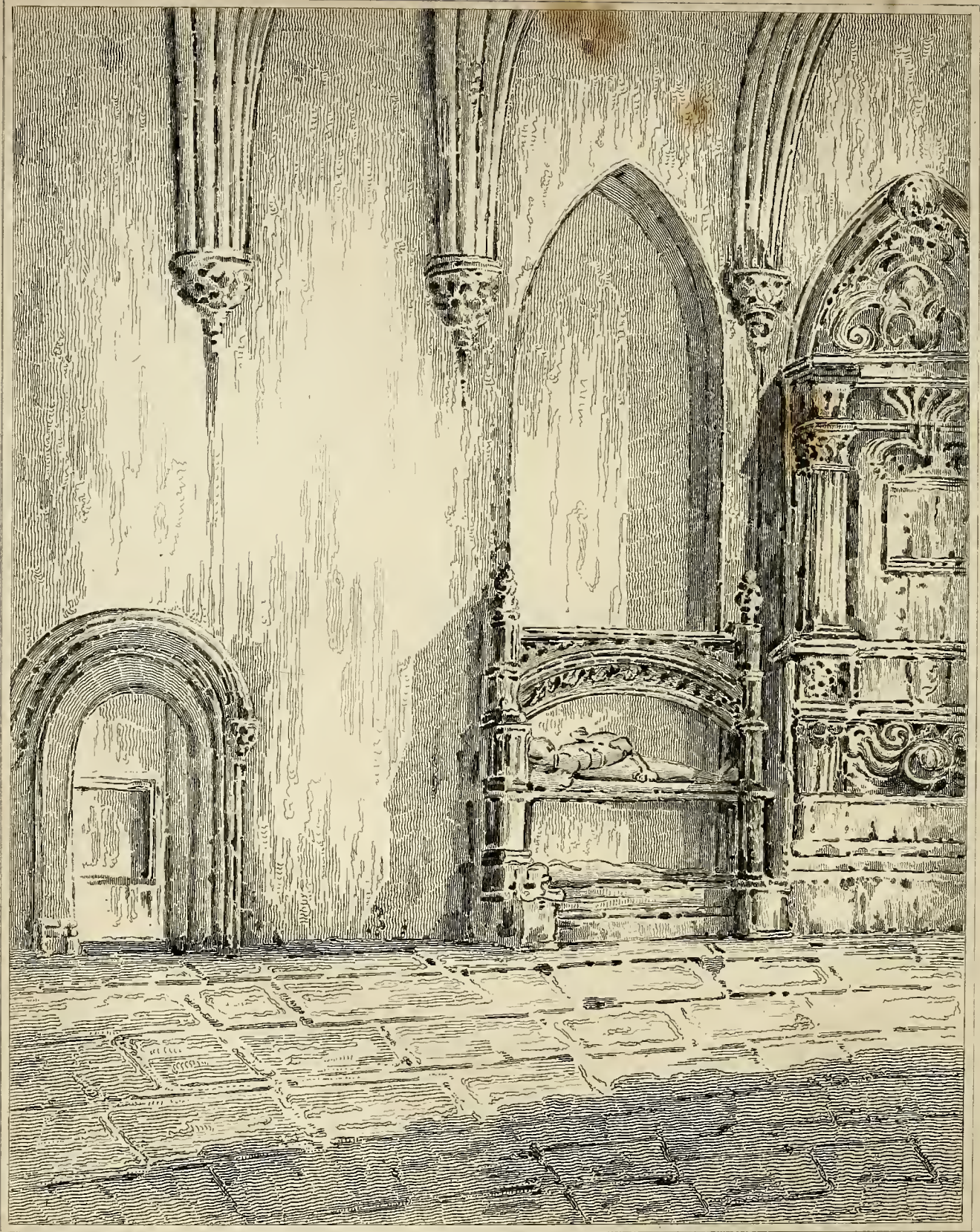
† "It is a fact almost forgotten, that the forfeited Earl of Winton quarrelled with his father, resided some years abroad, worked as a journeyman blacksmith, and when he succeeded to the titles, no man knew where to find him, till accident led to the discovery."—*Edinburgh Advertiser*, 1824: For a proof of this, see Fountainhall's Decisions, vol. ii. p. 391. 676.

‡ Mr Christopher wes cut of by death 5 Jan. 1705, to ye great regrate of all that knew him. The drunken Earle of who had been at Seaton with him at his christening, (sic in MS.) drunk him so hard that he kust him in a fever, wherof he died. Robert Mylne, wryter, sould have been with them, and for whom the coach and they stayed severall houres, but he kept out of the way.—MYLNE.









SETON CHAPEL.



THE GENEALOGIE  
OF YE HOUS AND SURNAME OF  
SETOUN,

TO YE MONETH OF MARCHE,

YE ZEIR OF GOD 1561 ZEIRS;

SET FURTH AND COLLECTED

BE SIR RICHARD MAITLAND OF LEDINGTOUN,

KNIGHT,

DOCHTER SONE OF THE SAID HOUS.





THE TABLE OF  
THE KINGS OF SCOTLAND,  
WITH THE DAIT OF THAIR RIGNES,  
CONTEMPORAND WITH THE HISTORIE FOLLOUING,  
SEN KING MALCOLM CANMOIR INCLUSIVE,  
TO YE YEIR OF GOD 1559 YEIRS;  
AND QUHA PLEISIS TO REID YE SAID HISTORY,  
THEY MAY HAVE RECOURS TO THIS TABLE,  
AS MAY BE HEIR SEIN IN THE  
BEGINING.

**I**MPRIMIS, MALCOLM, began his rigne in anno 1061 yeir, in the 19 yeir of Henrie ye First, king of France, and in the 19 yeir of Eduard ye Confessour, king of Ingland; and rang 37 yeirs.

**DONALD**, brother to the said Malcolm, began to vsurpe ye croun in ye yeir of God 1087 yeirs; and rang ane yeir and ane half.

**DUNCAN**, bastard brother to King Malcolm, began to vsurpe ye croun in anno 1099 yeirs; and rang ane yeir and ane half.

**EDGAR**, fourt sone to ye said Malcolm, began to rigne in anno 1101 yeir, and in ye 27 of Philip ye First, king of France, and in ye 12 yeir of William callit Reid, king of Ingland; and rang 8 yeirs.

**ALEXANDER** First, sone to King Malcolm Canmoir, began his

rigne in anno 1109 yeirs, and in the 37 yeir of ye foirsaid Philip the Secund, king of France, and in the 9 yeir of Henrie the First, king of Ingland; and rang 17 yeirs.

DAVID the First, and 6 sone to King Malcolm Canmoir, began his rigne in anno 1126 yeiris, and in the first of Loues the First, king of France, and in the 26 of the foirsaid Henrie, king of Ingland; quhilk David rang 28 yeirs.

MALCOLM ye Maidin, neuoy to King David, began his rigne in anno 1153, and in ye 13 yeir of Loues, sone to Loues the Great, king of France, and in ye 17 of Stephan, king of Ingland; and rang 13 yeirs.

WILLIAM, brother to Malcolm ye Maidin, began his rigne in anno 1165, and in ye 25 yeir of ye said Loues, king of France, and in ye 10 yeir of Henrie ye Secund, king of Ingland; and rang 49 yeirs.

ALEXANDER the Secund, sone to William, began his rigne in anno 1214, and in ye 31 yeir of Philip the Secund, king of France, and in the 15 yeir of Johne, king of Ingland; and rang —

ALEXANDER the Thrid, sone to Alexander ye Secund, began his rigne in anno 1249 yeirs, and in ye 23 yeir of the rigne of Sanct Loues ye king of France, and in the 33 yeir of Henrie ye 3, king of Ingland; and rang 35 yeirs. Efter quhais deceis wythout successioun, quhilk was in anno 1270 yeirs, and in ye 14 yeir of Philip the Thrid, king of France, and in ye 12 yeir of Eduard Langshanks, king of Ingland, the pley began betuix ye Bruce and the Baliolle for ye crown of Scotland. In the time of ye pley, ye realm was gouernit be gouernairs 6 yeirs and 6 moneths.

**JOHNE BALIOLE**, began his rigne in anno 1291 yeirs, and in the 5 yeir of Philip callit the Fair, king of France, and in ye 19 of ye foirsaid Eduard, king of England, Johne Baliol was maid king be support of the foirsaid Eduard, king of England. And efter he had rung 4 yeirs, he was deposit, depryuit, and expellit be ye said Eduard, and fled in Normandie, quhair he deit. Efter quhais expulsioun, ye realme was gouernit sumtyme be William Wallace, and sumtyme be vther trew barrouns chosin yairto, ye space of 9 yeirs, or Robert Bruce could obtain ye crown.

**ROBERT BRUCE**, began his rigne in anno 1305 yeirs, and in ye 19 of Philip callit ye Fair, king of France, and in ye 33 yeir of ye foirsaid Eduard, king of England; and rang 25 yeirs.

**DAVID BRUCE**, sone to King Robert Bruce, began his rigne in anno 1329 yeirs, and in ye first yeir of Philip ye king of France, surnamed de Valois, and in ye 3 yeir of Eduard, king of England; and rang 39 yeirs.

**ROBERT** the Secund, first of ye Stewartis, began his rigne in anno 1369 yeirs, and in ye first yeir of Charles ye Fyft, king of France, and in ye 43 of Eduard ye Thrid, king of England; and rang 20 yeirs.

**ROBERT** ye Thrid, secund of ye Steuarts, began his rigne in anno 1389 yeirs, and in ye 6 yeir of Charles the Sixth, king of France, and in ye 12 of Richard ye Secund, king of England; and rang 16 yeirs. Efter quhais deceis (quhilk was in anno 1405 yeirs, and in ye 22 of ye foirsaid Charles, king of France, and in ye 6 of Henrie ye Fourth, king of Ingland,) Scotland was gydit be Robert Duk of Albanie 4 yeir, during the quhilk tyme James ye First was prisoner in Ingland.

**JAMES** the First, began to rigne in anno 1423, and in ye first of Charles the Seventh, king of France, and in ye first of Henrie ye Saxt, king of England ; and rang 13 yeirs.

**JAMES** the Secund, sone to James the First, began his rigne in anno 1436 yeir, and in ye 13 of the foirsaid Charles, king of France, and in the 13 of ye foirsaid Eduard, king of England ; and rang 23 yeirs.

**JAMES** the Thrid, sone to James ye Secund, began his rigne in anno 1459 yeirs, and in the first yeir of Loues the Eleuint, king of France, and in ye 37 yeir of ye foirsaid King of England ; and rang 28 yeirs.

**JAMES** the Fourt, James ye Thrids sone, began his rigne in anno 1487 yeirs, and in thrid yeir of Charles ye Eighth, king of France, and in ye 2 yeir of Henrie ye Seventh, king of England ; and rang 25 yeirs.

**JAMES** the Fyft, sone to James ye Ffourth, began his rigne in anno 1513 yeirs, in ye 16 of Loues ye Twelfth, king of France, and in ye fourt yeir of Henrie ye Aucht, king of England ; and rang 29 yeirs.

**MARIE**, the dochter of James ye Fyft, began hir rigne in anno 1542 yeir, and in ye 8 yeir of Frances ye First, king of France, in ye 33 yeir of Henrie ye Aucht, king of England ; and rang 45 yeirs.



TO ANE  
NOBLE AND POTENT LORD  
GEORGE LORD SETOUN,  
THE FYFT OF YAT NAME,  
SIR RICHART MAITLAND OF LEDINGTOUN,  
KNIGHT,  
WISHETH HONOUR, HELTH, AND PROSPERITIE,  
WITH INCRES OF GODLIE WISDOME.

