James Hamilton



Born: 1423 Hamilton, Scotland Married: Mary Stewart Died: 6 Nov 1479 Hamilton, Scotland Parents: James Hamilton & Janet Livingstone

"Hamilton" (d. [[1479]]), connected, with house of Douglas by his marriagewith widow of fifth earl and that of her daughter (Fair Maid of Galloway) with William, eighth earl; lord of parliament, 1445; accompanied the eighth Earl of Douglas to Rome, 1450, and attended him to his fatal meeting with James II at Stirling, 1452; joined James, ninth earl of Douglas, in renunciation of allegiance and subsequent submission, J453; advised another rebellion, but went over to the king owing to Douglas's weakness; commissioner for peace with England and sheriff of Lanarkshire, 1455; married Mary Stewart, sister of James III, 1469.

Prior to 1440 he achieved the status of Knighthood, and circa. 1440/1441 he inherited his father's estates. In 1445, Hamilton received a charter creating him a Lord of Parliament. This charter raised all his estates into the entail of that rank, with its Capital Messuage at the Orchard, (later Hamilton Palace), at Cadzow. Furthermore the charter stated that henceforth the lands would be known as Hamilton as they are today.

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