

Arthur Ahmuty 1729-1793**Documents** (AFT S)

2nd Son of Samuel Achmuty and Mary King. Lived in Harley Street, Middx. On 25th July 1767 in Calcutta he m **Ursula da Cruz** 1744-1818 who d 25th Jan 1818 in Dublin aged 74 yrs. He became a Colonel in the East India Co's Bengal Service and Governor of Dynapore where he d 6th Dec 1793 and is buried.

1760 Cadet
 1763 Lieutenant, Aug 26th
 1764 Captain, Dec 20th
 1768 Major, Sept 3rd
 1779 Lieut. Colonel, Sept 13th
 1786 Colonel, May 28th

From 1787 to 1794 there was an account in his name with Goslings Bank, London and from 1794 to 1797 an account in the name of Mrs Ursula Ahmuty.

Children of Arthur and Ursula

1. **Frances** 1768 bapt 25th June at Calcutta. On 24th May 1797 m **Capt. Vere Lumley Ward** of the 27th Light Dragoons, at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, Bath. From 1789 to 1790 there was an account with Goslings Bank, London in the name of Miss Frances Ahmuty.
2. **Robert Alexander Gregory** 1770 bapt 28th Jan at Calcutta. 1787 entered Trinity College, Cambridge and 1788 admitted to Lincoln's Inn. Called to the Bar 1796. dsp
3. **Richard** 1774-1816 bapt 15th Oct at Calcutta. He was of the East India Co's Civil Service, Bengal:
 - 1791 Writer on the Bengal establishment
 - 1797 Commissioner of Behar
 - 1803 Collector of Allahabad
 - 1804 Judge, Magistrate and Collector of Farrukhabad

In 1806 he left India for England and resigned his post 30th March 1808. 12th May 1808, Richard, of Old Windsor Lodge m **Sophia Barker** (d 14th August 1862) daughter of Richard Barker of Golden Square, London at St. George Church, Hanover Square, Middx. Witnesses: R. Barker and Maria Hollings. Richard d 6th April 1816 at George St., Portman Square. 20th March 1824 Sophia of Hereford St. Middx. m secondly Sir **Charles Richard Blunt** (1775-1840) at St. Marylebone Church, Middx. Children of Richard and Sophia:

1. **Richard** 1809-1826 b 4th Feb at Bolton Row
2. **Ursula** 1813-1823

4. **James** 1775-1864 bapt. 21st Oct at Calcutta. Col. of Artillery in the Bengal Service:
 - 1790 Cadet
 - 1791 Lieutenant
 - 1807 Captain
 - 1818 Major
 - 1821 Lieut. Colonel
 - 1855 General

8th May 1798 m1 **Harriet Hollings** of Mount Street, Berkeley Square, at St George Church, Hanover Square, Middx. Witnesses: Chas. Hollings; ... Hollings. He m2 **Mary Ann Fearon**, late of Edinburgh, on 10th Dec. 1805 at Cawnpore. James d 12th Jan. 1864 address 14 Chesham Place, Belgrave Square, London aged 89 yrs. Notice in The Times, Friday April 8th, 1864: "General James Ahmuty, the oldest officer in the Indian Army, died recently at Lahore. He entered the Bengal Artillery in 1790, when Tippoo Sultan was in the height of his power. He was at the siege of Delhi in 1803, in the same month in which Sir Arthur Wellesley fought the Battle of Assaye."

