

pleasant, happy voyage, for that is another source of anxiety for me. I look every day for letters from New York.

I shall take advantage of the first vessel in the spring to go to Detroit for I find the time very long. Mr. Thomas Dickson⁶ is to go with me. Mr. Hamilton spoke to him, making that arrangement, for I feared you would be too busy, also my brother John. He may, perhaps, be able to bring me back. The two little ones are well and kiss you. My best respects to my dear Mama, and I remain, dear Father, until I have the pleasure of seeing you,

Your very humble and affectionate daughter

Catherine Hamilton.

⁶ Thomas Dickson, merchant, of Queenston, and brother of William and Robert Dickson. The inscription on Thomas Dickson's tombstone, in the Hamilton graveyard at Queenston, thus sums up his career: "Sacred to the memory of Thomas Dickson, who died in 1825, aged 50, also Eliza, his wife. He was a native of Dumfries, Scotland, came to this Province in the year 1789, and became a permanent resident of the District of Niagara, where he held various public situations, which he filled with credit to himself and advantage to the country, and as an active, intelligent, and upright magistrate, a member of the Legislature and colonel of Militia none could have discharged the various duties incidental to the changeable situations with greater fidelity . . ."

On Nov. 17, 1799, Dickson married, at the home of Robert Hamilton, Mrs. Eliza Taylor, a young widow whose father, Captain Wilkinson, was commandant of Fort Erie. See letter of Robert Nichol to John Askin, Nov. 16, 1799, ms. in Burton Hist. Coll., and Buffalo Hist. Soc., *Pubs.*, VI, 80-81. Eliza Dickson died Sept. 6, 1802, leaving one son, John Alexander; on Sept. 20, 1803, Thomas Dickson married (second) Archange Grant of Detroit, a daughter of Commodore Grant. Two daughters were born of this union. See Niagara Hist. Soc. *Pubs.*, No. 19, p. 39, and *Major Alpine's Ancestors and Descendants*.