

Late 18th century portrait miniature of Thomas de Sausmarez (1756-1837) who was Attorney General of Guernsey.

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## Short Description

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Set into a gilt-metal frame with shaped scrolling border set with blue enamel, the reverse with engraved border 'Thomas de Saumarez/ born 7 October 1756/ died 1 April 1837' the central glazed panel with locks of hair and gold monogram TCDeS

Thomas Saumarez the son of John Sausmarez and Martha Le Marchant, married, firstly, Martha Dobrée, daughter of Isaac Dobrée, on 20 October 1780, and secondly, Catherine de Havilland, daughter of Sir Peter de Havilland and Carterette Fiott.

He held the office of Attorney-General Guernsey in 1820. He was Seigneur of Sausmarez between 1820 and 1837. He had 23 children.

Thomas' uncle, Philip, sailed around the world on HMS Centurion finishing as second in command, to Commodore Anson. They captured the world's richest treasure ship on the voyage of 1740-45. Captain Cook would probably not have been so well equipped with maps and information had it not been for them, as they were the first Royal Naval Venture into the Pacific since Elizabethan times. Also the first Harrison's Chronometer, so essential for serious navigation, had been tested on the HMS Centurion in 1739, though they were not allowed to use it on this voyage with the consequent enormous loss of life. They started with 1,945 men and 8 ships and returned in one ship and just over 100 men.

For detailed information on Sausmarez Manor <http://www.sausmarezmanor.co.uk/history.html>

## More Information

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Year	circa 1790.
Condition	Slightly faded and dirty