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NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE LIFE OF EDWARD RABAN

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HOW THIS ALL STARTED

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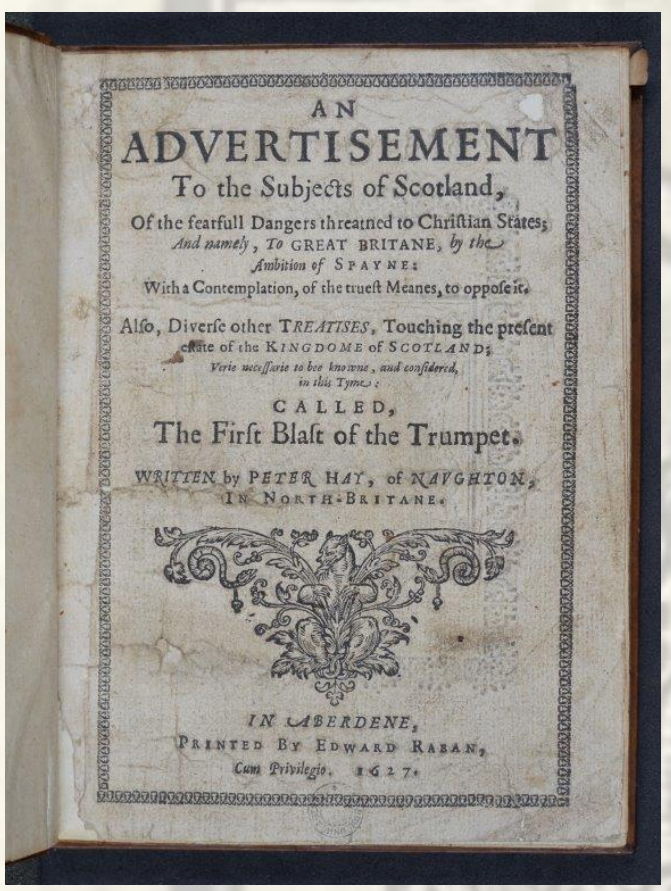
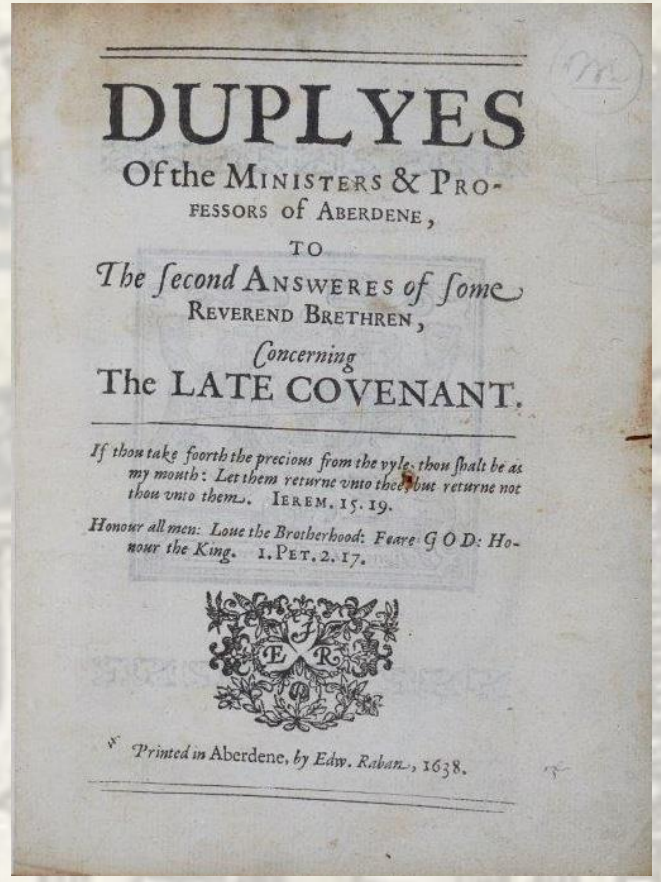
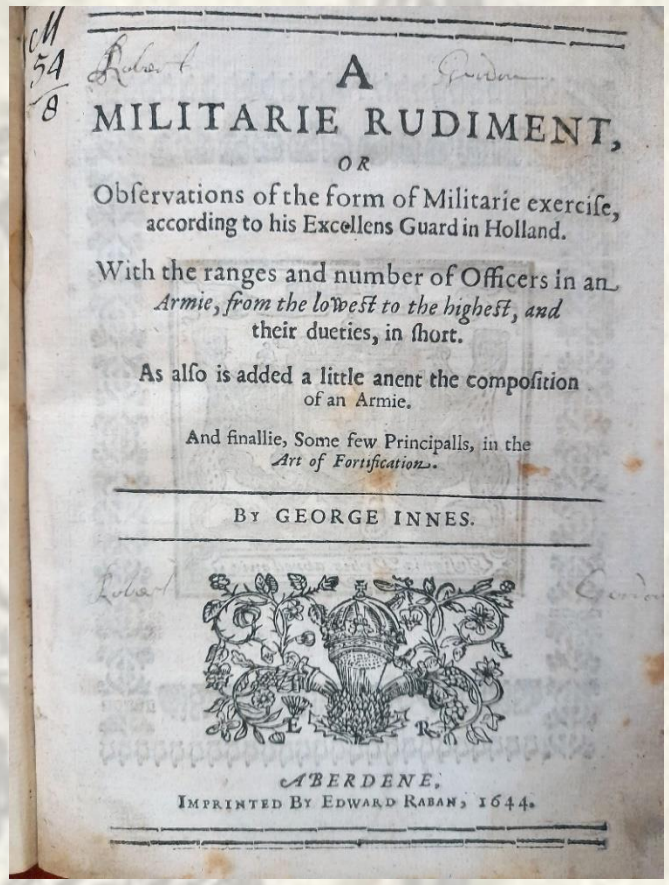


AN
ADVERTISEMENT
To the Subjects of Scotland,
Of the fearfull Dangers threatned to Christian States;
And namely, To GREAT BRITANE, *by the Ambition of* SPAYNE:
With a Contemplation, of the trueſt Meanes, to oppoſe it.
Alſo, Diverſe other TREATISES, Touching the preſent ſtate of the KINGDOME of SCOTLAND;
Verie neceſſarie to bee knowne, and conſidered, in this Tyme:
CALLED,
The Firſt Blaſt of the Trumpet.
WRITTEN by PETER HAY, of NAVGHTON, IN NORTH-BRITANE.
IN ABERDENE,
PRINTED BY EDWARD RABAN,
Cum Privilegio. 1627.



DUPLYES
Of the MINISTERS & PROFESSORS of ABERDENE,
TO
The ſecond ANSWERES *of ſome* REVEREND BRETHREN,
Concerning
The LATE COVENANT.
If thou take foorth the precious from the vyle, thou ſhalt be as my mouth: Let them returne vnto thee, but returne not thou vnto them. IEREM. 15. 19.
Honour all men: Loue the Brotherhood: Feare GOD: Honour the King. 1. PET. 2. 17.
Printed in Aberdene, *by Edw. Raban*, 1638.



A
MILITARIE RUDIMENT,
OR
Obſervations of the form of Militarie exerciſe, according to his Excellens Guard in Holland.
With the ranges and number of Officers in an *Armie, from the loweſt to the higheſt, and* their dueties, in ſhort.
As alſo is added a little anent the compoſition of an Armie.
And finallie, Some few Principalls, in the *Art of Fortification.*
BY GEORGE INNES.
ABERDENE,
IMPRINTED BY EDWARD RABAN, 1644.

'How Raban happened to find himself in Scotland is one of the unresolved mysteries of his life'.

W.E.A. AXON (1908). On an unrecorded issue of the press of Edward Raban 1627. Proceeding Soc. Ant. Scot.

What did we know about Edward Raban 1579 - 1620?

- Much autobiographical information comes from Raban's own writings, notably his *Resolutions against drunkenness, whoredome and breaking the Sabbath* (St Andrews, 1621);
- He was born, possibly in Gloucestershire, c.1579 of German extraction;
- His uncle was 'parson of Melton Mobre'.

What did we know about Edward Raban 1579 - 1620?

- In 1600, he joins the English Brigade under de Vere to fight for the Protestant Netherlands against Catholic Spain, including at the Battle of Nieuwpoort 2 July 1600.

Pauwels van Hillegaert. Prins Maurits in de Slag bij Niieuwpoort. Rijksmuseum

What did we know about Edward Raban 1579 - 1620?

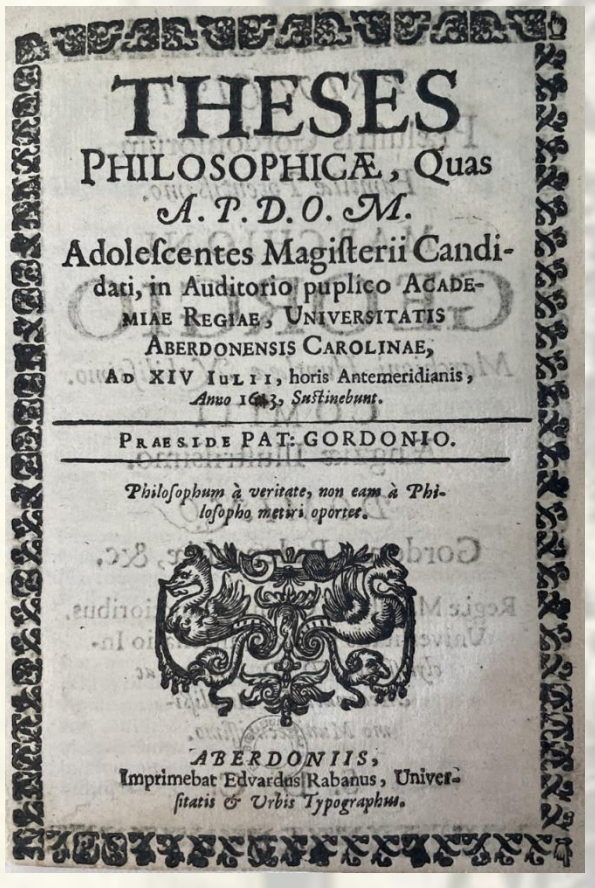
- He was fighting in the war on and off for ten years before settling in Leiden c.1612;
- He was known as a printer in 1607 in Amsterdam (testimonials exist from 1607 and 1613);
- Late 1619 / early 1620 Raban arrives in Leith, Scotland.

