

JAMES NISBET SON OF ALEXANDER NISBET IN IRVINE NEVER LEFT SCOTLAND

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JAMES was later a merchant in Irvine and died 2nd Sept 1745 and the origin of his father is unknown

This same James has been claimed to be the James (belonging to DNA2 group) that immigrated 1685 to USA - died there in 1720

The descendants and others of the James that went to USA have claimed that his father Alexander was uncle of John the Martyr and also claimed to have descended from Nisbets of Greenholm.

At this time there is nothing known that connects Alexander the minister to either John the Martyr or to Greenholm or even indicates that this is a possibility.

For the James that went to USA

Tom has paraphrased the following three excerpts of some of the material relating to the **James that immigrated to NJ**

Harvey Book

p. 268 & 269 has the follow information:

*Rev. MacWhorter says in his Century Sermon, "There was an addition to this church worthy of notice about 1690 when horror raged in Scotland under the headlong and debauched King Charles II. Some suffered death, others fled. Three of the persecuted people came to this town and were received with great pleasure by the church and became eminent members of it. The names of these **three young men were (James) Niesbit, (Robert) Young, (James) Clisby.**"*

*From **Historical Discourses Relating to the First Church of Newark** by Stearns.*

*About 1692, Rev. Abraham Pierson Jr. was encouraged by four men from Scotland, who had fled from the persecutions and troubles there under Charles II. Their names were **Young, Nesbit, Clisby, and Douglass** who for their zeal and piety had been admitted by the first settlers to great privileges in the town."*

*From the **History of Newark** 1878 by Arkinson*

The Rev John Prudden Sr. was installed pastor of the First Church of Newark in 1692, as the successor the Rev Pierson and soon after Prudden's ministry began there was an accession to the town (early 1693) of eleven planters, of whom James Nesbit, James Clizbie, and Robert Young were exiles from Scotland.

Also

Oscar Jewell Harvey, A.M. in his book ***The Harvey Book 1899*** written also 200 years later (which should always put up a red flag if this pedigree is correct unless it has reference to original documentation)

It says **John the Martyr** was his uncle so just another pedigree that has speculated relationship with him. And we can almost 100% say that any pedigree that includes him is most likely wrong

NOW back to JAMES son of ALEXANDER minister of Irvine and proof that he did not immigrate

ALEXANDER NESBITT of Knock, 1650 M.A. (Edinburgh, July 1643); trans. from Second Charge; nominated by the Provost and Bailies of Irvine, and approved by the Presb. 1st Jan. 1650; died 11th March 1669, aged about 46. He marr. Agnes Walkinshaw, who survived him, and had issue—John, of Knock; James, entered apprentice to James Nisbet, M.D., surgeon - apothecary, Edinburgh, 5th June 1678, afterwards merchant, Irvine, died 2nd Sept. 1745; Elizabeth. Publications—*Exposition of the First and Second Epistles of Peter* (London, 1658); *Exposition of Ecclesiastes* (Edinburgh, 1694).—[*Edin. Guild Reg.*; *Glasg. Tests.*; *Inq. Ret. Ayr*, 567; *Reg. Old Dec.*, ii.; *Baillie's Lett.*; *Kirkton's Hist.*; *M'Ure's Glasg., Reg. of Deeds, Dal.*, 5th Nov. 1686, 10th March 1687.]

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See picture text

Sasine Ayr-14-Oct-**1654**- Alexander-Nisbet-spouse of Agnes-Walkinshaw minister Irvine Ayr testament-23-Sept-**1669**-NISBET Alexander - minister at Irvine; TD; Glasgow Commissary Court

Service of Heirs 4 Nov **1669 James Nisbett heir of father Master Alexander Nisbett minister parish of Irving** 10 libra (£) in the lands of old extinct of Knock in the bailiary of Cunningham including the Over of Nether Graszeardes , Quarter, Rottenburne, Glenheid, Hill, Outerwards, and Palmerboig Ayr

apprentice-5-June-**1678**- **James NISBET son of umq Mr-Alexander-Nisbet late minister Irving**

The Register Of Apprentices Of The City Of Edinburgh 1963 Edinburgh : Printed For The Society By James Skinner & Company

James and many others around Scotland acted as an agent for the Henry and Francis sailing to NJ 1684 the ship on which the above James was erroneously said to have sailed Henry & Francis of New Castle Leith, Scotland to Perth Amboy, New Jersey December 1685 Ship "Henry and Francis" of New Castle, departed from the port of Leith, September 5, 1685, arrived at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, in the middle of December, 1685.

