

husband, of the place aforesaid, and in the service aforesaid, freely and frankly have given and granted unto the said Alicia Maria, my daughter, and Francis Le Cain, her husband, their heirs or assigns forever, &c., &c.'

This Deed was given in the reign of Sovereign Lord George the Second. The signatures of the witnesses are John Watt, Thomas Granger, Robt. Bland. This Will and Deed proves the connecting link between Francis Le Cain and Alicia Maria Hyde as his wife.

Respecting the Will of Mrs. Mary Keate, her sister, Mrs. Thomas Hyde had been dead fifteen years from the date of Will, and her daughter, Mrs. Le Cain, eight years. Before Mr. Francis Le Cain received this legacy he had to prove Mrs. Thomas Hyde's death, the marriage and death of her daughter, Mrs. Le Cain, his wife. We have a letter dated at Annapolis, 12th day of July, 1766, transmitting to England the intelligence of Mrs. Thomas Hyde's death; the date of his marriage with Miss Hyde; the names and ages of the children he had by her (six), and the time that his wife died—20th day of September, 1758. Also, an affidavit taken before Thomas Walker, Justice of Peace, on the first day of September, 1770, of the death of Mrs. Thomas Hyde, who departed this life May 27th, 1750.

Those papers will be found attached to the Will of the late Mrs. Mary Keate, which is recorded in London at Doctors Commons.

Those papers will prove the heirship existing between the late Thomas Hyde, of Annapolis,