Raban's first few years in Scotland

- 1620 Raban has workshop in Cowgate Port, Edinburgh under the sign of A.B.C. and prints one book to our knowledge;

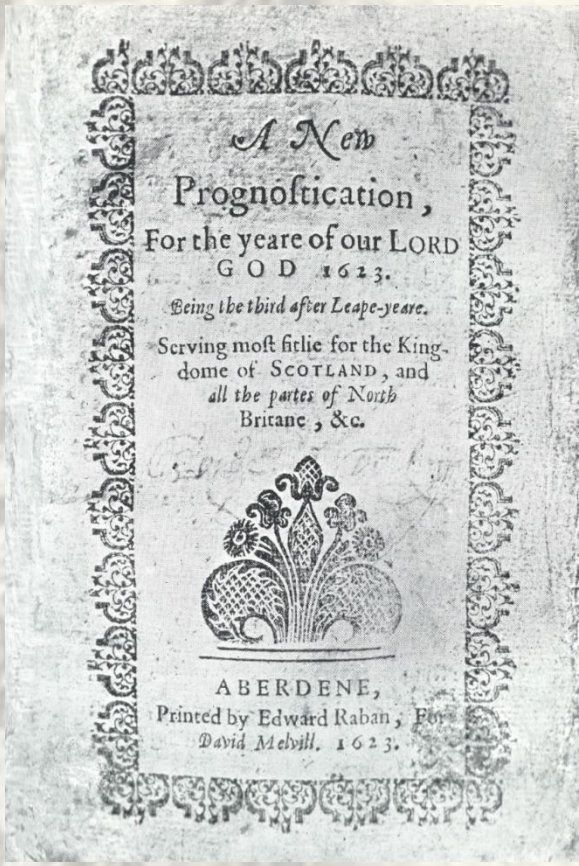
- At Whitsun 1620, Raban moves to St Andrews to become the Town and University Printer, again operating under the sign of the A.B.C.

Raban in Aberdeen 1622 - 1658


THESES
PHILOSOPHICÆ, Quas
A. P. D. O. M.
Adoleſcentes Magiſterii Candidati, in Auditorio puplico ACADEMIAE REGIAE, UNIVERSITATIS ABERDONENSIS CAROLINAE,
AD XIV IULII, horis Antemeridianis,
Anno 1623, Suſtinebunt.
PRAESIDE PAT. GORDONIO.
Philoſophum à veritate, non eam à Philoſopho metiri oportet.
ABERDONIIS,
Imprimebat Edvardus Rabanus, Univerſitatis & Urbis Typographus.

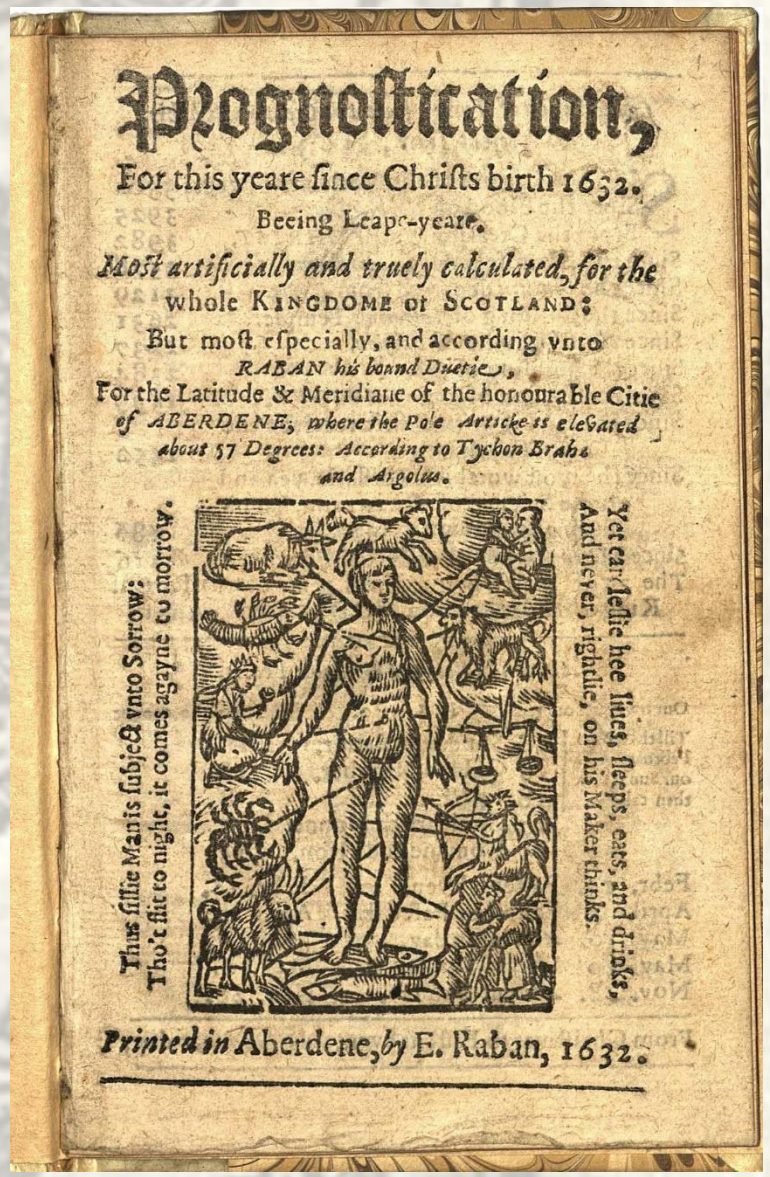
Whitsun 1622

Edward Raban, his wife and child, household items and printing equipment arrived in Aberdeen, and he produces his first book here in July 1622. In the autumn, he prints the first Aberdeen Almanac – *A New Prognostication for the Yeare of our Lord God, 1623.*


A New
Prognoſtication,
For the yeare of our LORD
GOD 1623.
Being the third after Leape-yeare.
Serving moſt fitlie for the Kingdome of SCOTLAND, and all the partes of North Britane, &c.
ABERDENE,
Printed by Edward Raban, For David Melvill. 1623.

Raban in Aberdeen 1622 - 1658

- November 1622: Town Council agrees his contract as Town's printer;
- February 1623: Town Council agrees to rent its building on the north side of Castle Street to Raban as his home and printing office;
- He gains entry at Whitsun 1623 (David Melvill acts as his cautioner). Raban worked here 'under the Sign of the Townes Armes'.
- This building was to be home to the Town's printers for over a hundred years.



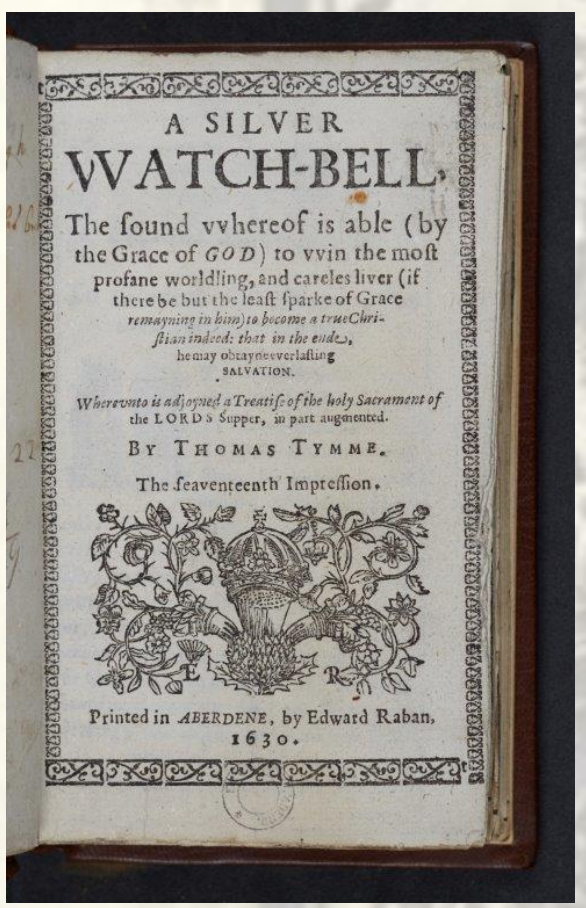
Prognostication,
For this yeare since Christs birth 1632.
Beeing Leape-yeare.
Most artificially and truely calculated, for the whole KINGDOME of SCOTLAND;
But most especially, and according vnto *RABAN his bound Duetie*,
For the Latitude & Meridiane of the honourable Citie *of ABERDENE, where the Pole Artick is elevated about 57 Degrees: According to Tychon Brahe and Argolus.*

Thus sillie Mans subject vnto Sorrow:
Tho't flit to night, it comes againe to morrow.

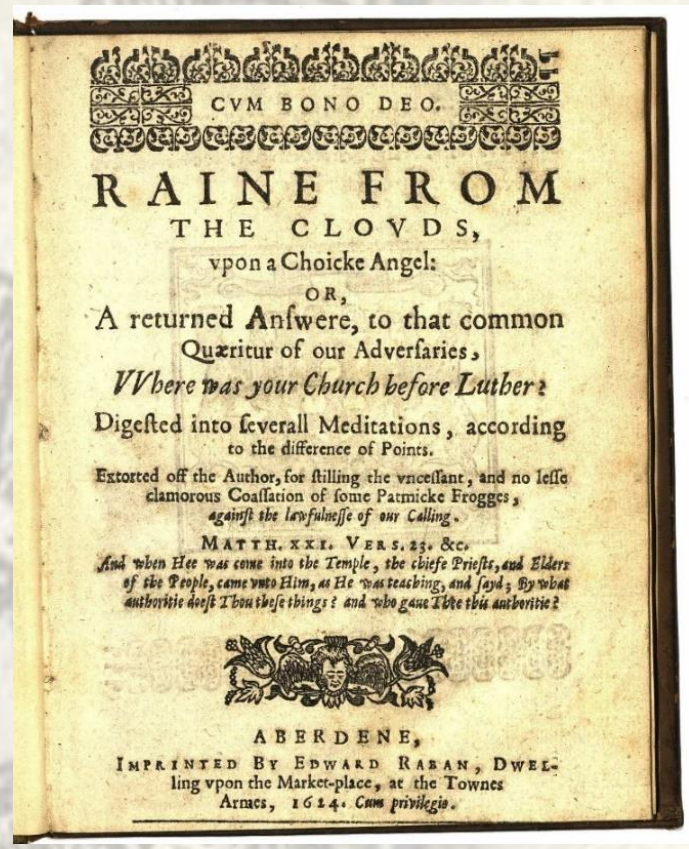
Yet carelesse hee lives, sleeps, eats, and drinks,
And never, rightlie, on his Maker thinks.

Printed in Aberdene, *by* E. Raban, 1632.

