

**Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty 1776-1833**

Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty the son of Thomas Ahmuty and Mary Staples was born 31 December 1776 and baptized 7 March 1777 at St George the Martyr, Queen Square, London. He was a Lieutenant Colonel on the retired list of the East India Company and he started in 1795 as Cadet No 603 of the Native Infantry 8th Regiment at Fort St George, Madras India. His record of service: 2nd Lieutenant 19 March 1796, Lieutenant 29 Nov 1797, Captain 21 Sept 1804, Major 5 Jan 1814 and Lieutenant Colonel 28 Feb 1819. He retired from service the 19 May 1824 and in 1829 was of 40 Rivers Street listed in the Bath Directory. Lt. Col. T.A.S Ahmuty was a subscriber to the Madras Military Fund and had Consolidated Annuities in the Bank of England and funds held with the Provincial Bank of Coleraine and the London banking firm of **Smith, Payne & Smith**.

He married his cousin **Frances Staples** 1778-1836 in January 1804 at Mrs Deane's, Granby Row Dublin and they had a son William Somerville Ahmuty. Frances Staples was the daughter of the Rev Alexander Staples the brother of John Staples 1736-1820 of Lissan and brother of Mary Staples who married Thomas Ahmuty. Jane Staples the sister of Frances married the Rev Thomas Stanley Monck

Frances (Staples) Ahmuty a widow of Portstewart, Londonderry in her **Will** dated 5 October 1836 left all her estate and £1200 life insurance to her son William Somerville Ahmuty and his family. The Rev Alexander Major of Portstewart was appointed the executor but on 8 March 1837 Admon with Will annexed was granted to William Somerville Ahmuty the son and univeral legatee named in the Will the Rev Alexander Major clerk sole executor having renounced

Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty died 4 July 1833 and desired to be buried at Lissan Church parish of Muff, Cookstown co.Tyrone where the Rev John Molesworth Staples held office. In his **Will** dated 22 October 1832 he named his sisters Alicia Ahmuty and Charlotte Swift, Robert Smyth of Portlick Castle and Thomas Hervey Baber a writer in the East India Company who married Helen Somerville Fearon daughter of Somerville Fearon of Edinburgh. He appointed his wife Frances Ahmuty, Thomas Harvey Baber and Charles Henry Moore the executors and the Will was proved twice the 9 October 1833 and 31 July 1838. In his Will he directed that: settlement of interest on my son William and his wife Edith as far as regards her the said Edith's participation of it in case of the said Edith's surviving her said husband shall be null and void unless the promise made by Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of settling on my son, his wife Edith and their children her the said Edith's full share of property left her by her Grandfather (William Collins 1745-1810) under a certain Deed of Trust shall be faithfully fulfilled and performed.

**William Somerville Ahmuty 1810-1870**

William Somerville Ahmuty the son of T.A.S Ahmuty attended Trinity College, Dublin listed in Alumni Dublinenses: William Ahmuty Pen (Mr Dowdall) 5 June 1826 aged 16 born East Indies son of Thomas Praefectus Militum Generalis in exercitu Indico. He married **Edith Rigby Collins** the daughter of the Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of the **Collins Family**. They married with consent of parents at St Nicholas Church, Sidmouth Devon on the 12 March 1829: William Somerville Ahmuty of this parish and Edith Rigby Collins of this parish were married in this church by licence with Consent of Parents this twelfth day of March 1829. In the Presence of Christopher Collins, William Webster, Eleanor Walton? and Ellen Alcock.

Trewman's Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth & Cornish Advertiser 19 March 1829

Married on Thursday at Sidmouth, William Somerville Ahmuty Esq. only child of Col Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty H.E.I.C Service to Edith youngest daughter of the Rev C Rigby Collins M.A of the Fort Field

Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth Devon - Sid Vale Association on Life and Times in Sidmouth

The houses built in the late 18th century were for renting to the aristocracy and gentry as Sidmouth was then becoming a fashionable resort. In 1806 No.1 was leased by Lord Gwydir deputy Lord Great Chamberlain to the Prince Regent and in 1831 Nos.7 & 8 were leased by the Grand Duchess Helene of Russia with Count Tolstoy, Count Gagarin and Countess Nesselrode. In 1832 No.8 was occupied by Edward Moulton Barrett and family including his daughter Elizabeth later to become Elizabeth Barrett Browning the poetess

