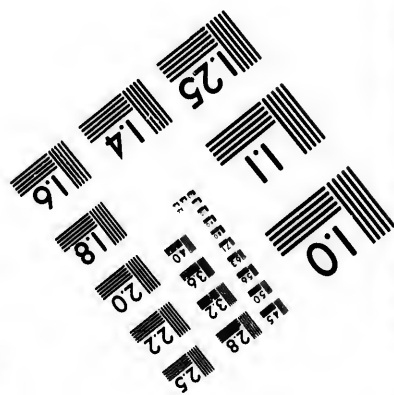
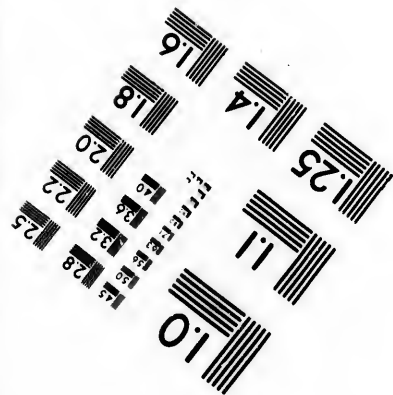
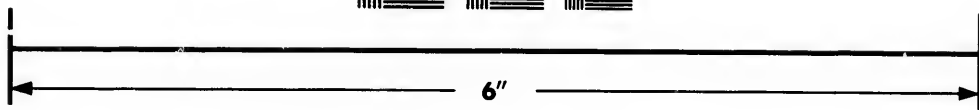
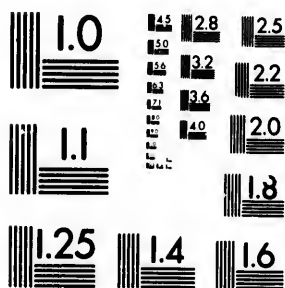


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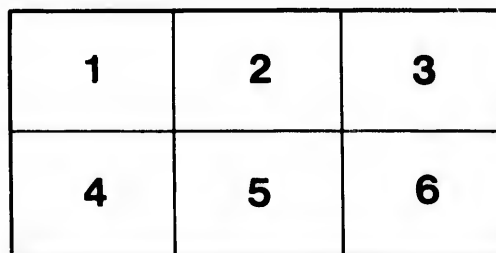
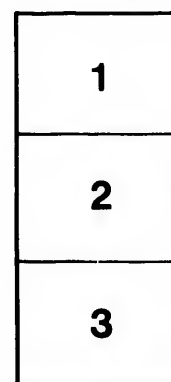
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THE FAMILY OF HAMILTON.

This very ancient and far-reaching family compares with, if not excels any other in Europe, both for antiquity and dignity. The name originated and was taken from the Manor of Hamilden, otherwise "Hamilton," in the Parish of Barkby in the County of Leicester, owned by the old Earls of Leicester. The coat of arms were taken from the Earls of Leicester and Earl of Mellent in Normandy, both of which arms were placed in St. Mary's Church, Leicester.

The descent is authentically traced from the Duke of Normandy (great grandfather of King William, the Conqueror) whose

son was surnamed at baptism Humfrey. Lord Pont Audemar, who married Aifreda o' Haie Auheric, and bore a son who was called Roger De Beaumont, who gave name to the town of Beaumont Le Roger in Normandy.

Roger persuaded the Norman Duke to invade England, in fact accompanied him on that expedition. Roger married Adeline, daughter of the Earl of Mellent, by whom he had two sons. The elder Robert proved to be a remarkable man and a great commander. He led the right wing of the Duke of Normandy's army in the decisive battle of Hastings, and on account of these services he obtained ninety-one lordships and manors in England, and was made Earl of Leicester, A.D. 1103.

Robert I. married Elizabeth, a daughter of Magnus and Anne, daughter of the King of Russia. They had a son, Robert II., who succeeded to the Earldom of Leicester, land and estates, turned a Canon in St. Mary's De Pratis where he served fifteen years and died, A.D. 1168.

His eldest son, Robert III., succeeded him as Earl of Leicester. *In 1137* he married Petronilla, daughter of Lord Hinckley, Great High Steward of England, by whom he had three sons and two daughters.

The eldest became Earl of Leicester, the second Bishop of St. Andrews and Chancellor of Scotland. The third son, William De Bellomont, was surnamed De "Hamilton," A.D. 1173, from the place

of his birth, the Manor of Hambleton or Hamilton, in the Parish of Barkby, in the County of Leicester, England. Thus he became the founder of the family of "Hamilton."

He married Mary, daughter of the Earl of Strathern, 1215, in Scotland. He had a son, Sir Gilbert Hamilton, who was the first of the name to go and settle in Scotland (see note on origin of crest). He married Isabella, daughter of Sir James Randolph, a niece of the king, Robert Bruce, and their eldest son, Sir Walter, was created Baron Cadzow, now Hamilton, in Lanarkshire. He married Mary, daughter of Lord Gordon, and had two sons, Sir David and John.

Sir David was the king's Special Envoy

and Attendant at the battle of Durham in 1546.

He married Jenet, daughter of Sir William Keith. Sir John, his eldest son and successor, married Janet, daughter of Lord Dalkeith.