Raban in Aberdeen 1622 – 1658

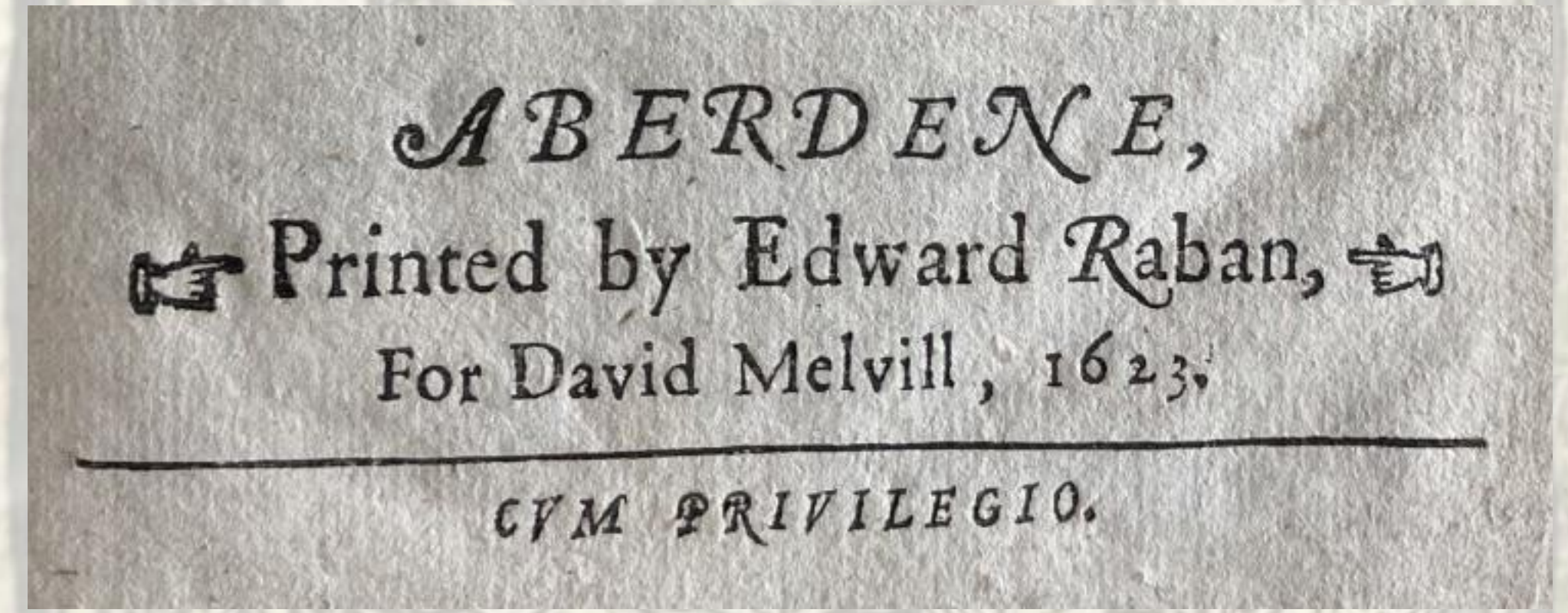

A SILVER
WATCH-BELL,
The ſound vvhereof is able (by the Grace of GOD) to vvin the moſt profane worldling, and careles liver (if there be but the leaſt ſparke of Grace remayning in him) to become a true Chriſtian indeed: that in the ende, he may obtayne everlaſting SALVATION.
Whereunto is adjoyned a Treatiſe of the holy Sacrament of the LORD's Supper, in part augmented.
BY THOMAS TYMME.
The ſeaventeenth Impreſſion.
Printed in ABERDENE, by Edward Raban, 1630.

- 1623: Raban's daughter Constantia is born with Bishop Patrick Forbes and David Melvill as witnesses;
- 1627: Raban's wife, Jonet Johnstone, dies; sometime before 1637 he marries Janet Ailhous (or Ealhouse);
- 1637-38: Raban travels to the Continent.


CVM BONO DEO.
RAINE FROM THE CLOVDS,
vpon a Choicke Angel:
OR,
A returned Anſwere, to that common Quæritur of our Adverſaries,
VVhere was your Church before Luther?
Digeſted into ſeverall Meditations, according to the difference of Points.
Extorted off the Author, for ſtilling the vncertaine, and no leſſe clamorous Coaſtation of ſome Patmicke Froggs, *againſt the lawfulneſſe of our Calling.*
MATTH. XXI. VERS. 23. &c.
And when Hee was come into the Temple, the chiefe Prieſts, and Elders of the People, came vnto Him, as He was teaching, and ſayd; By what authoritie doeſt Thou theſe things? and who gave Thee this authoritie?
ABERDENE,
IMPRINTED BY EDWARD RABAN, DWELLING vpon the Market-place, at the Townes Armes, 1624. *Cum privilegio.*

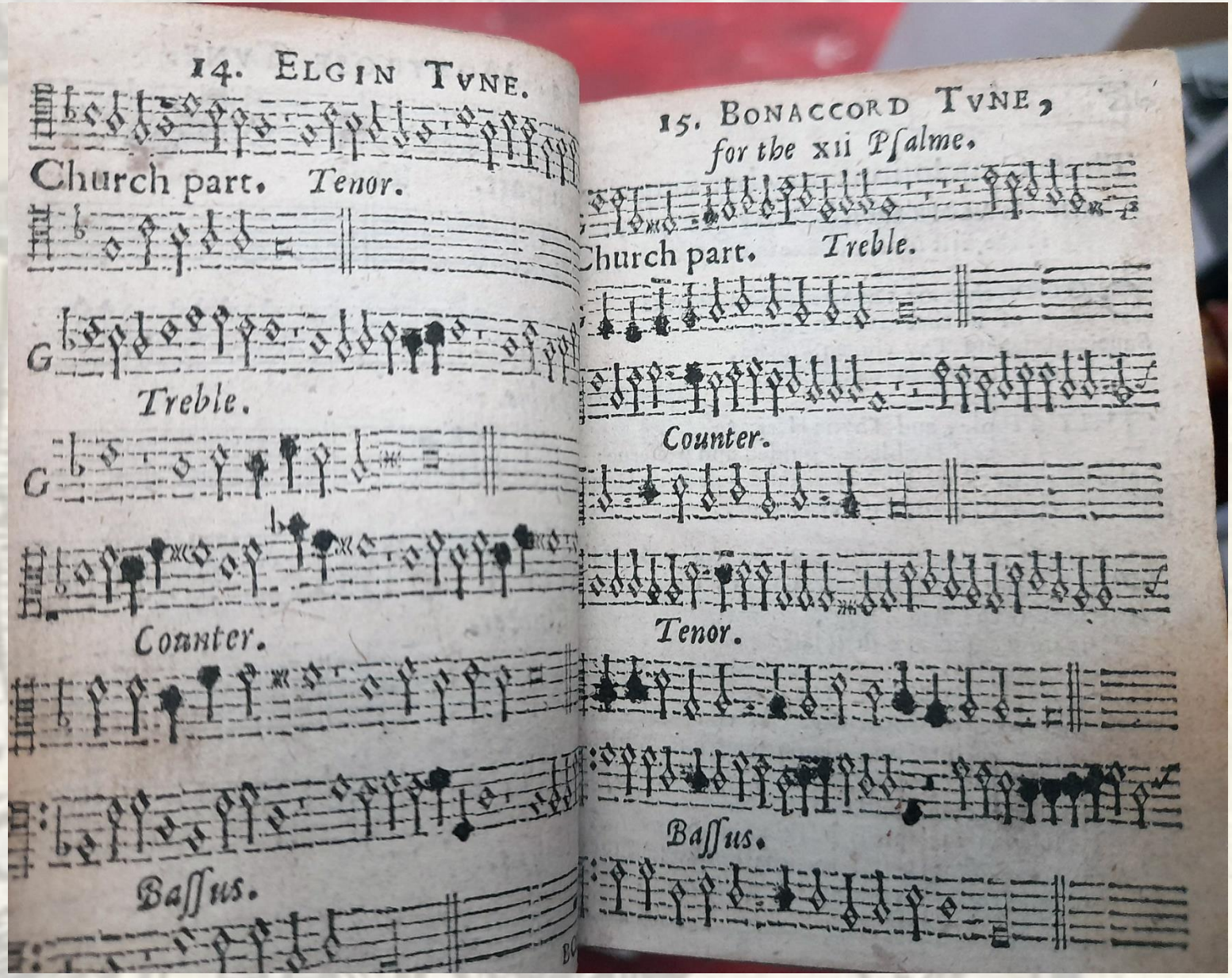
DAVID MELVILL

- Raban's guarantor and close business associate. In 1643, David Melvill dies and Raban inherits his bookshop in Broad Street.


ABERDENE,
Printed by Edward Raban,
For David Melvill, 1623.
CVM PRIVILEGIO.

Raban in Aberdeen 1622 – 1658

- December 1649:
  Raban retires as Town's Printer, aged about 70;
- December 1658:
  Raban dies and is buried by the West Dyke of St Nicholas Kirkyard.



The Raban Tercentenary 1922

Edward Rabanus, Anglo Britannus, Gente Germanus

Pectoris indicio data frons eſt, quæq; profundâ
Corde latent, tacitis reddit imago notis.
Hoc vultu pietas, probitas, conſtantia, candor,
Sinceri referunt archetypos animi.

R G ſcalp.

Raban's Regrate,

For the preſent loſſe of his very good Lord, Patron, and Maſter,

PATRICK FORBES,

Biſhop of Aberdene, Baron of Corſe and Oneill:

Who, moſt Peaceablie and Godlie, departed hence, to a Better lyfe, vpon Eaſter-Even, about 3 *aclocke in the morning; at his Pallace in* Olde Aberdene, *adjacent to the Cathedrall Church; in the 71 yeare of his Honourable Age, and the 17 yeare of his Godlie Government.*

March 28. *Anno* 1635.

LXXIV BEholde! Alace! Here lyeth ONE,
VVho, on this Earth, Compare had none.
A Learned Patron, Wyſe, and Graue.
A Conſull good. What would you haue?
Chiefe Orator of Scotlands North.
The World can not afford his VVorth.
A Prelate, and a Paſtor good;
VVho, in due tyme, gaue Heavenlie Food,

At Morne, at Noone, and Evening tyde,
Vnto His Flocke, ſweet IESUS Bryde.
The Poore, with Meat, Hee fed alſo,
None hungrie from His Houſe did goe.
A CROSSE into His Badge Hee bore,
And follow'd CHRIST, who went before,
But halfe a day, for to prepare
For CORSE, with HIM, an Heavenlie Share.
Then, Death! Where is thy Sting? Let ſee.
And, graue! Where is thy Victorie?
Your Honour in the Duſt is ſpred:
PATRICKE now reygnes with CHRIST, His Head.
Death's but a Paſſage, to convoy
Such Saynćts into their Maſter's Ioy.

The LORD prepare vs, leſſe, and more,
To follow Him: Hee's gone before.

Good Sirs, I am bihind the reſt,
I doe confeſſe, for want of Skill:
But not a whit behind the beſt,
To ſhow th'affection of good Will.

EDWARD RABAN, Maſter Printer,
The firſt in Aberdene.

FINIS.

In search of the elusive MR RABAN

What we did

"Upon the authority of the Parson of Rothiemay, we are informed that Edward Raban was an English man by birth and had we been disposed to doubt this source, the matter is set at rest by the imprint of one of his own books in which he styles himself Edwardus Rabanus Angulus".*

* James Gordon (1615-1686) Parson of Rothiemay and author of *Scots Affairs;* son of Robert Gordon of Straloch.

J.P. EDMOND (1886). The Aberdeen printers, Edward Raban to James Nicol, 1620-1736.

"Yet because my father's brother Peter Raban is a parson at Melton mobre in Wooster-shyre of England, I will be bold with him (if hee be yet alive) even to put him in remembrance of the doctrine of St. Paul who was the very pattern of chaste and zealous priesthood".

EDWARD RABAN (1621). Resolution against drunkenness, whoredome and Sabbath breakers.

“Yea, a master whom I served in mine owne science in the fair city of Leyden had it aye for a custom to boil his printing varnish on the Sabbath days in a garden house without the city; till at last his house took fire, and burnt the house, himself, and his only daughter. He being a rich man died thus miserable leaving none issue to inherit his trash”.

EDWARD RABAN (1621). Resolution against drunkenness, whoredome and Sabbath breakers.

