The thesis is about life and personality of John Gibson Lockhart (1794-1854), who was a notable Scottish literary critic and biographer. The first part of the thesis is a brief narrative of his life. The second part is dedicated to the history and manners of Lockhart’s family, which was closely related to Sir Walter Scott. This family is compared with a typical family of the period. The third part is tracing Lockhart’s influence over the Scottish national movement.