5. **Samuel** 1777 bapt 13th January. Buried 18th March 1777 at Calcutta

6. **Elizabeth** 1780 bapt 2nd June at Calcutta. She m **Philip Tuite Dalton** of Co. Meath

7. **John** 1781 bapt 11th Feb at Berhampore, Calcutta. He was Judge of Court of Appeal of the East India Co. m **Caroline Warren** 1792-1843. A memorial in Clifton Parish Churchyard, Bristol reads 'Caroline Ahmuty widow of John, a Bengal Civil Servant, d at Clifton 8th Dec. 1843 in her 51st year. Mourned by her Children.' Issue:

1. **John** 1819 bapt 1st April at Dacca

2. **Warren** Bapt. 21st June 1821 at Dacca

3. **Caroline** Born 24th August 1816, Bapt. 1st Jan. 1817 at Berhampore m **Capt. Cary**

4. **Jemima** Bapt. 7th June 1828, Warblington, Hampshire

8. **Thomas** 1781 bapt 7th July at Berhampore. Of the 17th Light Dragoons m **Barbara Jane Johnstone** (d 1859) granddaughter of Chevalier Johnstone, author of the Memoirs of the Rebellion.

Issue:

1. **Elizabeth** m **Mr. White** of Dublin.

Cruicetown Report

Page 27. A more significant alienation of the property took place in **1789** when immediately following the release and reconveyance by Forde to Joseph Cruse, the latter granted for an unrecorded consideration to Arthur Ahmuty of the city of London 'all those manor towns and lands of Cruicetown, Moydarragh and Altmash' including a parcel of land known as 'Ballyhulgh' (Ballahulk).

Ahmuty who died (**6 Dec 1793** aged 63 Dinapore) within a few years of acquiring the Cruicetown estate (co. Meath) is stated in a later deed to have been a retired Colonel formerly in the service of the East India Co and was resident in 1789 in Harley Street, London.

Ahmuty left his property to his widow **Ursula** and in trust for his **son Robert**, both of whom are later described as resident in Dublin. This transaction appears to have marked the end of the Cruise family's role as the landed proprietors of Cruicetown but it did not end their involvement with the townland and the parish.

The Ahmuty heirs granted a number of important 31 year leases in **1799**, two of them to Peter Cruise of Moydorragh, who leased some 280 acres comprising lands commonly called Legacavan

Page 28. The **Ahmuty** family ceased to be landlords of Cruicetown in **1831** when a sale was made under decree of the Court of Chancery in Ireland. The executors of the will of William Alexander **Shaw** late of Great Denmark Street, Dublin purchased for 38,500 pounds the manor town and lands of Cruicetown, Moydorragh and Altmash, including a parcel of land called Ballyhulk . . and all and every tenement and farm known and reputed to be part thereof.

Ursula Ahmuty died 27 January 1818 at Sackville Street, Dublin

Bengal Past and Present

To the Memory of / **ARTHUR AHMUTTY**, Esq., / Colonel in the Service of / the Honourable East India Company, / who departed this life / the 6th day of December, 1793 / at Dinapore / Aged LXIII years.

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Ship Maria 1798

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The Times Monday 19 March 1798

East-India Ships

Captain Bishop of the **Maria** left **Bengal** the 26th July (1797) ; put into Poolo Penang in distress the 20th August; failed thence the 1st October, and arrived at the Cape the 14th December.

The **Maria** left at Poolo Penang the Company's ships Lord Camden, Busbridge, Sir Stephen Lusshington, and Princess Mary, bound to Bengal; also the Phoenix for Madras; and Asia, Earl Talbot and Ceres for China

The passengers aboard the **Maria** were Capt Storey and Messrs Saunders and Ahmuty X

True Briton, Cuffnells, Henry Addington, Woodford, Royal Charlotte, Walmer Castle and **Maria** left St Helena the 8th January (1798) at which time they were no ships remaining at that island. Their arrival at this time may be deemed particularly fortunate, as the price of tea at the Company's sales was remarkable high

The Times Monday 19 March 1798

Ship News

Deal 17 March 1798

Wind S. - Arrived in the Downs the Royal Charlotte, Walmer Castle, Henry Addington, Cffnells, True Briton, Woodford, Prince of Wales and **Maria** from the **East Indies** under convoy of the Vindictive man of war, and remain

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... Henry Addington, Cuffnells,