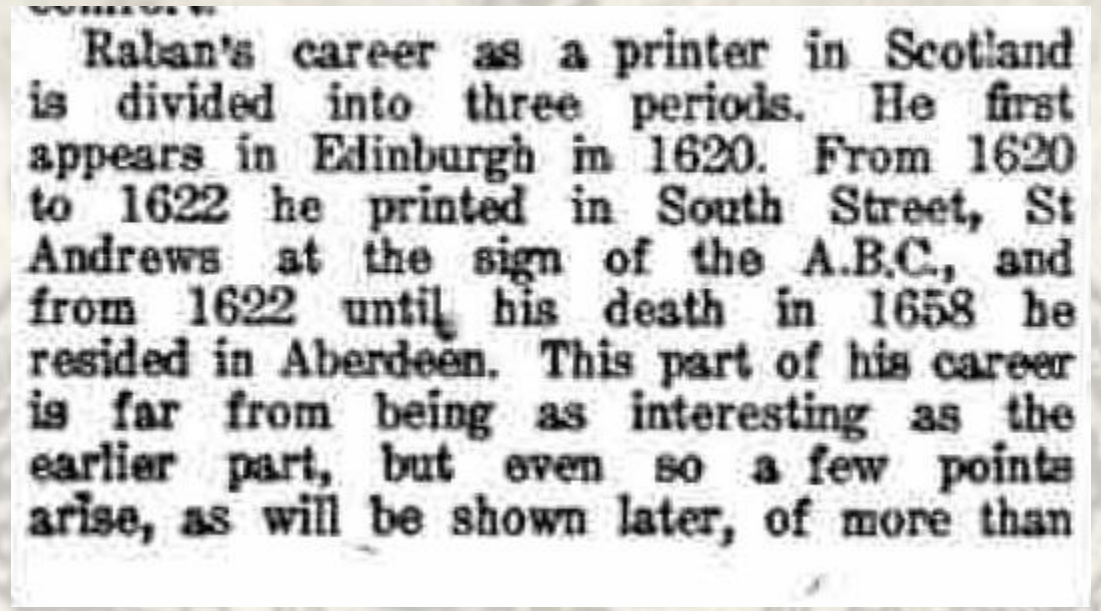
his countrymen who followed the same profession, he came north in search of a suitable field in which to exercise his craft. The first town he stayed in was Edinburgh, where, in 1620, he printed at the sign of the A. B. C., in a house at the Cowgate Port. Here he printed, so far as has been yet discovered, only one book, a theological treatise by Archibald Symson, Minister at Dalkeith, a writer who revels in unfolding hidden meanings in the sacred number seven. †

Raban cannot have continued long in Edinburgh, for in the same year, 1620, he removed to St. Andrews. It is very much to be regretted that the municipal records of this ancient city are very deficient—those for the years during which Raban worked there are lost.

J.P. EDMOND (1886). The Aberdeen printers, Edward Raban to James Nicol, 1620-1736.

This extract takes us farther in Raban's career. Going off as a soldier he was in the wars on the Continent for full ten years. After this he wandered about from city to city in Germany, and finally acted as courier to an English party returning in a leisurely fashion from Rome. Putting the sum of all this at twelve years, we know all his occupation between 1600 and 1612. We have still to account for the eight years between 1612 when he was on the Continent and 1620 when he appeared as a printer in Edinburgh.

E. GORDON DUFF (1922). The early career of Edward Raban, afterward first printer at Aberdeen.



Raban's career as a printer in Scotland is divided into three periods. He first appears in Edinburgh in 1620. From 1620 to 1622 he printed in South Street, St Andrews at the sign of the A.B.C., and from 1622 until his death in 1658 he resided in Aberdeen. This part of his career is far from being as interesting as the earlier part, but even so a few points arise, as will be shown later, of more than

G.H. BUSHNELL (1928). The life and work of Edward Raban, St Andrews most famous printer.

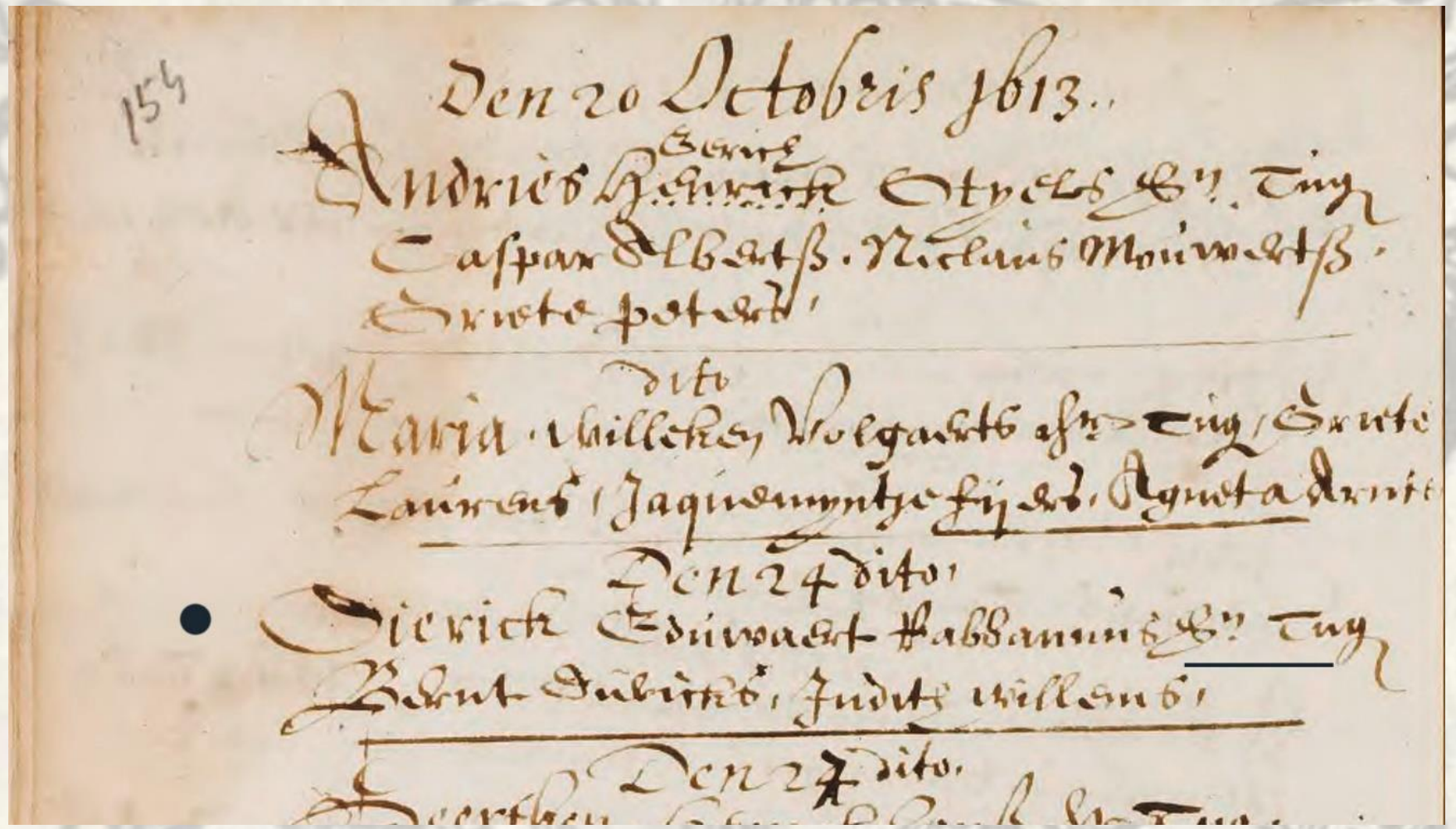
EDENBVRG.
Castrum puellarum
EDENBVRGVM
SCOTIAE
METROPOLIS.

RABAN REDUX

New insights into Raban's life.

People don't know how entertaining a study of genealogy is. Who begat whom is a most amusing kind of hunting; one recovers a grandfather instead of breaking one's own neck – and then one grows so pious to the memory of a thousand persons one never heard of before.

HORACE WALPOLE TO REVD. MR COLE, 5 JUNE 1775.



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Den 20 Octobris 1613.

Andries Henrick (Gerich) Styels Sn. Tuy
Caspar Albertß. Niclaus Mouwertß.
Sriete peters.

dito

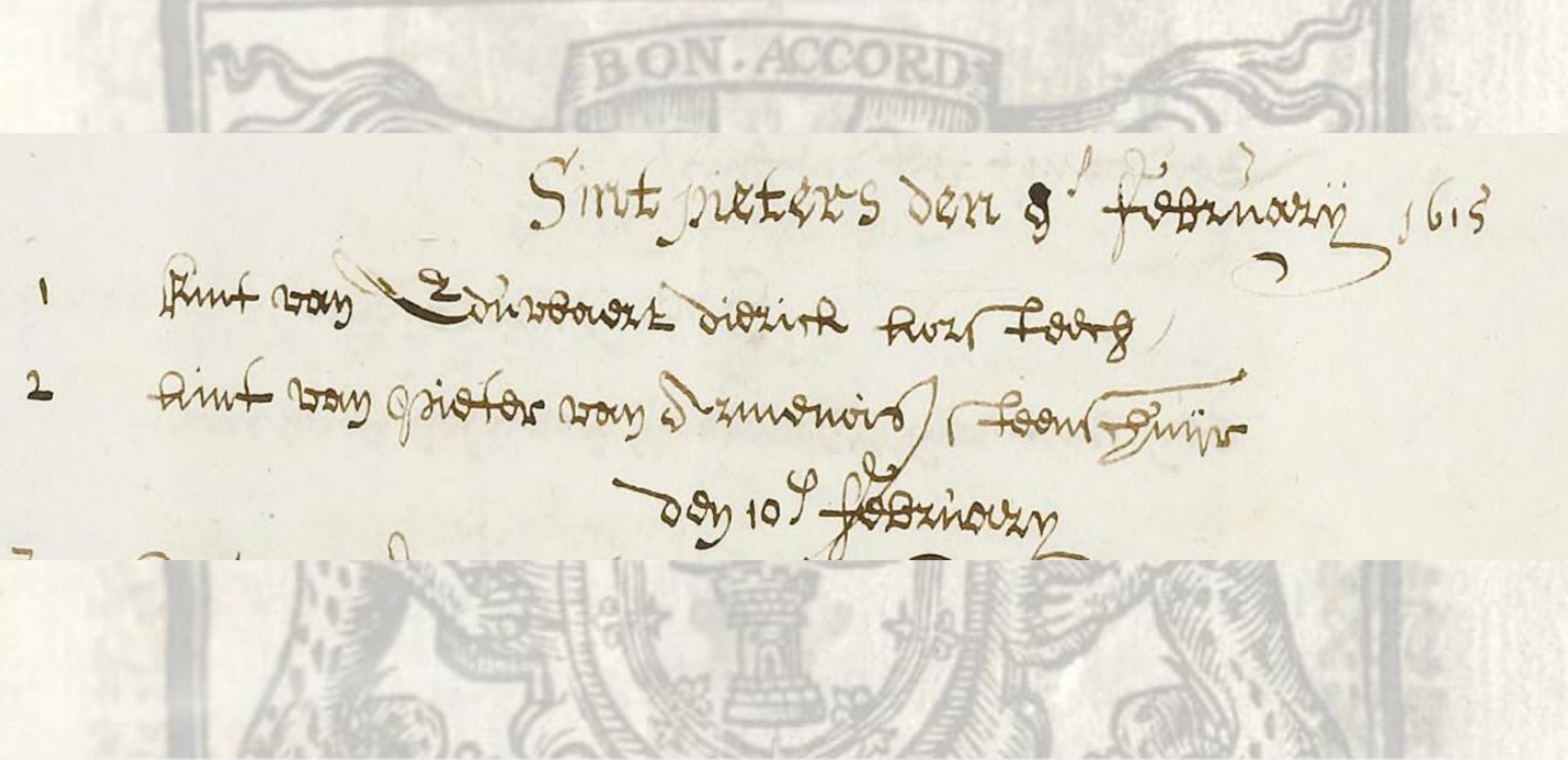
Maria Willeken Volgaerts Sn. Tuy, Sriete
Laurens, Jaquemyntje Fijers, Agneta Arnts

Den 24 dito.

