

SIR RALPH HAMILTON, Kt., Groom of the Bedchamber to Prince William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester, only son of Lieut.-Colonel Otho Hamilton, 2nd, and his wife Catherine Elizabeth Clement Hawtrey, was born probably about 1770. He married in London, July 14, 1791, a Miss Green of James Street, and had four children :

Otho William Hawtrey  
William Frederick  
George Burton  
Emma Eliza

From the Army Lists we find that Sir Ralph entered the 17th Light Dragoons as a cornet, March 31st, 1783; was made Captain of the 2nd Regiment of Life Guards, June 13, 1794; was given the army rank of Major, April 29, 1802; was Lieut.-Colonel of the Limerick Fencibles on the infirm list in 1819, and was commissioned Colonel of the Limerick Fencibles, August 12, of the same year. In 1830 Sir Ralph received the honour of Knighthood, and his death occurred the next year, 1831. Anderson in his history of the House of Hamilton says that Sir Ralph served abroad with the Guards on the breaking out of the French Revolutionary War in 1793, and as aid-de-camp to the Duke of Gloucester in North Holland in 1799, and that he wrote a poetical account of the campaigns of 1793, 1794. The *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1831, on the occasion of his death has the following notice of him :

“In James Street, Buckingham Gate, June 24, 1831, Col. Sir Ralph Hamilton, Kt., of Olivestob, N. B., Groom of the Bedchamber to the Duke of Gloucester. He purchased a cornetcy in the 17th Light Dragoons in 1783, and afterwards removed to the King's Dragoon Guards. In 1789 he entered the 3rd Foot Guards, with the first brigade