**S**EN I haue tane trauell and diligence to collect and gadder ye historie and cronicle of ye noble hous and surname of Setoun, and to set furth ye samyn, quhilk could not be done wythout pane and labour, as ze may knaw be ye deuision and inspectioun of this litle booke, quhilk I present to your lo: willing ye same to be thankfullie receaut, thocht it be of small valour, accept my goode mynde for ye rest. I desyre na vther recompance, bot yat ze follow ye verteu of your noble predecessors, and flie and foirbeir all vther vyce contrair to ye honour and conscience of ane noble man. And first of all I exhort you, with all my hairt and mynde, to behaue you toward Almightye GOD, our heuinlie Father, as becumis ye deutie of ane goode Christiane, and yat your doingis and proceedings be to his honour and glorie, ay imploring for his grace in all your actionis and effairs. Secundlie, yat ze be treu, loyall, and obedient to your Princes, and authoritie of this your native cuntrie, and to attempt nathing yat may be skaithfull and dampnable yairto, or contrair to ye common weill yairof.

Thridlie, yat ze keip societie and peace with your nightbours, and hurt them not in yair fame, bodie, or goods, nor pfouoke them not to yre, and giue them no caus of displasure against yourself or onie vther. And fourtlie, yat ze treit your tennents, and them yat ar wnder your jurisdiction, with meiknes and mercie, and let non of them do wrang to vther, bot hauld them in goode ordour be justice. Defend them from oppresiou of thair enemieis. Oppres them not thyself be importable seruice and extorsions, tak thy deutie of them be discretioun. And if onie of them be aduentur fall in pouertie, give them, len them, and frist of thy geir to them. Defend widows and poore childreing. Remoue them not quha is your poore tennents from your possessiouns, without notable and intollerable caus. Bring up thy childring in vertew, science, and knowledge of GOD. The quhilk to do, I pray our heuinlie Father to send the his holie Spreit, to gyde your Lordship and your hail posteritie.

## HEIR FOLLOWIS

# YE PROLOGUE.

**I**T war verie goode, honorable, plesand and profitable, that euerie grit man of heretage, and specialle men of grit housis, put in remembrance and maid cronicle of yair housis, and surname of yair beginnings, and proceedings of yair predecessors lyfes, particularlie of actis and deids yat thay did in yair tyme, quhat successioun they had, quhom with they war allyat, and quhat was thair end. It war grit plesure to ane man of honour to know the originall and beginning of his hous and surname, and how lang it flurishit, with ye goode acts of his predecessors. And it war right profitable, becaus quhen ane noble man remembris ye good beginning of his hous and surname, ye lang standing yairof, the honorable and vertuous acts of his predecessors, will giue occasioun to euerie noble man to conserue and mantein ye hous quhilk his forbeirs hes conquiest, and will be laith to do anie thing that may be hurt or decay of ye samen. And mairouer, quhen he reids, or heirs read, ye noble acts of his predecessors put in writt, and houbet thay be deid bodilie, thair fame and honour is zit recent, it will giue them occasioun to exerse themselvis in vertew and honour, sua it may be written of them, as of thair goode predecessors, that thair name and fame may leif and last lang and monie yeirs efter thair bodies be deid. And if onie of yair predecessors hes bene vicious, and yair vyce set furth in remembrance, it may giue euerie man occasioun to eschew all things dishonorable or detestable, in aventur yat it be spokin monie yeirs efter yair deceis from this warld to thair sklander and schame. Thair is bot certane maners of beginning of housis in this cuntrie of Scotland. Ane is be gift of Princes or grit men for treu and thankfull service. Ane vther is be just conquiest be ane mans

siluer or geir. The thrid is be mariage of ladies of heretage. And fourtlie, be aventur heretage fall to ane man be his mother or sum vther female his predecessors. And if sua beis yat ane mans hous hes had the beginning be gift of Princes, or vther grit men, it will give occasioun to yair posteritie to be trew and thankfull seruants to yair superiours; to yat effect yat they may augment yair housis; and if it hes begun be just conqueist, with ane mans siluer or geir, it will giue occasioun in lyk maner to yair posteritie to be vertuous, and na waistouris, bot they may eik yair heretage be just conqueis with ane mans siluer or geir. And if it hes begun with mariage of ladies of heretage, it will giue occasioun siclyke to yair posteritie quhen sic ane thing happinis to preis yairat; and if it hes cum be successioun of familie, it will giue occasioun to euerie man to allya his sone and appeirand air with the best and maist honest pairtie that he may win to, in houp that sic chance may fall to his posteritie. Thair is certane maners of beginning of housis, quhilk ar verie detestable, and contrair to all lauis baith of GOD and man, quhilk I wald exhort all men to foirbeir; howbeit they be ouer mekle usit in this cuntrie. That is to say, be circumuentioun of the ignorant and ye innocent, or be extreme necessitie of the poore compellit thairby, or be inuentioun of new laws and practises of uther euil consaits, and warst of all be reif or oppressioun, quhilk things I cannot call beginnings of housis, becaus they ar sein oft tymes cum to ane euill end; for we sie be example and experience, how monie grit housis hes bene in this realme, and now sa far decayit yat skantlie hes left onie of yair posteritie, and yair haill housis and heretages is translaited fra yair surnames into ye Princes hands, or sum vther strangear. I could schau monie in speciall, and pairt in my awin tyme, war not sum wald be offendit yairwith; bot it is not neidfull, becaus thair is monie weill aneugh knawin. The caus of this decay hes bene sum wrang conqueis, or be sum grit oppressioun done be sum of yat hous. For we sie sum mein barrouns and small gentlmenis



houssis, quhilk began befoir sum of ye said grit houssis decayit, and continewit all yair time, and zit stands efter them in honour, and sufficient leuing. Bot now to cum to my purpose. I was requeisted be ane noble and trew barroun, George Lord Setoun, the fourt of yat name, to collect, gadder, and set furthe ye Cronicle of his hous and surname, quhilk hes bene verie ancient and honorable. The caus of his requeist was be resone I knew the evidents and wryttings of his hous best of onie man in thir dayis, and had ofttest sein and handillit them, and als becaus I was ane dochteris sone of the said hous. To ye quhilk requeist, I grantit and promisit to do ye samin sa far as I wnderstude and knew. Bot becaus the tyme hes bene verie trublous, I had monie impedimentis, sua that I could not performe ye promeis. Bot now, GOD willing, my purpose is with diligence to set furth ye said historie sua far as I wnderstand and knew, conform to my promeis; exhortand all reidars, if I omit any thing, it salbe impute to negligence and ignorance, and not to wilfulnes. For I sall say nothing bot I sall haue for me goode appeirance. To the quhilk all reasonable reidars sall be judge, or ye cronicles of this realme of Scotland, or ye evidents and wryttings of ye said hous, or be ye reherse of honorable men, quha in my opinion ar faithfull, and of good fame, or els the things I have hard or sein in my awin tyme.

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OF  
THE SURNAME.

IT is to be noted and knawin to euerie man, yat thair was few surnames in Scotland befoir the tyme of King Malcolme Canmoir, quha began to rigne in Anno 1061 yeirs, and rang 37 yeirs. Bot yair fathers name was ay yair surname, as Johne Makwilliame, or William-sone, or Williame McAlexander, as zit in thir dayis is the vse of the hie lands of Scotland, quhill ye said Malcolme giue to his nobles and gentlemen certane particular surnames, sum be ressonne of yair offices, sum efter ye names of yair lands quhilk they possessit for ye time; and sum for ane caus moning him, and sum for ane other. Amang ye quhilks he gaue to ye predecessor and foirbeir of my Lord Setoun, the surname of Setoun, as ye Cronicles of Scotland testifies, appeirandlie be ressonne yat ye gentleman that receauit first ye surname, possessit ye lands of Setoun for ye tyme, quhilk hes bene ye occasioun of ye geuing of him yat surname. For these lands ar callit Setoun for ane grit caus, becaus they ly hard vpon ye sey coist, and ye toun yairof neir to ye sey, and at yat time was neirest to ye sey of onie toun ane grit space yairabout. Heir we collect tua things; ane is, yat he was ane gentleman yat receauit first ye surname, becaus ye king gaue surnames to nane bot to gentlemen. And secundlie, yat he was landit, becaus he tooke ye surname be reasone of ye lands quhilk he possessit for ye time, as said is. It may weill stand yat his foirbeirs had bruikit ye said lands befoir yat time, howbeit thair be na infestment to schaw yairupon. And howbeit yair had bene infestments, they might have bene tint sensyne, be ressonne of ye grit and sud-daine weirs that hes bene in this realme of Scotland, and especiallie in thir pairts of Louthiane. I can not find ane proper name; bot ye first was callit Dougall.

## OF DOUGALL SETOUN. Cap. 1.

This Dougall Setoun was sone or oy, as appeirs, to him yat receauit first ye surname, quha mareit Jonet Quintsey, doghter to Roger Quintsey, Earle of Wintoun, constabule of Scotland, and was in ye time of Alexander First, sone to King Malcolm Canmoir.

## OF SEHER SETOUN. Cap. 2.

Seher Setoun succedit to Dougall Setoun his father. Quhom he mariet I find not certainlie, in na register of the hous. He was in the tyme of King David, quha was saxt and youngest sone to King Malcolm Canmoir, quha succedit to Alexander his brother.

## OF PHILIP SETOUN. Cap. 3.

Philip Setoun succedit to Seher Setoun his father. He mareit Helene, dochter to the Earle of Marche, and was in ye tyme of Malcolme the Maydin, quha succedit to King David his goodschir. This Philip deit in ye 14 yeir of ye rigne of King Williame, quha succedit to his brother Malcolm ye Maydin; and the said Williame gaue to this Philip ane charter of new infestment of ye lands of Setoun, Wintoun, and Winchburgh, quhilk was auld heretage of befoir, as the said chartour testifies, of the quhilk the tennor follouis.

Willielmus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, vice Comitibus, totius terræ suæ, clericis et laicis, salutem. Sciatis presentes et futuri me concessisse, et hac mea charta confirmasse, Philippo de Setoun terram quæ fuit patris sui, scilicet Seton, Wintoun, et Winchburgh, tenend. sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis in



feodo et hereditate; in bosco et plano, in terris et aquis, in pratis et pascuis, et in omnibus earundem terrarum justis pertinen; cum sacca et socco, et tholl et them, infang theif, cum furca et fossa; libere quiete plenarie et honorifice, per servitium unius militis. Testantibus Dauide fratre meo, Comite de Huntingtoun Justiciario, Richardo de Moruill Constabulario, Waltero Olipher Justiciario, Alano Dapifero, Waltero Barclay Camera-rio, Willielmo Lind, Richardo de Manse, Johanne de Kandour; Apud Striuling.

#### OF ALEXANDER, YE 1. Cap. 4.

Alexander Setoun succedit to Philip Setoun, quha mareit Jehan, dochter to Walter Barclay, chalmerlane to King Williame, the quhilk Alexander deit in ye 46 yeir of King Williame, quha gaue to the said Alexander ane new chairtour of infestment of ye saidis landis, conforme in word and sentence to ye chairtour geuin to Philip his father.

#### OF BARTIME. Cap. 5.

Bartime Setoun succedit to Alexander his father, quha mareit Margaret, dochter to Williame Cumming, grit justice, and was in the tyme of ye said King Williame, and deit in the tyme of King Alexander, sone to King Williame foirsaid. To this Bartime, Patrick Earle of Marche gaue ye lands of Ruchlaw, quhilk was confirmit be King Williame foirsaid.

#### OF ADAME. Cap. 6.

Adame Setoun, ane maister clerk, succedit to Bartime Setoun his father, quha mareit Jonet Giffart, dochter to Heugo Lord Yester, in

the tyme of ye said Alexander ye Secunde, and deit in ye tyme of Alexander ye Thrid.

