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A Transcript in a hand of the last century.

Letters from the Drummonds that settled in Madeira, to the Earl of Perth, 1623. Extracts from various Books, printed either before or since the Writer's time.
"The Portrait of True Loyalty," &c. The history of the family of Gordon, ending with the Siege of Edinburgh Castle. The latter half of the Volume is filled with genealogies and genealogical notes. The whole volume, except some papers at the end of no value, is in the hand of Robert Mylne. 4to.

Another Copy, in a hand of the middle of last century. Small 4to.

A Volume of Collections, by Robert Mylne; chiefly in his own hand. 4to.

1. Genealogy of the House of Drummond, &c.
2. Lumsden's History of the Family of Forbes.
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Notes and Extracts from Original Writs, by Sir James Balfour, and other sources, chiefly regarding families of Fife, but containing much genealogical information, and some historical notes without order. Small 4to, pp. 554.

Copy notes in the handwriting of the late Lord Hailes, taken from a Copy of Douglas's Peerage, belonging to Miss Dalrymple, his Lordship's Daughter.

These have been printed by Mr. Maidment, in Analecta Scotica, Vol. I., p. 160.

A folio Volume, partly occupied by genealogical notes by Macfarlane, in his own hand.

At the end are instances of the occurrence of the word carnalis applied to legitimate progeny.
Sir Richard Maitland's History of the House of Seton, ending with "Chap. 23. Off Lord George, the Fifth of that Name." 12mo. Written in a hand early in the seventeenth century. Acquired lately, having the name of John Baird, 1825, on the first page.

Extracts of Charters by the Earl of Buchan, 1498, to the Carthusians of Perth. Presented by the late Earl of Buchan, 1801.

Sir Robert Gordon's Genealogy or Pedigree of the Earls of Sutherland, transcribed by Alexander Munro, Master of the Musick School at Tain, Anno Domini 1736. Folio, pp. 211.

Printed by Weber, from the original in possession of the Marchioness of Stafford.


At the end are found "Excerpta ex Manucripto Fernensi codice et Dempsteri Ecclesiastica Historia Gentis Seotorum et Vitis Episcoporum Cathaynensium cum Continuuatione Alexandri Rossei," brought down to the same year, 1631. The Register of Fern, from which these Notes are extracted, is not now known to exist. But a Calendar, which belonged to Fern, and which contains many Obits, has recently been found at Dunrobin, and been transcribed.

The Genealogy of Noble Families of Scotland, Vol. II., 1693. Wil. Dunlop. Folio, pages 131. The Families are in alphabetic order of their titles; the first letter being M, the last H.

Sir Ludovick Stewart, of Kirkhill, Advocate, his Collections, with several valuable Additions of Births, Charters, &c., after page 351. All preceding that page being Sir Lewis's Collection, and the rest out of the valuable Collection of Richard Hay, Canon Regular of St. Genevieve, Paris, Prior of St. Piermont, &c., &c. Folio, pp. 433. A Collection of Historical, Legal, and Genealogical Notes, in the hand of Robert Mylne, who has also written the continuation, and a full index. Of the original compiler he says: "This Sir Ludovick was the son of — Stewart, that was deput. to Mr. Alex. Guthrie, who was principal clerk of Edinburgh, 1579."

Mackenzie's Collections. Collection of the most remarkable accounts that relate to the families of Scotland, drawn from their own charters, &c., &c., by Sir George Mackenzie. Folio. In a note prefixed it is stated that this is a copy by Mackenzie, from Lord Carse's Collection, with additions by Mackenzie. The articles are arranged in alphabetic order of Surnames.

1. Genealogical Collections, by Sir Patrick Lyon, of Carse, one of the Lords of Session, in the reign of Charles II. Folio. The first part of this volume is almost identical with the preceding, and yet it can hardly have been the MS. copied by Mackenzie.

2. There are inserted "Some remarks concerning the name of Sibbald." After page 64, and at
the end, is a note in Sibbald's hand, "De familia Bodiana," fol. 66.


A 12mo volume; being nearly a transcript of Mackenzie's Collection. (Above, 34. 3. 19.)

The Genealogy of the House of Drummond, &c., copied from the original MS. by Mr. D. Drummond, 1689. Folio, 66 leaves.

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