

about the end of the 14th, or the beginning of the 15th century.* In 1551 George Hamilton of Boreland and John his son had a remission under the Privy Seal for "syding with the Earl of Lenox" in the battle of Butts, fought near Glasgow in 1543.†

William Hamilton of Boreland was retoured heir to his father Patrick Hamilton in lands in Boreland and Towlach in 1611. Hew Hamilton of Boreland is mentioned in the testament of Janet Wilson, in Bent, in 1616;‡ John Hamilton of Boreland is mentioned in the Ayr Presbytery records in 1650; Hugh Hamilton of Boreland executed a procuratory of resignation of his estate in favor of his grand-daughter Margaret, only child of the deceased John Hamilton, only son of the said Hugh, June 29, 1669; Margaret Hamilton was married to Hugh Montgomerie of Prestwickshaws, descended from the Eglinton family, in 1670, and in 1673 she and her husband had a charter of the estate from the said Hugh Hamilton, his grandfather, in favor of them and their heirs. In 1751 the Boreland property was sold, and in 1847 it belonged to the Marquis of Bute.

According to Nisbet; William Hamilton of Bardanock, in Ayrshire, a second son of *Hamilton of Boreland* (and probably brother of the Patrick Hamilton mentioned above), was the father of the founder of the Olivestob family, who was JOHN HAMILTON, of Edinburgh, the owner of two well known estates in the vicinity of the ancient capital, with both of which his and his family's names are indissolubly connected. The first of these estates is that of Muirhouse, often called Murrays, in Cramond Parish, not more than four miles from Edinburgh, a handsome estate of some three hundred acres, originally, it is believed, a hunting seat of the Scottish kings, and later, in 1316, deeded by King Robert Bruce to Sir William Oliphant of Aberdalgy.§ From the Oliphant family it was bought by John Hamilton in 1620, but passing

* James Paterson's History of Ayrshire, Vol. I., p. 369. Paterson's History of Ayr and Wigton, Vol. I., p. 313. Boreland was in the Parish of Cumnock.

† Anderson's House of Hamilton, Supplement, 1827.

‡ Commissary Records of Glasgow.

§ Wood's "Cramond Parish," pp. 23-26, which contain a lengthy account of this interesting estate. See also "Castles and Mansions of the Lothians."