The family of uncle James Hamilton of Trim

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James Hamilton (1777-1847) married on 10 Feb 1814 Elizabeth Boyle (ca 1792-1848)

Children (13):

Elizabeth (Bessy or Bessie) (ca 1815- 1 Sept 1857)
Unknown brother (.. - before May 1821)
Grace (Gracey) (ca 1818-1844) m. 6 Feb 1840 Robert Butler (.. - ca 1847)
Mary (ca 1819-1844)5
Kate (1821- April 1822)6
James Alexander (between 1822 and 1825- 4 April 1885) m. 20 Apr 1853 Charlotte Elizabeth Richardson (ca 1834-1901)7
Sydney (.. - 21 May 1892)8
Francis Cecil (ca 1826- 11 Nov 1846)9
Catharine Frances (.. - 31 May 1864) m. S. Slater (1822 - 14 Aug 1904)10
Margaret Octavia (.. - 24 Feb 1913)11
Anna Sophia (.. - 2 March 1913) m. 22 Dec 1877 Henry Powell (.. - after 1913)12
Unknown brother, died young13
Charlotte (ca 1840- 18 June 1845)14

1 Elizabeth, birth: Census of 1821 in the National Archives of Ireland, hereafter called ‘census’. Deaths of both James and Elizabeth Hamilton: Graves’ family tree.

2 Birth: census, Death: newspaper article on Genes Reunited, hereafter called ‘newspapers’, keywords: elizabeth daughter lato. In Graves’ biography she was called both Bessy and Bessie.

3 This unknown brother died before Kate, see footnote 6. He even must have died before the census of May 1821, because he is not mentioned in it.

4 Birth: census, Death: newspapers, keywords: 4 april rev janies loughcrew. That Francis was the second son means that James Alexander, whose birth year was not found, was born before 1826.

5 Birth: census, Death: newspapers, keywords: cecil idaynooth or cecil maynooth. He died at Maynooth, “second son of the Rev. James Hamilton of Trim, aged 20 years.” He was “killed by a fall from his horse.” That Francis was the second son means that James Alexander, whose birth year was not found, was born before 1826.

6 This unknown brother died before Kate, see footnote 3. He even must have died before the census of May 1821, because he is not mentioned in it.

7 Birth: census and fn 16 on p 218 of my Hamilton essay. Death: newspapers, keywords: 4 april rev janies loughcrew. Marriage: rootsweb thread. See also The National Archives of Ireland, Calendars of Wills and Administrations, 1858 - 1922. In my essay I mentioned that after James Alexander’s death “someone else” became rector of Loughcrew, Oldcastle; that was his son-in-law John Quarry Day. He married in June 1886 Agnes Mary, James Alexander’s eldest daughter. Newspapers, keywords: lata touenliam.

8 Death: Calendars of Wills. It is not completely certain, but she will have been the daughter of uncle James, “The Will of Sydney Hamilton late of Saint Mary’s Trim County Meath Spinner who died 21 May 1892 at same place.”

9 Birth and Death: newspapers, keywords: cecil idaynooth or cecil maynooth. He died at Maynooth, “second son of the Rev. James Hamilton, of Trim, aged 20 years.” He was “killed by a fall from his horse.” That Francis was the second son means that James Alexander, whose birth year was not found, was born before 1826.

10 Newspapers, keywords: rev samuel slater, years 1864-1864. Slater died at West Ealing, Middlesex, Calendars of Wills. He had been headmaster of Bishop Cotton school, Simla (1863-1885); and that is where his wife died. It is not completely certain that this is indeed Catharine Frances, but Graves’ explicit mentioning that Slater was Rev. and D.D, makes it certainly plausible. Moreover, Graves mentions that two of uncle James’ daughters were missionaries in the East; one of them may have been Catharine.

11 Death: newspapers, keywords: late rev james hamilton trim. She had lived in England, in Middlesex and Oxfordshire, see the Calendars of Wills.


13 Newspapers, keywords: charlotte rev j hamilton trim, years: 1845-1845. In Graves’ family tree, both Kate and Charlotte were not mentioned by name. Graves did remark that two daughters died young, therefore Charlotte must also have died young. Assuming that by “died young” Graves indicated that the child was about four years or younger, Charlotte will have been born after 1840. She died “June 18, at St. Mary’s, near Trim.”