Dierick Eduwaert Rabbanus Sn. Tuy
Bernt Dierickx, Judith Willems.

Den 27 dito.

DTB Dopen. Archiefnummer 5001, inventarisnummer 138, blad p.154.
Gemeente Amsterdam 1590-1623 Evangelisch-Luthers.



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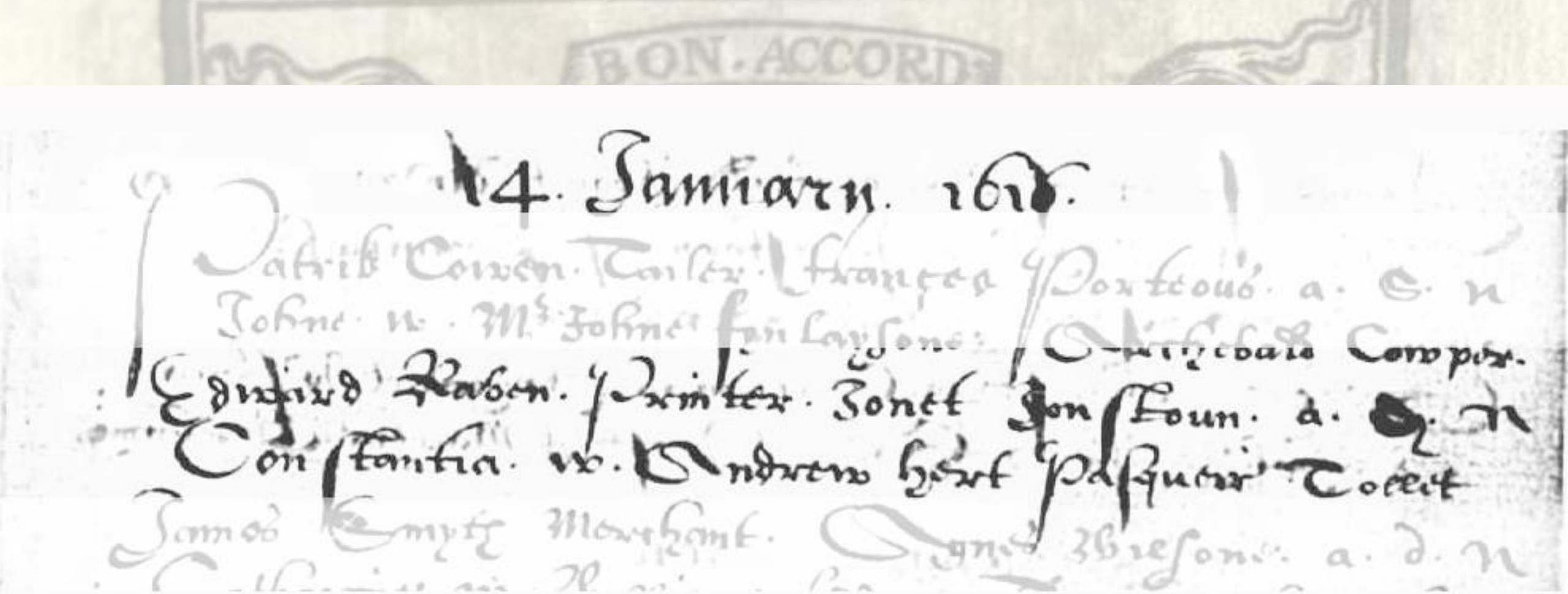


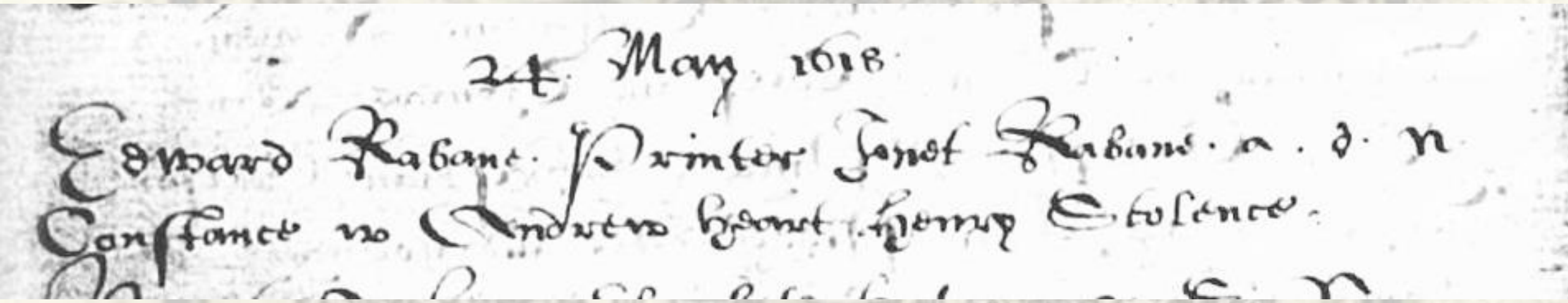
14/01/1616 RABEN, CONSTANTIA. Old Parish Registers. Births 685/1 20 49 Edinburgh.

17. Junij 1617.

Patrick hog Baxter. Jonet Job. a sone named James. w. Mr James dundas. James Bruce.

Henrie Stolence. Pastment maker. Catharine d'uplancas. a S. u. Andrian. w. Andrew wyseman Edward Raban.

17/06/1617 STOLENCE, ANDRIAN. Old Parish Registers. Births 685/1 20 190 Edinburgh.



24 May 1618

Edward Rabane Printer Jonet Rabane a d n

Constance w Andrew Heart Henry Stolence

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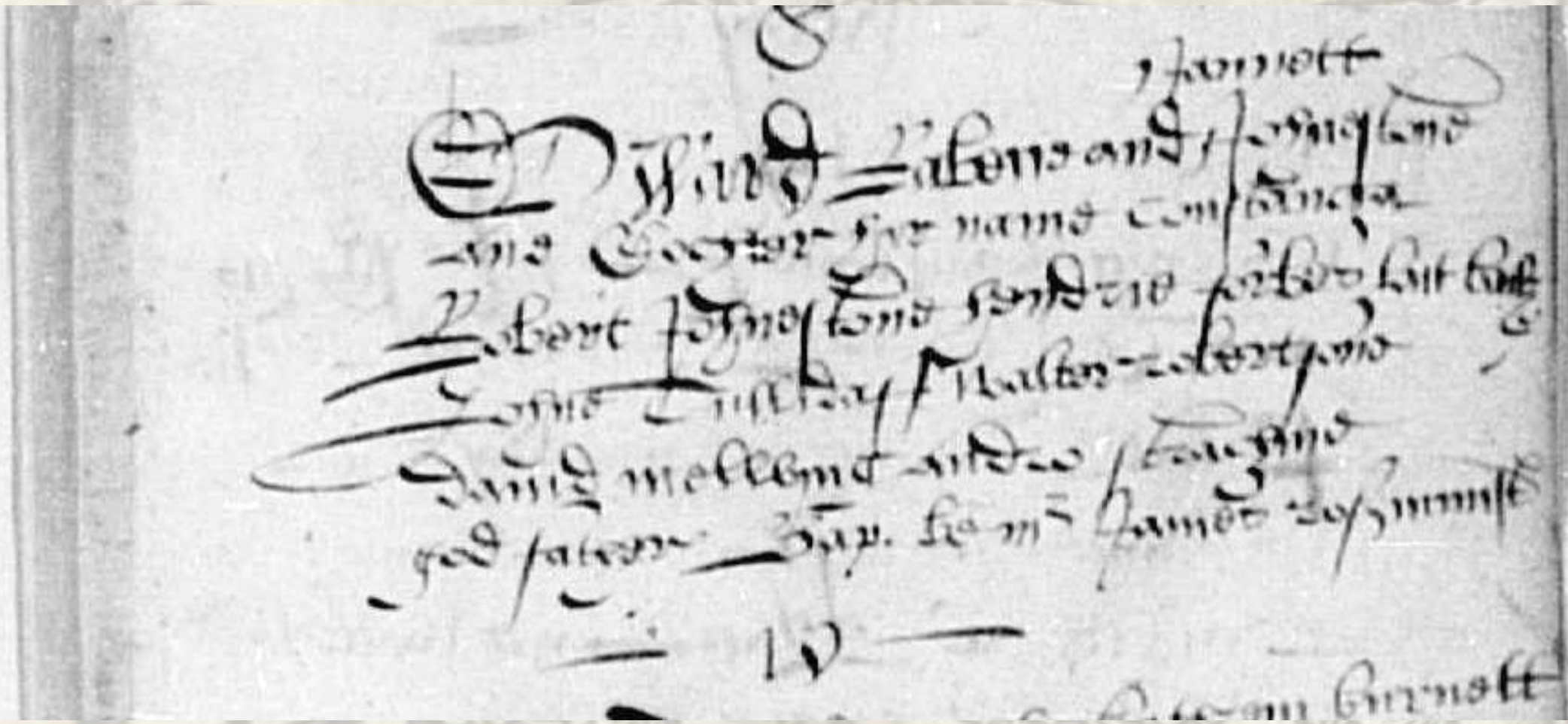
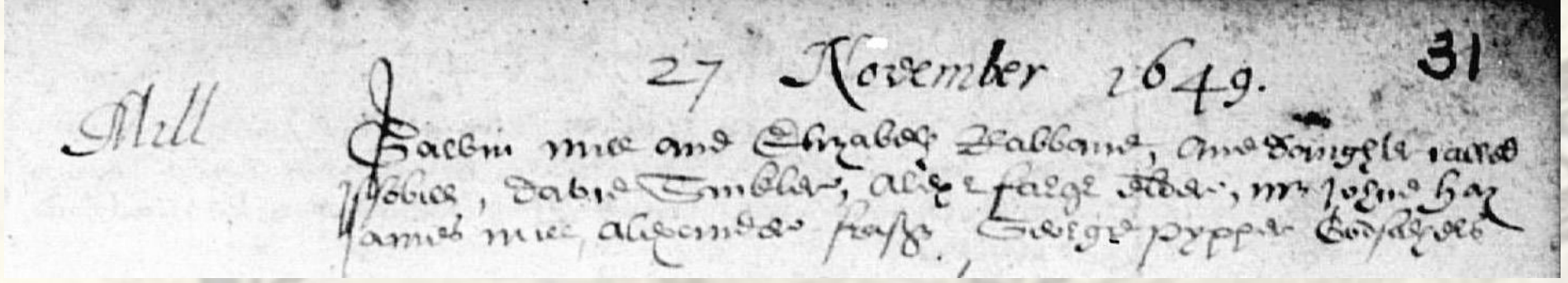


08/01/1624. RABANE, CONSTANCIA. Old Parish Registers. Births 168/A 20 420 Aberdeen.

