

slave. To Joseph Herbert Pemberton and James Maynard of Nevis, Esq., and the survivor of them, and the heirs and assigns of such survivor, all her freehold Lot, with buildings thereon, in Basseterre, St. Kitts, In Trust to sell the same by public or private contract, and till the sale take place to receive rents, etc., "and to divide the said rents and purchase-money equally between my said daughter Frances Hobson, my daughter Sarah Ann, the wife of the said Joseph Herbert Pemberton, for her sole and separate use, free from the controul of the said husband, and said granddaughter Sarah Brisbane O'Dell, share and share alike." In case her said granddaughter should die unmarried under the age of 21 then her share to be divided equally between her said two daughters.

Rest and residue of estate to the same Trustees on the like Trusts and with the same proviso. Trustees above named appointed Executors, and the said Frances Hobson Executrix.

Petition of Rev. Joseph Herbert Pemberton, Clerk in Holy Orders, and James Maynard, Esq., both of the Island of Nevis, for Probate was submitted on 18 July 1838, and granted subject to security for £500.

Probate granted 22 August 1838.

The following information is derived from a letter written by the late Hon. Sholto Thomas Pemberton, at one time Chief Justice of Dominica, to Major R. C. B. Pemberton, R.E. (now Major-General):—

Dominica, 10th August 1876.

My grandmother in the maternal line was a Miss Dasent. Her grandfather was a John Symmonds, who was forced to assume the name of Dasent and leave England in order to escape the consequences of having challenged his superior officer. This John Symmonds *alias* Dasent settled at Nevis; many years after sent for a nephew, who divulged the secret, but they never resumed the name of Symmonds. The name of John Dasent's wife not known. His first son, also named John Dasent, married Henrietta Parsons of St Christopher, a. d had two daughters, Grace and Ann, co-heiresses. He died v.p. Grace married 1st, . . . . Abbott, Esq., a likeness of whom I have (he must have been a very handsome man), and 2nd, J. Patterson of Ireland, s.p. Ann married Dr. Bates Williams Peterson (my maternal grandfather), and had several children, amongst them my Mother Jane. She was the last child, and died 1851. She married Robert Hughes Pemberton, brother of your grandfather, J. Butler Pemberton. Issue: two sons and two daughters, of whom I am the only survivor.

*Parsons.*—The last of the name at St Kitts was George Webbe Parsons, who died about twenty years ago. Clever, well educated, but very eccentric. Most of these details are from a letter of August 1834, from my aunt, Grace Peterson, to her brother, John Peterson, late Chief Justice of St Vincent. She wrote: "Lucretia, the last of our uncle Parsons' children, died 27 July, very aged." Grace Peterson died and was buried at Southampton. John Peterson died at St Vincent, 1846.

In 1833 I wrote to my uncle Peterson for information, and he replied he would see old Mr James Huggins at Golden Vale. "I remember when at school your grandfather Pemberton in 1785 coming to England for ordination. John Butler Pemberton, his son, was younger than myself, and at school at Williams' Academy, I think, at Blackheath. His [your grandfather's] first living was that of Windward in Nevis, collated by the Elder Woodley, transferred about 1795 by John Stanley, Commander-in-Chief, to Basseterre, St Kitts, and succeeded at Nevis by Harman. He married Williams of Nevis, first-cousin to your grandfather Peterson. The Register of Windward before 1836 had been destroyed.\* Your great-grandmother Pemberton had a sister, Miss Williams, who married Jones."

\* Dr. Thomas writes that the Register of St. James, Windward, commences in 1787, and that there are a few earlier fragments.—EDITOR.