

Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty

Baptismal Register entry 4 March 1777 son of Thomas and Mary Ahmuty born 31 December 1776
Reg Baptisms for Parish of St George the Martyr, Queen Square Middx this 19 April 1796 re Certificate of Age

died 4 July 1833 Dungannon, Cookstown Ireland. Will 22 October 1832 pd 9 October 1833.
Obit T.A Staples Ahmuty late Lieutenant Colonel of the 1st Madras Infantry.
married January 1804 Dublin Frances Staples Will 5 October 1836 pd 18 March 1837
Alexander Ahmuty bp 23 October 1808 Quilon, Malabar Coast, East India
William Somerville Ahmuty bp 21 May 1810 Cannanore ditto
Obit 5 November 1818 at Bangalore the infant daughter of Major Ahmuty 8th Native Infantry

1801 went England on sick certificate - returned **1805**

January **1823** went England on furlough - retired 19 May **1824**

1823 in Will 1823 pd 1826 of sister Grace + Alice Ahmuty of **Rivers Street** executrix trustee

1829 at 40 **Rivers Street** Bath - Keene's

Officers of the Indian Army at the Madras Presidency

Cadet 1795. Ensign 19 March 1796. Lt 29 Nov 1797. Capt 21 Sept 1804. Major 5 Jan 1814. Lt Col 28 Feb 1819.

1794 The Certificates of Age of Cadets of this Season

1795 Cadet Book L/MIL/9/108. (Chairman Sir P Lushington Bart) Madras no 603 22 April Lord Hawkesbury

Fort St George Madras - Eighth Regiment of the Native Infantry

1803 Army List Lieutenant - Rank in Regiment 1 Jan 1803 in Army 21 Oct 1803 - on furlough

1804 Army List - on furlough to Europe for health, from 4 February 1801

Lt Colonel T.A.S. Ahmuty - Madras Establishment

This officer arrived **Madras 9 January 1795** and was appointed to a detachment of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Native Infantry under the command of the late Colonel Oram stationed at Sankledroog and embarked with that corps under the command of Lt Col Oram in the proposed expedition against Manilla which was recalled in consequence of hostile preparations made by the late Tippoo Sultan against the British possessions and which led to the Mysore War.

He served with Colonel Read's force during the war till the capture of Seringapatam in command of a detachment of Europeans composed of details of H.M's regiments and was at the taking of several hill forts in Mysore and wounded at the storming of Sooligheri. In **1800** by the augmentation and reorganization of the Madras Army he was removed to the 1st-8th Native Infantry commanded by Lt Col Desse and served with the force against the late Doondia Waugh.

In **1801** he repaired to England on sick certificate and returned **1805** Quarter Master of Brigade to the Travancore subsidiary force and Assistant Quarter Master General to that force during the war in Travancore and was in the actions of 15 and 25 January and 21 February **1809** ~~the latter~~ the storming of the enemy's batteries. In May **1810** he was appointed Store Keeper and Paymaster to the Goa subsidiary force and on that force being withdrawn in **1815** was appointed Paymaster to the Mysore Division which he vacated in consequence of a promotion to a Majority in the 1st 8th Regiment. He commanded this corps with the exception of a few months till March **1819** when promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed to raise the 1st-25th Regiment which was completed and reviewed in a year.

In **1821** he was removed to the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment at Bellary which he commanded for a few months previous to his return to England on furlough January **1823** and retired from service in **1824**.

Dates of this officer's commissions:

Ensign 1796. Lieutenant Oct 1797. Captain 21 Sept 1804. Major Oct 1813. Lt Colonel 28 Feb 1819

The East India Military Calender

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Bank of England Will Extract

No. 137481 Reg. 8873 19 Nov 1833

Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty of Mullamore near Dungannon, Ireland, a Lt Col of Hon. East India Companys Service, died possessed of

£11619. 1. 7.	Consols 87¼	£10137. 12. 11
£ 1716. 6.	3½ Red. 94¾	£ 1621. 15. 1
£ 194.	New 3% 95½	£ 185. 5. 4

Money moved co. Derry, Ireland

Surrender £20,000. Died 4 July 1833

And by his Will dated 22nd October 1832 with three Codicils the first dated 22nd October 1832 attested by these witnesses the last day the 4th July 1833 by his Will attested by three witnesses appointed his wife **Frances Ahmuty**, **Thomas Harvey Baber** and **Charles Moore**, executors. Probate was granted at **Doctors Commons** 9th October 1833 to Frances Ahmuty now widow, the relict of the said deceased one of the executors, power reserved to **Thomas Harvey Baber** and **Charles Moore** the other executors therein described, late a Lieut. Col on the retired list of the Hon. East India Companys Service at Portstewart in the county of Londonderry in Ireland, esquire.

