

ROBERT ÆMILIUS IRVING, 1755-1794

Robert Æmilius,* after his father's death, returned to Jamaica and died at Millenium Hall (the residence of his brother-in-law, Blower Gibbes) on 22nd January, 1794, and dying without issue his interests in his father's estates became vested in the three surviving brothers, namely: James, John Beaufin, and Jacob Æmilius—before however closing this account of Robert Æmilius, it is as well to record the little there is known of him; at college, at Oxford as I have heard, he became the great friend of "Tom Parker"—Thomas Townley Parker—of Cuerden, near Preston, Lancashire, a country gentleman, and by Mr. Parker, was invited to his house, where lived Mr. Parker's mother, Anne, the widow of the late Robert Parker, of Cuerden, who died during 1779, and Miss Parker, her daughter.

Robert Æ. and Miss Parker became attached to each other and a marriage was arranged between them, but by some unhappy course of events the marriage was broken off and Miss Parker married Richard Cross, Legh, of Shaw Hill, Lancaster. On the authority of the New York Historical and Genealogical Magazine, citing "King 1—307"—Anne, the widow of Robert Parker, married Robert Æ. Irving.†

Some years after, in 1794, which is the only record we have, we find Robert's death taking place at his sister's house, Mrs. Gibbes, Millenium Hall, and that he was buried in the graveyard at Ironshore, but there is no head stone there to his memory.‡

ELIZABETH IRVING, 1747-1808

Elizabeth had married John Erskine and her father having "secured to her a suitable marriage portion I have therefore not left her anything by this my said Will."

John Erskine was a gentleman of position and owned the fine estate of Lima and Dun-Pen, in the Parish of St. James's to which eventually his son, Alexander Erskine, late of 29 Bryanston Square, and of Balhall, Forfarshire, Scotland, one of the children of that marriage, succeeded. John Erskine died during 1786, in his 58th year; he married 29th March, 1770,

*Matriculated at Balliol, 9th February, 1776. See Alumni Oxoniensis.

†In the Records of the College of Arms, London, there is an entry at "King 1—307" of Robert Æmilius Irving having "married Anne, only child of Thomas Townley, of Royle, County Lancaster, after 1779."

‡Sir Æmilius, during his last visit to Jamaica, enters in his note-book the inscription on Robert's tomb, at Ironshore, the words are: "Here lies the body of Robert Æmilius Irving, Esq., who died 22 January, 1794, aged 38 years."