#### OF CHRISTELL, YE 1. Cap. 7.

Christell ye first, succedit to Maister Adame Setoun his father, quha mareit Mauld Percie, dochter to Ingrahame Percie, and deit in the 30 yeir of Alexander the Thrid. This Christell was moir geuin to deuotioun nor wardlines.

#### OF CHRISTELL, YE 2. Cap. 8.

Christell Setoun, the secund of that name, succedit to Christell the first, his father, quha mareit Agnes, dochter to Patrick Earle of Marche, in the tyme of Alexander the Thrid, and was ane noble man, and did monie goode acts against ye Inglishmen, quhen ye croun was desolat, and in pley betwixt ye Bruce and the Balioll. Quhilk Christell, quhen he might not brooke ye landis in Louthiane, quhair he was duelling, he duelt in Jedburgh forrest, ay waiting his tyme contrair ye Inglishmen, quhair w<sup>t</sup> fourtie of his kin and freinds he defeit and vincust eight scoir of Inglishmen, as may be sein in Wallace buik at mair lenth. He deit in ye tyme of Williame Wallace.

#### OF SIR CHRISTELL, YE 3. Cap. 9.

Sir Christell Setoun the thrid, succedit to Christell ye secund, his father, in the tyme of Williame Wallace; quhilk Christell was efter made knight be King Robert Bruce. And for his monie gude actis done against the Inglishmen, was callit gude Sir Christell, quha quhen King Robert Bruce was tane prisonar be the Inglishmen at ane field beside

Methven, and they that tuke him cryit, in scorne and derisioun, Quha will help the new maid King? quhilk cry the said Sir Christell hard, and come in all haist, and straik at yarde him that had the king in hands; and thair he and his freinds fred ye said King, and put him to libertie. This Sir Christell mareit the said King Robert Bruce his sister, callit to hir name Christiane Bruce; and thairfoir the said King Robert gaued to ye said Sir Christell ye double trassours of flour delyces, to be worne about his armes, and ye armes of his posteritie, lyk as ye king weirs them. Efter monie great and notable actis done be ye said Sir Christell contrair England, he was tane at ye last in ye castell of Lundoirs be ye Inglishmen, and be King Eduard Langshankis, and was beheidit vpon ane litle know besyde Dunfreis maist cruellie. And efter the said King Robert Bruce had receauit the realme of Scotland foorth of the Inglishmens hands, come to Dunfreis, and thair remanit ane certane space, and ye said King Robert passand foorth be the said litle know besyde ye toun to tak the air, quhair the said Sir Christell was maist cruellie beheidit, the said King Robert causit found ane chappell in honour of the Virgin Marie, and in remembrance of the said Sir Christell foundit ane preist to do deuine seruice yairin perpetuallie, and pray for ye said Sir Christell, and gaued to ye said preist and his successors ye soume of fyve ponds sterling to be taking of ye baronie of Carlauerok for thair sustentation, quhilk I have had in my awin handis, and red it sindrie tymes. The quhilk chappell was standand haill and undecayit in ye yeir of God 1552 yeir, as I saw my self, and as I beleue standis zit in ye samin manner, and is callit be all the inhabitants in that cuntrie quhair it is, Christell his Chappell.

#### OF SIR ALEXANDER, YE 2. Cap. 10.

Sir Alexander Setoun, sister sone to King Robert Bruce, succedit to

gude Sir Christell his father, quha mareit Isabell, dochter to Duncane Earle of Fyff, and was maid knyght be King Robert Bruce, quha gave to him for service done be his father and himself the lands of Dundas and Cragie, as the chairtour beirs, geuin at Beruick wpon Tueid the 13 day of Apryle, ye yeir of GOD 1322, and ye 16 yeir of his rigne. And als the said King Robert gaued to ye said Sir Alexander the baronie of Trament, with ye tennendreis yairof for ye tyme, wiz. Fausyde Myles and Elphingstoun, as the cliairtour testifies, geuin thairupon at Beruick and Scone the foirsaid yeir of his rigne. Alsua the said King Robert gaued to the said Sir Alexander the landis and baronie of Barnis, abone Haddington, for service done be him in these pairts of the land, as the chairtour testifies, geuin at Beruick the 15 day of Apryle, and yeir foirsaid; with dyuers uthers lands, quhilk I omit for schortnes, and ar not now at the hous, houbet the euidents yairof remayns zit presentlie. In this meintyme, Eduard Balioll usurpit the crown of Scotland, to obtien the samin come with ane armie of Inglishmen be sey, and landit into Fyff at Kingorne, quhair the said Sir Alexander was for the tyme, quha set upon the said Eduard Balioll and his cumpanie at his landing, and hurt and slew dyuers of them; bot becaus the number and pouer of the said Eduard was sa far abone ye number yat was with Sir Alexander, at ye last they ouerthrew him and his cumpanie, quhair the said Sir Alexander was slaine, in the yeir of GOD 1332 yeiris, in the second yeir of the rigne of King David Bruce.

#### OF SIR ALEXANDER, YE 3. Cap. 11.

Sir Alexander Setoun, the thrid of that name, succeidit to Sir Alexander the second, his father. He was ane noble and valiant knight, and was capitane and keipar of Beruick, at the quhilk tyme Eduard the Thrid, king of Ingland, came with ane grit airmie, and beseiget the toun



of Beruick verie schairplie, baith be land and sey. Bot the said Sir Alexander defendit it verie valiantlie for the space of thrie moneths; out of the quhilk toun the said Sir Alexander and his cumpanie ischit sindrie tymes, and slew thair watches, and brunt monie of thair schippis, quhill at ane skirmish Williame Setoun, sone to the said Sir Alexander, follouit sa fast, that he was takin prisonar, and presentit to the king; and als ane valiant young man, bastard sone to the said Sir Alexander, invading the Inglis schippis, hapnit to droun. At the last, the victuall grew scant in the said toun, and dyuers thairin hurt and slain; for the quhilk caus the said Sir Alexander send to the reulars of Scotland, in the nonage of the king, to get reskew with all diligence. And in the meintyme sent to the king of England, and desyrit treuis for certane dayis, vpon conditioun if he gat na releif befor the day apointit he sould delyuer the said toun to the king of England; and, for obseruing and keiping of the said conditioun, he delyuerit his eldest sone and appeirand air, callit Thomas, in pledge to him. In the mein tyme of the treuis, the reulars of Scotland gadderit ane grit armie, of quhais cuming the king of England heirand, preveinit the tyme, hauing na respect to his promeis, and desyrit the toun to be randerit befor the day appointit, or els he sould hang baith his sones. To the quhilk ansuerit the said Sir Alexander: If he wald use sic crueltie, contrair to his faith and promeis, go to his purposis, for he wald noght rander the toun. Than incontinent the king of England causit dres ane pair of gallouis befor the said toun, and broght the said Sir Alexander his tua sones, the ane delyuerit in hostage, the vther takin prisonar, bund thairto, and hangit them in maist creuell maner. Thair father hou soone he saw the gallous put up, and his sones bund thairto, wald not byd to sie his sones put to deid, in ventour fatherlie pitie sould haue mouit him to giue ouer the toun, bot passit to his chalmer with extreame grit dolour. His wyfe, callit Christian Chein, persauing the grit greif of hir husband, by the common custome of wemen laid by her mo-

therlie sorrow, and began to confort hir husband, desyrand him to leif his sorrow and dolour; and schew monie gude and stark ressouns to him quhy he sould do the samin, quhilk is writtin at length be Maister Hector Boece, in the Cronicles of this realme of Scotland. Bot if I durst, I wald reprove him, becaus quhair he sets furth ye ressonis maid be the said Sir Alexander his wyff to hir husband, he pairtly diminishs the glorie of the said Sir Alexander, and in ane maner wald giue the glorie to the woman; houbeit everie man may considder that this Sir Alexander was ane noble, valiant, and wyse man, or els he had not bene chosin to sic office and authoritie, and appeirandlie of gritter courage nor onie woman could be; and if he wald haue sauit his sones, he wald not haue stopit for ane woman. For the oration that the woman maid to hir husband, was efter he came to his chalmer, and his sones put to deid alredie, as cleirly appeiris in diuers of the auld Cronicles of Scotland, quhilk I have red my self. This siege of Beruick was in the yeir of GOD 1333 yeirs. This king gaue to Sir Alexander the heretrix of Parbroth, callit Elizabeth Ramsay, dochter to Nicoll Ramsay, knight, quhilk Elizabeth the said Sir Alexander gaue in mariage to his sone, callit Johne, as I sall efter schaw. This Sir Alexander deit in the latter dais of King David Bruce, being of grit age, and was buried in the paroche kirk of Setoun. Heir I will omit and mak ane litle digressioun, and schaw sumquhat of the hous of Parbroth, fra the beginning at ye Setouns to ye yeir of GOD 1580.

OF YE FIRST CUMING  
OF PARBROTH TO THE SETOUNS,  
AND OF THE SUCCESSIOUN YAIROF, AS FOLLOUIS.

Cap. 12.

**T**HIS Sir Alexander Setoun yat keipit Beruick town, had four lafull sones, tua callit Thomas and William, hangit as said is; the thrid sone, callit Alexander, succedit to his fathers heretage; the fourt, callit Johne, mareit ye foirsaid Elizabeth Ramsay, heretrix of Parbroth, quha bair to him ane sone callit Alexander, quhilk Alexander begat Sir Gilbert, knight. This Sir Gilbert mareit Marioun Pitcairne, wpon quhom he gat fyve sones. The eldest, callit Sir Alexander, quha succedit to his father; the secund, callit William, quha had also ane sone callit William, that mareit Katherein Butlar, heretrix of Rungavie, of quhom are descendit the Setouns of Lanthrisk and Babirnie; the fourt, callit Mr Daid, quha was ane singular honest man, and mareit all his eldest brother dochtors vpon landit men, and payit thair tocharis, and coft ladies of heretage to his brother sones. In the tyme of King James the Fourt, thair was ane proces led against the Barrouns, callit recognitiouns, amang the quhilk George Lord Setoun, the secund of that name, was callit to heir and sie the baronie of Winchburgh recognoscit, for the maist pairt then alienated without consent of the king. It hapnet the king himself come to the counsalhous amangs the lords of the sessioun. That same day, the king being present, the said actioun against the Lord Setoun was callit. At that tyme thair was aduocat for the king, and justice clerk, Mr Richard Lausone, quha zeid to the bar, and concurit and assistite to Mr James Henrisone, quha efter succedit to the said Mr



Richard in his offices. The said Mr Richard and Mr James, becaus of the king his presence war ye mair haitt and rigorous in the matter. Than ye said Mr Daud, ane of ye aduocats for ye Lord Setoun, persauing the hight of ye said Mr Richard, said to him, houbeit they call you Lau-sone, ze ar not lauis father, to mak laues at your plesure. And than he said to the king, Sir, quhen our foirbeirs gat yon land at your Maties maist noble predecesoris, for yair trew seruice, sumtyme geuand ye bloode of yair bodies, and sumtyme yair liues in defence of this realme, at that tyme thair was nather Lausone nor Henrisone, quha wald invent wayis to disinherit the barrouns of Scotland. The king his Matie said to ye said Mr Daud, hou nou, ze forzet yourself, ze know not quhair ze ar; ze ar mair lyk ane man of weir than ane aduocat; it appears ze wald fight for the matter. Than ansuerit the said Mr Daud, and said; Sir, and it might stand with your Maties plesure, I pray God if it war at that, to sie if baith Lausone and Henrisone durst fecht with me in that quarrell, als auld as I am: for he was than mair nor 60 yeirs. The king his Matie, quha was the maist noble and humane prince in ye warld, haucand consideration of the age of the man, and of his grit affectioun to his cheif his actioun, he smyllit and leugh a litle, and said na mair. This Mr Daud was persone of Fettercairn and Balheltie. He was a lairge man of bodie as was in his dayes, and stout thairwith, the best lyk aget man that ever I saw. He leuit quhill he was 80 years vndecrepit. He did monie vther good acts worthie to be put in remembrance, quhilk I omit for shortnes. The fyft sone, callit Gilbert, ane maister clerk. The said Alexander, eldest sone to ye said Gilbert, mareit Murray, dochter to the laird of Tullibardin, and gat on hir ane sone callit Alexander, quha deit befor his father. This Alexander mareit Katherein, dochter to the Lord Lindsay of the Byris, and gat on hir tua sones, ye eldest callit Johne, quha succedit to his gudshir, and was slain at Floudane, liefand behind him na successioun of his bodie. Ane vther, callit Andro, quha suc-



ceidit to his brother Johnc, and leifis presentlie. This Andro mareit Balfour, dochter to the laird of Burlie, and gat upon hir ane sone callit Gilbert, quha was slain at Pinkie field, his father zit leuand. This Gilbert mareit Lesly, dochter to ye Earle of Rothcs, on quhom he gat Dauid, air to his gudschir. The rest of their successioun I refer to sum vther discendit of yair hous. And I will returne to my principall historie.

