

family but with no fortune, and contrived to live on the scanty means left him by his father. These, such as they were, he transmitted undiminished to his son George, my grandfather, who though likewise distinguished by his love of literature, was remarkable for his imprudence, and, dying young, left his family in great poverty.

The eldest son was the Reverend Dr. George Campbell, minister of the Established Church of Scotland in Cupar, Fife (my father), who, without other patrimony, was indebted to his father for an excellent education and a dying admonition that his descendants, although reduced in the world, should recollect the race from which they were sprung, and should try to regain the position in society which had been held by their *forbears*. So much for my paternal line. I confess I have misgivings about our descent from the *Abbot*, knowing well from my experience in pedigree trials how easy it is, giving one link, for the claimant to trace himself up to Alfred, Charlemagne, and the Greek Emperors.

But in the maternal line I can really and strictly and *optimè fide* deduce my origin from the kings of Scotland. My mother was a Hallyburton,* descended from the Barons of Hallyburton. Sir Walter Hallyburton, her lineal ancestor, in the year 1440 was created a peer by the title of Lord Hallyburton, having married a daughter of Robert Duke of Albany, Regent of Scotland and first prince of the blood. The Hallyburtons are mentioned in Sir David Dalrymple's Annals in the lists of those killed or taken prisoners in the battle of Halidon and in the battle of Durham; and they were a considerable knightly family in the time of the Bruces, although they were not ennobled till their alliance with the royal dynasty of the Stuarts.

They did not always show due respect for the rights of the Church, but they redeemed themselves by resolutely joining in raids against the English. The Merton branch being involved in a dispute with the Abbot of Dryburgh in the reign of James

* This, like other proper names of ancient families, has been spelt in a great variety of ways, Haliburton, Halliburton, Halyburton, Hallyburton, &c.