1648.

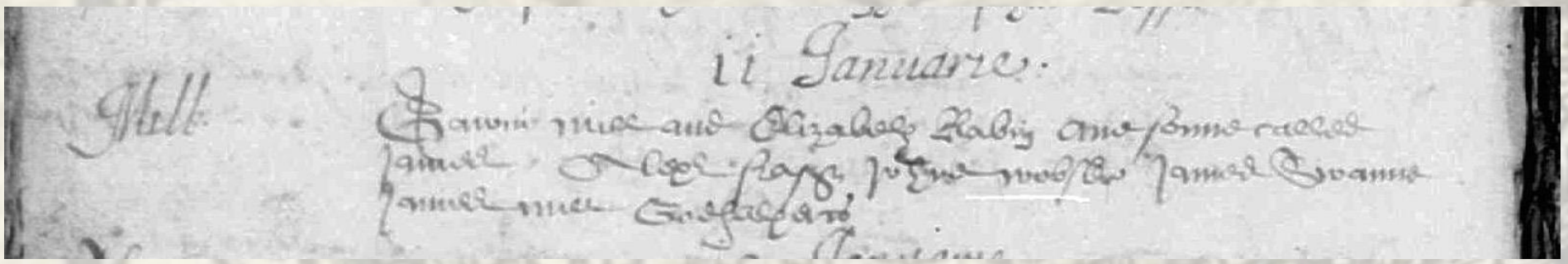
Jany.	12.	John Findlay, shoemaker, eldest son of John F., shoemaker	*t. j.*
		Gilbert Arthur, weaver, who married the widow of a trade burgess	*t.*
		John Tarves, weaver, served with the late David Nicolson, weaver	*t.*
		William Thomsone, cooper, served with the late James Straqn.	*t.*
	20.	William Scrimgeor, cooper, served with the late George Meslet	*t.*
		Gavin Milne, married only daughter of Edward Raban, printer	*g.*
		Hew Kennedy, simple burgess, for service done within this burgh in tyme of the visitation	*G.*



27 November 1649. 31

Mill

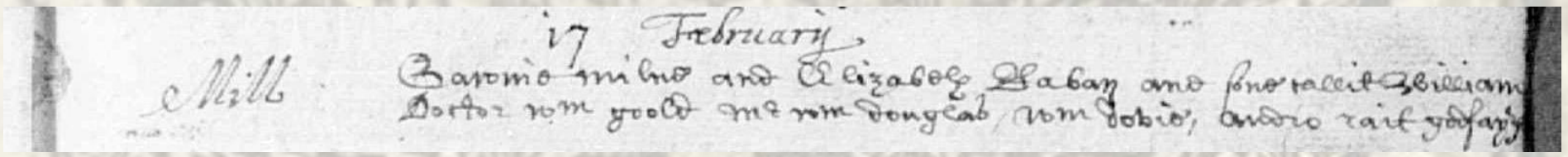
Salbin mill and Elizabeth Rabbane, ane daughter called Isobell, Davie Tinkler, Alex. Falge elder, mr John Haz James mill, Alexander Frasse, George Pypper Godfathers



11 Januarie.

Mill

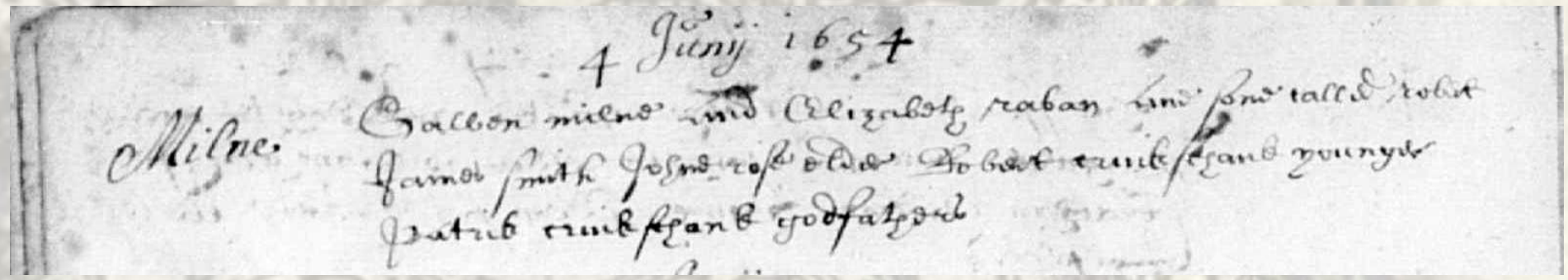
Sawin mill and Elizabeth Rabin ane sonne called James Alex. Frasse, John Webster James Swanne James mill Godfathers



17 Februarij

Mill

Sawine milne and Elizabeth Raban ane sone callit William Doctor wm goold mr wm douglas, wm dobie, Andro rait godfaythers

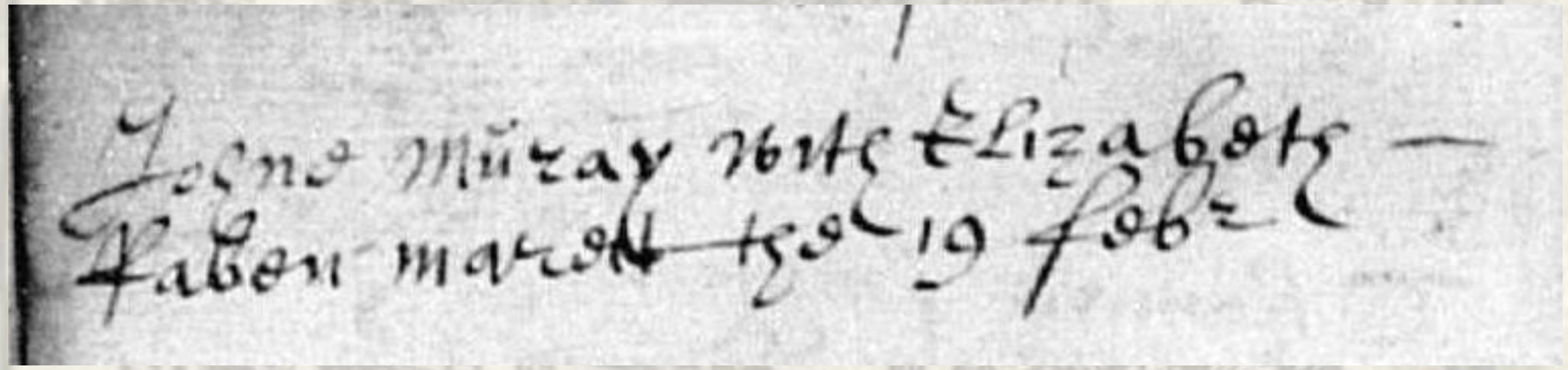


4 Junij 1654

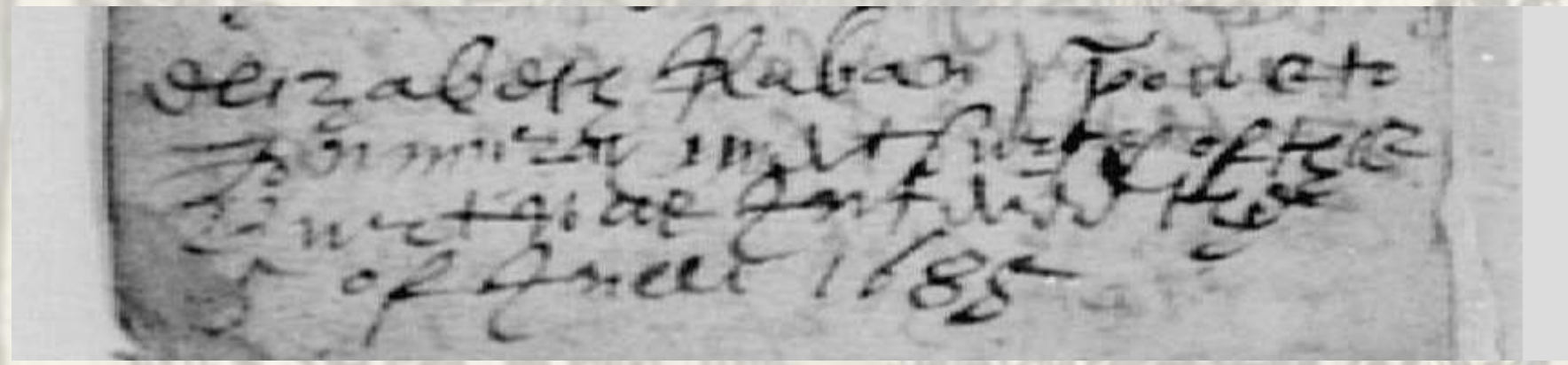
Milne

Salbon milne and Elizabeth raban ane sone called robert James smith John rose elder Robert cruikshank younger Patrick cruikshank godfathers

27/11/1649. MILL, ISOBELL. Old Parish Registers. Deaths 168/A 40 66 Aberdeen.
11/01/1652. MILL, JAMES. Old Parish Registers. Deaths 168/A 40 128 Aberdeen.
17/02/1653. MILL, WILLIAM. Old Parish Registers. Deaths 168/A 40 161Aberdeen.
014/06/1654. MILL, ROBERT. Old Parish Registers. Deaths 168/A 40 204 Aberdeen.



19/02/1661. MURAY, JOHNE / RABEN, ELIZABETH. Old Parish Registers. Marriages 168/A 120 480 Aberdeen.



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A GRENOBLE

Par EDOÜARD RABAN, demeurant à la place Sanct André, près la porte du Palais à l'Enseigne du Nauire

A GRENOBLE,
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M. DC. XXXV.
AVEC PERMISSION.

- Confusion about Édouard Raban, printer in Grenoble, Orange and Nîmes;
- Was he the son of Edward Raban of Aberdeen?
- Assumed that he was born in St Andrews in 1621 but his will states he was born in Leiden;
- We have narrowed his birth to between August 1614 and April 1615 but no baptism record has been found.

"Par ailleurs, le huguenot Richard Cocson reprenait en 1625 la marque d'un libraire de sa religion et commençait à faire fonctionner une presse; un protestante écossais de passage, Édouard Raban, le remplaçait après sa mort (1635) mais il partait peu après 1642 pour réapparaître à Orange avant de sa fixer à Nîmes".

"In addition, the Huguenot Richard Cocson in 1625 took over as bookseller of his religion and began to operate a press; a visiting Scottish Protestant, Edouard Raban, replaced him after his death (1635) but he left shortly after 1642 to reappear in Orange before settling in Nîmes".