### OF SIR ALEXANDER SETOUN,

FOURT OF YAT NAME. Cap. 13.

Sir Alexander Setoun, fourt of that name, succedit to Sir Alexander the thrid, his father, being his thrid sone, and was ane vertuous wyse man. He leuit in the dayis of King Robert the Secund, the first of the Steuarts, quha succedit to King Dauid Bruce, the quhilk Alexander, efter he had leuit in gude age, he deit honorable, and was bureit in the paroche kirk of Setoun.

### OF WILLIAME, FIRST LORD SETOUN.

Cap. 14.

Williame, first Lord Setoun, succedit to Alexander the fourt, his father, and was the first creatit and maid lord in the parliament, and he and his posteritie to haue ane voit yairin, and be callit Lordis. This Lord Williame mareit Katherein Sinclair, dochter of the hous of Hirdmestoun, quhilk was ane grit hous at that tyme. This Lord Williame coft the Lady Gordoun of heretage, to haue bene mareit vpon his eldest sone, callit Johnc, thairby for to haue eikit his hous and leuing. Bot the said Johnc had ane fauour to ane dochter of the Earle of Marche, quhom he mareit wnwitting of his father. For the quhilk caus his father

was sumthing displeisit, bot at the last he was appeisit and satisfied, becaus she was dochter to sa grit ane man, and ane honest pairtie and allya. Than the said Williame gaue the Lady Gordoun to his secund sone callit Alexander, of the quhilk ar descendit the Earles of Huntlie, Touch, and Telibodie, and ye Setounis of Meldrum. And houbetit the Earle of Huntly sensyne chaingit thair surname from Setoun to Gordoun, zit treuly they ar cumed of Setouns on the father syde. And to verifie ye samin, they weir in ane quarter of thair sheild the armes of the hous of Setoun. This Lord Williame was in the tyme of King Robert the Thrid. He had bot tua sones with his wyfe, and seuin dochteris. The eldest of the tua sones was callit Johne, and ye secund Alexander. The eldest dochter of ye said Williame was marcit on the Lord Darnlie, fairbeir to the Earle of Lennox. The secund on the Lord Kennedie, fairbeir to the Earle of Cassiles. The thrid on the fairbeir of the Lord Ogiluie. The fourt on the fairbeir of ye Lord Carlile. The fyft on Hadden, laird of Glennegeis. The saxt on Hammiltoun, laird of Prestoun. The seuint on Lauder, laird of Poppill. This Lord Williame, efter he had leuit ane honest lang life, he deit, and was buried in the Cordelier Feirs in Hadingtoun, quhom to he weiklie foundit sax laid of coillis, to be tane of his coilpot of Tranent, and thrie pund annuall to be tane of the Barns. Efter quhais deceis, his wyfe, quha was ane honorable lady, leuit all hir dayis in pure wedouheid, and did monie actis. Sho marcit four of hir dochteris. Efter hir husbandis deceis, she biggit ane yle in the south syde of the parish kirk of Setoun, of fyne estlair, pendit and theikit it with stane, with ane sepultur thairin, quhair sho lysis; and foundit ane prlest to serue thair perpetuallie. This lady, in hir wedouheid, she duelt quhair now ar the preists chalmeris in Setoun, and plantit and maid all thair zairds that they haue zit at this day, and held ane grit hous and ane honorable, that quhen hir sone, quha was lord, raid to onie place, to his honour she sent in cumpanie with him certane honest

men, quhilk sho daylie nurishet in hir hous, to do him seruice, await on him sa lang as he was fra hame, and sent hir steuart with them to beir thair chairgis; sua that sho should tak na expensis fra hir sone for seruandis bot at his plesure, quhill he returnit home agane to his awin houshald, and hir seruandis enterit home to hir houshald.

OF THE DISCENDING OF THE  
 HOUSES OF HUNTLIE, TOUCH, AND MELDRUM,  
 OF YE PRINCIPALL HOUS OF SETOUN. Cap. 15.

**H**EIR I will mak ane litle digressioun, and schaw sumthing in speciall how the famous hous of Huntlie, the Setouns of Telibodie, and Meldrum, are discendit of the principall hous of Setoun, as follouis. That is to say, the said noble Lord Williame Setoun had tua sones, as said is; the eldest callit Johne, the secund callit Alexander, quha mareit the ladie of heretage of Gordoun and Strabogie, and wther grit landis. This Alexander Setoun gat vpon the said ladie tua sones, the eldest callit Alexander Setoun, quhilk was the first Earle of Huntlie. The secund, callit Williame Setoun, quha mareit the heretrix of Meldrum, quha gat vpon hir ane sone, callit Alexander Setoun, quha mareit Murhald Sutherland, dochter to the laird of Duffus, quha gat vpon hir Williame Setoun, quha mareit Elizabeth Leslie, dochter to the laird of Wairdes, and gat vpon hir Alexander Setoun, quha mareit Agnes Gordoun, dochter to the laird of Haldok, and gat on hir W<sup>m</sup> Setoun, now laird of Meldrum, quha mareit Jonet Gordoun, dochter to the laird of Lesmoir. The said Alexander Setoun, first Earle of Huntlie as said is, mareit Geiles Hay, heretrix of Enzie and wther great landis, quha gat on hir ane sone, callit Alexander Setoun, first laird of Touch and Telibodie. This Alexander Setoun of Touch, mareit Elizabeth Erskin, dochter to the Lord Erskin, quha gat on hir Sir Alexander Setoun, knight, quha mareit Margaret Hume, dochter to the Lord Hume, quha gat on hir Niniane Setoun, knight, quha mareit Jonet, widou of Marchistoun; sho was callit to hir surname Chishom, and gat on hir Walter Setoun, now laird of Touch, quha mareit Elizabeth Erskin, dochter to Johne Lord Erskin. The



remanent collateralls and branchis of ye said houses of Meldrum and Touch, and actis done be them, I refer to sum freindis of ather of these houses. This Alexander Setoun, first Earle foirsaid, quha mareit Geilis Hay, had sic fauor of hir, that sho resignit all hir landis and heretage to remain w<sup>t</sup> hir husband and his airis. Efter the said Geilis Hay hir deceis, he mareit to his secund wyfe, Margaret Creichtoun, dochter to ye Lord Crichtoun, and Margaret Maitland, of the hous of Lethingtoun. This Earle foirsaid, gat on the foirsaid Margaret Crichtoun ane sone callit George, to whom the said Earle gaue all his landis, and maid him his successor to the Earldome of Huntlie, and sum means be persuasioun of his wyfe, the foirsaid Margaret, and mother to the said George. This George, secund Earle of Huntlie, chaingit his surname from Setoun to Gordoun, of quhat occasioun I cannot tell. This was the first Earle of the Gordounis, of quhom ar descendit the Earlis of Hnntly to this day, the Earlis of Sutherland, and monie wther landit gentlemen, q<sup>lk</sup> ar descendit of the foirsaid Alexander Setoun, first Earle of Huntlie, and sould be all called Setouns, be reasone foirsaid. I wryte na mair of ye genealogie of the said hous of Huntlie, becaus they chaingit thair surnames, and concernis na mair to my matter. And sa I will returne to my principall historie.

#### OF LORD JOHNE. Cap. 16.

Johne Lord Setoun succedit to his father Lord Williame, and was ane noble man, and maister houshold to King James the First, be quhom he was send to France with his dochter, quha was mareit vpon the Dolphin of France, Leues the eleuint. Efter the said Johne came hame againe, he leuit honestlie certaine yearis, and syne deit, and was bureit in the parochie kirk of Setoun, in the yle foundit be his mother. This Lord Johne was in the tyme of King James the First; he mareit

the Earle of Marche his dochter, quha bair to him ane sone callit George, and ane dochter, quha was mareit vpon the Earle of Marschell.

OF LORD GEORGE, YE 1. Cap. 17.

Lord George Setoun, the first of that name, succedit to Lord John his father, being bot nyne yeirs of age. In the meintyme, the Lord Crichtoun being greit in the court, and hauing the castell of Edinburgh in his hands, gat the said Lord George, and keipit him in the said castell. In the meintyme, the laird of Johnstoun in Annandaill desyrit the said Lord George his mother in mariage, quha, amang vther talk and communicioun, schew to the said laird that sho was euill contentit that hir said onlie sone was in the Lord Crichtoun his handis, and had great suspition thairof, becaus the said Lord George had bot onlie ane sister, quhilk was narrest air to his haill landis failzeing of him. The laird of Johnstoun perceaning that the said Lord George his mother wald haue had hir sone out of the Crichtoun his handis, he waitit his tyme, and maid sic moyan in ye castell, that he gat the said George furth of the said castell, and convoyit him secretly to his place callit Lochwood in Annandaill, quhair he was weill nurishit ane lang tyme. The said lady heiring tell that ye said laird had convoyit hir sone out of the Lord Crichtoun his handis, sho was contentit to marie him, and bair to him monie sones, quhilk war all brether to Lord George on the mother syde, of the quhilk the eldest was callit Gilbert, quha was efter ane valiant man, and maid knight. This Sir Gilbert mareit the heretrix of Elphinstoun, and was the first of the surname of Johnstouns. This Lord George was ane grit housholdar, and all giuen to noblnes. He mareit the dochter and air of John Earle of Buchane, constable of France, quha was slain at the battell of Vernoyle, and begat on hir tua sones, the eldest callit John, the youngest callit Dougall, quha, efter he came to perfyte age,

deit without successioun; and ane dochter callit Christiane, quha was mareit on Hew Douglas of Corheid, quha was ane good lyk man, and ane wyse gydar and counsallour to the said Lord George: to the quhilk Hew ye said Christian kest sic favour, that sho wald marie na wther bot him, sua that it might pleis hir father, quha perceavit the mynde of his dochter, gaue hir in mariage to the said Hew, and als gaue him the lands of Hartsyde and Clints to eik his leuing. The said Lord George had alsua ane bastard sone callit James, ane wyse man, quha was slain at the feild of Floudane, levand behind him tua sones baith callit Johnes. The eldest Johne duelt in the Saltpannis, and was ane honest man, and had four sones. The eldest callit Alexander, quha was ane valiant man of his bodie, and deit without successioun. The secund callit Thomas, quha was ane priest. The thrid callit Williame, and the fourt callit Nicholl. The secund Johne deit without successioun. The eldest sone of the said Lord George mareit ane dochter of the Lord Lindsay of the Byris, quha bair to him thrie sones, and ane dochter, quha was mareit on the Lord Lyle. The eldest of the thrie sones callit George, quha was efter secund of that name. The secund callit Johne, quha had also ane sone callit Archibald, quha was slain be theifis in Annandaill, cummand fra ane armie with the Duke of Albanie. This Archibald had thrie sons, ane callit George. The secund Alexander, ane maister clerk. The thrid James, quha deit of ane hurt. The thrid sone of the said Johne, maister of Setoun, callit Alexander, quha had dyuers sones, quha deit all without succession, except ane, Johne, duelling in Tranent, baillie thereof; and ye said Alexander had ane dochter callit Christiane, quha was mariet on Thomas Prestoun of Quhythill. This Johne, eldest sone to the said Lord George, deit befor his father, and was buried in the paroche kirk of Setoun. Efter quhais deceis, his wyfe mareit the Lord of Kilmairs and bure to him Cuthbert Earle of Glencairne, quhas half broyer on the mother (side) to George Lord Setoun, the secund of that name. This Lord



George the first of that name, efter the deceis of his first wyfe, dochter to the Earle of Buchane, mareit the secund wyfe, Dame Christiane Murray, dochter to the laird of Tullibardin, quha had na successioun. This Lord George bigit the queir of Setoun, and pendit it sa far as is it with rymbraces. And efter he had leuit ane lang honorable lyfe, he deit in the place of ye Black Freirs in Edinburgh, quhair he lyis in ye queir of the samin, to quhom he foundit twentie merkis of the annuall to be tane of the Hartsyde and Clyntis. This Lord George the first was in the tyme of King James the Secund, sone to King James the First, and deit in the tyme of King James the Third.

