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The following list of the descendants of Robert Hutton is founded upon a genealogical table lent to the writer by J. Barton Hutton, of Trinidad (p. 20), who compiled the same in 1867, chiefly from details furnished by Mary Hutton, of Fairfield, (p. 16). The memory of the latter, especially as to details of family history, was remarkably correct and retentive. Since then, however, no effort has been made to continue the record, so that the compilation of a complete list has become very difficult if not impossible. Through the kind assistance, however, of Mrs. John Couch Adams, Mrs. D. D. Jeremy, Major Armstrong, Barton Hutton, Darnton Hutton, Henry Dix Hutton, Lucius O. Hutton and others, the writer has been able considerably to extend the record. The list is not submitted as final, but in the hope that those possessed of further useful information will promptly communicate the same to the compiler so that errors may be corrected and omissions supplied.

Through the researches of Darnton Hutton there have been found wills, marriage settlements and other records which not only render much assistance in tracing the family for two generations further back than Robert Hutton himself, but also supply much additional information as to his collateral relatives. But as the table has not yet been verified and completed in all its details, especially as to collateral branches, the publication of it is deferred. At present it is sufficient to say that the family appears to have been of Dublin in the lifetime of Robert's father George, and also of his grandfather Thomas, who was married in 1662.

Mary Hutton of "Fairfield" used to say that her father claimed descent from an officer in Cromwell's army who was granted lands in Ireland. If such was his descent, he and his wife Mary Swanwick were both of Nonconformist families. It is fitting for more than one reason that the names of the Huttons and Swanwicks should be recorded in the same volume. Agreement in religious opinions brought them very close together; and further, not to speak of intermarriages, the schools carried on by the clerical members of the Hutton family, where the Swanwick and Hutton boys grew up together, were potent influences in uniting the two families. The family centre at "Fairfield," Dublin, described at some length in earlier pages of this volume, drew the two families together.

Such particulars of the family of Sarah Hutton (p. 58) as are here set down are for the most part gleaned from Mr. Graves' exhaustive "Life" \*of that remarkable man, Sir William Rowan Hamilton, to which most interesting work the reader is referred for further information concerning one of the greatest men of his time and also as to the Hutton family in general. He is a standing refutation of the popular theory that precocious boys never rise to eminence in manhood. At four and a half the future inventor of Quaternions was reading Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

\* Life of Sir Wm. Rowan Hamilton, Knt., LL.D., D.C.L., M.R.I.A., Andrews Prof. of Astronomy in Univ. of Dublin, and Royal Astronomer of Ireland, etc., etc., by Rev. Robt. P. Graves, M.A.; London, Longmans Green & Co., 3 vols. (1882.)