

her by decease before marriage, the life rent to belong to her mother, and the fee thereof to the children of Margaret and Christian (his first cousins) daughters of Hew Hamilton, sometime Baillie of Edinburgh: two thousand marks to Alexander, son of his nephew Gavin, and failing of him by decease to Isobell Hamilton, his mother; two thousand merks to Captain John Findlay, and his brother Mr. James Findlay, W. S. (who were probably some relation to the testator); and a hundred merks to Mr. Thomas Aikman, W. S. The will is given at "*my dwelling house in St. Mary's Wynd in the head of the Canongate,*" the witnesses being Lieut. Col. Alexander Hamilton, of Innerwick, and Archibald Rollo, Secretary to James Blair, Writer in Edinburgh. A codicil was made, November 25, 1707. Witnesses: Lieut.-Col. Alexander Hamilton of Innerwick, James Findlay, W. S., and John Moncrieffe, servant to the same, in which Clement Gourlay's share is given to "Ann Hamilton, second lawful daughter to the late James Hamilton of Innerdovot, my brother, now spouse to John Burns of Middlemilne, and failing of her by decease, to her children John, Alexander, and Mary Burns."

JOHN HAMILTON² (John¹ and Anna Elphinstone), baptized 25 January, 1642, was a merchant in Edinburgh and for many years until his death "Baillie of the Abbey of Holyroodhouse," no doubt an honorary office in the gift of the Duke of Hamilton, who was and is Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Holyrood. (There was a William Hamilton whose wife was Elizabeth Haliburton, and whose will is recorded November 3, 1732, long "under keeper of the Palace of Holyroodhouse," but who he was we do not know.)

John Hamilton² married, September 15, 1687, Catherine Arbuthnot, and July 25, 1688, had a daughter Jane baptized, the witnesses being Lord John Hamilton, Alexander and Harry Hamilton, John's² brothers, John Cunningham, W. S., and James Arbuthnot, Catherine's brother. John Hamilton's testament dative is given, January 17, 1722, by "William Hamilton, eldest son to the deceased." Another son James is also mentioned, but further than this we know nothing of the children of John and Catherine Hamilton. The John, Lord Hamilton, who was