#### OF LORD GEORGE, YE 2. Cap. 18.

George the secund, succedit to his goodshir George the first, and was meikle geuin to lres, and was cunning in dyuers sciences, as in Musick, Theologie, and Astrologie. He was sua geuin to learning, that efter he was maried, he passed to Sanct Androis, and remanent thair ane lang tyme at his studie. And efter that he passed to Pareis, and remanit thair ane goode space. He pendit ye queir of Setoun fra the rymbraces, and foundit the colledge yairof; and ye personage betuixt the prouost and ye prebendaris. He biggit the place of Wintoun, w<sup>t</sup> the zaird and gairdin thairof. In the quhilk gairding I haue sein fyue scoir of torris of tymber about the knottis, ilk ane tua cubit hight, hauand tua cubit hight tua knoppis on the heid, the ane abone the vther, als grit euerie ane as ane roll boull, ouer gilt w<sup>t</sup> gold, and the shankis thairof paintit w<sup>t</sup> dyuers heus of oylie collours. This George was tane prisoner be the Phlemings, induellars in Dunkirk, and was spulziet of all his geir and substance, he being in his voyage to France; for the quhilk caus to be reuengit of them, he coft ane grit schip callit the Aquill, and held lang tyme monie men of weir thairin vpon the sey, and gat sindrie revengs of



them. The halding of the said schip and men of weir was sa costlie to him, that he was compellit to wodset and annalie the baronie of the Barnis, the toun mayns and mylne of Winchburgh, certane lands in Langniddre, and certane in Tranent. This Lord George mareit the eldest dochter of Colein Campbell, Earle of Argyle, quha bair to him thrie sones and ane dochter. The eldest sone, callit to his name George; the secund, callit Robert, quha deit ane man of arms in France, in the Castell of Milliam, and left behind him tua sones, the ane callit William, now presentlie ane man of armes in France; the secund callit Alexander, quha mareit Jonet Sinclair, heretrix of Northrig, and thrid of Moram. The thrid sone of the said Lord George, callit Johne, deit w<sup>t</sup> out successioun. The eldest dochter of the said Lord George, callit Margaret, was mareit on William Maitland of Lethingtoun; the secund, callit Katherinein, wald neuer marie, houbet sho nicht have had monie good mariages, bot voued chaistitie, and enterit and was ane sister of the ordour of Sanct Katherinein of ye Seins, and in religioun, besyde Edinburgh, of the age of 36 yeiris, and deit in the said place ane virgin of the age of 78 yeirs, quhair sho was bureit. Notwithstanding that this Lord George was ane weill letterit and ane noble man, zit he was sumpairt geuin to voluptie and plesure of the fleshe, quhilk was the caus of his trouble in his lyf tyme, quhairthrow he hurt his heretage. I wald exhort all noble men to forbeir this vyce, for the mekle mischief that followis thairon. He had monie bastard bairnes, as ane callit Williame, quha deit w<sup>t</sup> out successioun; ane vther, callit James, quha lykwayes deit without successioun; ane vther, callit Mr Christell, quha deit within ordours; and ane vther callit Thomas, quha was ane familiar seruator to King James the 4. He had thrie sones, the eldest, callit George, quha deit without successioun; the secund, callit Johne, quha also deit w<sup>t</sup> out sones; the thrid, callit Alexander, quha was ane chaplaine in the colledge. This Lord George tuke the armes of Buchane, quhilk ar thrie

cumming scheifis, quarterlie with his awin armes, alledgeand him to be air to the said Earldome, be ressoun of his guddame. He had also four bastarde dochters, the eldest, callit Beatrix, quha was mareit on Johne Levingtoun of Saltcoits; the secund, callit Margaret, quhilk was mareit on Henrie Cant of ouer Libbertoun, and efter pairtit with him, and was mareit on Mr David Hammiltoun, lauchfull sone to Sir Robert Hammiltoun of Prestoun, knight. The vther tua, callit Elizabeth and Jonet, deit unmareit. This Lord tuke great plesure of cunning men. He was ane great settar of musick; he biggit the reuastrie of Setoun, pendit and theikit it with stanes. He was callit be King James the Fourt to heir and sie the barronie of Winchburgh recognoscit, for the maist pairt analiet, for the quhilk he payd ane thousand merks in compositioun. And efter lang seiknes, he deit in goode age, in the 20 yeir of the rigne of King James the Fourt, and was bureit in the kirk of Setoun at the hie altar.

#### OF LORD GEORGE, YE 3. Cap. 19.

George the thrid succid to George the secund, and was ane gudc wyse man, and right familiar w<sup>t</sup> King James the Fourt. This lord loussit the landis of the Barns, the mayns and mylne of Winchburgh, and certane landis in Tranent wodset be his father. He completit also the Jamnay hous of Setoun fra the first geist wp, quhilk was foundit and bigit tua hous hight be Lord Johne his fathers gudshir, and raisit the turngreis yairof, and repairit all the grit dungeoun. And als he theikit the queir of Setoun w<sup>t</sup> staine, and repairit the samyn with glaising windois, maid the dasks thairin, and cylerings aboue the altar, and pauementit the said queir, and gaued to it certane vestments, ane haill compleit stand of claith of gold, and vthers of silkis. This Lord George mareit the dochter of Earle Patrick Hepburne, first Earle of Bothuell of the Hepburnes, quhilk dochter was callit Jehane, quha bair to him thrie sones and ane dochter;

the first callit George, quha deit of 14 dayes auld; the secund, callit George, ye fourt of that name; the thrid, callit Archibald, quha deit of 15 yeirs auld. The dochter, callit Marioun, was mareit on Arthour, maister of Borthuik, to quhom she had na bairnes. Efter quhais dceis, sho mareit Hew Earle of Eglintoun. This Lord George was bot fyve yeiris lord, and was slain at ye feild of Floudane in anno 1513 yeirs, the 9 day of September, and was broght hame furth of the feild, and was bureit in the qucir of Setoun besyde his father; efter quhais deceis his wyfe remanit wedou continuallic 45 yeirs. Sho was ane noble, wyse lady. Sho gydit hir sones leuing quhill he come of age, and thairefter sho passit and remanit in the Seins, besyde Edinburgh, ye rest of her lyf-tyme, quhilk place sho foundit, and helpit to big as maist principall. Sho did monie goode actis; for cfter her husbands deceis, scho mareit hir said dochter, callit Marioun, first on the maister of Borthuik, and syne on the Earle of Eglintoun, and payed baith the tochars. Sho helpit to marie tua of hir sones dochteris, ane to the Earle of Monteith, and the other to the laird of Restalrig, and helpit to pay baith thair tocharis in hir sones tyme. And efter hir sones deceis, sho mareit wther tua of his dochteris, the eldest, quha was callit Beatrix, on the sone and air of Sir Walter Ogiluie of Dunlugus, knight; the zoungest on Hew, maister of Symmaruell, and payit of thair tochars 3700 markis. The rest was payit be the Lord George, thair brother, quhilk was 1000 markis, togidder w<sup>t</sup> the haill expenssis of ye mariage. This Lord George gawe to his thrie sisters that was to marie 1000 pund of his tochar, to help yair mariges, quhilk was mekle for him to foirbeir; his fathers secund wyfe and his guddame hauing the tua pairt of his leuing. This foirsaid lady, by all conditioun and things foirsaid, gawe to hir dochter and sones bairnes lairges soumes of money. That is to say, to the countes of Eglintoun 500 marks; to the laird of Caristoun 500 marks, wpon ane annuall of my Lord Yester his landis; and 200 markis to the



countes of Monteith; to the lady of Dunlugus 300 markis; to the maistres of Symmeruell 300 markis; and 300 markis quhilk sho left in hir testament: besyds dyuers soumes of money to be geuin to hir freinds, to poore folk, and religious places and kirks. This lady biggit the foir wark of Setoun abonc the zet, and als sho biggit the north croce yle of the colledge kirk of Setoun, and tooke down the yle biggit be Dame Katheroin Sinclair on the south syde of the colledge kirk, becaus ye syde of it stode to the syde of the kirk, to mak ane perfyte and propre cornit and clois kirk, and biggit vp the stepill, as ze sie it now, to ane grit hight, sua that it wantis litle to the compleiting. This ladie gaue mony ornaments to the kirk of Setoun, as ane compleit stand of purple veluot flowrit with gold, ane compleit stand of quhyte dameis, ane compleit stand of chamlet of silk, ane compleit stand of blak double worset, with wther certain chessabills and vestmentis of sindrie silkis; and als gaue to the said kirk ane grit croce of siluer, ane eucharist of siluer, ane chalice ouergilt, ane pendicle to the hie altar of fine vowin arras, with wther pendicles; sho lousit the rauestrie, and maid grit lokit almaries thairin; sho foundit tua prebendaris, and bigget thair chalmeris vpon vaultis. Peradventure sum now in thir dayis will think building of kirks, geuing of ornaments yairto, and founding of priests, ar superstitious things, and maintenance of idolatrie, and thairfoir not worthie to be put in memorie; bot quha will pleis reid the auld histories and cronicles of cuntries, sall find maist writtin and treitit of conqueissing of cuntries and landis, mouing of weiris, and stryking of battellis, sua that quhatsumener conqueisit moniest land and cuntries, especiallie be ye sword, mouit greitest weiris, vincust and slew moniest in battell, war esteamit maist valiant and victorious conquerours, and maist put in writt to thair fame and glorie, howbeit the said conqueis and doings proceedit of insatiable gredines and maist cruell tiranie, contrair all law baith of GOD and man; and since things wnlesum as they ar, ar writtin in



commendatioun of ye doars thairof, Quhy may I not set out sic workis as throu all Christiandome, and with all the estaites yairof, war haldin maist godlie of grittest commendatioun? But how they pleisit GOD, I refer to himself, quha seis the hairts and intentionn of all creatures. Bot at the least it schaws the liberalitie and honorablenes of the doaris thairof, that rather walde spend thair geir and goodes upon sic visible and commendable actis for the tyme, nor to have huirdit and poikit w<sup>p</sup> the samin in coffaris, or waistit it upon sensualitie or prodigalitie. And if I had not writtin the said warkis, haldin godlie for the tyme, sum micht or wald haue reprouit me for forgetting and omitting sic thingis, as the lyke semblable ar writtin in vther histories in commendatioun, and louing the doars thairof. Bot I will now returne to my historie. This ladie coft the Ladie Caristoun of heretage, and gaue in mariage to hir sones secund sone callit Johne, and coft also the lands of Foulstruther and gaue to him, and did monie good actis, and leuit in good age, and deit in anno 1558 yeiris, in the place of the Seinis, and was transportit honorably be hir oy George Lord Setoun ye fyft of that name, and was bureit in the queir of Setoun besyde hir husband. The caus that I haue set furth the speciall actis and deidis of this lady, is to giue occasioun to all ladies in the tyme to cum that happins to be in the said hous, or onie vther hous, to follow the said ladie in honest conuersation, and chastitie, and kyndnes, and liberalitie to the hous quhom w<sup>t</sup> they are allyat, and of whom they haue thair liuing.