M PELLECHET (1887). Notes sur les imprimeurs du Comtat-Venassin.
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PASTORALE
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DEDIEE A MONSEIGNEVR LE PRESIDENT DE POVRROY.

Par I. MILLET.

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A GRENOBLE,
Par RICHARD COCSON, demeurant à la place S. André à l'enseigne du Poullet.

M. DC. XXXIII.
AVEC PERMISSION.

LA PASTORALE DE LA CONSTANCE DE PHILIN ET MARGOTON.

DEDIEE A MONSEIGNEVR LE COMTE DE SAVLT.

Par I. MILLET.

A GRENOBLE,
Par EDOÜARD RABAN, demeurant à la place Sainct André, près la porte du Palais, à l'enseigne du Nauire.

M. DC. XXXV.
AVEC PERMISSION.

PASTORALE
ET
TRAGI-COMEDIE
DE IANIN.

REPRESENTEE DANS LA VILLE DE GRENOBLE.

Dediée à Monseigneur le President de Pourroy.

Par I. MILLET.

A GRENOBLE,
Par EDOÜARD RABAN, demeurant à la place S. André, pres la porte du Palais, à l'Enseigne du Nauire.

M. DC. XXXVI.
AVEC PERMISSION.

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LA
METAMORPHOSE
DES YEVX
DE PHYLLIS
EN ASTRES.

Par le Sieur DE HABERT.

ET

LE TEMPLE DE
la Mort.

A ORANGE,
Chez EDOVARD RABAN, Imprimeur &
Libraire de son Alteſſe, de la Ville
& Vniverſité.

M. DC. LI.

Bodmer: poema sui generis venustissimum

LES VRAYES CAVSES
DES DERNIERS TROVBLES
D'ANGLETERRE.
ABBREGE' D'HISTOIRE.

Où

Les Droicts du Roy, & ceux du Parlement, & du Peuple, ſont naïfvement repreſentez.

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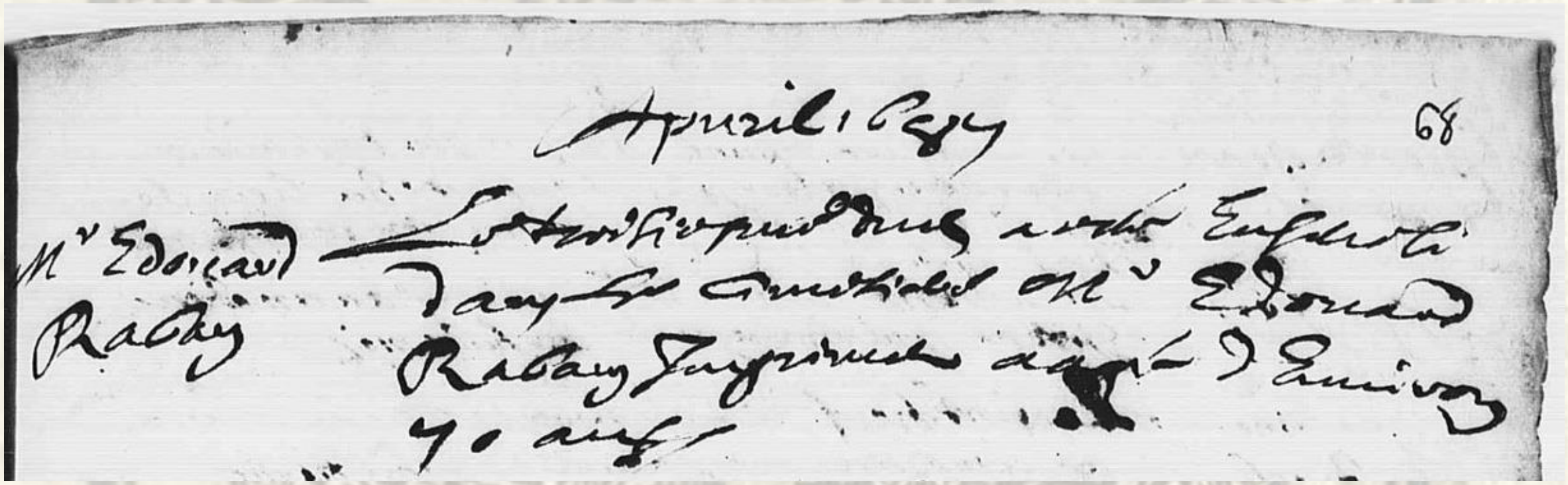

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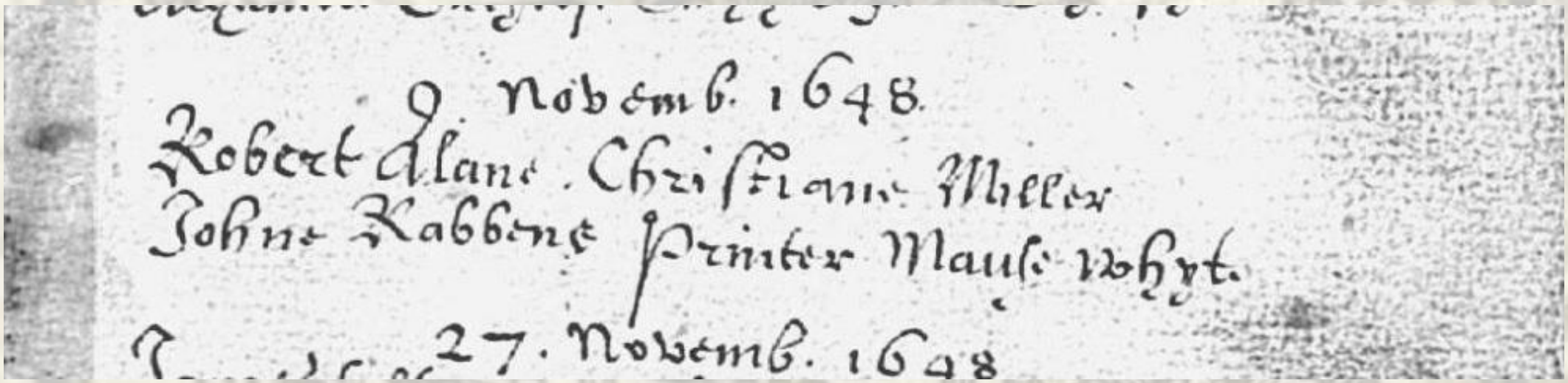
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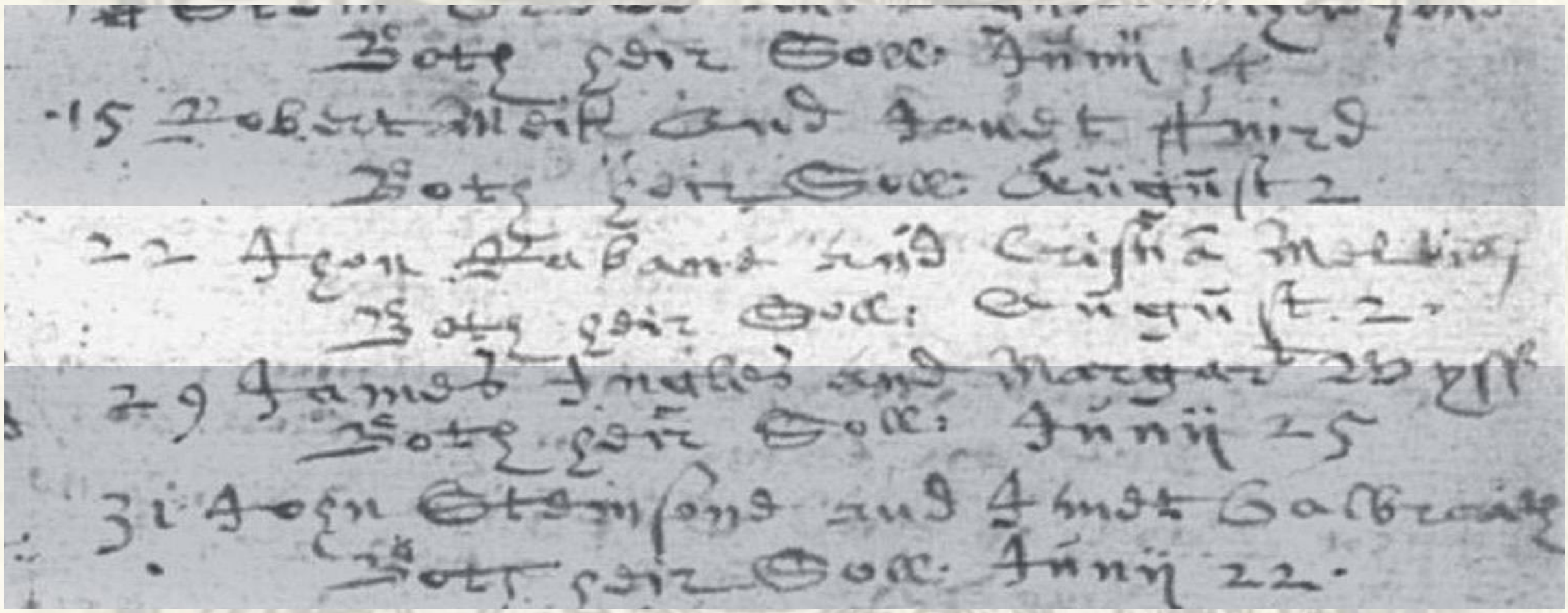

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23 September 1649: Margaret Raban dau to John Raban and Cristian Melville. Witnesses William Balfour and James Balfour

