

himself in business in Fergus. They would not unnaturally be called cousins of Mr. Fergusson, although there was no actual blood relationship. An aunt of Mr. Fergusson's had been the first wife of the Rev. Dr. Bisset, for forty years minister of Logie Rait, Perthshire, whose second wife (a daughter of the Rev. T. Tullideph, Principal, for nearly forty years, of St. Andrew's University, Scotland, and also one of the Royal Chaplains for fifteen years before his death in 1777, was the maternal grandmother of the brothers Adam and John T. Thom. The uncle by marriage of these two, and the full cousin of the Hon. Adam Fergusson, was Robert Bisset, LL.D., known in his day as the author of several historical works. Adam Thom, LL.D., the elder brother, died in Feb. 1890, in London, England, at the age of 87. He was a man of much ability, energy and independence of mind, accompanied by purity of motive in all relations, public or private. At his death he was Father of the Bench and Bar in Western Canada. For sixteen years he was Judge of Rupert's Land, from which he retired in 1855, when he left Canada for his native land. He promoted every effort to advance the cause of education and morality in his adopted country while he remained. He was, besides, a student of Hebrew, and in 1848 published a work entitled the "Chronology of Prophecy," and he was very highly and universally respected. This at least may be either gathered or inferred from a short memoir which appeared in the *Western Law Times*, and which also contains several interesting and well considered charges addressed to Grand Juries on some important trials during his official life."

The Rev. Thomas Bisset's first wife was Ann, daughter of the Rev. Adam Fergusson, minister of Moulin, and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Kirk of Scotland in 1772, by Amelia, daughter of Captain James Menzies, of Comry, and niece of Sir Robert Menzies, of Weem, Bart., and of John, first Earl of Breadalbane. Mrs. Bisset's brother was Neil Fergusson, of Pitcullo, Sheriff Depute of Fife, who, by his wife Agnes, daughter of Sir George Colquhoun, Bart., had a son, the Honorable Adam Fergusson, of Woodhill, Upper Canada, Member of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, and one of the founders of Fergus, Ont.

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JAMES BISSET, Clerk of the Regality Court of Athol, about 1720, had three sons:—

I.—THOMAS BISSET, of Glenalbert.

II.—PATRICK BISSET.

III.—REV. ROBERT BISSET.

I.—THOMAS BISSET, of Glenalbert, near Dunkeld, Perthshire, first ("old") Commissary of Dunkeld, and Baron Baillie to the Duke of Athol. He married, the 31st of May, 1713, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Stewart, second son of Patrick Stewart, of Ballechin, in the parish of Logierait,