#### OF LORD GEORGE, YE 4. Cap. 20.

George, the fourt of that name, succedit to George the thrid, his father, and was ane wyse and vertuous noble man. He redeamit the town of Winchburgh, and certane lands wodset be his goodschir, and conquest the hous and great part of West Niddrie, and repairit and biggit the

place, and grit pairt thair of, and gat in few at Dauid Betoun, cardinall of Scotland, the landis of Kirkliston, and Eglishmauchin, and Catelbok, the bischop his landis of Laswaid and Dalkeith. He was a man weill experienced in all games, and tooke plesure in haulking, and was haldin the best falconer in his dayis. He mareit Elizabeth Hay, dochter to Johne Lord Hay of Yester, quha bair to him tua sones and fyve dochteris. The eldest sone, callit George, afterward fyft of that name; the secund, callit Johne, quha mareit the heretrix of Caristoun. The eldest dochter, callit Jehan, deit of tua yeiris auld; the secund, callit Marioun, was mareit on the Earle of Monteith; the thrid, callit Margaret, was mareit on the laird of Lestalrig; the fourt, callit Beatrix, was mareit on Sir Walter Ogilve of Dunlugus, knight; the fyft, callit Helenor, was mareit on Hew, maister of Symmeruell. This George, efter the deceis of his first wyfe, he mareit to his secund wyfe ane Frenche woman, callit Marioun, quha come in Scotland withe Quein Marie, quha was dochter to the Duke of Guys, and wyfe to King James the Fyft, quha gaue to the said Lord George the baronie of Winchburgh to be hauldin in frie blenche, with ye tenendries yairof for euer, quhilk befoir was haldin in wairde and releif. This secund wyfe of the said Lord George bair to him tua sones and ane dochter; the ane callit Robert, the uther James. This lord was in the tyme of King James the Fyft, and deit (on the 17 day of Julij, the yeir of GOD 1545 yeiris, being the 8 yeir of the rigne of Quein Marie) in the abbay of Culrois, quhair he was bureit in the queir yairof; becaus the Inglishmen was in Hadingtoun, and was maisteris of Louthiane. Bot efter quhen the peax was tane, and the Inglishmen had left Hadingtoun, his bodie was tane wp, being in ane kist, and transportit be his wyfe and freinds to the colledge kirk of Setoun, quhair he was honestlie bureit in the queir thair of besyde his father. In the tyme of this Lord George, the Inglishmen, after the burning of Edinburgh and Leith, came and lay in Setoun, burnt and destroyit the cas-

tell thair of, spulzeit the kirk, took away the belis, organis, and all wther tursable thingis, and pat them in thair schipis, and burnt the tymmer work within the kirk, in the moneth of Maij the zeir of GOD 1544 yeiris.

OF LORD GEORGE, YE 5. Cap. 21.

George, the fyft of that name, succedit to George the fourt, his father, and was lang nurishit in France; and mareitt Isabell, dochter to Sir Williame of Saucher, knight, that tyme capitane of Edinburgh castell, and ane of the senatouris of our Souerane Ladies colledge of justice. The caus of this mariage was be reasoun that my Lord Duke of Chatareault, Earle of Arrane, Lord Hamiltoun, gouvernour of this realme, and his brother Johne, archbischof of Sanctandrois, was thesaurar, and sumthing schairp to the said Lord George, and maid him impediment in bruiking of certane few landis in Kirklistoun, that the said Lord George his father gat in few at Dauid Beaton cardinall his handis. For the quhilk cans he thought goode to allya himself with sum of my Lord Duike his freinds and surname; and becaus the said Sir Williame was grittest, maist substantions, and honest of that surname, nixt my Lord Duke his self, haueand dochteris at age to marie, he thought it goode to marie his dochter, thairthrow to haue the mair fauour and maintenance of my lord and his brother the archbischof of Sanctandrois, and for reasonable tocher and gratitudes geuin and done to the said Lord George; and becaus my Lord Duke alledgit his mariage to fall in the king his hands and his, be ressoun of his office, as the indenture of mariage mair fullilie proportis, in the quhilk my said Lord Duke and the said archbischof are contracteris. In this Lord George tyme, the grit tour of Setoun and the Jamnay hous thair of was appeallit and mendit be Sir Williame Hamiltoun, father in law to the said Lord George, better nor euer



it was befor the said burning. This Lord George was sent ambassadour to France, as ane contenit in the commissioun to treat and mak the contract and mariage betuix our Souerane Ladie Queen Marie and Frances Daulphin of Venois, eldest sone and air to Henrie the Secund, King of France, and to sie the said mariage tak end and effect, quhilk was compleitit in the face of halie kirk in the citie of Pareis, in the kirk of Noster Dame, the 24 day of Apryle, the zeir of GOD 1558 yeiris, the said Ambassadouris being present. For the quhilk the said Lord George was honestlie rewardit be the said King of France with certane siluer veschell, and ane yeirlic pensiou of 1200 frankis. And this lord boght the rest of the landis of west Niddrie, and the haill reuersiouns thairof unconqueist of Sanctandrois, for the confirmatioun of the few of Kirklistoun, and gat fra the said bischop the heretage to him and his airis of the principall bailliearie of the baronie of Kirklistoun, togidder with the office of justiciare of all the landis and regalities pertening to the said bischoprick, lyand on the south syde of Forth. Also in his tyme, vpon the 16 day of Februar, the zeir of GOD 1561 yeiris, the grit dungeoun of the auld tour of Setoun fell to the ground, bot as God wald haue it, it did no bodie harme. The caus of the fallin thairof was be reason it was verie auld, and also thair was sindrie translatiouns maid into it, and especially in the ground, quhilk was not sa good as the rest of the wark. This Lord George biggit the great new hous south frae the said great tour, vpon the syde of the gairding. He biggit also the great stane dyk with stane and lyme, about the zaird and orchaird thairof.



THE CRONICLE OF  
THE SAID HOUS OF SETOUN,  
COMPYLLIT IN METER BE  
JOHNE KAMINGTON, ALIAS PETER MANYE.

Highe honour'd hous, with bagie wñabused,  
Whois falshoude zit nor faults war neuer found,  
Nor zit thy caus as criminall accused ;  
Thy name and fame lykwayes be bloode is bound  
Unto thy Prince, ingraft with sic ane ground,  
Quhilk links thy loue to him with loyaltie ;  
Thy valiant warks but dout all sall redound  
To spred thy prais to thy posteritie.

Thy lords first wan there wealth be victorie,  
Quhairthrow there present prais and honor springs ;  
They keipit treuth euer with fidelitie,  
Quhairof thair riche estait zit beirs ye sings ;  
But dout it is yair worthie wark yat bringis  
Thy louing lordis to sic autoritie ;  
Thy constant clan thair ar discend of kings ;  
Princis and peiris ar als discend of the.

Qulhat neid I speik, for euerie man may sie  
The blooming branches of thy royall race ;  
Duiks, Marquesis, Lords, our cheif nobilitie,  
Cum of this hous wñin this simple space ;  
Siclyke the Lord has blist ye with his grace  
To floorish still throw goode and godlie meins.  
O plesant Palice ! thou may now imbrace,  
Four Earles, by Lords, wñin thy hall at anis.

In Canmoirs dayes your royall race began,  
 Through valiant warks, as plainly may appeir ;  
 Dougall the First, ane wyse and worthy man,  
 Quha was the first, as ze may plainlie heir.  
 It is fyue hundreth sax and fiftie zeir  
 Since they receaut thair surname and thair style;  
 And euer sensyne if onie dreid dreu neir,  
 We find no men moir forduard in this yle.

Seher the Secund, into King Davids dayes,  
 Quhilk I beleve was sone to good Dougall,  
 We heir nothing of his work nor his wayes,  
 Bot that he was faithfull and trew withall.  
 Phillip Setoun was thrid, as they him call,  
 Quha in his tyme was staluart, stout and strang ;  
 Malcolm ye Maydin in his tyme deit withall ;  
 This Setoun leued q<sup>n</sup> good King William rang.

This good King William gaue to Philip hail  
 Thir lands and rents for euer in heretage,  
 Setoun, Wintoun, Winchburgh of grit avail ;  
 Thair valiant warks deserued that noble wage ;  
 Establish'd them into his personage,  
 To Phillips clan, wnder his writ and seil,  
 Q<sup>x</sup> chartour zit they haue as signe and gage,  
 And als the lands, as works beirs witnes weill.

Quhen Phillip deit, good Alexander rais ;  
 William confirm'd ye chartour of his rent,  
 Q<sup>x</sup> he gaue to his father in his dayis,  
 Quhairof the nobles war all hail content,  
 To ratifie the same in Parliament.

This Setoun deit, as ye may plainlie heir,  
 With honour, wealth, godlie, and weill content,  
 In Williams rigne the sax and fourtie yeir.

Than Bartime was a man of grit renoun,  
 To Alexander he was baith sone and air,  
 In tyme q<sup>n</sup> William king zit had ye croun,  
 A valiant man of trowth and fashions fair ;  
 The Earle of Marche saw Setoun tak sic cair  
 And diligence his cuntrie to aduance,  
 He gave him Ruchlaw lyand w<sup>t</sup> landis thair ;  
 The king confirm'd yat honest recompance.

Than Adame sprang, quha was a maister clerk,  
 Alexander the secund king than rang ;  
 We heir bot litle of this Setouns wark,  
 Bot sum men thinks he leued verie lang ;  
 Thairfoir fra him to Christell we will gang,  
 Quha was a man mair geuin to reid and pray ;  
 He was a man quha loved na stryfe and wrang,  
 Mair of this man we haue nathing to say.

Christell ye 2 was a worthie man,  
 Both geuin to manhoode and noblenes,  
 Into his tyme grit victorie he wan ;  
 Quhen that this kingdome stood into distres,  
 Throw foull discord and grit wnhappines,  
 The Bruce and Baliole baith wald haue the croun,  
 Eduard came in this cuntrie to oppres,  
 Bot Setoun socht to bring that natioun down.

And quhan this Setoun had no strentli to stand  
 Nor hyde the force of yat most potent prince,

Bot neid compel'd him for to leue the land,  
 And lean to freinds, as than his best defence;  
 And yair he wsit manheid and diligence  
 Against suthroun, as trew historie sayis;  
 To save the croun it was his haille pretence:  
 This cheif chiftane he deit in Wallace days.

Christell ye 3, a worthie man of weir,  
 That courteous kny<sup>t</sup> was born in Wallace days,  
 Staluard and stout, forward w<sup>t</sup>outin feir,  
 Most wyse and vertuouus in all his ways;  
 This man he was, as ye historie sayes,  
 Sic confort as he oft brocht to the croun,  
 Reskeuit ye king in monie creuell freyis,  
 Quhairthrow he heght good Christell of Setoun.

Quhen that our king was vincust be his fois,  
 His men tane flight, and he in Inglis handis,  
 His enemies than began for to rejois,  
 Becaus they had our king into yair bandis,  
 And cryed in pryde, q<sup>t</sup> Scot amang yow stands,  
 That hes the hart to saue your new maid king?  
 Setoun hard yat, he venturit lyfe and lands,  
 Out of that stour by force he did him bring.

