

Among the sons of John Hamilton of Edinburgh, founder of the Olivestob branch of the Hamiltons, and his wife Anna Elphinstone, there was an uncle of Major Otho's, named John, who held the position of Baillie of the Abbey of Holyrood, an office in the gift of the Duke of Hamilton, which seems for generations to have remained in the Hamilton family. The wife of this John Hamilton was Katherine Arbuckle, a beautiful woman, a copy of whose portrait, as well as of her husband's, is in the possession of the author of the present sketch. From references to their children obtained from abroad it seems quite certain that it was their second son John, a first cousin of Major Otho's, who was appointed naval officer and collector of the port of Annapolis in 1736.

Copy of a record in the Public Record Office of Ireland, entitled :

WILL OF OTHO HAMILTON. 1770, PREROGATIVE COURT

In the name of God Amen I Otho Hamilton of the City of Waterford Esq Lieutenant-Governor of the Town and Garrison of Placentia in His Majesty's Island of Newfoundland being of perfect mind memory and understanding calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say First and principally I give and commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I desire may be buried by my Executors hereinafter named in a Christian like and decent manner not doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching all such worldly Estate and substance wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in manner following that is to say I leave and bequeath unto my Daughter in Law Mary Hamilton Wife of my Son Captain John Hamilton late of the Fortieth Regiment the Sum of One Hundred pounds sterl. as a mark of my Gratitude for her Care and Kindness to me when I was taken ill on my Journey from Cork to Waterford I leave and bequeath unto my good friend Charles Gould Esq of the