

GENEALOGICAL HISTORY
OF THE
FAMILY SEMPLE
FROM 1214 TO 1888.

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*"I winna blaw about myself;
As ill I like my facts to tell;"*
— Burns.

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TO MY
FATHER AND MOTHER,

ALEXANDER AND ELIZABETH WILSON SEMPLE
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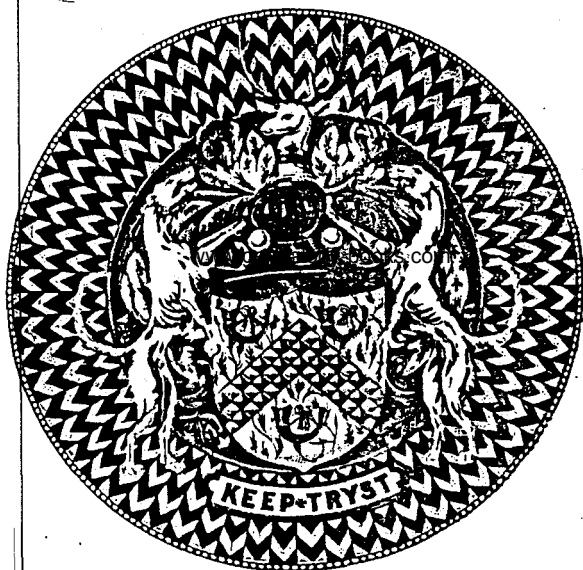
AS A TRIBUTE TO THEIR EXEMPLARY LIFE AND CHRIS-
TIAN CHARACTER, AND IN TESTIMONY
OF THE LOVE OF THEIR
ONLY CHILD.

THE AUTHOR.

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THE ARMS OF BARON SEMPLE.

Argent, a chevron, chequy gules and of the field, between three bugle-horns, sable, garnished vert.

CREST.—A stag's head, argent, attired azure, ducally gorged; or.

SUPPORTERS.—Two ratchhounds, argent.

MOTTO.—"Keep Tryst."

PREFACE.

AS a compiled work, the matter offered herewith necessarily makes but slight pretension to literary merit, though its preparation has required extensive and somewhat protracted research, its arrangement much thought.

The material I obtained from historical works and collections of Anderson, Crawford, Gardner, Patterson, Semple,* and other reliable sources; also valuable information from extensive correspondence, and important facts from poems and songs.

Attention is asked to the "Reference Table," which shows the numbers as found in circles on the genealogical tree, and their corresponding numbers in the history.

The blank leaves at the end of the book are designed for additional notes which may have been omitted in the body of the work, as well as for recording births, marriages, and deaths, and other matters of interest pertaining to the family which may occur in the future.

In conclusion, I have to beg the indulgence of the reader for any misprints, errors, or omissions which may have escaped my observation, and which, if kindly pointed out, I shall be glad to correct in a subsequent edition.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER SEMPLE.

BROAD BROOK, CONN..

Jan. 7, 1888.

* First cousin of the author's great-great-grandfather.

14. 4. ELIZABETH, married Sir Adam Mure of Caldwell.
 15. 5. MARGARET, Lady Houstoun.

I.

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16. **SIR JOHN SEMPLE**, the only son of Thomas Semple, was created a Peer by King James the Fourth, though the precise date is not ascertained, but Crawford says in 1488, the year his father fell in battle. He sat as a Peer in Parliament, March 18, 1503-4. He erected, or rather rebuilt, near the eastern end of the Loch (Lochwinnoch) the castle of Castleton, the name of which he changed to Castle-Semple, near which he founded the Collegiate Church of Lochwinnoch, 1505, "to the honour of God and the blessed Virgin Mary, for the prosperity of his sovereign, James the Fourth, and Margaret, his queen; for the soul of Margaret Colville, his former spouse; and also for the salvation of his own soul and that of Margaret Crichton, his present wife, and of all his predecessors and successors, and of all the faithful deceased." This foundation was confirmed by King James the Fourth at Edinburgh, June 5, 1506. It was richly endowed by Lord Semple with a large revenue for the maintenance of a prebend and six chaplains, for celebrating divine service, and became a place of sepulture to this family. John, first Lord Semple, fell at the battle of Flodden, September 9, 1513. He married, first, Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Colville of Ochiltree, by whom he had two sons.

1. WILLIAM (see 17).
2. GABRIEL, ancestor of the Semples of Cathcart (see 83).

He married, secondly, Margaret, daughter of Sir James Crichton of Rathvendeny, relict of Sir William Stirling of Keir, but by whom he had no issue.

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SEMPLE, or SEMPILL, a surname of great antiquity in the west of Scotland. As to the origin of this ancient family, it is difficult to make any conjecture, or to insist upon what is tradition relative to it, that being for the most part confused. It is sufficient to know that for more than 600 years they have been barons of great power in the County of Renfrew, and had large possessions in that and the two adjoining counties of Ayr and Lanark. Omitting the remote barons of Elliestoun, mention is made of the following:

1. ROBERT de SEMPLE, the first of the family of whom any record remains, lived in the reign of Alexander the Second, who ascended the throne in 1214, and in the reign of King Alexander the Third this Robert de Semple was Steward of the Barony of Renfrew, and witnessed a charter of Malcolm, Earl of Lennox, about 1280; also a grant of James, High Steward of Scotland. He left two sons, who were great patriots and friends of Robert the Bruce.

1. ROBERT (see 3).

2. THOMAS DE SEMPLE, to whom King Robert the First granted a charter of half of the lands and pertinents in the town, and tenement of Longniddory, which belonged to Nicholas de Dispensa.

3. ROBERT de SEMPLE, the eldest son, had a charter from King Robert the First of the whole land with the pertinents which belonged to John Balliol, lying in the tenement of Largs, to be held by him and his heirs in free barony. He witnessed a donation of the Church of Largs to the Monastery of Paisley for the welfare of his own soul and that of Marjory Bruce, his deceased wife, 1318. He died before 1330, leaving a son.

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4. WILLIAM de SEMPLE, Steward of Renfrew, who, under the designation of Willielmus Sempill de Elliotstoun, witnessed a charter of Adam de Fullerton, April 18, 1344.

5. THOMAS SEMPLE of Elliotstoun, his son and successor, witnessed a charter of Robert, High Steward of Scotland, Earl of Strathern, and John Lord Kyle, his son and heir apparent, confirming to the Monastery of Paisley the lands of Sanguhar, 1367. He was father of

6. SIR JOHN SEMPLE, who obtained from King Robert the Second a charter confirming the grants which John, Earl of Carrick, His Majesty's eldest son, had made to him of the lands of Glassford, etc., in Lanarkshire, July 22, 1375. He left issue:

7. 1. JEAN, married to Sir John Stewart, Sheriff of Bute (ancestor of the Marquess of Bute).

2. JOHN of Elliotstoun (see 8).

3. JOHN SEMPLE of Fulwood (see 76).

8. JOHN SEMPLE of Elliotstoun, who was employed

in several negotiations of state, and in 1421 was one of the Scots' commissioners appointed to treat with the English for the liberation of James I. He waited upon His Majesty at Durham, December 13, 1423, on his return to his own dominions. He was knighted by that king about 1430. He sat in the Parliament which met at Stirling, 1440, and in that at Edinburgh in 1441.

9. **SIR ROBERT SEMPLE** of Elliestoun, son of the last-mentioned, had a charter from James II to himself and Elizabeth, his wife, of the lands of Southannane, in Ayrshire, on his own resignation, October 31, 1451.

10. **SIR WILLIAM SEMPLE** of Elliestoun, son of Sir Robert, was made hereditary Sheriff of the County of Renfrew (an office answering to that of Lord-Lieutenant of the present day), and obtained from James the Third a charter of the baronies of Elliestoun, Castleton, afterwards called Castle-Semple, upon his own resignation, dated October 4, 1474. He married Margaret, daughter of Lord Cathcart.

11. **THOMAS SEMPLE**, the son of Sir William Semple, was Sheriff of Renfrew, and sat in Parliament, February 25, 1483-4, being designed Thomas Simple, Vicecomes de Renfrew. He fell at the affair of Sauchieburn, between Bannockburn and Stirling, on the side of James the Third, June 11, 1488. He married Elizabeth, daughter or sister of John, first Lord Ross, by whom he had a son and four daughters:

1. JOHN, who succeeded his father (see 16).
12. 2. MARGARET, married Robert Crawford of Kilbirny.
13. 3. MARION, married Sir John Stewart of Glanderstoun.

II.

17. **WILLIAM, SECOND LORD SEMPLE**, the eldest son of the first lord, was one of the Privy Council of James the Fifth, and Lord Justiciary and heritable Bailie of the Regality of Paisley. He was one of those who assented to the match betwixt Queen Mary and Prince Edward of England, August 25, 1543, and died in 1548. In 1547, he purchased from John Bruntschells, the last of the family of Bruntschells of that ilk, the estate of Bruntschells (a corruption of Burnt shields), in the parish of Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire. His lordship married, first, Lady Margaret Montgomery, eldest daughter of Hugh, first Earl of Eglintoun, by the Lady Helen Campbell, daughter of Archibald, Earl of Argyll, and by her had issue.

1. **ROBERT**, who succeeded as third Lord (see 21).
18. 2. **DAVID**, ancestor of the Semples of Craigbetts, a branch of whom settled in Spain and flourished there.
19. 3. **HELEN**, married Allan, third Lord Cathcart.
20. 4. **MARY**, married Sir John Stirling of Keir.

He married, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Arnot, of Arnot; thirdly, Marian, daughter of Hugh Montgomery of Hazelhead, without issue.

