

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL OTHO HAMILTON, 2ND. The life of Lieutenant-Colonel Otho Hamilton, 2nd, second son of the Lieut.-Governor of Placentia is much better known to us than that of his older brother John. He was probably born at Annapolis about 1726, and his Ensign's commission in the 40th was obtained May 25, 1744. He was made Lieutenant October 24, 1747, Captain-Lieutenant March 27, 1753, Captain June 26, 1754, Major, November 10, 1761. December 14, 1770, he was transferred to the 59th as Lieutenant-Colonel, his successor in the Majority of the 40th being James Grant. In 1802 (February 5th) when he made his will, he was Barrack Master of Romford, Essex, England. His death occurred in 1811.

Lieut.-Col. Otho, 2nd, married in Ireland, October 21, 1768, Catherine Elizabeth Clement Hawtrej, probably sister of the Rev. Ralph Hawtrej, of Waterford, whose name is conspicuous in his will. By his marriage he had two children, Col. Sir Ralph Hamilton, Kt., whose record will be found further on, and Grizel Ann Hamilton, who was never married.

July 20, 1752, as we learn from Nova Scotia records, Mr. Hamilton received two hundred acres of land on the east side of Chebucto Harbor, and on the 17th of May, 1764, a lot in the town of Halifax. In the Assembly, on Saturday, October 13, 1764, the House voted its thanks to Major Hamilton for the aid he had given with his troops in the repair and improvement of the road to the interior of the Province. In the Council, December 24th of that year, "on behalf of himself and a considerable number of officers, gentlemen, traders, and farmers," a petition from Major Hamilton was read, "for a township of 100,000 acres on the St. John River." The record states that the