

Reverend John Kirkby – Vicar of Gotham, St Lawrence church, Nottinghamshire(1788 to 1836)

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| County | Nottinghamshire |
| Place | Gotham |
| Church | St Lawrence |
| RegisterNumber | |
| DateOfBirth | |
| BaptismDate | 25 Mar 1804 |
| Forename | Horatio William |
| Sex | M |
| FatherForename | Thomas |
| MotherForename | Mary |
| FatherSurname | SPENCER |
| MotherSurname | |
| Abode | |
| FatherOccupation | |
| Notes | Emma written above Thomas |
| FileNumber | 41668 |

Notes:

- 1) Lord Nelson & Lady Emma Hamilton were present at Thomas Spencer & Mary Hever's wedding at Lord & Lady Hamilton's home in Palermo, Italy in 1799.
- 2) Lord Nelson & Lady Emma Hamilton were not present at the Baptism in Gotham, UK in 1804. Instead the Parish register included the name "Emma" above Thomas's name – see comment below.

Comment: It is believed the vicar(John Kirkby who was a Spencer family friend) included "Emma's name in the parish register" to certify who the real mother was – after being told that Horatio William was the illegitimate son of Lady Emma Hamilton & Lord Nelson by Thomas Spencer(Lord Nelson's Steward on the Foudroyant in 1799-1800).

Notes:

- 3) It is believed that Lord Nelson & Lady Emma Hamilton's illegitimate son was conceived in June/July 1799 and born at sea - Feb/March 1800.
- 4) It is believed that Lord Nelson & Lady Emma Hamilton's illegitimate daughter was conceived in April 1800 and born - Jan 1801.

| # | Record Type | First name(s) | Last name | Birth year | Burial year | Denomination | Burial place |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | Burial | Horatio William | Spencer | 1800 at sea | 1889 | Anglican | Gotham |

NOTE: The parish record copies can be viewed at [www.findmypast.com/results/UK-records/nottinghamshire-baptisms?firstname=horatio william&firstnam](http://www.findmypast.com/results/UK-records/nottinghamshire-baptisms?firstname=horatio%20william&firstnam)

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