III.

21. **ROBERT, THIRD LORD SEMPLE**, son of William, Second Lord Semple, who is commonly called the *Great* Lord Semple, and who being a person of very martial spirit, was engaged in many of the wars of the age. He was one of the supporters of the queen regent, Mary of Guise, against the lords of the Congregation. In 1560, his castle was besieged and taken, for having disobeyed the laws and

ordinances of the council, especially because he persisted in retaining the mass, and had beset the Earl of Arran with a great number of his friends, while he was riding on his way with his accustomed company. He was at the battle of Pinkie, A.D. 1547, where he was taken prisoner by the English, and after that continued most affectionately devoted to the interests of Queen Mary, until the murder of Darnley when he entered into a bond of association with other Scot Peers to defend the young King James. He was present with the Regent Murray at the battle of Langside, and, in consideration of his many and valuable service to the king and government, obtained a charter of the Abbey of Paisley, in 1569, upon the forfeiture of Lord Claud Hamilton. He was one of the jury on the trial of the Earl of Bothwell. At Carberry-hill he was one of the lords who commanded the rear guard of the confederate force in arms against the queen and Bothwell. He was one of the secret council of the Regent Murray, and after his murder he was taken prisoner, in 1570, by the Hamiltons while riding home securely from the army of the Earls of Lennox and Glencairn, at Glasgow. He was carried prisoner to Draffen, whence in a few days he was removed to Argyll by Lord Boyd, and detained there a year. His lordship was governor and constable of the king's castle of Douglas. He engaged in the great feuds between the houses of Eglinton and Glencairn, or the Montgomeries and Cunninghams, with the former of which the Semples had formed various marriage connections. These feuds lasted from 1488 till 1586. There were so many families involved in them, and so many lives lost, that it was more like a civil war than a family quarrel. During these perilous times Lord Semple built the Peel on a small islet in Castle

Semple Loch, then a very safe and impregnable retreat. He died in 1572, having married, first, Isabel, daughter of Sir William Hamilton of Sanquhar, by whom he had

22. 1. ROBERT, Master of Semple, the eldest son, predeceased his father, the Great Lord Semple, 1569, leaving by his wife, Barbara, daughter of Sir Archibald Preston of Valleyfield, a son, Robert, who succeeded as fourth Lord.

2. ANDREW, who was ancestor of the Semples of Bruntachells and Millbank (see 216).

23. 3. GRIZEL, married James Hamilton of Stanhouse.

24. 4. MARGARET, married, first, John Hamilton of Broomhill, and second, John Whitefoord of Whitefoord.

25. 5. MARION, married Hugh Montgomery of Hazelhead.

26. 6. JANET, married Alexander Fleming of Barrochan.

He married, secondly, Elizabeth Carlyle, a daughter of the house of Torthorwald, by whom he had

7. JOHN SEMPLE, ancestor of the Semples of Beltrees (see 223).

27. 8. JEAN, married James, fourth Lord Ross.

28. 9. GRISSEL, married John Blair of Blair.

29. 10. DOROTHEA, married Sir Robert Montgomery of Skelmorlie.

IV.

30. ROBERT, FOURTH LORD SEMPLE, only son of Robert, Master of Semple, and grandson of the third Lord, who was left under the tutelage of James, Earl of Morton, Regent; as grandson and heir of Robert, third Lord Semple, he had a charter, of the Barony of Semple, confirmed December 15, 1572; he was of the Privy Council to King James the Sixth, and, in the year 1596, was constituted His Majesty's ambassador to Spain; being a Roman Catholic he never held any other public office. At the convention of the ministry at Linlithgow, December, 1606, certain popish noblemen were

ordered to be confined to various towns, and among the rest Lord Semple was restricted to Irving in Ayrshire. The Presbytery of that place having, after long dealing and conference with him, failed to convince him of the error of popery, the General Assembly, in August, 1608, ordered him to be excommunicated as a confirmed and obstinate papist. As the ecclesiastical punishment of excommunication was in those days enforced by the courts of the law it involved also civil penalties, such as confiscation of landed property, and on that account was always dreaded by the nobility, and those who had anything to lose, even although they cared little for its spiritual effect. His lordship died March 25, 1611, having married, first, Lady Anne Montgomery, second daughter of Hugh, third Earl of Eglinton, by Agnes, daughter of Sir John Drummond of Innerpeffery, by whom he had issue.

1. HUGH, Master of Semple (see 36).
31. 2. ANNE, married Sir Archibald Stuart of Castlemilk.
32. 3. BEATRIX, married Sir Colin Lamont of Inneyne.
33. 4. GRISEL, married John Logan of Raiss.
34. 5. MARGARET, married Robert Brisbane of Bishopton.

He married, secondly, Dame Johanna de Evicland, a lady of the Netherlands, by whom he had a son.

35. 6. SIR JAMES SEMPLE of Lettorkenny in Ireland, who had an only daughter and heiress, married Sir Francis Hamilton, whose daughter and heiress married into the noble House of Southwell, and the estate of Lettorkenny is now in possession of her descendant, the present Viscount Southwell.

V.

36. HUGH, FIFTH LORD SEMPLE, was one of the Peers who sat on the trial of Patrick, Earl of Orkney, in

1614. He never went to court or interfered in public affairs, but lived always at home in great splendor and magnificence. He succeeded his father in the heritable Sheriffdom of Renfrew, and in the office of heritable Bailie of the Regality of Paisley, an extensive jurisdiction comprehending the domains of the Monastery, not only in Renfrewshire but in the counties of Ayr, Dumbarton, and others, and had been erected while the Barony of Renfrew was yet a district of the Sheriffdom of Lanark or Clydesdale. His ancestors had enjoyed the heritable Sheriffship from the erection of the Barony of Renfrew into a distinct shire, by King Robert the Third in 1404: as, before that time, the Barons of Elliestoun, ancestors to the Lord Semple, were Stewards of this Barony. Both these heritable jurisdictions were acquired by Alexander, Earl of Eglinton, from this Lord Semple in 1636; but it appears from the retour of Robert, seventh Lord Semple, in 1648, and from that of Hugh, Earl of Eglinton, in 1661, that the right then acquired by Lord Eglinton was not absolute but redeemable. In the first of these retours the heritable offices are described as still pertaining to the family of Semple, and in the latter retour they are stated to be held by Lord Eglinton, during the "non-payment," i. e., in security "of £5,000 sterling." The Earl of Eglinton received a compensation from government for these offices at the abolition of heritable jurisdictions in 1747. Hugh, Lord Semple, married, first, the Lady Anne Hamilton, eldest daughter of James, first Earl of Abercorn, by whom he had one daughter.

37. 1. MARIAN, married Sir George Preston of Valleyfield, Baronet.

He married, secondly, Lady Elizabeth Hay, third daughter of Francis, ninth Earl of Errol, by whom he had

2. FRANCIS, Master of Semple, succeeded his father (see 42).

3. ROBERT, seventh Lord (see 43).

38. 4. ARCHIBALD SEMPLE of Dykehead. www.genealogy-books.com

39. 5. JAMES, who entered into a religious order abroad.

40. 6. ELIZABETH, married to William, second Lord Mordington.

41. 7. JEAN, married William Menzies of Pittfoddes.

He died, September 19, 1639, and was succeeded by his eldest son.

VI.

42. FRANCIS, SIXTH LORD SEMPLE, who married the Lady Isabel Seton, daughter of George, third Earl of Winton by his second wife, Elizabeth Maxwell, daughter of John Lord Herries; but dying without issue November 3, 1644, was succeeded by his brother.

VII.

43. ROBERT, SEVENTH LORD SEMPLE, who was served heir male of Robert, Lord Semple, his grandfather, and heir of Francis, Lord Semple, his brother, February 16, 1648, of the Barony of Semple, etc., of the office of Sheriff of the County of Renfrew, and of the office of Bailie of the Regality of Paisley. He was fined in the sum of £1,000 by Cromwell's act of grace and pardoned, 1654, and died September 8, 1675. He married Anne Douglas, daughter of James, first Lord Mordington, by Anne, *only child* of Laurence, fifth Lord Oliphant, and had issue —

44. 1. ROBERT, Master of Semple, who died in his eighteenth year, unmarried.

2. FRANCIS, eighth Lord Semple (see 46).

3. ANNE, Baroness Semple (see 47).

45. 4. JEAN, married Alexander Sinclair of Roslin, and was mother of William Sinclair of Roslin, the last of that very ancient family, who died in 1778, aged 78.

VIII.

46. FRANCIS, EIGHTH LORD SEMPLE, the only surviving son, was served heir of his father, and his brother Robert, Master of Semple, September 9, 1680; made profession of the Reformed religion, and took his seat in Parliament, where none of his ancestors, who were Roman Catholics, had sat since the reign of Queen Mary; having, during his minority, been placed under the care of the Earl of Dundonald, a Protestant nobleman, who instilled his own faith into the mind of his charge. He married Grissel Primrose, sister of the first Earl of Rosebery; but by her (who married secondly in 1693, Brigadier-General Richard Cunningham), he had no issue; and died in 1684, as the following inscription in the ancient mausoleum of the family at Castle Semple shows: "Francis, Lord Semple of Glassford and Southannan, etc., obiit, April 4, anno 1684." "Ætatis sue 24." The title devolved on his eldest sister.

IX.

