



# Sir Alexander Nisbet's "Big" House

*Berwickshire, near Duns, Scotland*



*Sir Alexander Nisbet*

*Of That Ilk*

*1580-1660*

*Et ux Katherine Swinton*

*Sir Alexander was, at one time, sheriff-depute of Berwickshire. During the English Civil War Alexander was a fervent supporter of King Charles the 1st, and he borrowed heavily on his estate in support of the King. King Charles lost his head and Sir Alexander lost his newly built tower house and three of his sons.*

*Major Alexander Nisbet was killed at the siege of York in 1644.*

*Sir Philip Nisbet, the eldest son, was executed in Glasgow after the Battle of Philiphaugh in 1645.*

*Col. Robert Nisbet was captured after supporting James Graham, 1st Marquess of Montrose, and was executed at Edinburgh in 1650.*

*Adam Nisbet married Janet Aikenhead and had one son, Alexander Nisbet, The Herald, who never married.*