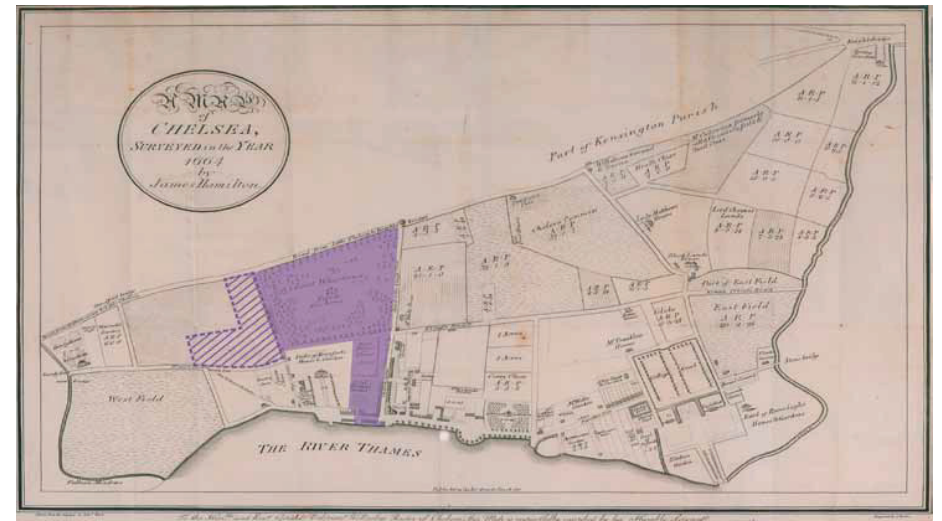


Cheyne Walk looking eastwards. Print published in 1841.

The William Sloane Estate in Chelsea

The elder William Sloane (1658–1728) was a merchant of Irish descent with a thriving business based in Belfast. He traded every profitable commodity he could acquire and sold his goods around the navigable world. He owned a small amount of land in Ireland, inherited from his father Alexander Sloane, but had never chosen to invest any of his personal wealth in property. In 1717, the elder William Sloane was 59 years old and living in London. He was making plans to find a suitable match for his son, the younger



James Hamilton's map of Chelsea, 1717. Shown in colour are the two estates acquired by the elder William in 1717 (solid) and in 1721 (hatched).

William Sloane (1696–1767). To attract a bride with breeding and wealth, the elder William Sloane appreciated that it would be advantageous to acquire a landed Estate that would underpin his family's social respectability and declare their affluence.