47. ANNE, FIRST BARONESS SEMPLE, who married Francis Abercromby of Fetternicar, in the County of Aberdeen (a great grandson of Sir Alexander Abercromby of Birkinbog, an ancient family in Banffshire), and he was, in consequence, created Lord Glassford (an ancient property of the Semple family) for his life only, July 5, 1685. She was, on the 14th of April, 1685, served heir of entail and provision of her father and her brother. A charter passed the Great Seal May 16, 1688, confirming the family estates,

with the style, honor, order, and dignity of Lord Semple, to Anne, Lady Semple, and Francis, Lord Glassford, her husband, in life rent; remainder to their sons, and the heirs male of their bodies; remainder to their daughters, and the heirs male of their bodies; remainder to the heirs female of the bodies of their sons and their heirs male, etc.; remainder to the heirs female of their bodies; the eldest of the heirs female, in all the aforesaid cases, succeeding without division; remainder to the heirs and assignees whatsoever of the said Anne, Lady Semple. Anne, Baroness Semple, died in 1695, leaving issue.

1. FRANCIS, Master of Semple (see 51).
48. 2. CAPTAIN, THE HONOURABLE ROBERT SEMPLE, killed in wars abroad, without issue.
3. JOHN, LORD SEMPLE (see 52).
49. 4. ALEXANDER SEMPLE, who died young.
5. HUGH, LORD SEMPLE (see 53).
50. 6. JEAN SEMPLE, who died unmarried May 8, 1743.

X.

51. FRANCIS, NINTH LORD SEMPLE, the eldest son, succeeded his mother, was a young nobleman of eminent parts, and took his seat in Parliament May 14, 1703. Notwithstanding very considerable offers if he would comply with the measures of the Court in relation to the Union, he gave that treaty all the opposition in his power, voting against every article; and saying, that though the Union was attended with no other inconvenience than making the Peers elective, he wondered very much how any of that rank could be for it, being all Peers by right of inheritance. Their being made elective he took to be a divesting them of their peerage; because, not being sure of being always chosen

to every Parliament of Great Britain, they consequently must lose, when left out, the benefit of sitting in Parliament, which was ever deemed an inseparable right of the peerage. He died unmarried, not long afterward, and was buried in the Abbey of Holywood.

XI.

52. **JOHN, TENTH LORD SEMPLE**, succeeded his brother, was active in promoting the training and disciplining of the Ayrshire Fencible men during the rebellion of 1715, and met the Earls of Eglington, Kilmarnock, and Glasgow at Irvine 22d August, that year, where 6,000 royalists appeared. He died unmarried in August, 1716, and was succeeded by his only surviving brother.

XII.

53. **ROGER, ELEVENTH LORD SEMPLE**, went early into the army, and became a distinguished officer. His first commission was dated July, 1709. Served with reputation in Flanders and Spain; was Major of the 26th Regiment of Foot, or Cameronians, in 1718; had the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the Nineteenth Regiment of Foot, 1731, and was constituted Colonel of the 42d Regiment of foot, or Royal Highlanders, 14th January, 1741. He accompanied them, in 1743, to Flanders, where they highly distinguished themselves. He commanded in the town of Aeth, when it was besieged by the French, and made a gallant defense. He was appointed Colonel of the 25th Regiment of Foot April 15, 1745; acted as Brigadier-General at the battle of Culloden April 16, 1746, when he had command of the left wing of the Royal Army. In the middle of August following he arrived at Aberdeen, assumed the command of the troops

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stationed in that quarter, and died there November 25, 1746, his death being occasioned by the tendon of his arm being punctured in the operation of phlebotomy. His remains were interred in Drums Aisle, in the West Church of that city, on the 1st of December following. His Lordship married Sarah, daughter and heiress of Nathaniel Gaskill, Esq., of Manchester, who died April 17, 1749, and had issue,

1. JOHN, Master of Semple (see 64).

54. 2. COLONEL, THE HONOURABLE GEORGE SEMPLE, who married first, Miss Gordon of Wardhouse; secondly, his first cousin Anne, daughter of Richard Clive, Esq., of Styche, in Shropshire, and sister of Robert, first Lord Clive; and thirdly, at Manchester, June 15, 1775, the widow of Francis Jodrell, Esq., of Yardsley, in Cheshire. He died at Bishopstown, December 18, 1779, without issue.

55. 3. HUGH SEMPLE, in the army, died at the Cape of Good Hope, January, 1764.

56. 4. PHILIP SEMPLE, died young.

57. 5. RALPH SEMPLE, died at sea.

58. 6. SARAH SEMPLE, married April 22, 1750, to Patrick Crawford of Auchinames and Errol, Esquire, many years Member of Parliament for the counties of Ayr and Renfrew, died at Errol, April 25, 1751, leaving one daughter, Sarah, who died unmarried.

59. 7. JEAN SEMPLE, who died unmarried at Edinburgh, July, 1800.

60. 8. ELIZABETH SEMPLE, died young.

61. 9. ANNE SEMPLE, married September 16, 1754, Adam Austin, M.D., of Edinburgh, who was interred in Greyfriars Churchyard December 1, 1778. She died November 27, 1793, leaving issue.

62. 10. MARION SEMPLE, who died in Edinburgh May 14, 1796.

63. 11. REBECCA SEMPLE, who died in Edinburgh September 16, 1811.

XIII.

64. **JOHN, TWELFTH LORD SEMPLÉ**, the eldest son, succeeded his father, and married March 10, 1755, Janet, only daughter and heiress of Hugh Dunlop of Bishop-ton, in the County of Renfrew, Esquire, by whom he had issue,

1. **HUGH**, Master of Semple (see 70).

65. 2. **GEORGE SEMPLÉ**, born August 26, 1763; a Lieutenant in the 78th Regiment of Foot, and died in the East Indies in June, 1782.

66. 3. **PATRICK SEMPLÉ**, died young.

67. 4. **SARAH SEMPLÉ**, married June 7, 1780, to Sir William Forbes of Craigievar, in the County of Aberdeen, Baronet, and died December 8, 1799, leaving, with other issue, the late Sir John Forbes of Craigievar, baronet, who married, in 1825, the Honorable Charlotte Elizabeth, second daughter of General Lord Forbes, by whom he had two sons and five daughters, and was succeeded on his death, which took place February 16, 1846, by his eldest son, Sir William Forbes, as sixth Baronet of Craigievar.

68. 5. **JANET SEMPLÉ**.

69. 9. **JOHANNA SEMPLÉ**, who died July 10, 1840.

His Lordship died at Semple House January 15, 1782, and was succeeded by his eldest son.

XIV.

70. **HUGH, THIRTEENTH LORD SEMPLÉ**, born July 1, 1758, had the commission of Ensign and Lieutenant in the 3d Regiment of Foot Guards, December 24, 1777, of Lieutenant and Captain in the same February 26, 1781, and continued in the regiment till 1798. He married in London January 24, 1787, Maria, daughter of Charles Mellish of Ragnall, in the County of Nottingham, and by her, who died in 1806, had issue,

1. SELKIRK, Master of Semple (see 74).
71. 2. FRANCIS SEMPLE, died at Calcutta, January 2, 1823.
72. 3. A son who died in infancy.
4. MARIA-JANET, who succeeded her brother (see 75).
73. 5. SARAH SEMPLE.

His Lordship died at Boulogne Sur Mer, January 25, 1830.
and was succeeded by his only surviving son.

XV.

74. SELKIRK, FOURTEENTH LORD SEMPLE, born in London, February 12, 1788, sometime a Captain in the Renfrewshire Regiment of Militia, and died May 4, 1835, unmarried, when the title devolved upon his eldest sister.

XVI.

75. MARIA-JANET, SECOND BARONESS SEMPLE, married June 14, 1836, Edward Chandler, Esquire, of Morton-Pinkney, in Northamptonshire, a Deputy-Lieutenant for that county.

SEMPLES

OF
FULWOOD, KIRKMICHAEL, AUCHMERUCH, CALDERHAUGH,
AND NOBLESTOUN.

I.

76. **JOHN SEMPLE** of Fulwood, a younger brother of John Semple of Ellistoun, and son of Sir John Semple of Ellistoun, became possessed of the lands of Fulwood, which before pertained to the Flemings, Earls of Wigton. He witnessed a resignation of the lands of Fultoun to the Monks of Paisley, anno 1409.

II.

77. **WILLIAM SEMPLE**, successor of John Semple of Fulwood, was witness to the donation of Crockat-Shot, by Robert, Lord Lyle, to the Abbott and Convent of Paisley, anno 1452. His sons were:

1. **JOHN**, who succeeded (see 78).
2. **ROBERT** (see 80).

III.

78. **JOHN SEMPLE** of Fulwood, who was succeeded in the lands of Fulwood by his brother Robert, had a charter of the Barony of Kirkmichael in Dumbartonshire, anno 1476. His son was

79. 1. **JOHN SEMPLE**, married Marion Maxwell, and ob-

tained from his father the lands of Calderhaugh and Auchmeruch.

IV.

80. ROBERT SEMPLE, second son of William of Fulwood, obtained from his brother John the lands of Noblestoun, and having succeeded his brother obtained a charter of the lands of Fulwood, 1502. He married Margaret Crawford, a daughter of the house of Auchinames, and had a son.

1. JOHN, who succeeded (see 81).

V.

81. JOHN SEMPLE, in whose person the Semples of Fulwood failed, about the year 1679, alienated the lands of Fulwood to John Porterfield of that ilk. His son was

82. 1. ROBERT SEMPLE, sheriff-Deputy of Renfrew, 1710.

SEMPLES

or
CATHCART.

I.

83. **GABRIEL SEMPLE** of Cathcart, second son of John, first Lord Semple, married Janet Spreul, daughter of John Spreul of Cowdon, and had issue:

1. **WILLIAM**, who succeeded (see 85).
84. 2. **MARGARET**, married John Pollock.

