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## OBITUARY

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### MISS HENRIETTA TAYLER

Miss Henrietta Tayler, who died on Tuesday at her home in London at the age of 82, devoted much of her long life to research into the Jacobite partisans of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

She approached her subject in a thoroughly scholarly manner and had the help of her brother, the late Alistair Tayler, until his death in 1939, in examining the great mass of original documents. The results of these painstaking researches issued in a number of books and contributions to magazines which, if they do not enhance the glamour of the attempts by James II's male descendants to regain their hereditary titles, throw much light on the lives and temperaments of their supporters. The account of the rising of 1715, published in 1936, may be taken as the definitive history of that affair, and the volumes which succeeded it, *Jacobite Exile, 1745 and After*, and *Jacobite Epilogue*, throw much new light upon the circumstances of those who followed the Stewarts oversea, already known to many in outline. In *The Seven Sons of the Provost* (1949) Miss Tayler gives an account of a Scottish laird's family in the eighteenth century, and in her biography of Prince Charlie's daughter, Charlotte, published little more than 12 months ago, she discloses the fact that one of Charlotte's illegitimate children survived until 1854, and so "the end of an old song" had a more lingering cadence than had hitherto been supposed.