Lord James, his heir and only son was sent into England as a hostage for the payment of 40,000 marks. He married Janet, daughter of Sir Alex Livingston of Calender, and had four sons. The eldest and successor, Lord James II., was a man of remarkable ability; was a Privy Counsellor in 1440. He married by consent of Parliament the sister of King James in 1474. He left one son, James, and one daughter, who afterwards became the great-grand-mother of Mary Queen

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James Hamilton Marquis II. succeeded him. He was a man of great wisdom and piety; was created Lord High Commissioner of Parliament in 1621. He married Anne Cunningham, daughter of the Earl of Glencairn. His eldest son, James, became the third Marquis of Hamilton, who was created Duke of Hamilton, 1643; was beheaded for his loyalty to King Charles I., 1648. His six children died in youth, so he was succeeded by his brother Willi-

am, who became the second Duke of Hamilton.

William died without male issue, and the estate and honors descended to Sir Claude Hamilton, who had been created Lord Paisley, 1587. He had six sons, five of them died unmarried, and the sixth, James, succeeded him as Lord Paisley. Was made Lord of the King's Bed Chamber, Baron of Abercorn, Earl of Abercorn, and received a great grant of lands in the Barony of Strabane, Ireland. He married Mariana, daughter of Sir Thomas Boyde. He had five sons and three daughters, James, Claude, William, George, and Alexander. Sir James was successor and second Earl of Abercorn, and out of regard for the services of his father and for the loyalty of the family

to the king during the rebellious times, the king asked him to go and live in Ireland, and he would advance him to the peerage with the title of Lord Hamilton, Baron of Strabane, and Earl of Abercorn forever, A.D. 1617. He consented to go to Ireland, and this marked the moving of the principle head of the Hamilton family into Ireland.

He had three nephews, sons of Sir George Hamilton, son of First Earl of Abercorn: William, George and James, who came over to Ireland and settled with him on the estate, in the County of Tyrone. William and George died young, but James lived to a great age. His son, James, fell heir to an estate half-way between Londonderry and Strabane, at the village of

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and three daughters. All died without issue, so that the estate and titles went to Sir James Hamilton, eldest son of James of the King's Bed Chamber, who was created Baron of Montcastle and Viscount of Strabane 1701. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Reading of Dublin, and had nine sons and five daughters. James the eldest became the 7th Earl of Abercorn. He married Anne, daughter of Sir John Plummer, of Hertford. He had two daughters and four sons, he died in 1743, and is buried in the Duke of Ormond's Vault, Westminster Abbey. James, his eldest son, succeeded him as eighth Earl of Abercorn and third Viscount of Strabane. He died unmarried 1789, and the titles and estates went to his nephew, John

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the Stole to the Prince of Wales, was Lord Lieut. for Co. Donegal, and M.P. from 1860 to 1880. Was born August 24, 1838, was married on January 7, 1869, to Lady Mary Curzon-Howe, daughter of 1st Earl Howe, and has had eight children, five of whom are alive. The eldest was called after the Prince of Wales, who is his godfather, James Albert Edward, Nov. 6, 1869. The eldest daughter was born Jan. 23, 1876; the Princess of Wales is godmother. Gladys Mary, Arthur and Claude are the other three, aged 17, 14. and 8 respectively. They live at Baron's Court, at Newton-Stewart, near Londonderry, Ireland. The seats are, Baron's Court, Newton-Stewart, Co. Tyrone, Ireland; Duddingston House, Porto-bello; Edin-

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The Duke of Abercorn and the Earl of Verulam are the only members of the Peerage who enjoy distinct peerages in the Three Kingdoms, Great Britain, Ireland and France.

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ADDENDA I.

James Hamilton, of Silver Hill, who moved to Canada in A.D. 1845, was married at Quebec City, Canada, 1846, to Elizabeth Henry. He settled at Stratford, Ontario, in upper Canada, one year after, when Stratford was only a post office, store and stage coach hotel. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1849, which office he held till 1889. He had five sons and four daughters. John R. and William H. are surgeons at Port Dover and Fort William respectively, Samuel T. is a barrister at Duluth. James B. graduated at Harvard, and has spent the greater part of his life in travel. E. Braddin,

the fourth son, is a graduate of Trinity University, Toronto, Canada, The Western University, London, Ont., and Trinity College, Cambridge, England, is a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, and is the youngest D.D. in that denomination. He married Augusta Rosalie Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Stevenson, of Philadelphia, on June 24, 1896. Of the daughters, Elizabeth Ann, married James Sutherland, a Scotchman. They have nine children, and live on the old homestead, near Stratford, Ontario. The youngest daughter, Minnie, married Charles H. Strutt, an Englishman. They have three daughters and live at Kamloops, British Columbia.

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Their father, James of Glen Garland, moved to the U. S. A. late in life, and lived with his son John, near Winchester, Frederic County, where he died. His remains lie interred in the Opequon church yard. James, about five years after his arrival in this country, married Jane

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CREST. Out of a ducal coronet, or, an oak tree penetrated transversely in the main stem by a frame saw *proper*. The blade inscribed with the word "*through*," the frame gold.

SUPPORTERS. Two antelopes, *argent*, horned, or, ducally gorged, chained and hoofed.

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