II.

85. **WILLIAM SEMPLE**, who succeeded his father, Gabriel Semple, was succeeded by another Gabriel Semple (see 86).

III.

86. **GABRIEL SEMPLE** of Cathcart, whose sons were

1. **BRYCE** (see 87).
2. **JOHN SEMPLE** of Blackburn (see 90).

IV.

87. **BRYCE SEMPLE**, who succeeded his father Gabriel Semple, 2d, and had issue.

1. **SIR WILLIAM SEMPLE** of Cathcart (see 88).
2. **BRYCE**, who succeeded his brother (see 89).

V.

88. SIR WILLIAM SEMPLE, eldest son of Bryce (Senior) was succeeded by his brother.

VI.

89. BRYCE SEMPLE, JR., from whom John Maxwell of Williamwood, Sheriff-Deputy of Renfrewshire, acquired the castle and Barony of Cathcart, and in 1782 was in the possession of James Maxwell of Williamwood, his great-grandson. The greater part of the ruinous walls of the castle were standing in 1782.

SEMPLES

OF

BLACKBURN, CLOSS, AND BALGOUN.

Near Fulwood lie the lands of Blackburn. A branch of the Semples of Fulwood did for some time possess these lands and failed in the person of Robert Semple of Blackburn.

I.

90. **JOHN SEMPLE** of Blackburn, son of Gabriel Semple, 2d, of Cathcart, had issue:

1. **ROBERT** (see 91).
2. **JOHN** of Closs (see 92).
3. **WILLIAM** (see 95).

II.

91. **ROBERT SEMPLE** of Blackburn, eldest son of John Semple of Blackburn, dying without male succession, his brother-german, John of Closs, became his heir.

III.

92. **JOHN SEMPLE** of Closs, second son of John Semple of Blackburn, and heir of Robert his brother, married a daughter of the Laird of Newark, and had issue.

IV.

93. **JOHN SEMPLE** of Balgoun, dying without male issue, his estate went with Marion his daughter and sole heir,

to Sir George Suty of Balgoun (1710), so that the lineal heir male of that family was William Semple, writer in Edinburgh (1710).

V.

94. MARION SEMPLE, only child and sole heir of John Semple of Balgoun, married Sir George Suty of Balgoun. www.genealogy-books.com

VI.

95. WILLIAM SEMPLE, third son of John Semple of Blackburn, lineal heir male of the Semples of Blackburn, ancestor of

96. 1. JAMES SEMPLE, died with issue.
97. 2. WILLIAM.
98. 3. ANDREW.
4. ROBERT SEMPLE, 1st of Kirkhouse (see 99).

SEMPLES OF KIRKHOUSE

AND DESCENDANTS.

99. ROBERT SEMPLE, 1st, of Kirkhouse, son of William Semple (95) left issue:

100. 1. JOHN SEMPLE.
101. 2. WILLIAM, who fled from persecution to Ireland.
102. 3. PATRICK.
103. 4. JAMES.
5. ROBERT SEMPLE, 2d, of Kirkhouse (see 104).

104. ROBERT SEMPLE, 2d, of Kirkhouse, son of Robert, 1st, of Kirkhouse (99), left issue:

1. JAMES SEMPLE, pastor of Long Dreghorn, Ayrshire (see 105).
2. WILLIAM of Kirkhouse (see 110).
3. BRUCE (see 113).

105. JAMES SEMPLE, eldest son of Robert Semple, 2d, of Kirkhouse, and pastor of Long Dreghorn, Ayrshire, was born September 4, 1686; died in 1752. Married, Margaret Gemmil. Issue:

106. 1. JANET SEMPLE, born August 17, 1723. Married James Gardner of Glasgow.

2. JOHN (see 115).

3. JAMES (see 117).

107. 4. GEORGE, born September 27, 1737.

108. 5. ELIZABETH, born March 26, 1743.

109. 6. ELIZA.

110. WILLIAM SEMPLE of Kirkhouse, second son of Robert Semple, 2d, of Kirkhouse, had issue:

- 111. 1. ROBERT SEMPLE.
- 112. 2. JAMES, emigrated to South Carolina. www.genealogy-books.com

113. BRUCE SEMPLE, third son of Robert Semple, 2d, of Kirkhouse, whose son was

114. 1. JAMES SEMPLE, engaged in the rebellion of 1745 and pardoned.

115. JOHN SEMPLE, second child and eldest son of James Semple, pastor of Long Dreghorn, was born October 17, 1727; emigrated to King and Queen County, Va., 1752. Married Elizabeth Walker, 1761. Issue:

- 1. JOHN WALKER SEMPLE (see 125).

116. 2. ELIZABETH BAYLOR, born December 19, 1763. Married Churchill Anderson, who died without issue; married, secondly, Isaiah Ryland, January 1, 1798.

- 3. JAMES (see 132).

- 4. ROBERT BAYLOR (see 134).

117. JAMES SEMPLE, third child and second son of James Semple, pastor of Long Dreghorn, born May 17, 1730; emigrated to New Kent County, Va., 1755; pastor of St. Peter's Church, which he founded and now standing in good order; the walls more than three feet thick; every brick from England. He married October 6, 1763, Rebecca Allen, descended from the Armisteads, kin of Gen'l Robert E. Lee, Richard Henry Lee having married a Carter, whose mother was a cousin of Rebecca Allen who died, January 1, 1785. Issue:

118. 1. RICHARD ALLEN SEMPLE, born September 25, 1764; died October 14, 1766.

119. 2. ELIZABETH TERRELL, born February 16, 1766; died March 1, 1772.

3. JAMES (see 175).

120. 4. MARY, born March 28, 1770; married Robert B. Armistead.

121. 5. JOHN, born October 1, 1771.

122. 6. ELIZABETH ALLEN, born December 25, 1773; died November 29, 1786.

7. GEORGE (see 185).

123. 8. REBECCA, born August 5, 1777; died June 3, 1786.

124. 9. JUDITH CHURCHILL, born January 12, 1781.

125. JOHN WALKER SEMPLE, eldest son of John Semple (115), married, first, Miss Laurie of Caroline County; second, Lucy Robertson (born November 18, 1761); died in Kentucky, November 13, 1820. Issue:

1. JAMES SEMPLE (see 140).

126. 2. ELIZA BAYLOR, born July 10, 1799; married William Henry Cheatlain; died February 13, 1841. Children died young. The mother died at Washington, Ill.

127. 3. FRANCIS, born August 9, 1801. Married, June 15, 1824, Curtis Garner.

128. 4. JOHN WALKER, born July 28, 1803; became an eminent lawyer of Louisville, Ky.; died unmarried in Clinton County, Ky.

5. ROBERT (see 144).

6. ISAAC ROBERTSON (see 146).

129. 7. CHARLES DONALD, born July 6, 1810; removed to California.

www.genealogy-books.org 8. LUCY BAYLOR, born February 25, 1815. Married Henry Green.

131. 9. ADALINE MATILDA. Married John S. Bradford.

132. JAMES SEMPLE, third child and second son of John Semple (115), was born February 10, 1765. Married Sarah Harwood (died 1802); died March 4, 1806. Issue:

133. 1. ELIZA SEMPLE.

134. ROBERT BAYLOR SEMPLE, fourth child and third son of John Semple (115), was born January 20, 1769; he became an eminent Baptist preacher, and was a leader of the Baptists against Alexander Campbell, founder of the Campbellites or Christian church. Married March 1, 1798, Ann Lowry; died December 25, 1831. Issue:

- 135. 1. JOHN WALKER SEMPLE, died young, May 12, 1822.
- 2. JAMES (of Shelby County, Ky., see 155).
- 3. ROBERT BAYLOR (see 169).

136. 4. MARTHA, born April 6, 1806; died unmarried. January, 1833.

137. 5. WILLIAM MONROE, died unmarried.

138. 6. SARAH FLEET, died unmarried.

139. 7. LUCY ANN, born March 3, 1813. Married Dr. Christopher Fleet, who died in 1846; married second, Rev. William Broadus.

140. JAMES SEMPLE, eldest son of John Walker Semple, was born January 5, 1798; was several times Speaker of the Illinois Legislature; was Attorney-General and Chief Justice of that State, also Colonel in the Black Hawk war, and afterwards General of the State troops; was a Senator in Congress and United States Minister to the Republic of Colombia, South America. General James Semple took a very prominent part in the movement that caused Oregon territory to be settled by Americans, and thus saved to the United States. He was a strong advocate of the line of "Fifty-four Forty or Fight," and addressed public meetings in that interest at Alton, Ill., in 1842, and at Springfield, Ill., and Cincinnati, O., in 1843. On January 8, 1844, General Semple, then a Senator from Illinois, introduced a

resolution requesting the President to give notice to Her Britannic Majesty's Government of the desire of this Government to abrogate the treaty of joint occupation of the Oregon country. He married, first, Ellen Duff Green, July 12, 1821; second, June 5, 1833, Mary S. Mizner, by whom he had,

141. 1. ADA SEMPLE, died without issue.

142. 2. LUCY VIRGINIA, Mrs. L. V. S. Ames of St. Louis, Mo.