A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland by Samuel Lewis

Subscribers List printed A'Hmuty

A. Ahmuty Esq. M.D of Kilmore House, co Roscommon

J. Ahmuty Esq of Newpark, co Westmeath

William S Ahmuty Esq of Loy House, Cookstown, co. Tyrone

Census 6 June 1841 Montague House, Trinity Road, St Helier, Jersey

William Ahmuty 30 independent

Edith Ahmuty 25 independent b.England

Christopher Ahmuty 7 b. Ireland

Eliza Ahmuty 9 b.Ireland

Eliza Collis 30 servant b. England

Jane Reynard 25 servant b.England

Jane Tremain 25 servant b.England

Census 8 April 1861 Oldbury Road, Thornbury Bristol, Gloucestershire  
William S Ahmuty lodger m 51 fund holder b. East Indies (British Subject)

William Somerville Ahmuty died the 11 December 1870 and was buried at Henton, Somerset where a memorial headstone was erected by his widow. The Times published Thursday 3 September 1885: The Legal Representative of the late Mrs Edith Ahmuty, wife of William Somerville Ahmuty Esq., who died at Kildare Terrace, Westbourne Grove 6 February 1885 is requested to Communicate with H.M's Procurateur, Guernsey in reference to a matter connected with her estate.

William Somerville Ahmuty and Edith Rigby Collins had two children Eliza Frances Ahmuty and Christopher Rigby Ahmuty. In 1838 a **Bill of Complaint** was heard in the Chancery Court regarding the Will of the late Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty. The Complainants were infants under the age of 21yrs namely Elizabeth Frances Ahmuty and Christopher Rigby Ahmuty by Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of Sidmouth, Devon their next friend. The Defendants were William Somerville Ahmuty and Edith his wife and Charles Henry Moore.

**Elizabeth Frances Ahmuty**

Elizabeth Frances Ahmuty the daughter of William Somerville Ahmuty married William Edward Blackburnow of Banwell at Stratford upon Avon in March 1853.

Census 6 June 1841 Towerhead House, Banwell, Somerset  
John Blackburnow 75 independent b.Banwell  
William Blackburnow 20 independent b.Banwell  
Walter x 20 servant b.Banwell  
Mary Hasell 40 servant b.Banwell

Census 30 March 1851 Webbington Farm, Compton Bishop, Somerset  
Jebe Collings head un m 35 farmer of 159 acres employing four labourers b.Compton Bishop, Somerset  
Mary Collings mother widow 66 landed proprietor b.Badgworth, Somerset  
William Edward Blackburnow visitor un m 31 landed proprietor b.Banwell, Somerset  
Elizabeth Stokes un m dairy servant 22 b.Wedmore, Somerset  
Elizabeth Marshall un m house servant 18 b. Axbridge, Somerset  
Henry Hemmings un m farm servant 17 b.Winscombe, Somerset

**Christopher Rigby Ahmuty**

Christopher Rigby Ahmuty the son of William Somerville Ahmuty died in March 1875 aged 41 years and was buried at St George's Church, Hanover Square, Middx

The London Gazette 31 January 1862

Christopher Rigby Ahmuty late of 108 Regent Street in the County of Middlesex and now a prisoner for debt in the Queen's Prison in the County of Surrey, having been adjudged bankrupt by a Registrar of the Court of Bankruptcy in London attending the Queen's Prison the 18th day of January 1862 and the adjudication being directed to be prosecuted at the Court of Bankruptcy in London aforesaid, is hereby required to surrender himself to Henry Philip Roche Esq a Registrar of the said Court at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held before said Registrar on the 14th day of February next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely. Mr William Bell of 3 Coleman Street Buildings is the Official Assignee and Mr Aldridge of Moorgate Street the Solicitor acting in the Bankruptcy.

The Times 1 February 1862 - Bankrupts Notice of Adjudications and First Meeting of Creditors

To Surrender at the Bankrupt's Court, London

Christopher Rigby Ahmuty late of Regent St. Feb 14 at 11. sol. Mr Aldridge, Moorgate St. offi. assig. Mr Bell, Coleman St. Bldgs.

The London Gazette 14 February 1862 - Law Notices This Day

Bankruptcy Court, Basinghall Street Before Mr Registrar Roche First Meetings: A Brown, J Bright and C R Ahmuty - at 11

London District General Docket Book Ledger Entry no 37 summary

Christopher Rigby Ahmuty A non-trader late of 108 Regent Street Middx and now a prisoner for debt in the Queen's Prison Surrey. Adjudication by Registrar under £300. Petition Filing 18 Jan 1862. Commissioner of Court J Evans Esq. Advertised 31 January. Annulled 23 July 1863 upon payment of Bankrupt

The Times 22 August 1863 - Bankruptcies Annulled

Christopher Rigby Ahmuty of Regent Street