

—Friends and others—including my own, trace descent from him, but *all*, as far as at present known, through his Granddaughter, Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Beaven, born 1727, died 1803.

The original Norman spelling of the family name, *Aubrey*, was changed by the Breconshire branch of from 12th century downwards, to *Awbrey*, to suit the phonetics of the Welsh alphabet.

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### Paragraph of the Will of John Rutty, 1770.<sup>1</sup>

Whereas I have left behind me in my Escrutoir a manuscript written in my own hand, intituled, *A Spiritual Diary and Soliloquies*, consisting of six volumes bound in quarto, now it is my will that this manuscript may *without inspection* at the first convenient opportunity be transmitted to Thomas Fowler, of Melksham, Wiltshire, or to whomsoever he may have appointed in his stead, and my will is that the same may be printed without delay and without any *pretended alteration or amendment*, and, in order to encourage the printer, I do hereby order that Thirty Pounds Sterling be given him over and above paying him a reasonable price for the following fifty copies, to be distributed in the manner following, as presents, *viz.*, thirty to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting in London next ensuing, ten to the next Half-Year's Meeting of the People called Quakers in Dublin, and ten to the Quarterly Meeting in Wiltshire.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> John Rutty was born at Melksham in Wiltshire, in 1698. After study abroad and becoming an M.D., he removed to Dublin. A copy of his certificate of removal is printed in *Wiltshire Notes and Queries*, December, 1901. He wrote various valuable medical works, and also brought down the *History of the Quakers in Ireland*, to the year 1751. His *Spiritual Diary and Soliloquies* was published in two volumes in 1776, in one volume in 1796, and in an abridged form in 1781, and 1840. The contents are of a somewhat morbid character. Dr. Rutty died in 1775.

<sup>2</sup> No. 48 of a series of MSS. collected by William Thistlethwaite, of Wilmslow (d. 1870), and now belonging to John S. Rowntree.