143. 3. EUGENE SEMPLE of Vancouver, W. T., who was inaugurated Governor of Washington Territory, at Olympia, April 23, 1887; was born at Bogota, South America, June 12, 1840, his father being at the time the American Minister to New Granada. Returning with his parents to their home in Illinois, Master Semple spent his youth in Madison and Jersey Counties, that State, attending the public schools of the last-named county. He finished his education at the St. Louis University, in 1858, and immediately began the study of law in the office of Krum & Harding, in St. Louis. In 1863, he took the degree of LL.D., at the law school of the Cincinnati College, and started immediately for Oregon, where he began the practice of his profession. In 1870, he quit the practice of law and became chief editor of the *Daily Oregon Herald*, then the leading organ of the Democratic party in the Northwest. Associated with him as editorial writers for the *Herald* were Hon. Sylvester Pennoyer, now Governor of Oregon, and Dr. A. A. Ames, who has been several times Mayor of Minneapolis. The motto of the *Herald*, formulated by Mr. Semple, was, "In all discussions of American policy with us, liberty goes first."

4. JULIA ELLEN, Mrs. Ashley D. Scott of St. Louis, Mo.

144. ROBERT SEMPLE, fifth child and third son of John Walker Semple, born July 8, 1806; had issue, a daughter,

145. 1. MARY.

146. ISAAC ROBERTSON SEMPLE, sixth child and fourth son of John Walker Semple, was born June 25, 1808. Married Eliza Brandenburg of Brandenburg, Ky. www.genealogy-books.com Issue:

147. 1. LUCY ROBERTSON SEMPLE. Married John Moore of Ballard County, Kentucky.

148. 2. SOLOMON B., deceased.

149. 3. JOHN WALKER, deceased.

150. 4. ELIZABETH, married William Lindsay, Judge Superior Court of Kentucky: died 1868.

151. 5. JAMES, deceased.

152. 6. MARY ADA. Married M. P. Mass of Clinton County, Ky.

153. 7. ISAAC ROBERTSON, deceased.

154. 8. HETTIE. Married Judge William Lindsay.

155. JAMES SEMPLE (of Shelby County, Ky.), second son of Robert Baylor Semple. Married Elizabeth Garlick; died July 19, 1866. Issue:

156. 1. JOHN ROBERT SEMPLE. Married Miss Hill: died without issue.

2. SAMUEL PIERCE (see 164).

157. 3. ELIZABETH GARLICK, born June 4, 1827. Married Lafayette Fitzhugh.

158. 4. WILLIAM MONROE, born May 17, 1829.

159. 5. ANN LOWRY, born May 1, 1831.

160. 6. MARY MORGAN, born April 3, 1833.

161. 7. MILDRED CARTER HASELTON, born January 1, 1836.

162. 8. SARAH ALLEN, born January 20, 1838.

163. 9. LUCY BAYLOR, born August 31, 1840.

164. SAMUEL PIERCE SEMPLE, second son of James Semple (of Shelby County, Ky.). Married December 22, 1853, Mary Dashell Greathouse. Issue:

165. 1. JOHN BAYARD SEMPLE.

166. 2. JAMES.

167. 3. MARY DASHJELL.

168. 4. WILLIAM MONROE.

169. ROBERT BAYLOR SEMPLE, third son of Robert Baylor Semple (134), was born February 17, 1805, married Virginia Buckner, Caroline County, Virginia; died February 8, 1853. Issue:

170. 1. JAMES SEMPLE, born June 18, 1836.

171. 2. DANIEL MORGAN, born November 18, 1837.

172. 3. RICHARD BUCKNER, born April 19, 1839; an officer with General Jackson.

173. 4. ANN VIRGINIA, born August 29, 1840; married in Shreveport, La.

174. 5. ROBERT BAYLOR, born February 6, 1842; an officer with General Jackson.

175. JAMES SEMPLE, third child and second son of James Semple, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, was born September 7, 1768; was Judge of General Court of Virginia and Professor of Law at William and Mary College. Married, first, Ann Countis Tyler (died June 12, 1803), daughter of Gov. John Tyler, December 24, 1795; second, February 4, 1805, Joanna McKenzie (died July, 1824), daughter of Dr. William McKenzie of Manchester; died August, 1834. Issue:

1. JOHN TYLER SEMPLE (see 187).

www.genealogy-books.com 2. JAMES (see 192).

176. 3. MARY COUNTIS, born December 2, 1799; married Joshua Storrs of Henrico County, Va. Issue: 1. Ann Countis Storrs. 2. Patsey Storrs. 3. Betsey Storrs, married R. A. Cobbs. 4. Mary Storrs. 5. Rebecca Allen Storrs, married Robert Diggs Wrenn of Richmond (their son is

W. D. Wrenn). 6. Ella Storrs, married Robert Christian.
7. James Semple Storrs.

177. 4. MARTHA ELIZA, born fourth Monday in March, 1801; married Judge John B. Christian of New Kent County, Va. Issue: 1. Eliza Christian, died young. 2. Martha Maria Christian, married Rev. John Mitchell (issue: Elliott Cobbs Mitchell). 3. James Semple Christian. 4. Robert Christian, married Ella Storrs. 5. John B. Christian, married Miss Caldwell.

178. 5. ANN COUNTIS, born May 10, 1808; died June 12, 1808.

179. 6. ANN ELIZA, born November 3, 1804; died October 21, 1809.

180. 7. REBECCA, born November 8, 1807; married Robert Harrison of Kittyton, Tenn.; died February 11, 1833.

181. 8. MARIA, born August 16, 1808; died November 24, 1809.

9. GEORGE WILLIAM (see 194).

182. 10. ROBERT ALEXANDER, born September 18, 1812; died October 3, 1813.

183. 11. JOANNA, died young.

184. 12. EDWARD ARMISTEAD, born November 9, 1818. Married, first, Mrs. Caroline Pickens; second, Irene White; died, 1877.

13. HENRY CHURCHILL (see 208).

185. GEORGE SEMPLE, seventh child and fourth son of James Semple, pastor of St. Peter's Church, was born September 2, 1775; married Mrs. Holt. Issue:

186. 1. JAMES ALLEN SEMPLE, who was adopted by his uncle, Judge Semple (175), who reared and educated him to manhood, his own father, a brother of the Judge, as well as his mother dying in his infancy, leaving him by will a handsome fortune. He married Letitia Tyler, the second daughter and fourth child of President John Tyler.

187. JOHN TYLER SEMPLE, eldest son of James Semple (175), was born October 1, 1796; married Betsey Prior, daughter of John Prior and his wife (Miss Tyler, daughter of Judge Tyler). Issue:

188. 1. JAMES.

189. 2. ANN COUNTIS, married Mr. Bates of Selma, Ala.

190. 3. JOHN, married Miss Royston of Perry County, Ala.

191. 4. ELIZABETH ARMISTEAD.

192. JAMES SEMPLE, second son of James (175), married Elizabeth Miller of Fluvanna County, Va.; died in 1846. Issue:

193. 1. MARY JANE SEMPLE, married Edwin Sheild, son of Col. Samuel Sheild of Yorktown, Va. Issue: 1. Mary Sheild, married Mr. Hungerford. 2. Edwin Sheild. 3. Semple Sheild. 4. Henrietta E. Sheild.

194. GEORGE WILLIAM SEMPLE, ninth child and third son of James Semple (175), married, first, Martha Christian Prior; second, 1839, Emily Booker. Issue:

195. 1. MARTHA CHRISTIANA SEMPLE, born January, 1837.

196. 2. BETSEY BOOKER, married William Walthall.

197. 3. JOANNA MCKENZIE, living at Tarboro', N. C.

198. 4. REBECCA CHURCHILL, married Mr. Martin.

199. 5. EDWARD ARMISTEAD, living at Hampton, Va.

200. 6. EMILY BOOKER, married Frank Battle of Rocky Mount, N. C. Issue: Emily Churchill Battle of Tarboro', N. C.

201. 7. GEORGE WILLIAM.

202. 8. HENRY REESE.

Also VIRGINIA BOOKER, and ALLEN MCKENZIE, who died in infancy.

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203. HENRY CHURCHILL SEMPLE, thirteenth child and sixth son of James Semple (175), was born at Williamsburg, Va., January 14, 1822; married, November 22, 1848, Emily Virginia James; both living in Montgomery, Ala. www.genealogy-books.com

Issue:

- 204. 1. EMILY VIRGINIA SEMPLE, born January 4, 1850; died May 10, 1851.
- 205. 2. JAMES MCKENZIE SEMPLE, born January 18, 1852; now Assistant District Attorney of New York.
- 206. 3. HENRY CHURCHILL, born October 18, 1853.
- 207. 4. ALFRED SCOTT, born January 5, 1855.
- 208. 5. MARY COUNTIS, born December 18, 1856.
- 209. 6. THOMAS DARRINGTON, born August 13, 1858.
- 210. 7. WILLIAM ARMISTEAD, born March 25, 1860; died June, 1860.
- 211. 8. LORENZO ELLIOTT, born August 31, 1861.
- 212. 9. IRENE, born March 24, 1866.
- 213. 10. ELIZA COLEMAN, born December 16, 1867; died June, 1869.
- 214. 11. MARGARET HARRIS, born May 8, 1871; died April 1873.
- 215. 12. EMILY JAMES, born November 20, 1873.

SEMPLES

OF

BRUNTSCHHELLS AND MILLBANK.

I.

216. **ANDREW SEMPLE**, second son of Robert, third Lord Semple, obtained the lands of Bruntschells from his father in 1560. He married Margaret Stirling, daughter of the Laird of Craigbarnet, by whom he had two sons.

II.

217. 1. **WILLIAM SEMPLE** of Bruntschells.
2. **JAMES** of Millbank (see 218).

I.

