

CAPTAIN JOHN HAMILTON, eldest son of Lieut.-Colonel Otho Hamilton was probably born at Annapolis about 1724, and received his Ensign's commission about 1742. The first printed Army List is of the year 1754, and the manuscript records in the War Office have not so far been searched for Captain Hamilton's first and second commissions. He was, however, Lieutenant, in 1749, and his Captain's commission dates from March 27, 1753. In the army list for 1754 he appears as Captain, Dr. William Skene as surgeon, Rev. George Thomson or Thompson as chaplain, and another John Hamilton as quartermaster. In the army list for 1755 John Handfield, whose commission is dated October 15, 1754, is Major, John and Otho Hamilton (the commission of the latter is dated June 26, 1754) are Captains, a younger John Handfield, whose commission bears date February 12, 1755, is Ensign, and a John Hamilton, Jr., appointed February 26, 1755, is quartermaster. The latter ceased to be quartermaster in 1756.

April 23, 1740, John Hamilton, probably Major Otho's son, was sworn in Assistant Secretary of the Council, and the 15th of August, 1752, while still a lieutenant, a young widower, he married (2) at Annapolis, Mary Handfield, a daughter of Captain, afterward Major, John Handfield, who was actively concerned in the removal of the Acadians from Annapolis; Captain Handfield himself, in the absence of a garrison chaplain, performing the ceremony. On the 27th of November (old style, December 8th new style) 1749, some three hundred Micmac Indians surprised Lieutenant Hamilton and eighteen men, who had been