

JAMES IRVING OF IRONSHORE

AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JAMES IRVING a younger son of a Border Laird* in the County of Dumfries, who went into the world to seek his fortune, first to Russia, then to Bermuda, afterwards to South Carolina and eventually to Jamaica where he lived many years, brought up a large family, acquired property and an honourable position.

This History is written by his great-grandson, Æmilus Irving, and will contain all the information relating to James Irving and his descendants, which he has collected from different sources over a long period of years.

It will be convenient to describe James Irving as the Elder, in the direct line there having been four of that name, who are hereafter referred to.

*John Irving of Woodhouse (died 1669), married 1661, Sarah, daughter of Sir William Douglas of Kelhead (second son of William 1st. Earl of Queensberry). Their eldest son, William Irving of Bonshaw and Woodhouse (1663-1742) recovered Bonshaw from his cousin William in 1696, married 1698, Æmilia (born 1676) eldest daughter of Andrew 3rd Baron Rollo of Duncrub by his wife, Margaret, (daughter of the 3rd Lord Balfour of Burleigh); she died at Bonshaw 1747; their eighth son was the above James Irving, of Ironshore and Hartfield, in the Island of Jamaica.