218. **JAMES SEMPLE**, second son of Andrew Semple of Bruntschells, obtained in 1603, the lands of Millbank from his grandfather Robert, third Lord Semple. He married Sibilla Glen, a daughter of the House of Barr, by whom he had

II.

219. **ROBERT SEMPLE** of Millbank, who sold the lands of Millbank, and died in the year 1668. He left issue by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Boyle of Kelburn, and Marion, his wife, daughter of Hugh Crawford of Kilbirny, a son and heir:

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1. **ANDREW SEMPLE** (see 220).

III.

220. ANDREW SEMPLE, only son and heir of Robert Semple of Millbank, married Jean Algoo, daughter of William Algoo of Easter-Walkinshaw, and had issue :

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221. 1. JEAN SEMPLE, married Thomas Crawford of Cartsburn.

222. 2. MARGARET, wife of Robert Hall of Fulbar.

SEMPLS

OF

BELTREES, THIRDPART, AND CASTLEBARN.

223. JOHN SEMPLE, third son of Robert, third Lord Semple, by his second wife, Elizabeth Carlyle, daughter of Lord Carlyle of Torthorwald, in Dumfriesshire, acquired the lands of Beltrees from his father, son of William, second Lord Semple, who obtained a charter of Beltrees from Queen Mary, dated October, 1545 (which lands previously belonged to a family of Stewarts. William Stewart and Alison Kennedy had a charter of them from King James III in 1477. This family failed in the person of another William Stewart of Beltrees in 1599). He married in March, 1564-5, Mary, daughter of Alexander, fifth Lord Livingston, one of the Maids of Honor to Queen Mary of Scots. On March 9, 1564-5, Queen Mary granted a charter of the lands of Auchtermutchy, in Fife, and the lands and lordship of Stewarton, in the Bailliery of Cuninghame (Ayrshire), to "John Semple, son to her cousin Robert, Lord Semple, and Marie Livingston, his spouse"; at the same time gave and granted them various land in the Barony of Strathbogy, Aberdeenshire, and of Ormischuc in the Bailliery of Cuninghame. The first of these grants was ratified in Parliament April 16, 1567, and the same favor was continued by James the Sixth in November, 1581. Both Semple (whom John

Knox called "John the Dancer"), and his wife were particular favorites of Queen Mary. Immediately after the Reformation John Semple is found as Provost of the Collegiate Church of Lochwinnoch founded by his great-grandfather John, first Lord Semple. He died April 25, 1579, leaving issue :

1. JAMES (see 227).
224. 2. ARTHUR.
225. 3. JOHN.
226. 4. DORATHIE.

II.

227. SIR JAMES SEMPLE of Beltraces, eldest son of John, third son of the "*Great Lord Semple*," was ambassador to Queen Elizabeth in the reign of James VI. He was born in 1566, and served heir of his father in the lands of Auchtermuchtie, in Fife, in 1588. He had a ratification of his investment of the land of Stewarton from James VI. October 12, 1612. He was an intimate and faithful friend of Andrew Melville. In Dr. M'Crie's *Life of Melville* he is frequently mentioned. Being a great favorite of King James VI (having received his early education with him, under direction of the celebrated scholar and writer, George Buchanan) Sir James was employed to transcribe the famous *Basilicon Doron*, written by that monarch; and having sent it to Melville to peruse, the latter took some objection to some passages in it and the subject was brought before the Synod of Fife, by John Dykes, minister at Austruther, in September, 1599. The King sent Francis Bothwell to apprehend Dykes, but he escaped. This obliged the King, in self-defense, to publish the work entire. After Melville had been decoyed to London in 1606, and committed to the

Tower, Sir James Semple exerted himself strenuously in his behalf. He first procured for him a relaxation of his confinement, and in 1611, with the Duke de Bouillon, used his influence to obtain for him permission to return to France. He became professor of theology in the Protestant University of Sedan, where he had Daniel Tilenus, a Silesian by birth, who held Arminian principles, for a colleague, and it is conjectured that at Melville's suggestion Sir James Semple engaged in controversy with him. To ingratiate himself with King James, Tilenus proceeded to England and published a pamphlet, entitled *Parnacensis ad Scotos Genevensis disciplinae zelotas*, wherein he defended episcopacy and abused the Scottish Presbyterians. This was confuted by Sir James Semple, in a work published in 1622, entitled "An Answer to Tilenus' Defense of the Bishops and the Five Articles," and also in Calderwood's *Altare Damascenum*. In this controversy Sir James obtained secret assistance from Melville and public and effectual aid from Calderwood. Sir James was also author of "Sacrilege Sacredly Handled—in two parts; with an Appendix, answering some objections." (London, 1619, 4to); "Cassander Scotina to Cassander Anglicanus" (1616); and "Sacrilege Saved by Cassander" (1619). He likewise wrote "The Packman and the Priest," a satirical poem against the Church of Rome. In a letter, quoted in Calderwood (vol. vii, p. 183) to Sir James Semple, from the eminent minister, Robert Bruce, dated at Inverness (where he was in exile), February 10, 1618, he styles Sir James "Right Honorable Cousin." When King James visited Scotland, in 1617, an oration in the form of an allegory, welcoming His Majesty, was pronounced in the great hall of the Earl of Abercorn, by a very pretty boy, nine

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years old — William,* the youngest son of the Sheriff of Renfrewshire, Sir James Semple of Beltrces. There can be little doubt that Sir James was himself the author of this oration. He died in his house at the Cross of Paisley, February, 1625, leaving issue by his wife Egidia, or ^{Wife} ~~Geidia~~ Elphinston, sister of George Elphinston of Blythawood." (Died at Bell's-Wynd, Paisley, September, 1618.)

1. ROBERT, who succeeded (see 234).
228. 2. GEORGE (an infant in 1617).
229. 1. MARION, married to Colin Campbell of Ardkinlas.
230. 2. MARGARET, married Walter McFarlane.
231. 3. MARY.
232. 4. GILLIS.
233. 5. ISOBEL.

III.

234. ROBERT SEMPLE, eldest son of Sir James of Beltrces, was author of an Epitaph and Elegy on "Habbie Simpson," the piper of Kilbarchan, who died about the beginning of the seventeenth century, a poem of much local celebrity. A statue of the piper was, in 1822, placed in a niche of the steeple of Kilbarchan. In 1584 Semple wrote a poem entitled "The Legend of the Lymmar's Life," on the journey of Archbishop Adamson to and from London. He was served heir of his father October 12, 1625, in the lands of Yochar, Blavarthill, Kings-Meadow, etc., in Renfrewshire; also, in the lands of Stewarton, with the lands of Ormischuc, Hillhouse, etc., in Ayrshire, and in Island of Little Cumray in the shire of Bute. He was educated at the College of Glasgow, having entered March, 1618. In the Register he is

* In the will of Lady Beltrces no mention is made of the "pretty boy" who delivered the oration. The youth must have died in the interval between the visit of the King and the death of Lady Beltrces.

designated "Robertus Semple haeres de Bultries." He married Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Lyon of Aulbar, by whom he had

1. FRANCIS (see 236).

235. ELIZABETH, married to Sir George Maxwell of Newark.

IV.

236. FRANCIS SEMPLE, eldest son of Robert of Beltrees, was author of "Banishment of Poverty," a piece of considerable merit, laudatory of the Duke of Albany. The famous comic ballad beginning, "Wha wadna be in love wi' bonny Maggie Lauder?" was written by him about 1642. Semple's songs were printed and well known in England in the reign of Charles II; the words and music being engraved by Thomas Cross. Henry Playford afterwards introduced them in his "Wit and Mirth" (vol. 1 printed at London in 1698). Gay introduced the air of Maggie Lauder in his musical opera of Achilles, printed in 1733. The same air had previously been used for a song in the Quaker's Opera, written by Thomas Walker. Francis Semple was the last of the three rhyming lairds of Beltrees. About 1677, he was appointed Sheriff Deputy of Renfrewshire. He sold Beltrees, which is in the parish of Lochwinnoch, opposite to Castle Semple, retaining the superiority, and in 1677, towards the end of his life, the family removed to a property in the parish of Kilbarchan, called Thirdpart, which he had purchased. He died suddenly at Paisley, Sunday evening, March 12, 1682, leaving issue by his wife, Jean Campbell, whom he married April 3, 1655, in the Kirk of Lochgoilsheid.

1. ROBERT, who succeeded, baptized April 11, 1656 (see 238).

237. 2. JAMES, baptized May 18, 1657. He appears to have died young.

V.

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238. ROBERT SEMPLE, son and heir of Francis Semple of Beltrees, married Mary, eldest daughter of Sir Robert Pollock of Pollock, November 14, 1678, and had issue:

239. 1. JEAN, born September 21, 1679.
240. 2. ELIZABETH, born November 12, 1680.
241. 3. GUZEL, born May 14, 1682.
4. ROBERT, his heir, born January 8, 1687 (see 242).

VI.

242. ROBERT SEMPLE, eldest son of Robert, and grandson of Francis Semple of Beltrees, married June 20, 1722, Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel Alexander Cochrane of Mainshill, in Ayrshire, and grand niece of Lord Cochrane of Dundonald. In his early years he followed a seafaring life, visiting Russia and various other countries. When only ten years old (1697), he was present at the burning of the witches of Paisley. To prevent his going, his parents hid his shoes, and he went without them. He was appointed a justice of the peace in 1708. About 1755, he prosecuted a claim to the family estate of Carberry in Ireland. (King James granted to Sir James Semple the village and lands of Kilbrittan, in the County of Carberry, Ireland, with several other lands, in the thirteenth year of His Majesty's reign in England, 1615.)

