

THE ANGLO -AMERICAN ISHAM ANCESTRY ASSOCIATION

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION – JUNE 2012

The Year the AAIAA was Established

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration can not be allowed to pass by without making reference to two matters that impinge directly upon us all of the AAIAA.

FIRSTLY

In Westminster Hall, the most ancient part of the Palace of Westminster, the acting host at the luncheon was

Master Mercer Thomas Sheldon, of the Mercers' Company, who was sitting on the right hand of HM The Queen at table and who gave the Royal Welcome and Tribute speech on behalf of the 700 members representing all livery companies who attended that very special occasion.

Now, it was **John Isham** (1525-1595), who bought the Manor of Lamport in 1559, that in early 1500's was three times appointed **Warden** of the Mercers' Company; now Premier Livery Company of the City of London, established in the 12th. Century.

SECONDLY

The President of the United States of America, Mr Barack Obama, in his own tribute, described the Queen as a "chief source" of the resilience of the links between the UK and the US and said

"In war and in peace, in times of plenty and in times of hardship the United States and the United Kingdom have shared a special relationship; we have stood tall and strong and faced some of the greatest challenges this world has known.

As a steadfast ally, loyal friend and tireless leader, Your Majesty has set an example of resolve that will be long celebrated.

And as we work together to build a better future for the next generation, it is gratifying to know that the bonds between our nations **remain indispensable to our two countries and to the world.** May the light of Your Majesty's crown continue to reign supreme for many years to come".

So say all of us who support the objectives of the
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Sir Norman Isham, Bart. OBE.