

NOTE ON THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS PEMBERTON, LATE
OF GOUGH HOUSE, CHELSEA.

During a portion of the period during which the families whose pedigrees are given in some detail above were settled in Nevis and St. Christopher, there were also members of another family of the name in the last-mentioned island. These were descended from Thomas Pemberton of Gough House, Chelsea, who was employed in the Transfer Department of the India Office for some years before his death in 1801 ("G.M.," 1153). No connection has as yet been traced between this family and the other Pembertons in the West Indies, but the publication of what is known may, it is hoped, lead to further light being thrown on the subject.

The first of them to emigrate appears to have been Thomas, eldest son of the above-mentioned Thomas of Gough House by his wife Maria, daughter of John Henry Sigerist, and went there as a planter. He was born on 9 November 1770 and baptized at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, on 10 December following. The date of his emigration has not been ascertained, but on 12 July 1798 he married at St. John's, Capisterre, St. Kitts, Frances Ashington Seaton, daughter of Captain William Seaton of that island.

A younger brother of this Thomas, John Busick Manniug Pemberton, died at St. Kitts at the age of 22, and all others of the family there were direct descendants of this second Thomas.

He had a family of ten children, the baptisms of all of whom and also some of their marriages and burials will be found in the extracts from St. Christopher registers immediately preceding this note. Their names, in order of seniority, were Thomas Seaton, Frances Maria, William Augustus Sadler, Charlotte Hardtman, Busick Richards, Julia, Henry Seaton, Edward, Charles Davis, and Harriet Amelia Mary.

Thomas Seaton married in 1833, at St. James', Nevis, Adriana, daughter of Colonel James Daniell, President of that island, and he appears to have left St. Kitts soon after that, as his children were all born in London. His eldest son Mordaut belonged to the Nevis bar in 1864 and became a Q.C. in 1879. He died unmarried in England in 1887.

No other member of the next generation appears to have settled in the West Indies—the only one of the six brothers who had a family being the youngest, Charles Davis, and he left St. Kitts at a comparatively early age, having been married at Broadstairs in 1846 ("G.M.," 1846, p. 420), and all his large family were born in England. He practised as a solicitor in London from the year 1846 to the year 1888, being senior partner in the well-known firm of Lee & Pemberton's of 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields.

His three eldest sons, Charles Seaton, Busick Edmonds, and Cyril Warner Lee became solicitors, and the second of the three is now senior partner of the same firm of Lee & Pemberton's. The fourth son, Seymour Blanshard, was in a West India Regiment and died at Barbados in 1881. One son, Ernest St. Clair, served in the Royal Engineers, and retired as a Colonel in 1908. Two sons, Seaton Blanshard and Willoughby Arthur (the youngest), are on the London Stock Exchange; and another, Horace Claude, has settled in the Argentine Republic. Three married daughters are also living.

Charles Davis Pemberton, the father of all these, who was born at St. Kitts a few months before the Battle of Waterloo, died at Brighton on 6 September 1899.