

## Clan Baty.

AMONG the Scottish Border Clans of olden time was that of Bat—or Baty—represented by the modern families of Beatson and Beaty, who inhabited the valley of the Esk in Dumfries, in the 15th and 16th centuries. The name is a diminutive of Bartholemew, and in early records is variously spelled Bat, Bette, Baty, Baytie, Batie, Baetie, Baittie, and Baitty; in modern times it appears as Beattie in Scotland and Beaty or Beatty in Ireland, while at all times it appears in the form of Beatison or Beatson, with variations of spelling. In 1458 King James II. granted lands in Roxburgh to John Beatisoun, and others in the same locality to his brother Nicholas Batisoun, as rewards for services rendered. Robert Batysoune also received a grant of lands, apparently for participating in the same services. Half a century later the clan seems to have fallen upon evil days, being, with many other border clans, sufferers from an English invasion, and the victims also of much rough usage from their own compatriots; and about the middle of the 16th century they became broken. It was probably about this time that some of the name crossed over and settled in the north parts of Ireland, where their descendants still continue. From this latter section of the clan are derived some of the families of Beaty and Beatty, settled in Ontario, and of whom some members have attained considerable prominence in this province.\*

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