In the Will are the following words. Whereas I now possess certain monies as held in the funds and in Companys Banks my will is and I hereby leave and bequeath the aforesaid sums principal and interest to my wife **Frances Ahmuty** **Thomas Harvey Baber** and **Charles Moore** in trust for the several purposes hereinafter mentioned concerning the same I leave and bequeath the interest on the sum of £9,899 5s. 8d in the 3 per cents to be settled on my son **William Ahmuty** and his wife **Edith** for the term of their natural lives on condition that the interest on £3,600 of this sum aforesaid be handed over to my widow **Frances Ahmuty** yearly during the term of her natural life. I appoint my wife **F. Ahmuty**, **Thomas Harvey Baber** and **Charles Moore** joint executors and trustees of this my Will

In the first Codicil are the following words. I direct that the monies mentioned in my last Will as being since vested in Government Security and India Bonds shall not be transferred from said securities without consent given in handwriting of my son **William** and his wife **Edith**, my wife **Frances Ahmuty**, **Thomas Harvey Baber** and **Charles Moore** my said trustees and executors or a majority of them or their executors or assigns or a majority of them and I direct that the money so transferred shall be vested in those securites considered to be the safest at the time when such transfer shall be made upon which any said trustees are to exercise their discretion.

I demand to have the whole of the Funds standing in the name of the Testator

£11619. 1. 7	Consols
£ 1716. 6.	3½
£ 194.	New 3%

left at my disposal this **25 March 1834** **Frances Ahmuty** acting Executrix

(SoG London)

Smith, Payne and Smiths

This banking firm is first found in the London Directory in the year 1759, when its style was Smith and Payne, carrying on their business near Coleman Street, Lothbury. The same authority shows us that in 1766 they had removed to 18 Lombard Street. Before particularising the various changes that have occurred therein from time to time, I will give verbatim an interesting and lively account of this great-house, supplied by Mr F Martin, in his *Stories of Banks and Bankers*:

"The old banking establishment of Smith, of Nottingham, now merged in the well-known firm of Smith, Payne and Co. of Lombard Street. Smith the First, the Smith of all other Smiths, was at the beginning of the last century, a respectable draper at Nottingham, well patronised by the gudewives of the farmers, who brought their quarterly stock of thread and ribbons at his shop, after having sold their pigs. The wives, of course, brought the husbands; and, though the latter wanted no caps and laces, they liked to have a quiet half-hour in the cozy back-parlour, to discuss the news of the and the state of the markets with Mr. Smith. A frequent theme of conversation was the danger of the roads. The neighbourhood of Nottingham, the home of Robin Hood, was (as ever) infested with footpads, and Dick Turpin himself, or one of the Dick Turpins, was believed to honour the country at times with his presence. It was not that the farmers feared for their wives, or their pigs, but they feared for their money, dearer to them than their pigs - it would be wrong to say their wives. The bland draper, having long listened to these outpourings of woe, at last hit upon a ready solution of the difficulty. 'I will take care of your money,' Mr. Smith proposed, 'and will, moreover, keep an account of your market transactions, and you may draw your cash, or get goods from me, whenever you like.'"

The offer was accepted, first by one, then by a dozen, then by a score of farmers, and soon Mr. Smith found himself the holder of very considerable sums of money. He was a shrewd man, the Nottingham draper, and the cash did not remain idle in his hands, as every man knew who had a good bill to discount anywhere in Notts or Lancashire. The merchants of Preston themselves were often glad to get accommodation, and the profits were as sure as the returns were quick. Now, Mr Smith took the second step in his prosperous career, and a very sensible one it was. He allowed a small interest to his friends the depositors. The pleased farmers, it need not be said, were, after this, perfectly enthusiastic in handing their surplus cash to the Nottingham draper, instead of putting it into an old stocking at home, where, whatever else might happen to it, it certainly would not grow. So things went on in the natural course until the draper became a regular banker, and justly thinking his shop a hindrance to his business, gave up the trade in cloth and ribbons in favour of that in money and bills.

Smith the First died a Nottingham banker; and Smith the Second extended his operations to Hull and Lincoln; while Smith the Third sought and found a London correspondent in the person of a shrewd and active man, Mr Payne, with whom he subsequently entered into partnership. Hence the firm of Smith, Payne and Co., still flourishing near the Mansion House, undevoured by Joint-Stock. Thus it will be seen that this firm of bankers had been established for some years in the same capacity in Nottingham and elsewhere before they made their appearance in London, about 1759, under the style of Smith and Payne.

In 1773 an additional partner was taken in, and the firm became Smith, Payne and Smith. In 1778 they were located in George Street, Mansion House; and in 1785 the London Directory discloses the firm as consisting of Smith, Payne, Smith and Payne.

In 1824 Smith, Payne and Smith were at Mansion-house Place; and in 1830 they found a local habitation in No.1 Lombard Street, where they still are. The style of the firm continuing to be Smith, Payne and Smiths, and consisting of the following partners; Martin Tucker Smith, Samuel George Smith, M.P., Robert Smith, Oswald Augustus Smith, Jervoise Smith, Eric Carrington Smith and Martin Ridley Smith

A Handbook of London Bankers by Hilton Price 1876