

Nisbet of Hardhill probably DNA3

MURDOCH Nisbet (1470? - 1558) fled overseas after 1515 came back sometime between 1520 and 1539 wrote The New Testament in Scots.

Not much is known about him, but he had a mighty impact in his day. He is believed to have been a "notary", a high-ranking civil servant. Unknown if he had any brothers or uncles It is possible that this is the same Murdoch that was the tutor for the children of Greenholm 1519 as he was a notary

ALEXANDER bef 1558 +Dec 1623 inherited the New Testament in Scots after his father. His testamnet was reg Aug 26 1624 ALLEXANDER Neisbit in HARDHILL, parish of LOWDOUNE Glasgow Commissary Court Testament X **JANET GILBERT**

JAMES *aft 1603 +1645? was appointed, along with his mother, as executor for Alexander's testament. But as he was not of age when his father died, his mother was declared sole executor. (He then would have been born aft 1603 inherited the New Testament in Scots in 1624, James inherited Murdochs New Testament in Scots and wrote in it in 1624 **I resauiet this buke in the yeir of God ane thowsand six honder tuenti four year at Youll.--JAMES NEISBIT with my hand**

X **JANET GIBSON** who died young and James lived a widow all the rest of his days

JOHN NISBET THE MARTYR (1627-1685) inherited the New Testament in Scots in and wrote in it 1645 **I resiuet this booke in the yeir of God ane thowsand sex hander fourti fyue years at the trid day of March.--JOHNE NESBEIT I reseavit this booke the yeare of God 1645 the elewent day of March---JOHNE NEISBEIT with my hand**

John the martyr took up arms for the covenant, was severely wounded at Pentland, "did good service" at Drumclog and Bothwell, and was finally captured and executed at Edinburgh He was martyred aged 58 at the Grassmarket of Edinburgh on 4 December 1685.

X **MARGARET LAW** and had four children. **Margaret and some of her children** have been reported to have **died in a cave**. In 1683 MRS JOHN Nisbet and CHILDREN DIED OF ILLNESS brought by winter conditions while forced to live hidden in a cave Convenanter of martyrs

Sergeant JAMES (1667?-1728) inherited the New Testament in Scots X **AGNES WOODBURN** He was reported in 1728 to have said to Lord Grange that he **HAD NO CHILDREN AND WAS LAST OF THIS OLD FAMILY** but he had a nephew who sold the book As he says he is the last of this old family

I would also think then there were possibly no other direct living male descendants of Murdock and definitely none for John the Martyr

As he is last of this old family **this nephew must then be a child of one of his wife's (Agnes Woodburn) siblings and not a Nisbet** as many have thought.

What exactly happened to the book right after his death is unknown but everyone seems to agree that the nephew sold it and Sir Alexander Boswell ended up with it

(ref- *Wodrow in his "Analexta," under the year 1728 (vol iii p518)*, continues the history of the family and book:-

"James Nisbet, son to John Nisbit of Hardhill, Ensing or Lieutennant in the Castle of Edinburgh, dyed some moneths ago. He was a very eminent and singular Christian---- **A little before his death, he gote my Lord Grange's acquaintance, and he sometimes visited him in the Castle. He said to my Lord, He was the last of his old family, (and had no children), and had a nepheu** bound to be a barber, to whom he was to leave his papers, and an old Wickliffe's Neu Testament, which had been in the family of Hardhill since the Reformation, and hisDiary That his papers about civil affairs wer in some disorder, and he had nobody he could trust those to till his nepheu greu up but his Lordship, and begged he would take the trouble of them." Lord Grange made some difficulty about undertaking this responsibility, and meanwhile "It pleased the Lord, as a great mercy to James Nisbit, to incline his nepheu to a liking to what is good and serious.... A feu dayes before his death he sent my Lord, and told nou he was a dying, and he had gote his papers and rights in some order, and could nou trust his nepheu...with them and the family Wickliffe's Testament.")

MARY

ISOBELL x bef 1621 to **ADAM REID** in Middlefield Ayr + bef Dec 1623

ELIZABETH x **JOHN DONALDSON** in Dalloy30 May 1620 NISBET sasine Adam Reid and his spouse Isobel Nisbet in Middilfeild Ayr Sasines Ayr

1684 HUGH Nisbet fugitive Loudoun son to the said JOHN Nisbet of ? Loudoun (has been taken to have been from HARDHILL?) Loudoun the list is as follows

JOHN Nisbet in HARDHILL

John Woodburn in the **MAINS of LOUDON**

George Woodburn **THERE**

Robert Woodburn **THERE**

William Woodburn **THERE**

William Smith **THERE servant** (should this be "**servant to John Nisbet?**" --all the others that say servant or servitor have the name of who they are servant or servitor to and the name)

Hugh Nisbet son to the **said John Nisbet** (also the others that are listed the son is right after the father)

JAMES Nisbet in HIGHSIDE

Thomas Donald **SERVANT** to **ALEXANDER Nisbet in KNAVACKLAW**" -The history of the sufferings of the church of Scotland Proclamation with list of Fugitives Loudoun 1684 **The original record is to be found May 5, 1684, a list of fugitives the Privy Council in Edinburgh and the original would have to be checked to see if something was left out. No where does it say any of these NISBETS fled to Ireland. Both JOHN of HARDHILL and JAMES of HIGHSIDE were caught and hung in Scotland. JAMES Nisbet son of John of HARDHILL was reported to have said that he is the last of this family see 1728** We can then probably conclude that even if this Hugh was the son of John of Hardhill and brother of James he died before 1728 with no male heirs