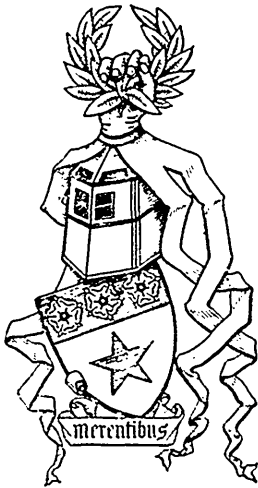


The following article is printed in the *GENEALOGIST* upon the special request of a correspondent in Montreal, although it is a little beyond our limit, which we have generally confined to the province of Ontario.

Heriot.



The name of Heriot* is of great antiquity in Scotland, dating from the 12th century.

In 1423 John Heriot, son of James Heriot of Niddry-Marischal, acquired the estate of Trabroun, Haddington, which continued in the possession of his descendants until the end of the reign of Charles I. After that time the lands of Elphinston in East Lothian came into their

possession, and these they called Trabroun.

James Heriot, sixth in descent of Trabroun, 1567, was in Queen Mary's army when, on the march from Dunbar to Edinburgh, it met the forces of the Protestant lords at Carbery Hill (about seven miles east of Edinburgh). There were "communers and talkers" sent from both parties; the leaders being Kirkaldy of Grange for the lords, and Cockburn of Ormiston and Heriot of Trabroun for the Queen and Duke of Orkney

*The name has a meaning which is curious and interesting. Under the feudal system a heriot or hariot was a due accruing to the lord on the death of his tenant, consisting of his best beast, horse, ox or cow. In some manors the best chattels, such as a piece of plate, are called hariots.