Here are all the references in Ayr after he supposedly immigrated 1687

Bap Irvine 13 Nov 1687 Elizabeth NISBITE **dau of James Nisbet and Christian** (Christian Cunningham see below 1700)

1689 elected councilor of Burgh

April 26, 1689: [Irvine] Burgh Court of Irvine: "The quilk day convened within the counsell house of the said burgh James Millikin **merchants** (sic.) who were by the communitie or burgesses of the said burgh therewith chosen to be baillies of the said burgh, and **also James Nisbet Robert Mure etc. elected to be counsellors**". [Irvine Burgh Council Records 1687-1700 (NAS); B37/12/5, p. 78]

1691 Hearth rolls

paid taxes in 1690, 1691

1693 Bailie of Irvine

November 4, 1693: [Irvine] Act of the Town Council of Irvine in favour of the **Incorporations of Trades** thereof, granting liberty to improve their seat in the Church of Irvine. Subscribed by Alexander Cunninghame, provost, Thomas Montgomery, bailie, **Jas.**

Nisbet, bailie, James Milliken D: G: William Cunninghame treasurer, W. Stevenson, J. Thomson, Andrew Gemill, Andrew Spark, W. McTaggart, counsellors, Hugh Love, Hugh Garven and John Thomson. [Muniments of the Royal Burgh of Irvine, Ayrshire and Galloway Archaeological Association Vol. II, p. 107-8]

1694 Baillie of Irvine

August 20, 1694: [Irvine] Agreement of Sale between the Magistrates of Irvine and **James Nisbet, bailie** for the sale by the latter of a tenement near the cross. Witnessed by John Hamilton, clerk of Irvine, Robert Muir surveyor of their Majesty's Customs, William Stevenson and John Marshall writers. Magistrates and Town Council of Irvine: Alexander Cunningham, provost, Thomas Montgomery, bailie, James Millikin, D: G: John Gray, Alex. Dyett, Andrew Gemill, Andrew Spark, J. Thomson, W. McTaggart, W. Stevenson and Hugh Garven, councillors and John Thompson. [Muniments of the Royal Burgh of Irvine, Ayrshire and Galloway Archaeological Association Vol. II, p. 110-11]

1700 mentions in retour of Heirs 1700 4 Nov 1700 MARGARET Nisbet *heir portioner conquest* to JAMES CUNNINGHAM merchant in Edinburgh brother immediate junior ROBERT CUNNINGHAM –IRVING uncle of CHRISTIAN CUNNINGHAM spouse of **JAMES NISBET BAILLIE OF IRVINE** and mother MARGARET Nisbet fratris avi grandfather and MARGARET CUNNINGHAM 2nd--- *Retours of Heirs NAS C22/vol xlix 13 #8256 Inquisitiones generales*

Sometime after this his wife Christian Cunnigham died and he remarried Jean Blair
They had a least 4 children

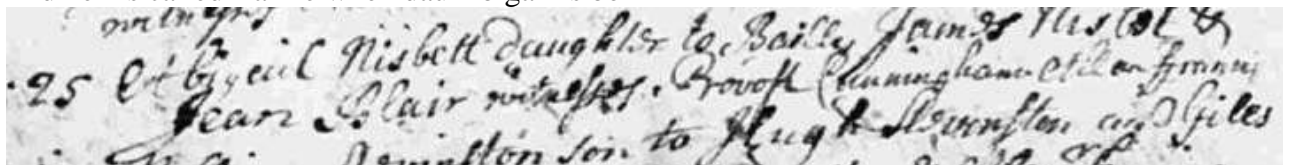
29/07/1705 Nisbitt Anne **James Nisbitt**/Jean Blair Irvine /Ayr

7 06/07/1707 Nisbitt Elizabeth **James Nisbitt**/Jean Blair Irvine /Ayr

2 17/03/1709 Nisbet Alexander **James Nisbet**/Jean Blair M Irvine /Ayr

25/04/1712 Nisbet Abigail **James Nisbet**/Jean Blair F Irvine /Ayr

And he his called Baillie when dau Abigail is born



25 Oct 1712 Abigail Nisbett daughter to Bailly James Nisbet & Jean Blair witnesses. Brooch Cunningham Clerk of Irvine

And lastly his death as mentioned above died 2nd Sept 1745