Quhen that the king be Setoun was releued,  
 He gaue him hiest honour for his wage;  
 As efteruard in enerie pairt he preued,  
 His sister first gaue him in mariage;  
 And next to yat gaue him a princelie badge,  
 Quhilk maid Setoun to be moir creuell kend,  
 Efter he had win monie wassalage,  
 His fois, allace, ouercame him in the end.



At thair desyre this good kny<sup>t</sup> was destroyit,  
 Amang his fois right cruellie put down ;  
 Be tressoun tane, to London syne conuoyit,  
 Beistlie abusit for all his grit renoun.  
 Thir tydings came into our king w<sup>t</sup> croun,  
 That trew Setoun in London lost his lyfe ;  
 The king for wo, was lyke to fall in suoun,  
 For loue he buir to Setoun and his wyfe.

Goode Christell's sone ane good lyfe hes begun,  
 Was neuer nane moir valiant wyse befoir,  
 The kings cousing deir and sister sone,  
 Q<sup>a</sup> broght to all his ofspring prais and gloir.  
 Christell did weill, bot he did mekle moir,  
 Out of stres be him Bruce was releued,  
 Frie to his croun Setoun did him restoir,  
 And oftyms moir valiantlie he preued.

Quhairfoir the king gaue him sic riche rewarde,  
 Four baronies of grit riches and rent ;  
 Siclyke the king for Setoun he prepaird  
 The tenendrie for that tyme of Tranent ;  
 Be manheid syne he preist for to preuent  
 The English army landing into Fyff ;  
 It is ane thing all Setouns sould lament,  
 Sa valiantly yat kny<sup>t</sup> thair endit lyfe.

Alexander of yat name was ye thrid,  
 A valiant man both vertuous and goode ;  
 Qubhat douchtie deids for this cuntrie he did,  
 Is wonderfull and treulie to concloode.  
 He saw his sones, his deirest fleshe and bloode,  
 Q<sup>n</sup> King Eduard beseiged Beruick toun,

Or he wald zeild wnto yat tyrant roode,  
He sufferit them far rather be put down.

If ze wald speir how that he suffred so,  
Ze knaw it was of constant manly mynd,  
Wnto the eronicles if ze will go,  
Thair ze sall sie his lyfc at lenth defynd ;  
How that his manlie courage was inclynd,  
To steidfast treuth q<sup>r</sup> euer he buir comand,  
And for his treuth the king hes him propynd,  
W<sup>t</sup> all Parbroth, baith heretix and land.

Alexander the 4 man of yat name,  
Sone to Alexander that was deid ;  
Ane vertuous man, and of a noble fame,  
Quha leued lang into his fatheris stead.  
King Robart rang, quhen King David was deid,  
And James the first, quha knew yat noble Lord ;  
He leued deuoutlie, bot ather sturt or feid,  
Into gude age, as stories dois record.

William the first, be his fidelitie  
And wisdome, was maid Lord of Parliament,  
And gat that place for his posteritie,  
For to be lordis with all estaits consent.  
This Lord he was prudent and prouident,  
In modest matching of his childring deir ;  
His secund sone gat grit riches and rent,  
Be his wisdome, as efter ze sall heir.

The heretrix he gat for him to wyfe,  
Quhairof the hous of Huntlie now is sprung ;  
His dochters als, ladies of modest lyfe,

Plaist them on lords and gallant barons zoung.  
 It hes pleas'd God as zit for to prolong }  
 His royall race as Princes in this yle ;  
 My simple mynd cannot furnish my toung  
 Words yat ar worth for to set furth yair style.

Q<sup>n</sup> that this louing Lord William was gone,  
 Q<sup>a</sup> is maist worthie of trew memorie,  
 Than rais a noble man was callit Johne,  
 Quha come to honour and grit dignitie ;  
 He was belouit of his Majestie,  
 King James the First he hard of Setoun tauld,  
 Baith of his manheid and his modestie ;  
 He maid him M<sup>r</sup> of his grit houshald

As efterwart, q<sup>n</sup> that the king perceauit  
 His manlie mynde, his treuth and diligence,  
 He gaue him higher honour nor he crauit,  
 The hous of Setouns honour to aduance ;  
 Quhen that his eldest dochter went to France,  
 W<sup>t</sup> that Monarchie to matche in mariage,  
 Lord Johne Setoun than for his recompance  
 Was maid protector of hir personage.

George the 1, a man of good report,  
 Was tane captiue q<sup>n</sup> that he was a chylde ;  
 Crichtoun to keip him thocht, for to be schort,  
 For his behove, zit was he bot begylde,  
 Onlie be counsall of his mother mylde ;  
 The laird Jonstoun gat him out of his handis,  
 He grew ane man whais lyfe was wndefyld,  
 Of noblnes evin matchles in thir landis.

Q<sup>n</sup> that he came to perfyte manly age,  
 He spous'd himself wnto ane lady fair,  
 Of noble bloode and plesand personage,  
 Dochter to ane noble Earle, but hair  
 Of Buchane, and q<sup>lk</sup> buir the charge and cair,  
 Constabull of France, grand chiftane in yat land ;  
 This George he built the queir of Setoun fair,  
 In staitlie style, as ze may sie it stand.

George the 2 his wisdom was most rair,  
 In euerie airt he had a pregnant skill,  
 Learning and musick was his grittest cair,  
 Theologie and other airts thairtill ;  
 Quhen he his princelie mariage did fulfill,  
 Desyre of this compeld him for to pas  
 To Sanctandris w<sup>t</sup> haill desyre and will,  
 In sic conceatis a lang tyme yair he was.

To Pareis went, and thair tareid a space ;  
 Syne he came hame, and pendit all zor queir,  
 Foundit your colledge, and did yo<sup>r</sup> gardings grace,  
 W<sup>t</sup> staitlie stoupis, as than did weill appeir ;  
 Buildit Wintoun in glorious good affeir,  
 And held a schip against these tyrants strang.  
 He tooke reuenge oft of these men of weir,  
 Quha prison'd him befoir, and did him wrang.

George the thrid, he worthy was and wyse,  
 Beloued of James the Fourt, our noble king ;  
 Monie good warks this Lord did interpryse,  
 His vertew first that worthie work did bring,  
 Releit his lands, q<sup>lk</sup> wthers did consigne



Quhat they wodset, this worthy man releuit,  
 Theikit your queir, and monie vther thing ;  
 In every wark mast vertuously he preuit.

Mareit the dochter of yat noble Earle  
 Patrick, ye first of Bothuell yat was lord,  
 A louing lady and a plesant perle,  
 Quhairthrow the hous of Setoun was decoird ;  
 Bot efterward this goode lord was devoird,  
 Beforce of fois confound in Floudane feild ;  
 Scotland, allace, may sair rew yat discord,  
 They loist their king, yair buckler, and y<sup>r</sup> sheild.

Lord George ye 4 was baith wyse and discreit,  
 Ane kyndlie man, and als ane conquerour ;  
 His elderis dets he payit all compleit ;  
 Releuit Winchburgh, yat gude and plesant flour ;  
 Langniddrie, w<sup>t</sup> the hous and leuing hail.  
 Of David Betoun, he had grit fauour,  
 Gat Kirklistoun in few for litle mail.

Q<sup>n</sup> we with England had our deidly weir,  
 And quhen thair army came in Louthiane,  
 They brunt his hous, his kirk, and tuke his geir,  
 Q<sup>lk</sup> put his hart wnto sic greif and paine,  
 That he for sorrow halving deit in plaine  
 To sie his plesant policie supprest.  
 In Louthiane he could not than remaine,  
 Deit in Culros, and tuke his heuinly rest.

Lord George the 5 was baith wyse and valiant,  
 As France can schaw the tym q<sup>n</sup> he was thair ;

In Scotland als most worthilie he spent  
 His tym of zouth, and did assaultis most sair ;  
 Richt so this vertuous lord he did repair  
 His plesand palice as ze sie it now,  
 Plaintit gairdings w<sup>t</sup> plesant walls fair,  
 Whilk neuer was sa staitlie, as I trow.

He mareit of the hous of Hammiltoun,  
 The formest peiris than rignand in this land,  
 Quhairthrow he gat baith riches and renoun,  
 And still became moir famous be yat band ;  
 Through wit at last his lo: might command  
 North Britane braid to stand for his behove,  
 Except tyrants, q<sup>lk</sup> did treu men w<sup>t</sup>stand,  
 Bot God in wraith at last did them remoue.

Robert then, quha leued in our tyme,  
 Not lang ago since that he did depairt,  
 That Lord was neuer accused for no cryme,  
 Richt meik of nature, with a gentle hart ;  
 In courtisie he was right weill expert,  
 Richt prouident, ane pearle of patience,  
 With wretchednes his mynde tooke neuer part,  
 Wnto his Prince trew w<sup>t</sup> obedience.

His hous was buildit be that noble Lord  
 His father, faithfull in most royall wyse ;  
 Bot be this man the palice was decoird,  
 Hals, chalmeris, galryes, in most gallant gyse ;  
 Q<sup>a</sup> that hie hienes preist to haue ye pryse  
 To tret strangers q<sup>a</sup> they war cum fra far,

Than he did charge his messingers to ryse,  
To schaw that Lord q<sup>t</sup> noble men they war.

Than he in haist imployed his bussines  
To mak these strangeris riche and royall cheir ;  
Befoir they came it was in reddines,  
Quhairof strangeris did maruell and admire ;  
Was no desert nor dainties that was deir,  
Bot all come presentlie into yair licht,  
Quhilk brocht his Prince so high in honour heir,  
Quhat subject was yat that could schaw sic a syt ?

And q<sup>n</sup> this Lord did matche in mariage  
W<sup>t</sup> Margaret, that good and godlie dame,  
Come of hie honour and of grit heretage,  
Quhairfoir grit blissing to his hous sho came.  
Danger and dett was lyke a fyrie flame,  
Quhilk had almaist consumde his land and rent ;  
Sho maid vertew hir ledder, and sho clam  
Held him in honour, so that he was content.

So no man wist q<sup>ll</sup> yat it was reuiued ;  
Bones gat thair flesche, q<sup>lk</sup> was baith lein and bair ;  
These rented relictis be hir they warre releued,  
Quhill they come to thair auld estait and mair ;  
Quhen caus requyred, zit did she neuer spair,  
Bot schew the nature of nobilitie,  
With modest mynde and famous faschiouns fair,  
Quhilk now is sein on hir posterity.

I think indeed yat honour sho hes had,  
For God hes geuin hir sic prerogatiue,

That sho may sie now of hir bodie bred  
Tua noble Earles are presently on line ;  
Thair vertuous I think few can discriue,  
Since they began, and zit of tender zouth ;  
God giue them grace euin in his feir to striue,  
That they may end as yair elders begouth !





UPON the last of Nouember 1593, Dame Isabell Setoun, Countess of Perth, was borne, being Fryday, at ane efter midnight.

Robert, first Earle of Wintoun, Lord Setoun, departit this life upon the xxiii of Mairche 1603, and was buriat upon Tysday ye 5 of Apryle 1603, upon q<sup>lk</sup> day his Ma<sup>tie</sup> tooke first jorney to Ingland.

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Upon the 19 Apryle 1608, being Tysday, James, first Earle of Perth, was mareit upon Dame Isabell Setoun, dochter to Robert, first Earle of Wintoun.

Upon the last of Apryle, my Ladye Perth was delyuerit of ane dochter at 6 hours at euin, her name callit Jean, zeir of God 1611, and was baptised upon the      of May 1611.

Upon Wediusday, the 18 of December 1611, the Erle of Perth de-pairtit this lyfe.

Upon the 2 of August 1614, being Tysday, Francis, Earle of Bothu-ell, mareit the foirsaid Dame Isabell Setoun, Countes of Perth.

