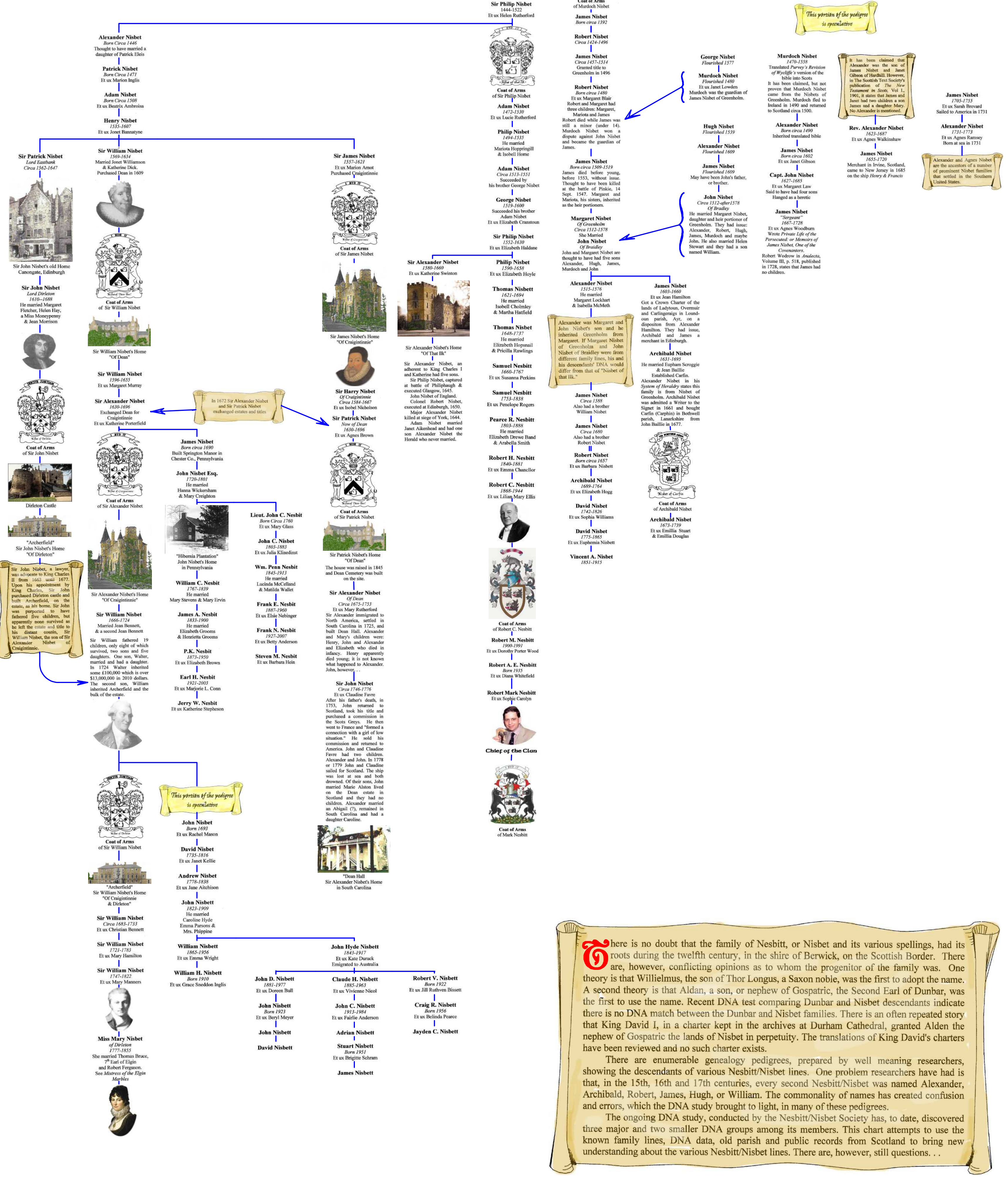
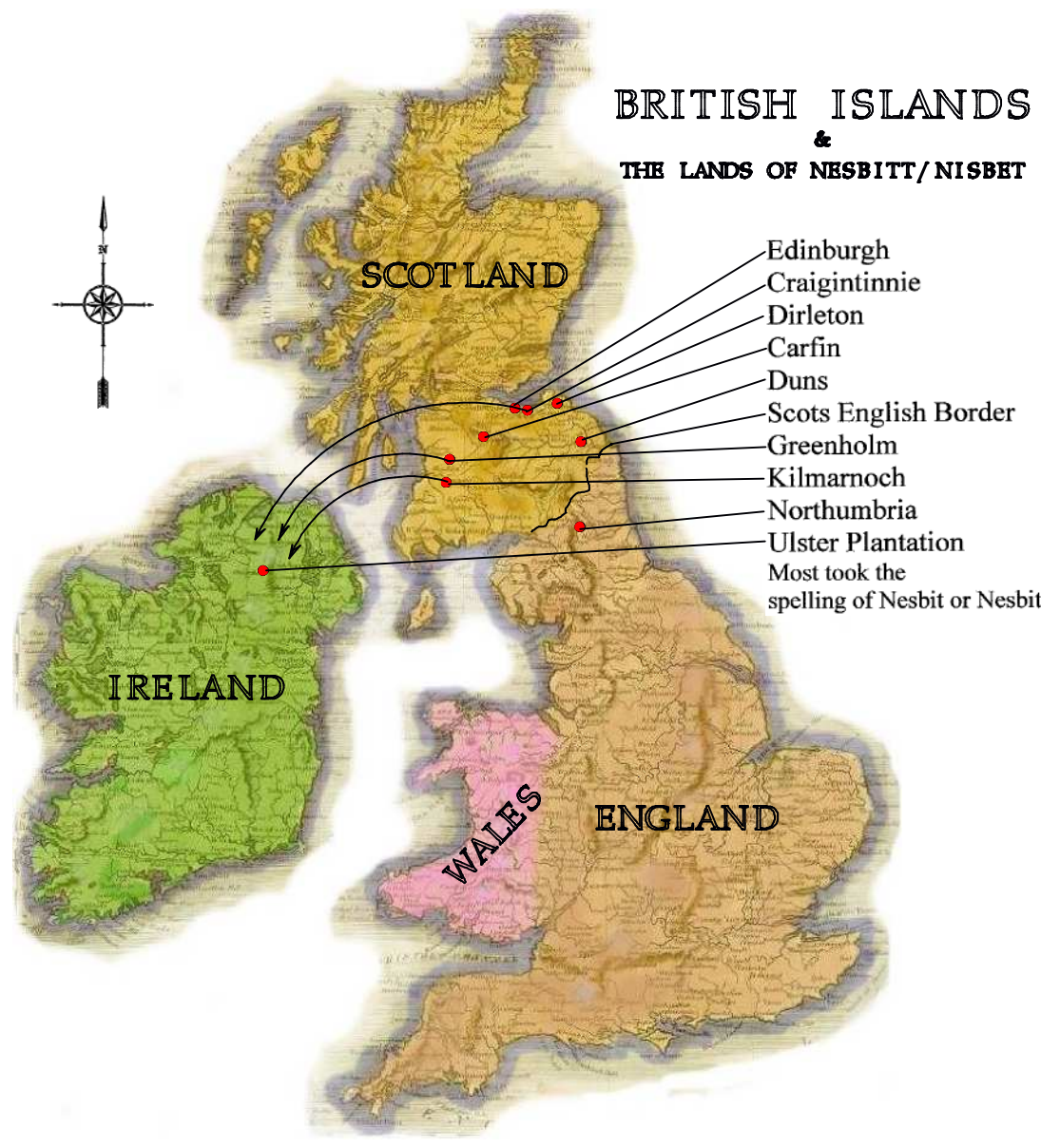


# A PEDIGREE OF CLAN NISBET BOTH PROVEN AND SPECULATIVE Derived from Nesebit, or Nesebyth of Berwick, Scotland



There is no doubt that the family of Nesbitt, or Nisbet and its various spellings, had its roots during the twelfth century, in the shire of Berwick, on the Scottish Border. There are, however, conflicting opinions as to whom the progenitor of the family was. One theory is that Willielmus, the son of Thor Longus, a Saxon noble, was the first to adopt the name. A second theory is that Aldan, a son, or nephew of Gospatric, the Second Earl of Dunbar, was the first to use the name. Recent DNA test comparing Dunbar and Nisbet descendants indicate there is no DNA match between the Dunbar and Nisbet families. There is an often repeated story that King David I, in a charter kept in the archives at Durham Cathedral, granted Alden the nephew of Gospatric the lands of Nisbet in perpetuity. The translations of King David's charters have been reviewed and no such charter exists. There are enumerable genealogy pedigrees, prepared by well meaning researchers, showing the descendants of various Nesbitt/Nisbet lines. One problem researchers have had is that, in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries, every second Nesbitt/Nisbet was named Alexander, Archibald, Robert, James, Hugh, or William. The commonality of names has created confusion and errors, which the DNA study brought to light, in many of these pedigrees. The ongoing DNA study, conducted by the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society has, to date, discovered three major and two smaller DNA groups among its members. This chart attempts to use the known family lines, DNA data, old parish and public records from Scotland to bring new understanding about the various Nesbitt/Nisbet lines. There are, however, still questions...