

June 4, 1930.

Mrs. A. McCook,
County Archivist,
Surrey County Courthouse,
Surrey House Building,
County Hall,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey,
WTL 2nd
England.

Dear Mrs. McCook,

I have just received your letter of the 2nd inst. and am glad to hear that you are interested in the Elwill family. I have no doubt that you will find it interesting to know that the Elwill family, my own people, is that they acted as a result of the participation of the Elwill family in overseas commerce of Europe. The family dealt in the cloth trade in the early 17th century, and were involved to some extent in shipping and banking in the 18th century, and although they were never, as far as I know, directly involved with the fish business, undoubtedly had connections with many of the Devonshire merchants who did. Those with money must have represented a little land speculation. Most of the West Country merchants dealt in fish with the Elwill family. I am sure of this, and I know of the names of many of the Elwill family, who would be interested in the Elwill family.

Yours truly,
John Elwill

John Elwill
10, St. James's Place,
London, W.1

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Dr. D. S. Robinson
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15 May 1980

Mr. McCormack

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Dear Dr. Matthews,

BONDS OF ADVENTURE (OUR REF. 2225)

Mrs. M. Rowe, County Archivist for Devon has suggested that you would be interested in documents described as enquiries or receipts on bonds of adventure which I have recently found while cataloguing the estate papers of Sir John Elwill and family who held property in Surrey and Devon. You will see from the enclosed xerox copies that the documents consist of lists of names of persons gone abroad on named ships, with notes of moneys due, and additional information about the persons, presumably added later. I understand from Mrs. Rowe that these probably relate to the advancement of money for setting up individuals in the Newfoundland fish trade, and that on the return journey ships called at Portugal, Spain and the Mediterranean with cargoes of stock fish, returning to England with wine.

You are very welcome to keep the copies if they are of interest to you. Any comments on the information I have already would be very welcome. I have, for instance, been unable to discover why they should be amongst the papers of Sir John Elwill, except that he possibly advanced money himself?

I should be grateful for any help you are able to give me and I hope this is not putting you to too much trouble.

Yours sincerely,

D. S. Robinson
for County Archivist



Remembrance
 of
 the
 Church
 of
 England

The
 Church
 of
 England
 is
 a
 Church
 of
 Christ
 and
 of
 the
 Apostles

Wm Langmead on y^e 1st of Feb^r 1721. ... very poor in ...
the Robert ... new England

Tho^s Courtis on y^e 1st of Feb^r 1721. ... Dead Insolvent very poor
Ad^o Galley ... in N^oth^oland Or New England

John Courtis on y^e 9th of Feb^r 1721. ... Dead insolvent
Sage ...

John Sulion on y^e 9th of Feb^r 1721. ... Dead Insolvent
Ad^o Galley ...

John Heydon on y^e 9th of Feb^r 1721. ... Dead Insolvent
on y^e 9th of Feb^r 1721

John Maddick on y^e 9th of Feb^r 1721. ... Dyed in New England about the
Mary Magdalene ... year 1723 very poor

John Collet on y^e 9th of Feb^r 1721. ... 1731 - Run'd away some years since
the Mansell ... & has been seen in London plying
as a porter

John Symonds on y^e 9th of Feb^r 1721. ... Dyed in N^oth^oland many years
Mary Magdalene ... since having before he went
there sold a small tub to his
at ...

Remarks on the
Diary of J. P. ...
Burrill

1854

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

John Dennis of Bideford
As. to pay — £54:—
paid — 12. 11. 8
Due — £112: 8: 4

Dead about 10 years since
no family, poor, & without
any visible effects

John Ways of Hartland —
£10: to pay £12. Due £9:—

Died much in debt above
seven years past.

John Thomas of }
Robert Partway } of Bideford
John Waldon }
Wm Jones — Due
£10: to pay — £16: 8:—
recd — £1: 12:—

all dead, without effects
behind

John Kingland of Barnstaple
£30: to pay — £37: 10:—

Dead about 10 years since
Bund away very poor Barnstaple

Wm Marshall of Bideford
£30: to pay — £36:—

Died above ten years
since & left nothing behind
family very poor
will be further enquired after

Francis Surver of Brampton
£20: to pay — £24:—

Wm Clements of Bideford
John Thomas of —
£10: to pay — £19:—

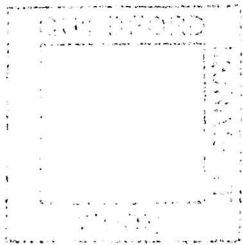
Dead very poor, & so is his
family

Wm Dan Surracott —
10th M. T. F. — £10

Wm Cassens of Langdelf in
Cornwall.
£10: to pay — £12: 10:—
paid £6:—

not yet found out

sent to J. E. E. by 17th post of 23rd Nov 1729/30



Franklin D. Roosevelt
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Peter Langford of Wiskicombe
Rawley in Devon to Sheriff
Aboard the plain dealer for Langford M.
1716
£20. to pay on return

John Smith of Topsham ^{1715/6} ^{John Smith} ^{represents}
to Wthland in the Valentines Thomas
Smith M^r £10. to pay
£10. due

John Smith died his son
worked my labour for his living

Henry Taylor & Robert
Bul. Sons of Topsham in y^e Providence
Wth Spring M^r to Carolina
£10. due

Henry Taylor Dead

John Hull of Trowmouth on the
Mary John Stillmore in 1715. to
Wthland £10. to pay

in y^e Ward in S^t Paul
of apostolic times off by
of insolvent Act
John Hull his son
is in y^e Ward

George Wasserman to London
in y^e Union Quay & Duncomb M^r
£5. to pay

is in y^e Ward
George Wasserman
return home
George Wasserman
is in y^e Ward