Upon Thursday, the 29 of Januar 1618, my Lady Perth was delyuerit of her eldest sone Charles, and was christned upon Sunday ye 15 of Fe-bruar, foirsaid yeir of God.

Upon ye 6 of Marche 1619, Margaret my 2 dochter was borne, and was christned the 4 of Mairche 1619. She departit this lyfe ye 14 of Januar 1620.



Upon ye 22 of Marche, Alexander my 2 sone was borne, about 10 hours in ye morning, and depairtit this lyfe upon ye 11 of October 1620.

Upon Setterday, ye 2 of November 1622, Robert my 3 sone was borne, ane q'ter befoir 3 hours in ye morning.

Upon the 26 of Apryle 1609, George Earle of Wintoun, was mareit upon Dame Anna Hay, eldest dochter to Frances Earle of Erroll.

Upon ye 22 of July 1610, my Lady Wintoun was delyuerit of hir eldest sone, callit George. He deit upon the

Upon the 18 of December 1611, my Lady Wintoun was delyuerit of hir eldest dochter, callit Anna. She deit

Upon the 15 of May 1613, my Lady Wintoun was delyuerit of hir secund son, callit George.

Upon the 25 of Marche 1615, my Lady Wintoun was delyuerit of hir secund dochter, callit Margaret.

Upon Thursday ye 20 of Februar 1617, a litle befoir 9 hours at night, my Lady Wintoun was delyuerit of hir thrid sone, callit Christell.

Upon Setterday ye 13 of Junii 1618, my Lady Wintoun was delyuerit of hir 3 dochter, callit Elizabeth, betni(n) 9 and 10 at night.

Was the 22 of Junii 1612, Alexander Earle of Eglintoun was mareit upon dame Anna Leuningstoun, eldest dochter to Alexander Earle of Linlithgow.

Upon the penult of Marche 1613, my Lady Eglintoun was delyuerit of hir eldest sone, callit Hew, at 6 hours at euin.

Upon the 26 of Junii 1614, my Lady Eglintoun was delyuerit of hir secund sone, callit Harie. The Queins Matie being his godmother, he was baptized upon the 21 of August.

The 8 of Nouember, being Wednisday, ye zeir of God 1515, my

Ladye Eglintoun was delyuerit of hir 3 sone at tua houris in ye morning. His name Alexander.

Upon Thursday ye 20 of Februar 1617, my Lady Eglintoun was delyuerit of hir eldest dochter, callit Margaret. Hir delyuerie was at 8 hours in the morning.

Upon Fryday ye 26 of Julii 1618, my Lady Eglintoun was delyuerit of hir second daughter, callit Helenor. Sho depairtit this lyfe

Upon the 24 of October 1620, my Lady Eglintoun was delyuerit of hir 4 sone, callit James.

Upon the 13 of Mairche 1620, my Ladye Wintoun was delyuerit of hir 4 sone, callit Alexr.

Upon the 24 of December, being Zuill dayis euin, betwix 3 and 4 hours in the morning, my Lady Wintoun was delyuerit of hir fourt dochter, callit Elizabeth.

Upon Wednesday ye first of Maye 1623, my Lady Wintoun was delyuerit of her fyft sone about 4 in ye morning, callit Francis.

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Upon the 24 of Mairche 1603, the right honourable Robert, 1st Erle of Wintoun, Lord Setoun, depairtit this lyfe.

Upon the nynt of Apryle 1624, ye right honorable and most worthie ladie of good memorie, Dame Margaret Montgomrie, Countes of Wintoun, Ladie Setoun, depairtit this life.

EXTRACTS  
FROM THE  
FAMILY BIBLE AT DUNSE CASTLE.

ALEXANDER SETON, 1st Viscount of Kingston, was married in February 1650, to Jean Fletcher, only daughter of Sir George Fletcher, a gentleman of the privy chamber in ordinary to King Charles 1st, and brother of Sir Andrew Fletcher of Salton, a senator of the Colledge of Justice. She died in August 1651.

FAMILY OF ALEXANDER, 1st VISCOUNT OF KINGSTON.

2d, Alexander Seton, 1st Viscount of Kingston, married Elizabeth, sister and heir of Archibald Douglas of Whittingham, the 22d of July, 1652.

Ann Seton was born at Seton-house, the 24th of April 1651.

Charles Seton was born at Seton — the 4th of April 1653.

George Seton was born at Seton — the 29th of July 1654.

Alexander Seton was born at Seton — the 4th of November 1655.

Isabella Seton was born at Whittingham, the 18th of November 1656.

Barbara Seton was born at the Westfield, the 4th of September 1659.

Archibald Seton was born at Whittingham, the 5th of October 1661.

Arthur Seton was born at Whittingham, the 30th of December 1663.

John Seton was born at Whittingham, the 11th of October 1665.

James Seton was born at Whittingham, the 29th of January 1667.

Elizabeth Seton was born at Whittingham, the 21st of April 1668.



My dear wife, Elizabeth Douglas, deyed the 21st of October 1668, upon the Wednesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon. She was born at Stoney Peth, the 30th of May 1632; died the 36th year of her age.

My dear son, John Seton, deyed on Wednesday the 29th of April, 1674, being the ninth year of his age.

My son, Alexander Seton, deyed the fourth of October 1676, the twenty-one year of his age, on a Wednesday; a good scholar; learned in Greek and Latin; a good Latin poet; a young man of good expectation; wise, and virtuously well inclined; and of parts unknown. Dominus dedit, Dominus abstulit; sit nomen Domini benedictum.

My dearest daughter, Isabella Seton, deyed the 13th of June 1677, the 21st year of her age, on a Wednesday; she was an most accomplished lady, regrated and bemoaned by all that knew her. Her mother, her two brothers, John and Alexander, and she, deyed all on a Wednesday.

George Seton, after he had been an Ensign two years, a Lieutenant one year, and Captain two years, in France, in Douglas' Regiment, the regiment being called for out of France by the king, he died at London, in May 1678, the 24th year of his age; an very lively and extraordinary handsome youth, and very gallant.

My dear Barbara Seton deyed the 5th of Nov. 1679, being 20 years old and two months; a most rare creature, wise and accomplished above her age, almost to admiration. She died on a Wednesday, as her mother, her two brothers, and sister had: Habebat sapientiam senilem in juvenile etate.

My eldest son, Charles Seton, died on Wednesday, the 7th of June 1682, the 29th year of his age and one month; a gallant young man.

My dear wife Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter to the Lord Belhaven, deyed the 5th of June 1685; I having been two years and a half married to her.

The 4th of August 1686 years, I was married to the Lady Margaret

Douglas, sister to the Marquis of Douglas and the Earl of Forfar, by Mr Annon, Dean of Edinburgh. She died at Whittingham on a Sunday at 12 o'clock in the forenoon, the 12th day of October 1692; buried in the isle of the kirk of Whittingham.

The above written by the 1st Viscount.

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My father Alexander, Viscount of Kingston, deyed at Whittingham the 21st of October, of his age 71, the year 1691.

My brother Arthur deyed at Whittingham, the 23d of October 1691. Both the father and son were buried at one time in Whittingham church, the 25th of October.

Written by the 2d Viscount.

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William Hay of Drummelzier was married at Broxmouth, the 23d day of November 1695, to Elizabeth Seton, daughter to Alexander, Viscount of Kingston, by Elizabeth Douglas, heiress of the estate of Whittingham.

**THE EPITAPH**  
**OF LORD SETON AND HIS LADY,**  
TRANSLATED FROM THE LATIN, ON A MARBLE SLAB,  
IN SETON CHAPEL.

*(From a MS. in the possession of the Earl of WEMYSS.)*

NEAR the south side of this chapel are deposited the bodies, once the habitations of the souls, of **GEORGE SETON** and **ISABEL HAMILTON**; souls truly noble, and worthy of everlasting remembrance. George, of this name the 5th, honourably possessed and enlarged the ample estates and fortune transmitted to him by his ancestors in times of great disturbance in the country. He was born in the reign of James the Fifth. Being deprived of his most worthy father, when he was a young man, living in France, he returned home, and in a short time afterwards, by a decree of the Estates of the Kingdom, he is sent back to France, and there, as one of the Ambassadors, he negotiated and ratified the marriage between Queen Mary and Francis, Dauphin of France, and the antient treaties between the French and Scots. Upon his return home, he found his country involved in the flames, both of foreign and civil wars, upon the change of religion and the forms of worship: when within Scotland, the English and French, the Germans and Spaniards, were engaged in war, and the Scots also fighting among themselves, his house having been more than once burnt to the ground, and entirely demolished, and all his estates ravaged by the English, he restored the whole anew upon a scale more extensive, and in a style more magnificent. In every change of fortune always independant and undaunted, when his King was murdered by the most abandoned of men, and the Queen driven into exile by the faction of the nobles, he, like his brave ancestors,

always stood unmoved. For this steady loyalty being often imprisoned and kept in close confinement, often banished his country, and stripped of all his fortune, he not only sustained with fortitude, but even despised and surmounted innumerable distresses of that kind, which bore witness of his faithful attachment to his country, and his loyalty to its rightful Sovereigns. At length, upon the accession of James the Sixth, by whose auspicious government, prudence, and counsels, Scotland was delivered from all its tempests and distresses, and restored to its antient splendor, he too was honourably received, and treated according to his merit, recovered his rank and dignity of his ancestors, and was sent by the King as his chief ambassador to Henry the Third King of France, with the most ample powers to confirm the alliance between them. In this high office, when he was performing services to the satisfaction, and with the favour of both Princes, the labours of his past life bring upon him a fatal disease. He returned to his own country, and within a month after he went hence to a better state, on the 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1585, about the 55th year of his age.

Dame ISABELL HAMILTON sprung from parents of noble birth; her father being Sir William Hamilton of Sanquhar, and her mother Catherine Kennedy, daughter of the Earl of Cassils, was herself distinguished for beauty, moral excellence, and all accomplishments both of mind and body; standing high in these respects among the ladies of her age. Having got this George Lord Seton for her husband, she was his support and comfort in all his adversities, and his ornament in prosperity. Surviving her dearest husband 18 years, she lived in a liberal and most affectionate manner with their common children.

All the jointure she had received from her husband she cheerfully shared with them in common, and with her substance cherished and promoted all their honourable endeavours and studies; nor did she reap



in her own lifetime scanty fruits of this pious attention and maternal love, being herself rendered more respectable and illustrious, by the high offices, dignities, and honours of her children, until worn out with age, and afflicted with the gout, and other diseases, she resigned her soul to God, on the 13th of Nov. 1604, being about 75 years of age.

Off these so illustrious parents this was the issue:—

1st, Robert Seton, their eldest son, the first Earl of Winton, honoured with this title by James the Sixth for his own merits and those of his ancestors.

2d, Sir John, very high in favour with the same King; made a privy counsellor, and raised to be lord high treasurer, and other great offices. He was carried off in the flower of his age; yet leaving children behind him.

3d, Alexander, many years a judge of the Supreme Court, and a privy counsellor; then chosen president of the Court of Session, by the Court itself, was at length made a privy counsellor of both kingdoms, by that wise being who first connected Scotland and England by the tie of a common Sovereign, and was created Earl of Dumferline and counsellor of the kingdom of Scotland.

4th, William, sheriff of Lothian; and one of the lords wardens and administrators of the marches of Scotland and England.

5th, a daughter, Margaret, married to Claud Hamilton, Lord of Paisley, mother of James, the first Earl of Abercorn, and the fruitful parent of all that flourishing family of brothers and sisters.

Let posterity know these things, and honour the memory of so great a man, and so distinguished a woman; let them imitate their virtues, and wish sweet repose to their pious souls.

The memory of great men is no less useful than their presence.

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