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Richard Ahmuty 1774-1816

Richard Ahmuty the third son of Arthur Ahmuty and Ursula da Cruz was baptized on the 15 October 1774 at Calcutta. He held many high ranking positions in the East India Company's Bengal Civil Establishment and from his **Service Record** started as a **Writer** in 1791 left India in 1806 and resigned in England on the 30 March 1808. He was in charge of the Mint at Allahabad where alleged mismanagement of the Lucknow Rupee, known as the **Mooteeshye Rupee** after his name, later led to his removal as the Judge & Magistrate of the Zillah of Farruckabad as detailed in a **Report** dated 7 June 1806 submitted to the Court of Directors.

Richard Ahmuty married **Sophia Barker** 1780-1862 the daughter of Richard Barker MD of Golden Square on the 12 May 1808 by licence at St George's Church, Hanover Square London.

Marriage Licence Faculty Office 3 May 1808:

Appeared Personally Richard Ahmuty Esquire and made Oath that he is of the Parish of St George, Hanover Square in the County of Middlesex, a Batchelor aged upwards of twenty one years and intendeth to marry with Sophia Barker of the Parish of Saint James, Westminster in the same County a Spinster also aged upwards of twenty one years and that he knoweth of no lawful Impediment, by Reason of any Pre-Contract, Consanguinity, Affinity or any other lawful Means whatsoever to hinder the said intended Marriage and prayed a Licence to solemnize the same in the Parish Church of Saint George aforesaid and further made Oath that the usual Place of Abode of him the Appearer hath been in the Parish of Saint George, Hanover Square for the Space of Four weeks last past. Sworn before me Thomas Edwards

Marriage Register Entry 382 dated 12 May 1808 St George's Church, Hanover Square London:

Richard Ahmuty Esq of this Parish Batchelor and Sophia Barker of the Parish of St James, Westminster were married in this Church by Licence this Twelfth day of May in the year 1808 In the Presence of R. Barker and Maria Hollings

The Gentleman's Magazine Marriages of Remarkable Persons May 1808:

Richard Ahmuty of Old Windsor Lodge to Miss Barker daughter of Richard B esq of Golden Square

Richard Ahmuty died on the 6 April 1816 at George Street, Portman Square London and in his **Will** dated 3 February 1816 appointed his wife Sophia the sole executrix and guardian of their children Richard, Mary and Ursula Ahmuty and also of his natural daughter Fanny Ahmuty.

Richard Ahmuty 1809-1826

Richard Ahmuty the son of Richard Ahmuty and Sophia Barker was born the 4 February 1809.

The Gentleman's Magazine Births of Remarkable Persons 4 February 1809:

In Bolton Row to the wife of Richard Ahmuty esq of Old Windsor Lodge, a son

Mary Ahmuty

Mary Ahmuty the daughter of Richard Ahmuty and Sophia Barker was baptized the 28 November 1811 at St James's Church, Westminster. She married on the 27 May 1843 **Richard Charles Mellish** a Clerk Assistant to the Under Secretaries at the Foreign Office from 1831 to 1841 and was the son of Joseph Charles Mellish the British Consul at Hamburg and a noted linguist.

Marriage Register Entry no 402 St George's Church, Hanover Square 27 May 1843:

Richard Charles Mellish esq full age Batchelor of Wilton Street son of Joseph Charles Mellish late H.M's Charge d'Affairs Hamburg To Mary Ahmuty full age Spinster of Eaton Place the daughter of Richard Ahmuty, Bengal Civil Service. Married according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church. By Licence. In the Presence of Sophia Blunt, George Mellish and others

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Richard Ahmuty 1774-1816

Summary of Will dated 3 February 1816 with one codicil proved 30 April 1816
Richard Ahmuty now residing at Brighthelmstone in the county of Sussex left all his estate real and personal in trust to his wife Sophia Ahmuty with full power to receive the interest dividends and annual rents of all his monies stock mortgages annuities and lands. In addition she was left plate linen wine books horses and carriages for her own use and benefit and for disposal to his children as she may think proper. She was appointed the sole executrix and guardian of their children Richard, Mary and Ursula Ahmuty and also of his natural daughter Fanny Ahmuty.

Fanny Ahmuty born in India was left the sum of £4000 payable at the age of twenty one or sooner if married and on her decease if unmarried the said sum was to be divided equally between the children of his marriage. Mary the mother of Fanny was left an annuity of 200 rupees per month her usual allowance to be paid from funds held by his agents in Calcutta which after her decease was to be divided between his daughters Mary and Ursula.

His son Richard was left the sum of £10,000 payable when aged twenty one and his daughters Mary and Ursula were each left the sum of £5000 payable at their majority or sooner if marrying by consent of his wife. On the decease of his wife Sophia half the estate to pass to his son Richard and the other half divided equally between his daughters Mary and Ursula.

Codicil

I leave this as a Codicil to my Will and revoke that part in which the principal for the annuity to my late house keeper Mary the mother of Fanny that I bequeathed on her death to my daughters Mary and Ursula as now it is not my will that it should be inherited by them but to descend and become the property of my son Richard together with all other sums that may be due to me from my agents and others in India

signed Richard Ahmuty, Robert Aberdien, John Flack and Andrew Bond

The Will was signed by Richard Ahmuty the 3 February 1816 at Brighthelmstone witnessed by Robert Aberdeen, John Flack and Andrew Bond of Brighton. It was proved at London with a Codicil on the 30 April 1816 before the Worshipful John Dodson Dr of Laws and Surr by the oath of Sophia Ahmuty widow the relict and sole executrix to whom admon was granted being first sworn duly to administer.