Robert Semple sold Thirdpart to William McDowall of Castle-Semple, in 1758. The lands comprehended the Hall, or proper Thirdpart, Watersyde, Faulds, Corbets, Drygate, Hardgait, and Margonhill, and retired to Kilbarchan, where

he obtained land, a part of the Quarry or Meadow-Park, from Jean Milliken, widow of William Milliken Napier of Culcreoch, and built thereon a house called Beltrees Cottage. He died in his 103d year, and was probably the oldest judicial functionary of that or any other rank in the British Empire. He left issue by his wife who predeceased him.

243. 1. JAMES, who died in America.

244. 2. ———, died young.

3. ROBERT (see 250).

245. 4. UNSULA, married to William Collins. He was an Englishman, second son of Thomas Collins of Lively Woodhouse, near Durham. They had many children, who all died without issue, except Hamilton Collins, who on the death of his great uncle, assumed the name of Semple, born October 2, 1794. He married Susanna Ann Dow, granddaughter of George, eldest son of John Campbell of Otter, Argyle, by Marion, daughter of Sir Colin Campbell of Ardkinlas, whose mother was Marion, daughter of Sir James Semple of Beltrees.

246. 5. ELIZABETH, married to John Gardner of Rustle-a'-Thorns and Windyash, Cumberland, and had issue, a son and daughter. ——— Gardner, the son, married the only daughter of Gilbert Ogilvie, by Miss Wright of Broom, and had issue: John Gardner, Esq., of Springbog; Gilbert Ogilvie Gardner, M.D., of the H. E. I. C. medical staff; and Robert Ogilvie Gardner, Lieutenant in the 19th Foot, who died at Ceylon.

247. 6. ANNABELLA, born in 1729, was married to Ebenezer Campbell, son of a clergyman in Ayrshire, in 1752. He studied for the Church. He went to the West Indies, leaving his family at Kilbarchan. He died in Jamaica. Annabella Semple, or Mrs. Campbell, died at Kilbarchan, September, 1812, aged 83. She had four daughters, two of whom married and had issue. The eldest, Elizabeth, married John

Stewart (of Paisley), a merchant in Greenock, and their son took the title of James Stewart of Beltrees.*

248. 7. ISABELLA SEMPLE died unmarried at Kilbarchan.

249. 8. JEAN, born in 1737, remained a spinster at Kilbarchan. Her father disposed to her his house at Kilbarchan (August 21, 1784), which she sold to William Stewart in the Tandlehill, August 29, 1789. She died at Kilbarchan in 1817.

VII.

250. ROBERT SEMPLE, third child and only surviving son of Robert Semple (VI), was born at Thirdpart about 1726. He went to Edinburgh, where he became an eminent brewer. He is mentioned in Williamson's Directory of Edinburgh for 1784 — "Robert Semple, Brewer, Castlebarns." He died at Castlebarns, February 5, 1810, and was buried at Colinton, near Edinburgh. He married an Edinburgh lady, but the union proved an unfortunate one. All his children predeceased him. The property of Castlebarns being part of the lands of Brandsfield, formerly called Dalry, lying within the parish of St. Cuthbert's and sheriffdom at Edinburgh, was disposed by Robert Semple to his grandnephew, Hamilton Collins, on his assuming and using the name of Semple. The property passed from Hamilton Collins Semple into the possession of Janet Ingram, *alias* Spence, in 1818.

* The Stewarts of Beltrees merged into the family Buchanan, a daughter of which, Jeannette Buchanan, married Alexander Semple (see 274), grandfather of the author.

SEMPLES

OF

CRAIGINFEOCH, CRAIGBETTS, AND BALGREEN.

251. **SIR ROBERT SEMPLE** of Craiginfeoch, *cousin-german* of Sir James Semple of Beltrees, had a charter from his grandfather, Robert, Third Lord Semple, of the lands of Craiginfeoch, which before pertained to David, ancestor of the Semples of Craigbetts (a branch of whom settled in Spain). He left a son.

I.

252. **JOHN SEMPLE**, who married Margaret Atkine, the heiress of Balgreen (which lands lie in the northwestern part of the parish of Lochwinnoch). He obtained the lands of Longcraft and Muirshield from James, Earl of Abercorn, August 26, 1642. He also had a charter granted by William, Lord Cochran and Dundonald of the lands of Queenside-Muir, dated October 13, 1655. In Queenside-Muir a high hill is situated called the Hill of the Stake, and Queenside Loch, out of which the river Calder hath its source, which empties into Castle-Semple Loch (Lochwinnoch), below the house of Barr. John Semple of Balgreen, died in 1679, and left issue.

1. **ROBERT** (see 253).

2. **HUGH**, ancestor of the Semples of Cartside (see 254).

II.

253. **ROBERT SEMPLE**, Sheriff-Deputy of Renfrewshire, eldest son of John Semple of Balgreen, sold the lands of Balgreen, formerly called Easter Cloak, Longcraft, Muirshield, and Queenside-Muir, to his kinsman, Robert Semple of Fulwood, July 6, 1697, but continued to reside at Balgreen until his death in 1726. These lands were acquired by Sir John Houston, of that ilk, April 25, 1718, and afterwards passed into the possession of Robert Fulton (by Sir John Houston, son of the first mentioned), merchant in Paisley, December 17, 1729, who sold the lands of Muirshield and Queenside-Muir to William Caldwell of Yardfoot, and were acquired from him by William McDowall of Castle-Semple, 1782. Robert Semple left a widow, Mary Edminstone.

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OF

CARTSIDE, EASTER KAIMHILL, BOAKSHILL, AND
DESCENDANTS.

I

254. **HUGH SEMPLE**, second son of John Semple of
Balgreen, left a son,

II

255. **JAMES SEMPLE**, who married Margaret Blair.
Their oldest son,

III.

256. **JOHN SEMPLE**, died February, 1753, leaving
issue by his wife, Janet Cochran, who predeceased her hus-
band, October, 1751, three sons and four daughters.

1. **JOHN** (see 262).

2. **WILLIAM** (see 265).

257. 3. **JAMES**.

258. 4. **MARGARET**.

259. 5. **JANET**.

260. 6. **AGNES**.

261. 7. **ISABEL**.

IV.

262. **JOHN SEMPLE**, eldest son of John Semple,
purchased the lands of Cartside from Patrick Crawford of
Auchinames about the year 1750, and rebuilt the house and

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office houses in 1754. The lands of Cartside were the south-most lands of the Barony of Auchinames, lying upon the north side of the river Black Cart. He left issue:

1. JAMES (see 264).
2. ALEXANDER SEMPLE (see 268).

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263. 3. JOHN.

V.

264. JAMES SEMPLE, eldest son of John Semple of Cartside, sold the lands of Cartside to William Barr of Braes and Goldenknows, April 15, 1774, and emigrated to America, July 11, 1774, with a wife and seven children.*

265. WILLIAM SEMPLE, second son of John Semple (256), possessed the lands of Easter Kaimhill and Bookahill from May, 1740, to May, 1746. He married Janet Taylor, January 18, 1746, by whom he had two sons, born Wednesday, May 10, 1747, both at a birth. The mother died the 17th of the same month. The father died June 24, 1773, aged 58 years.

266. 1. WILLIAM SEMPLE, historian, son of William Semple of Easter Kaimhill, was author of "Semple's Continuation of Crawford's History of the Shire of Renfrew," 1710 to 1782. The work contains a genealogical history of the Royal House of Stewart, with a genealogical account of the illustrious House of Hanover from the time of their intermarriage with the Stewart family to 1710, also a genealogical history of the Nobility and Gentry of the County of Renfrew, and an exact survey of the county; together with the state of the public buildings, manufactures, different religions, etc., etc., collected from Public Records, Ancient

* They are said to have settled in North Carolina, but no trace of them or their descendants have I been able to obtain.

W. A. SEMPLE, Broad Brook, Conn.

Chartularies of the Monasteries of Paisley, Arbroath, Kelso, Dunfermline, Melross, Balmerinloch, Schoon, Dryburgh, Canbushkennoth, Aberdeen, and Murray; and from the best historians and private manuscripts, from the year 1034 to 1782. It also contains the coat of arms of each family in blazon.

267. 2. JOHN SEMPLE, twin brother of William, emigrated to America, June 17, 1765.

268. ALEXANDER SEMPLE, second son of John Semple of Cartside, married Mary Brodie of Dampton farm, and by her had issue.

1. JAMES or "English" Semple (see 271).

269. 2. JOHN, died in Glasgow; left issue in London.

270. 3. JEAN, married Robert Muir of Liverpool.

271. JAMES SEMPLE, eldest son of Alexander Semple (268), was commonly called "English" from his having lived in England, and to distinguish him from "Merchant" Semple of another family.

He married Ann Houston, by whom he had eight sons and one daughter. (The remains of "English" Semple and his wife are interred in the Cartside burial plot, in the old kirkyard of Kilbarchan.)

1. ALEXANDER SEMPLE (see 274).

2. JOHN (see 279).

www.genealogy-books.com 3. JAMES (see 286).

4. ROBERT (see 287).

5. ANDREW (see 297).

6. WILLIAM (see 303).

272. 7. ALLAN, killed in Canada.

8. FRANCIS BURDETTE (see 305).

273. 9. JEAN, died young.

