

22 Royal Crescent, Bath

Declaration by all the interested parties that the transfer by indenture of even date of the sum of £25 Long Annuities from Charlotte Lewis of Bath (wid. of Rev. John Lewis, Dean of Ossory, decd.) to Jasper Sabine of Bath, esq., and George Smith of George Street, Mansion House, London, esq., banker, was in trust to pay £20 annually to William Lewis for his life, and then to transfer the Annuities to said Charlotte Lewis; with covenant to indemnify Thomas Ahmuty of Bath, esq., against claims for such payment. COWDRAY/4925 19 Dec 1783

These documents are held at West Sussex Record Office - Contents:

Recites that Joseph Lewis of Bristol, tobacconist, in his will (dated 16 Feb. 1763) gave £40 a year for the support of his kinsman, William Lewis, for life, with the proviso that this should be reduced to £20 should he (William) receive an estate of the annual value of £30 or upwards; that said John Lewis in his will (dated 10 Feb. 1778) bequeathed to said Charlotte his house in the Royal Crescent of Bath on condition that she pays the said annuity left to said William Lewis by his uncle; that an estate of the annual value of £30 or upwards having come to said William Lewis on the death of his mother, the annuity has been reduced to £20; and that by indenture of even date the said house has been sold to said Thomas Ahmuty. Endorsed with acknowledgment by said Charlotte Lewis of the assignment to her, following the death of said William Lewis, of the said Long Annuities, 2 Mar. 1785.

Three documents relating to the above Long Annuities. COWDRAY/4926 1784-1785

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These three documents have now been guarded and filed.

1. Letter from John Cox at Fishponds [Bristol] to Mrs. Charlotte Lewis at 18, Old Bond Street, London informing her of the death on 18 Feb. [1784] of Mr. [William] Lewis. 6 Mar 1784.
2. Certificate of the burial on 21 Feb. 1784 of William Lewis at Stapleton [co. Glos.].
3. Receipt from Charlotte Lewis, wid., to Robert Smith, esq., for two half-yearly payments received by him on the Long Annuities. 2 Mar. 1785.

Marriage Licence dated 3 August 1782 to Alice Frideswide Moore

Thomas Ahmuty, Gentleman and Daniel Leonard, Vintner both of the parish of Clifton Gloucester and diocese of Bristol

The Patrician - John Lewis instituted Dean Ossory in Ireland 24 May 1755 and had a second family and d. 28 June 1783

The Diocese of Ossory incl co Kilkenny & parts of Laois snip

Genealogical & Heraldic History of Commoners - Surtees of Newcastle full view

1st son William Surtees of Newcastle & Montague Square, London

married Elizabeth Catherine dof **John Lewis**, Dean of Ossory by Katherine Villiers his first wife.

William sole rep of the house of Villiers, claiming to be Earls of Buckingham and Viscounts Purbeck.

4th son John Surtees married **Charlotte** dof **John Lewis** Dean of **Ossory** by his 2nd wife Charlotte Cotterell dof Admiral Cotterell

note: Charlotte and her sister were friends of Dr Samuel Johnson and several refs to them occur in Boswell.

Letters of Samuel Johnson - Ossory who had married Johnson's friend Charlotte Cotterell died 28 June 1783.

The Early Journals and Letters of Fanny Burney: Volume IV: full view

Our party to night at the Dean of Ossory's has by no means proved enchanting . . .

inheriting much of the estate (will of Mrs Charlotte Lewis, PCC. prob. 7 Oct 1786)

The Piozzi Letters: Correspondence of Hester Lynch Piozzi, 1784-1821 by Hester Lynch Piozzi p121 snip

Charlotte Lewis, nee Cotterell d. 1796 of Richmond Surrey and Carmarthenshire, widow of

John (1717-83), dean of Ossory (1755-83). In google also as 'Document'

22 Royal Crescent

RC History articles 1 Royal Crescent, the Georgian house in Bath furnished in contemporary style, . . .

John Lewis, Dean of Ossory (22), Lady Elizabeth Stanley (24) Lady Mary Stanley . . .

w w w.royalcrescentbath.com/HistoryRoyal

Ahmuty Connections : Names Index

He married secondly Alice Frideswide Moore 1757-1790 on the 20 August 1782 by licence at St. Andrew's Church, Clifton, Bristol . . . From the Poor Rate Books they lived at 22 Royal Crescent, Bath

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Ahmuty Connections : Other Items

Members of the Cobbe family were listed in Bath Street Directories living. . .

Thomas Ahmuty married Alice Frideswide Moore in 1782 . . . Poor Rate Books lived at 22 Royal Crescent and after his marriage to Caroline Cavendish in 1792 lived at 19 Marlborough Buildings until he died in 1801.

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The Letters of Sarah Harriet Burney

Harriet Maltby c 1763-1852

a well known resident of Bath at 22 R.C.

friend of Frances d'Arblay

COWDRAY/4925

Joseph Lewis tobacconist of Bristol in his Will dated 16 February 1763
devised annuity of £40 p.a. for support of his kinsman nephew William Lewis for life;
should he receive estate p.a. value £30 plus, said £40 annuity to be reduced to £20 p.a.
William Lewis received £30 estate on death of his mother, his annuity reduced to £20 p.a.

The Rev John Lewis, Dean of Ossory in his Will dated 10 February 1778
bequeathed his wife Charlotte his house in the Royal Crescent of Bath
provided she paid the annuity devised by Joseph Lewis to his nephew William Lewis.

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by Indenture of even date 19 December 1783 ✓

The transfer of £25 Long Annuities from Charlotte Lewis widow of Bath to
Jasper Sabine esq of Bath and George Smith banker of George Street, Mansion House London
in trust to pay £20 p.a. to William Lewis for life.

After his decease the £25 Long Annuities to be transferred to Charlotte Lewis with
Covenant to indemnify Thomas Ahmuty of Bath against claims for such payment.

By Indenture of even date 2 March 1785

The said house has been sold to Thomas Ahmuty.

Endorsed with acknowledgment by Charlotte Lewis of receipt Long Annuities following the death of
William Lewis.

Bath Chronicle

18 August 1783

Crescent, Bath

To be sold, and entered upon immediately. The most desirable house lately occupied by the Reverend the Dean of Ossory deceased. The premises are fitted up in the most convenient manner, are in excellent repair, and have a large garden, double coach house and six stall stable adjoining.

For particulars, apply to Mr Plura, auctioneer, in Milsom Street, Bath

17 November 1783

For Sale by Auction by Mr Plura

on Wednesday December 10th and following days.

The genuine, elegant and useful furniture, plate, china, painted cabinet, capital harpsichord, beautiful French commode, large sideboard with pedestals and vases for each side, study shelves and book cases, time piece by Grignion, a post-chaise, green house plants and other valuable effects that belonged to the Reverend Dean of Ossory deceased, at his house in the Crescent, Bath.

The whole to be viewed on Monday and Tuesday, the 8th and 9th of December. Catalogues will be then issued. NB the valuable paintings and collection of English, French and Italian books will be sold by hand on the premises.