Other Items

Service Record of Richard Ahmuty 1774-1816

Execution of Covenant January 1791

Notification of Appointment from the Honourable Court of Directors 11 March 1791

Arrived In India 24 June 1791

Assistant in the Secretary's Office, Public Department 24 June 1791

Commissioner of the Court of Requests 1 December 1791

Head Assistant in the Secretary's Office, Public Department 27 September 1793

Register to the Court of Appeal and Circuit at Patna 2 October 1795

Register to the Court of Appeal and Circuit at Moorshedabad 11 March 1796

Commissioner of Cooch Behar 14 July 1797

Officiating Judge and Magistrate of Mirzapore 16 March 1801

Collector of Allahabad 21 February 1803

Judge and Magistrate of the Zillah Court of Furruckabad 27 November 1804

Proceeded to Europe September 1806

Resigned in England 30 March 1808

Bengal Civil Servants of the Honourable East India Company 1790-1842

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Sophia Ahmuty 1780-1862

Mrs Sophia Ahmuty of Hereford Street, Middx the widow of Richard Ahmuty married secondly Sir Charles Richard Blunt 1775-1840 HEICS the 4th Baronet of Heathfield Park born 6 December 1775 who died 29 February 1840. They were married by licence on the 20 March 1824 at St Mary's Church, Marylebone and had a son Sir Walter Blunt 1826-1847 the 5th Baronet born 16 March 1826 who died unmarried on the 13 July 1847. Lady Sophia Blunt died on the 14 August 1862.

Marriage Licence Vicar General's Office 18 March 1824:

Appeared Personally Sir Charles Richard Blunt of the Parish of St Marylebone in the County of Middlesex a Batchelor of the age of twenty one years and upwards and prayed a Licence for the Solemnization of Matrimony in the Parish Church of Saint Marylebone aforesaid between him and Sophia Ahmuty of Hereford Street in the same County a Widow and made Oath that he believeth there is no Impediment of Kindred or Alliance or any other lawful Cause nor any Suit commenced in any Ecclesiastical Court to bar or hinder the Proceeding of the said Matrimony according to the Tenor of such Licence. And he further made Oath that he the said Deponent hath had his usual Place of Abode within the said Parish of St Marylebone for the Space of Fifteen Days last past

Marriages The Gentleman's Magazine 20 March 1824:

Sir R Blunt bart of Heathfield Park to the widow of Richard Ahmuty esq late of the East India Company's Bengal Civil Service

In July 1793 the vessel Thetis arrived in India with a big importation of new ladies including the five Blunt sisters who all wore the fashionable no-waist style of dress which created much confusion and consternation as described in a **Narrative** written by William Hickey.

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Sir Charles Richard Blunt, 4th Bt. was born on 6 December 1775 at Odiham, Hampshire, England.

He was the son of Sir Charles William Blunt, 3rd Bt. and Elizabeth Peers.¹

He married Sophia Baker, daughter of Richard Baker, on 20 March 1824 at St. Marylebone Church, Marylebone, London, England.

died on 29 February 1840 at age 64 at Eaton Place, Pimlico, London, England.^{1,2} He buried at Heathfield Park, Sussex, England. He was in the Honourable East India Company Service, in the Bengal Civil Service.

held the office of Member of Parliament (M.P.) for Lewes between 1831 and 1840.²

His last will was dated 1 December 1838.

Child of Sir Charles Richard Blunt, 4th Bt. and Sophia Baker

Sir Walter Blunt, 5th Bt. b. 16 March 1826, d. 13 July 1847

He was the son of Sir Charles Richard Blunt, 4th Bt. and Sophia Baker.

was baptised on 19 April 1826 at Heathfield Park, Sussex, England.²

died on 13 July 1847 at age 21 at Heathfield Park, Sussex, England, unmarried.

matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford University, Oxford, Oxfordshire, England, on 31 May 1844.

Sophia Baker was the daughter of Richard Baker.¹

She married, firstly, Richard Auchmuty before 1824.¹

She married, secondly, Sir Charles Richard Blunt, 4th Bt., son of Sir Charles William Blunt, 3rd Bt. and Elizabeth Peers, on 20 March 1824 at St. Marylebone Church, Marylebone, London, England. She died on 14 August 1862.¹

Richard Baker graduated with a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.).¹

Child of Richard Baker

1. Sophia Baker d. 14 Aug 1862

Richard Auchmuty married Sophia Baker, daughter of Richard Baker, before 1824.¹

He died before 1824. He was in the Bengal Civil Service.²

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Fanny Ahmuty

Fanny Ahmuty was born in India the natural daughter of Richard Ahmuty and she together with her mother Mary were named as beneficiaries in his Will.

She married firstly on the 1 March 1818 Lieutenant George Bolton of the HEICO European Regiment Headquarters. She married secondly the Rev **George Radcliffe** 1802-1862 BA of St Mary Hall, Oxford at St Mary's Church, Marylebone on the 21 December 1827 and they had a son Herbert Radcliffe 1838-1933 of Clevedon Somerset who married in 1868 Ada Wryghte the daughter of William Charles Wryghte of Rich Lodge, Kensington.

The Gentleman's Magazine Marriages 21 December 1827:

At St Mary's, Marylebone the Reverend George Radcliffe to Fanny daughter of the late Richard Achmuty esq late of the Bengal Civil Establishment

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