

banquet was duly held, and the following memorandum in the books of the Goldsmiths' Company records the event: "12 Jas. I. 1614.* On Tuesday the 11th July instant the Right Worshipful and worthy member of the City, George Smythes, Alderman, departed this transitory life, and on Thursday the 10th August following he was interred in the chauncel of the parish church of St Marye Steyning, there being present at the funeral the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the City, with many of the Aldermen, his brethren, and other worshipful persons, who dined at Goldsmiths' Hall that day. The Wardens gave license to M^{rs} Smythes to have the use of the Hall, plate, linen, and other necessities for the funeral dinner. The plate, etc., she is to receive by inventory, and re-deliver in good plight, without prejudice or charge to the Company the next day after the funeral at the latest."

The will further contains bequests of a cup value £20 to the city of Bristol; ten pounds to the poor of Wrington and Yatton "at the discretion of my cosen Mr John Smythes of Wrington;" "gownes worth twenty shillings a piece" to fifty-four "poor Goldsmythes;" "ringes with deathes heades worth forty shillings" to "my Lady Pemberton, my Lady Jennynge, my brother Barnard, my brother Woolhouse, my cosen Arthur Salwey, my cosen John Smythes," and several others; and "ringes worth twenty shillings a piece" to "my cosen Susane Grub, my cosen William Smythes," and others.

Besides his sons Arthur and William he mentions his daughter Hester and her husband Christopher Eyre, his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Edward Semster, and his daughter Anne.

The will was proved by Sarah Smythes, the widow, on 18 July 1615 (67, Rudd).

A concise account of George Smythes and his wife Sara Woolhouse, who married secondly General Sir Arthur Savage, is given in "The London and Middlesex Note Book," by W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L. (published 1892).

(32) Sir Arthur Smythes, the eldest son of Alderman George Smythes (Funeral Cert. of George Smythes, Coll. of Arms), was left by his father the manors of Ladysbury and Obden, co. Worcester, also property in Gloucestershire (will of George Smythes, 67, Rudd). He was knighted 26 February 1623-4, and was still living in 1653 ("London and Middlesex Note Book"). In 1631-33 he was Sheriff of Worcester (Calendar of State Papers, 1631-33, p. 88, etc.).

(33) William Smythes of Cardington, co. Bedford (Pedigree, Coll. of Arms, D. 24, 39), son of Alderman George Smythes, was left by his father the manor of Templeton, co. Berks (will of George Smythes, 67, Rudd). He was chief mourner at his father's funeral (Funeral Certificate of George Smythes, College of Arms). Matriculated at St. John's College, Oxford, 19 February 1618, æt. 15 (Alumni Oxoniensis, iv.), and was admitted a student of Gray's Inn 1 August 1619 (Foster's "Gray's Inn Registers"). He proved the will of his mother, Lady Savage (200, Alchin), 3 June 1654. His marriage to Elizabeth, daughter of . . . Cutts, is recorded in a pedigree at the College of Arms registered by his son William (D. 24, 39).

The above William Smythes may be the same person as William Smythes of Fleet Street, whose will (521, Ruthen), dated 20 November and proved at London 16 December 1657 by Elizabeth Smythes his widow, contains the following:—

"In primis I give and bequeath unto my sonne William Smythes the summe of fiftie pounds. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving sonne in lawe Master Joseph Hobson and unto my loving sone in Lawe Master Robert Tilney the summe of Twenty pounds a peece to buy mourning for themselves and their wives to wear in my remembrance. Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild

* From this it would appear that George Smythes died on 11 July 1614, not 1615. The inscription on his monument and his funeral certificate at the College of Arms, however, give 1615 as the date, and his will was proved on 18 July 1615.