

Innerdale, Abernethy, and Jedburgh Forest, Premier Peer of Scotland, and Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Holyrood, who succeeded his father in 1863.

Many titled personages in the three Kingdoms, besides the Duke of Hamilton, his brother Lord Charles George Archibald Douglas, and his sister Lady Mary Victoria, Princess of Monaco, have a Hamilton ancestry. Among these are the Duke of Abercorn, who by virtue of his descent from Lord Claud Hamilton, fourth son of the Regent Arran, is the *heir male* of the Hamilton family; his brothers Lord Claud, Lord George Francis, Lord Frederic Spencer, and Lord Ernest William, Hamilton; and his sisters, the Countesses of Litchfield, Dalkeith, and Winterton; Lady Blandford, formerly Duchess of Marlborough; and the Marchioness of Lansdowne; the Earls of Aberdeen, Belfast, Carnwath, Carrick, Derby (who by virtue of his descent from Lady Elizabeth Hamilton, only daughter of James, sixth Duke of Hamilton, and her husband Edward, twelfth Earl of Derby, is the *heir-of-line* of the Hamilton family), Dufferin, Dundonald, Haddington, Mar, Orkney, Roden, Southesk, and Stair; Vicounts Bangor and Boyne; and a number of Barons, as Baron Belhaven and Stenton, and Hamilton of Dalzell; besides many Knights and untitled commoners of distinction. The eldest cadet of the House of Hamilton is the Earl of Haddington, who, like the descendants of Colonel Thomas Hamilton of Olivestob, traces his pedigree through the Hamiltons of Innerwick, one of the most ancient and honorable branches of this noble house.

Of the various cadets of the House of Hamilton, not a few settled in Ayrshire, as for example, the founders of the Ardoch, Bargeny, Boreland, Bourtreehill, Beith, Cambuskeith, Inchgottrick, and Sorne and Sanquhair families. From one of these families, that of Boreland, are immediately descended the *Hamiltons of Olivestob*, a family numbering many distinguished military men, and allied by marriage not only with other important families of Hamiltons, but with many noble Scottish families of other names.

Concerning the Boreland Hamiltons not very much has yet been gathered. The family was founded by George Hamilton, second son of Sir David Hamilton of Cadzow and his wife Janet, daughter of Sir William Keith of Galston, who must therefore have acquired Boreland