274. ALEXANDER SEMPLE, eldest son of James or "English" Semple, was born in London, April 29, 1805; emigrated to America, May, 1848; died at Warehouse Point, Ct., July 5, 1873. Married Jeannette Buchanan* (born February 11, 1800), granddaughter of James Buchanan† (of Kilbarchan), antiquarian and intimate friend of the poet, Robert Tannahill. Issue, three sons and three daughters:

275. 1. JEAN SEMPLE, born December 14, 1825, died July 8, 1863. Married William Brown of Kilbarchan. Issue: William, Thomas, Jeannette, Alexander, and Margaret:

2. ALEXANDER SEMPLE (see 307).

3. JAMES (see 308).

276. 4. ANNIE SEMPLE, born May 13, 1839. Married Charles Cooper of Bennington, Vt. Issue: 1. Alexander James Cooper, born at Enfield, Conn., May 26, 1861; (married Hattie A. Resseguie of Northville, N. Y.) 2. Helena May Cooper, born at Thompsonville, Conn., July 4, 1864. 3. Eulah Mabel Cooper, born at Thompsonville, Conn., April 3, 1867 (married Louis Graves of Bennington, Vt.). 4. Lizzie Cooper, born at Bennington, Aug. 13, 1870. 5. Charles William Cooper, born at Bennington, June 30, 1873; died January 18, 1885.

277. 5. JANET, born May 13, 1841; died November 14, 1841.

278. 6. JOHN SEMPLE was born at Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland, May 14, 1844.

At the opening of the War of the Rebellion, he, with four companions, Chauncy M. Allen, Henry Allen, Irwin Cooper, and James H. House (now living at Windsorville, Conn.,

* Jeannette Buchanan's mother was a Grant (of the Highlands), whose mother was a McFarlane of the Clan McFarlane.

† James Buchanan, a descendant of the distinguished reformer and Latin poet, George Buchanan (born February, 1506), whose family descended from Prince Anselm, who, in 1016, lent his assistance to King Malcolm the Second, in repelling the Danes.

the only surviving one of the five), went from Windsor, Conn., and enlisted at Hartford, August 12, 1861, with the "1st Conn. Squadron of Cavalry," under Major William Mallory of Bridgeport. The squadron was detached to the "Harris Light Cavalry, or Second N. Y." Semple was a member of Company "D," and company bugler.

He was captured near Hagerstown, Md., about July 10, 1863, and was taken to Belle Isle, from which he escaped by swimming the James River; was run down by bloodhounds, recaptured, and taken to Libby Prison; afterwards transferred to "Castle Thunder" from which he escaped by tunneling, and made his way into the Union lines at Yorktown. He served three years and was honorably discharged, August, 1864. He died unmarried, January 3, 1880.

279. JOHN SEMPLE, second son of "English" Semple, was born in London, October, 1808; died 1848. Married Margaret Sproule, born at Paisley, October 31, 1808. Issue:

1. JAMES SEMPLE (see 311).
280. 2. MARTEW, born February, 1833; died August, 1846.
281. 3. ANN, born May 20, 1836. Married William Meikle.
282. 4. JOHN, born October, 1838; died August, 1868. Married Rebecca Stewart.
283. 5. WILLIAM, born October, 1840; died September, 1854.
284. 6. MARGARET, born January 1, 1843. Married James Allan (see 313).
285. 8. JANE, born January 1, 1843. Married James Walker.

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286. JAMES SEMPLE, third son of "English" Semple, born in London, January, 1810; now living at Greeneville, Conn. Married Jean Whithill of Kilbarchan. Issue:
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1. JAMES SEMPLE (see 316).

287. ROBERT SEMPLE, fourth son of "English" Semple, born at Kilbarchan, June 12, 1812. Married Janet Love, born September 9, 1814. Issue:

288. 1. JAMES SEMPLE, born March 28, 1835. Married Janet Weir.

289. 2. MARIAN, born February 4, 1837. Married Archibald Hall.

290. 3. JANET, born January 29, 1839. Married, first, David McQueen; married, second, Isaac Wallace.

291. 4. AGNES, born May 1, 1841. Married Daniel McPherson.

292. 5. JANE, born December 5, 1843. Married Alexander Stevenson.

293. 6. MARGARET, born January 14, 1847. Married Michael McConnochie.

294. 7. HELEN, born April 28, 1849. Married William Muir.

295. 8. ROBERT, born February 9, 1853. Married Janet Granger. Died January 4, 1875.

296. 9. ANN, born January 12, 1858. Married Richard Houston.

297. ANDREW SEMPLE, fifth son of "English" Semple, born at Kilbarchan, May 28, 18—; died August 27, 18—. Married Mary McDougall. Issue:

298. 1. ANN SEMPLE, born September 25, 1841. Married David McMillan. Died February 7, 1884.

299. 2. MARY, born January 8, 1843.

300. 3. JAMES, born January 28, 1846; died January 14, 1881.

301. 4. ANDREW, born April 19, 1849.

302. 5. JOHN, born January 31, 1852.

303. WILLIAM SEMPLE, sixth son of "English" Semple, born at Kilbarchan; died ———. Married Mary Spier of Quarrelton. Issue:

304. 1. WILLIAM SEMPLE.

305. 2. JANE. (Mrs. Egleston of Auburn, N. Y.)

306. FRANCIS BURDETTE SEMPLE, eighth son of "English" Semple, born September 24, 1825; died May 31, 1886; married Margaret McCue, born November 20, 1823; died March 10, 1874. Issue:

1. JAMES SEMPLE (see 320).

307. ALEXANDER SEMPLE, second child and eldest son of Alexander Semple (274), was born at Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland, May 8, 1835. Married Elizabeth Wilson of Dracut, Mass., born near Edinburgh, October 27, 1836; eldest daughter of William and Martha White Wilson, [the issue of whom now living: 1. Elizabeth Wilson (my mother). 2. Mary Wilson, wife of Alonzo D. Greeley of Pelham, N. H.; issue, Arthur W. Greeley, Alice Maud Greeley — married Frank Hillman of Pelham, N. H., — Elizabeth Greeley (deceased), Blanche Greeley (deceased), Frederick Alonzo Greeley, and Grace Greeley. 3. Alexander Wilson, married Mary Elizabeth Walker, daughter of Amor Walker of Philadelphia, and had issue: Amor Wilson (deceased), and Mary Elizabeth Wilson, now living at Broad Brook, Conn., with Alexander and Elizabeth Wilson Semple, who reared her to womanhood, her mother dying in her infancy and her father remaining unmarried, now living in Philadel-

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phia. 4. William Thomas Wilson, married H. Elizabeth Dornan of Philadelphia, issue: William Elmer Wilson and Howard Semple Wilson. 5. Henry White Wilson, married Mary Vogt of Philadelphia. 6. Martha Wilson, married Charles A. Bissell of Broad Brook, Conn., issue: Charles Lindorf Bissell, Alexander Semple Bissell (deceased), William Garfield Bissell, and Florence Irene Bissell.]

Alexander and Elizabeth Wilson Semple had issue:

1. WILLIAM ALEXANDER SEMPLE (see 326).

308. JAMES SEMPLE, third child and second son of Alexander Semple (274), born at Kilbarchan, April 6, 1837. Married Grace Cullen, born at Egglesston, Renfrewshire, February 13, 1841. Issue:

309. 1. ROBERT ALEXANDER SEMPLE, born at Amesbury, Mass., September 30, 1864, living at Broad Brook, Conn.

310. 2. JENNIE MARGARET, born at Maynard, Mass., October 3, 1870.

311. JAMES SEMPLE, eldest son of John Semple (279), was born August 23, 1831; died June 15, 1867. Married Jeanie Gavin. Issue:

312. 1. JAMES SEMPLE.

313. ALLAN SEMPLE, seventh child and fifth son of John Semple (279), born January 11, 1846. Married Janet Steward. Issue:

314. 1. JOHN SEMPLE, born 1872.

315. 2. JAMES, born 1874.

316. JAMES SEMPLE, only child of James Semple (286) and grandson of "English" Semple, was born August 28, 1838; was in the War of the Rebellion; member of

Company "A," 18th Regiment Connecticut Volunteers; prisoner at Libby and Belle Isle; killed September 30, 1885, while in discharge of his duties as mechanic in Chelsea Paper Mills, Greenville, Conn. Married Margaret Coulter (born in Paisley). Issue:

- 317. 1. MARGARET ALEXANDER, born July 3, 1866.
- 318. 2. JAMES WHITHILL SEMPLE, born June 6, 1870.
- 319. 3. WILLIAM COULTER, born August 13, 1877.

320. JAMES SEMPLE, only son of Francis Burdette Semple (306), born September 7, 1847; issue:

- 321. 1. FRANCIS BURDETTE SEMPLE, born December 17, 1872.
- 322. 2. ROBERT WALKER, born March 15, 1875.
- 323. 3. JAMES FULLARTON, born November 8, 1881.
- 324. 4. WILLIAM WALKER, born November 24, 1883.
- 325. 5. JOHN MCK., born September 8, 1885.

326. WILLIAM ALEXANDER SEMPLE, *only child* of Alexander Semple (307), born at Dracut, Mass., July 8, 1859. Married Lilla Bissell Davenport,* daughter of Charles Warren † and Elizabeth Bissell Davenport; born at Broad Brook, Ct., November 23, 1864. Issue:

- 327. 1. WILLIAM ALEXANDER SEMPLE, Jr., born at Broad Brook, February 2, 1885.
- 328. 2. ELIZABETH EMILIE, born February 1, 1887, at Broad Brook, Conn.

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*The Davenport family take their name from the town of Davenport, Cheshire, England, and have a genealogical history from 1086 to 1879, compiled by Dr. Bennett F. Davenport of Boston.

† Charles Warren Davenport's grandmother was named Bull, descended from the Dutch traders of that name, whose history forms a part of the early history and settlement of Hartford.