

Mrs. C.C. Johnson Spink

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Mrs. Pam Mala

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Dear Mrs. Mala:

I am so sorry that it has taken me so long to answer your wonderful and informative letter. I really appreciate it as it gives me important information, which was lacking in my research. I do have a couple of questions to ask and I would appreciate your answers.

I presume that **Mary Staples (1738 -1781)** is the daughter of **Thomas Staples**, Rector of Derryloran (1702 -1762) and **Grace Houston** who died in 1791. **Mary Staples** married **Thomas Ahmuty** on July 30, 1765 and they had two children,

1. **Charlotte Margaret Ahmuty**, born on April 28, 1773 married **John Swift** on February 14, 1805 at Bathwick, Bath.

a) **John Staples Swift** married **Ida Marie Card** of St. Louis, Missouri, USA

b) **Robert Staples Swift** married Miss **North**

c) **Alicia Swift** married Mr. **Matthias**

d) **Harriet Swift** married **John Smith** of Violetstown, County Westmeath, Ireland

2. **Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty 1776 - 1833 Lt. Col. HEICO** married **Frances Staples (1778 - 1836)** daughter of **Rev. Alexander and Jane Wilson Staples**

a) **William Somerville Ahmuty 1810 - 1870** of Loy House married **Edith Rigby Collins** daughter of **Rev. Christopher Rigby Collins**

In your letter, dated May 26th, you said that in addition to Thomas, you had learned a great deal about his brothers, Arthur, Robert, John and Townley. I am enclosing all of the information that I have on the Ahmuty, Townley and Staples families. I would really appreciate it if you could send me any additional information that you may have.

One of the **Thomas Ahmutys** was a Captain in the East India Company? Was he married to **Mary** or to **Frances Staples**?

Do you know which one of the Ahmutys lived at the Crescent in Bath?

Where does your sister live in Bath and which Thomas Ahmuty inscribed his name on her window and which window was it??

How and where did you get all of the information you sent to me?

Other points of interest -

1. My God-child and first cousin once removed is married to Sir Michael Pakenham who retired in November as English Ambassador to Poland. His brother, Thomas, does not use his title Lord Longford, but he lives in London and at Tullynally Castle in Ireland. Thomas Pakenham is an author and his sister writes under the name of Lady Antonia Fraser.

2. My great grandmother's (**Emily Mostyn Swift's**) brother's great grandson **Piers de Montfort** is married to **Lady Nickla Conolly**, daughter of **Lord Patrick Conolly**.

3. After **Lady Louisa Conolly** married **Admiral Sir Edward Pakenham**, they changed their name to **Conolly** and lived at Castletown in Ireland.

My maternal great grand-father, several times removed was the second Protestant bishop consecrated. His name was Thomas Godwin, Bishop of Bath and Wells. His son was Bishop Francis Godwin of Herefordshire. His daughter married Rev. Thomas Swift and they were the grandparents of Dean Jonathan Swift, the well-known writer.

I have changed my e-mail address to the following?

I am enclosing two copies of my information so that you can give one to your sister.

After **Mary Staples Ahmuty** died in 1781, **Thomas Ahmuty** married **Alice Frideswide Moore** in 1782 and **Caroline Cavendish** in 1792, who was the daughter of **Sir Henry Cavendish** of Doveridge, Derby. **Caroline Cavendish Ahmuty** died on January 6, 1801.

**Alicia Staples**, born on November 10, 1742 the sister of **Mary Staples Ahmuty** and the daughter of **Rev. Thomas** and **Grace Houston Staples** married **Sir Robert Staples, 7th Bt.**

February 4, 1997 - From Colin Johnston, Archivist

Parish of All Saints, Weston, Bath

### Burials

1785	Sept. 27	Miss <b>Frideswide Ahmuty</b>
1800	June 6	Miss <b>Letitia Ahmuty</b>
1801	January 6	Mrs. <b>Caroline Ahmuty</b>
1801	March 7	Mr., <b>Thomas Ahmuty</b>

### Monumental Inscriptions

**Letitia Ahmuty**, aged 20, daughter of Thomas Ahmuty, died 2 June 1800

Also Mrs. **Caroline Ahmuty**, wife of **Thomas** and daughter of **Sir Henry Cavendish** of Doveridge, Derby, died 1 January 1801, aged 60.

I had always thought that I was descended from Frances Staples because I never knew to whom Mary Staples was married. I am pleased to know that **Mary Staples** is my ancestor as that explains where the name Staples came from.

However, I believe that I am also related to **Frances Staples** as she is the daughter of **Alexander and Jane Wilson Staples** and a first cousin and sister-in-law to **Charlotte Margaret Ahmuty**

Do you know anything additional about the Ahmutys?

I have never heard the name Frideswide. Do you know the derivation of the name and where they came from?

What do the initials HEICO mean?

I am going to send your information to Hazel Staples Dolling who still lives at Lissan. I am sure that she would love to have it.

If you or any member  
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Thanks very much.

Sincerely