26 October 1651: Cristian Raban, dau to John Raban and Cristian Melvill. Witnesses Alexander Crytstie and John Wills(?)

14 August 1653: Kathren Raban dau to John Raban and Cristian Melville. Witnesses James (Spardis?) and John Miller

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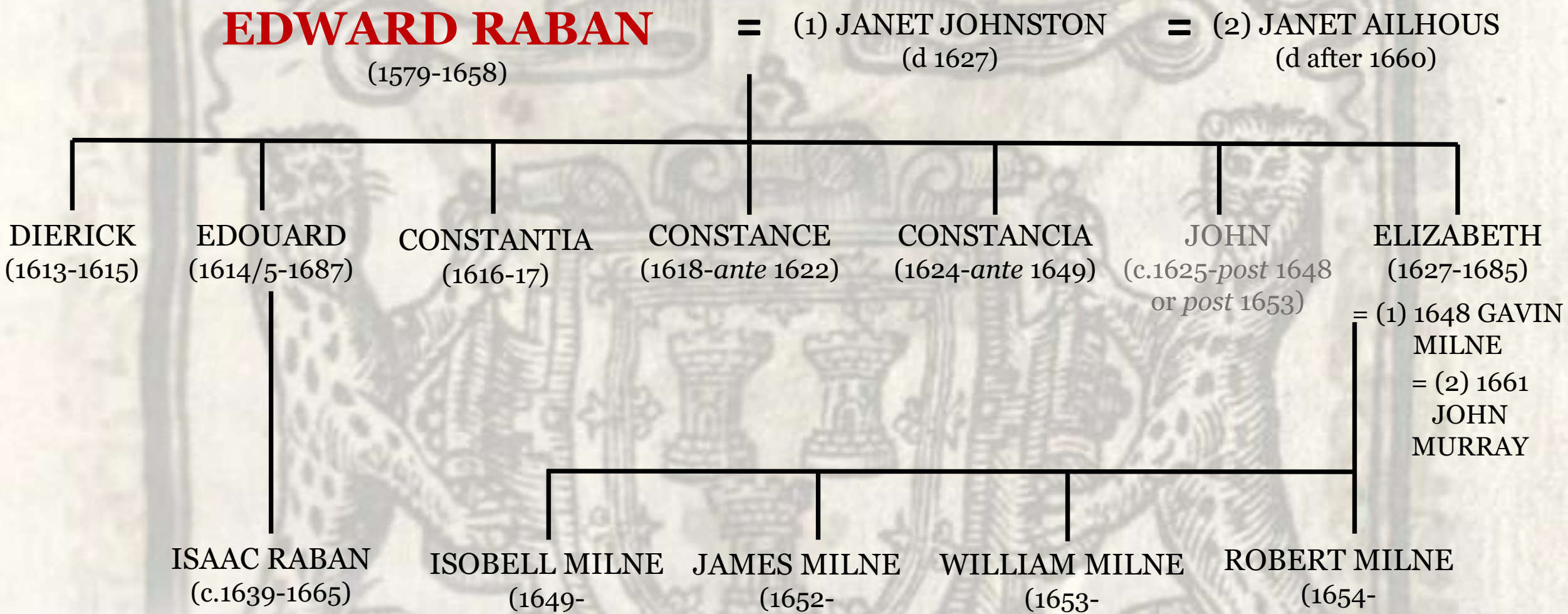
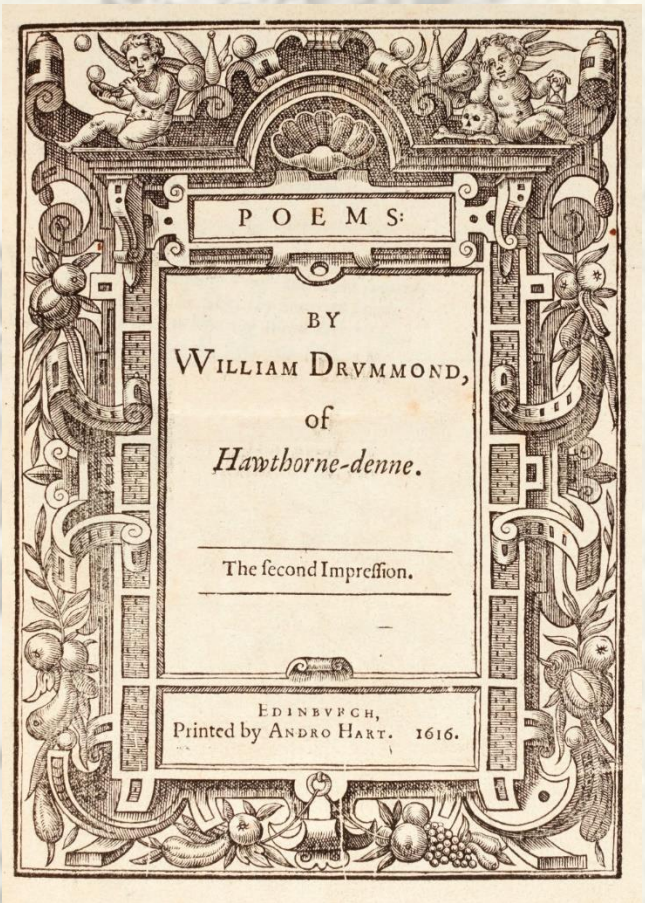

EDWARD RABAN
(1579-1658)
= (1) JANET JOHNSTON
(d 1627)
= (2) JANET AILHOUS
(d after 1660)
DIERICK
(1613-1615)
EDOUARD
(1614/5-1687)
CONSTANTIA
(1616-17)
CONSTANCE
(1618-*ante* 1622)
CONSTANCIA
(1624-*ante* 1649)
JOHN
(c.1625-*post* 1648
or *post* 1653)
ELIZABETH
(1627-1685)
= (1) 1648 GAVIN MILNE
= (2) 1661 JOHN MURRAY
ISAAC RABAN
(c.1639-1665)
ISOBELL MILNE
(1649-
JAMES MILNE
(1652-
WILLIAM MILNE
(1653-
ROBERT MILNE
(1654-

RABAN REDUX

What significance does all this have?

RABAN REDUX

- New findings show that Raban was permanently domiciled in Scotland from January 1616;
- The witnesses at baptisms show his association with Andro Hart;
- Changes our understanding of Raban's putative involvement with the Pilgrim Press'
  - often alluded to as being between 1617-19.


POEMS:

BY

WILLIAM DRVMMOND,

of

Hawthorne-denne.

The second Impression.

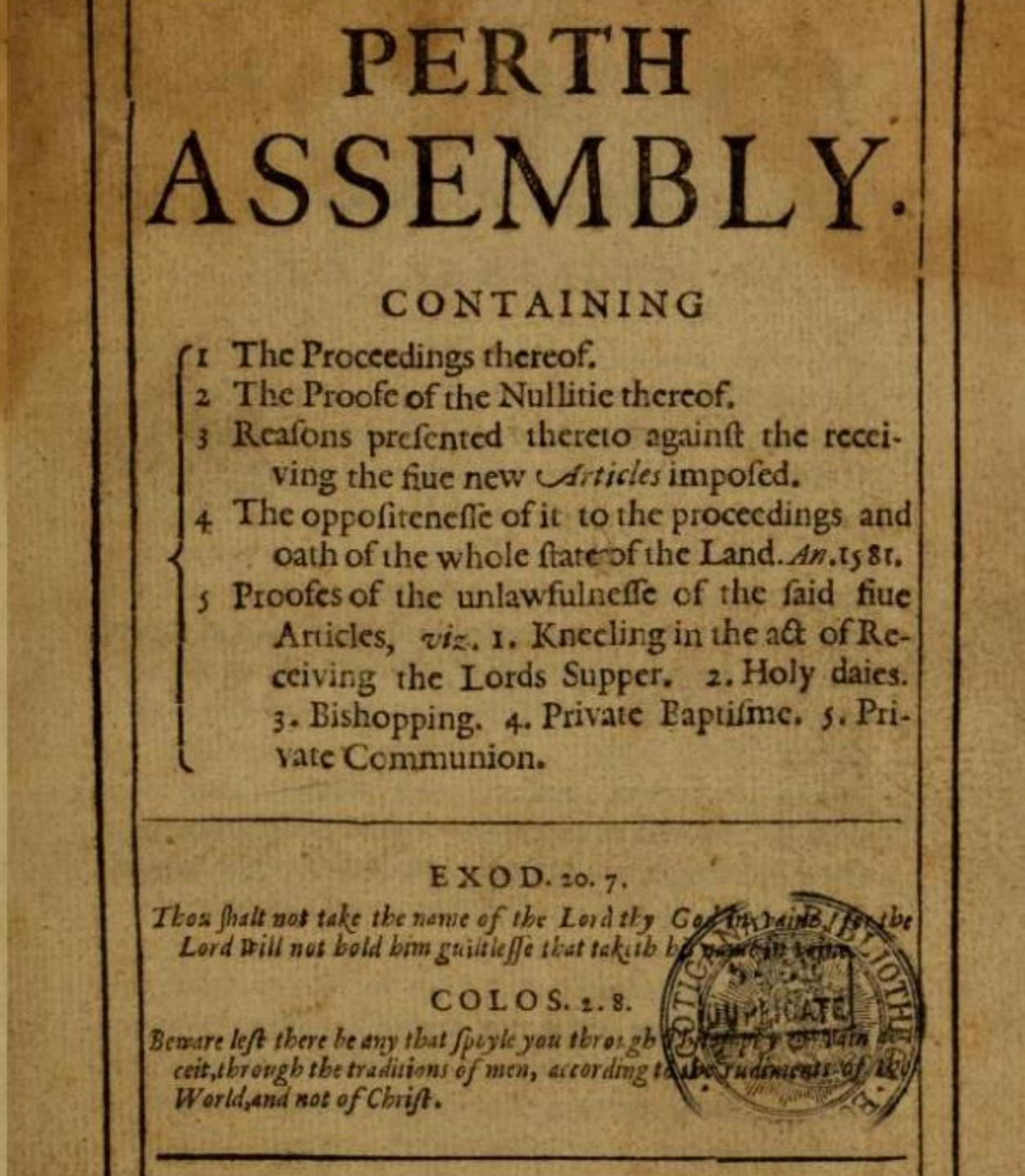
EDINBVRGH,
Printed by ANDRO HART. 1616.

Intriguing & unanswered questions

How do we re-assess Raban's involvement with the Pilgrim Press in the light of the information that he was resident in Scotland from 1616?

What role, if any, did Raban have with the Perth Assembly?

James Cathkin (an associate of Andro Hart) left an account of his interrogation in connection with Perth Assembly. Can it be trusted, and what happened to the manuscript in the Bannatyne Miscellany?



PERTH
ASSEMBLY.

CONTAINING

1 The Proceedings thereof.
2 The Proofe of the Nullitie thereof.
3 Reaſons preſented thereto againſt the receiving the fiue new *Articles* impoſed.
4 The oppoſiteneſſe of it to the proceedings and oath of the whole ſtate of the Land. *An.* 1581.
5 Proofes of the unlawfulneſſe of the ſaid fiue Articles, *viz.* 1. Kneeling in the act of Receiving the Lords Supper. 2. Holy daies. 3. Bishopping. 4. Private Baptiſme. 5. Private Communion.

EXOD. 20. 7.

Thou ſhalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine, for the Lord will not hold him guiltleſſe that taketh his name in vaine.

COLOS. 2. 8.

Beware leſt there be any that ſpoyle you through Philoſophy and vaine deceit, through the traditions of men, according to the Iudgements of the World, and not of Chriſt.

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The Biſhop called for pen, ink, and paper , to pen my depoſition, which was preſentlie broght him , althocht nothing was written. The Biſhop prayed me to tell the truth , and I fould gett favour; and he aſked me "If I was partner with Andro Hart in prenting? and if I knew his letter that he had ? I ſpeir (ſaid he) , becauſe it is ſaid that Perth Aſſemblie ' was printed in Edinburgh ; for they that hes written to his Majeſtie affirmes that the book was watt, new come of the preſs, quhen they wer found , and that augments the ſuſpicion that it was done in Edinburgh . If his Majestie knew the printer, he wold not eſcape with his life ." C. " I had nothing to do with the printing of that book; and as for Andro Hart, I was partner with him in printing, bot not this five or ſix years ; and as for his letter , ther ar manie printers that have letters lik wnto wthers . " B. "Hes he ane Engliſhman to his mann ? and know ye quher he is ? " C. " I think he be about the citie, bot I know not quher ." Also he took out a roll out of his pocket, that he had reſavit out of Edinburgh, quherin he red that I had given out pamphlets to a ſchoolmaſter to write copies of. C. " I never gave anie to copie . " Alſo he red that [illegible] Tuiſday's meeting before the Communion . I

'That the mine is exhausted I do not for a moment imagine'

J.P. EDMOND