

Canongate." And this story is corroborated by a friend of Mr George Eyre-Todd, and is referred to in the *Sketch Book of the North*.

The *History of East Kilbride*, by David Ure, Preacher of the Gospel, on the other hand, tells of Mrs Jean Cameron, of Mount Cameron, "whose zealous attachment to the House of Stuart, and the active part she took to support its interest, in the year 1745, made her well known throughout Britain. Her enemies, indeed, took unjust freedoms with her good name; but what can the unfortunate expect from a fickle and misjudging world? . . . She attended service in the parish church, in which she joined with becoming devotion. Her brother and his family of all her friends paid her the greatest attention. She died in 1773." Here is still another account:—"Jenny was born about 1695, and was the favourite daughter of Cameron of Glandessera. Sent to Edinburgh to be educated, she began to show at the age of sixteen that passion for intrigue which, according to Ray [a rabid Hanoverian], was a marked feature of her life. Detected in this first *faux pas*, her friends, to 'bury the scandal,' sent her to a French nunnery. Here again her conduct was anything but nun-like. . . . On the landing of Prince Charles, Bonnie Jeanie Cameron raised 250 of her nephew's tenants, and, marching at their head, offered their services to the Prince. According to Ray [whose dates, however, contradict each other in different editions], the lady must have been fifty years of age when she captivated Prince Charlie. She cannot have been the pure and disinterested creature depicted by the Rev. David Ure, A.M. Nor, if she was born in 1695, can she have been the person who begged in the streets of Edinburgh nearly a hundred years after."

In the latter half of last century, therefore, there were two Jean, or Jenny, Camerons, for each of whom it was claimed that she was the Chevalier's light o' love. In discussions on the subject recently, apparently, the reference in Galt has been overlooked. It seems to support the claims of Mrs Jean Cameron of East Kilbride. Galt was born and reared in the West, and would be far more likely to know about the famous Western beauty than about the old beggar in Edinburgh. The landlord in *Tom Jones* mistakes Sophia Western for the "Pretender's mistress, Madame Jenny Cameron." It might be said that it would be as reasonable to make Jeanie Cameron