

# Will of Elizabeth Rose of Jamaica 1727 PCC Canterbury Prob 11/618

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*Elizabeth Price was probably born about 1672 daughter of Francis Price of Lluidas Vale, Saint Catherine, Jamaica, and married Francis Rose of Mickelton Gloucestershire, in Jamaica about 1689. Some time after his death in November 1720 she moved to London. She was buried on 12 Dec 1727 at St Peter Cornhill where her brother-in-law Fulke Rose was also buried. The nieces referred to in her Will were Mary and Christian Price, daughters of her brother Thomas Price. Her nephew John Rose may have been the John Rose who was youngest son of her brother-in-law William Rose the Apothecary, sometimes referred to as John Rose of Cotterstock.*

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In the Name of God Amen

I **Elizabeth Rose of the Island of Jamaica** in America but now in London in the Kingdom of Great Britain widow and **Relict of the Honourable Francis Rose** late of the said Island of Jamaica Esquire deceased being in health of body and of sound perfect and disposing mind Memory and understanding but justly sensible of the uncertain period of human life do with all due Resignation of myself to the will of the divine providence make publish and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Imprimis I will and direct that all such just debts as I shall owe at the time of my decease and my funeral Expenses shall in the first place be paid and satisfied which funeral Expenses I leave and refer for the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and out of the worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give to my **Nephew Francis Sadler** Six hundred pounds sterling lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid him [illegible] at his age of one and twenty years/Item I give to my **Nephew Thomas Bush** three hundred pounds sterling lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid unto my said Nephew at his age of one and twenty years Item I give to my **sister Elizabeth Bush** one hundred pounds sterling money of Great Britain if she shall be

living at the time of my decease if not the same to Goe into the gross and Residuum of my personal Estate Item I give the like sume of one hundred pounds Sterling lawfull money of Great Britain unto my **Sister Anne Norgrove** if she shall be living at the time of my death if not such said sume shall also go and be sunk in the gross and Residuum of my personal Estate item I give and bequeath unto my **Negro Woman Margaret** four pounds a year Jamaica money for and during the term of her natural life to be paid her by my Executors hereinafter named by four even and equall quarterly payments at the four most usuall feast days of the Birth of our Lord God the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Nativity of St John the Baptist and St Michael the Archangel in every year the first payment thereof to begin and be made on the first of the said Feast days which shall happen next and immediately after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my Negro **Amimba** and her two Children **Aline and Mary** £12 a year current money of Jamaica to be equally divided between them share and share alike for and during their respective natural lives and the life of the longest liver of them the whole to the Survivors and Survivor of them and to be paid unto them respectively by the like even and equall quarterly payments and to commence at the same time as I have before directed the four pounds a year to be paid to my servant Margaret and I will and direct such said Twelve pounds a year to be paid unto them by my Nieces and Executrixes hereinafter named viz **Mrs Mary Fuller and Mrs Christian Forbes** and whereas my said late dear husband Francis Rose Esquire deceased in and by his last Will and Testament in writing by him duly executed bearing date the Eighteenth day of November Anno Dom<sup>i</sup> one thousand seven Hundred and Twenty did inter alia give and devise unto his and **my late dear son Thomas Rose** since also deceased all the rest residue and remainder of his Estate both real and personal of whatsoever kind or nature whether in the said Island of Jamaica Great Britain or elsewhere To have and to hold to his said son Thomas Rose for and during the term of his Natural life and from and immediately after his deceased to the Issue of his Body lawfully begotten and for default of such Issue to me his said Wife for and during the terme of my natural life and from and immediately after my decease to **his Nephew John Rose** his heirs and assigns for ever subject and lyable to the payment of Three Thousand pounds current money of

Jamaica within three years after the decease of me his said Wife to such person and persons as I his said Wife should by my last Will and Testament in writing or by any other Instrument in writing by me in my lifetime executed in the presence of three or more Credible Witnesses direct and appoint the same to be paid to as by the said Will of my late husband Francis Rose Esquire deceased & to which I refer myself for greater certainty may appear and whereas the said Thomas Rose is since dead without Issue Now I do hereby in pursuance of and by virtue of the power and authority given unto me in that behalf by the said Will of my said late husband Francis Rose Esquire deceased direct and appoint such said sume of three thousand pounds of current money of Jamaica to be paid unto my said two Nieces Mary Fuller wife of Thomas Fuller of the said Island of Jamaica Esquire and Christian Forbes Wife of Alexander Forbes of the said Island of Jamaica Esquire within three years after my decease to whom I do hereby give an bequeath such said sume of Three Thousand pounds to be equally divided between my said two Nieces share and share alike Item I give and bequeath unto **Francis Oldfield of Bloomsbury Square** in the parish of St Giles in the fields in the County of Middlesex in the Kingdom of Great Britain Esquire and unto **Mr John Serocold of London Merchant** fifty pounds apiece for mourning Item I give bequeath and devise all the rest and residue of my Estate whatsoever and wheresoever of whatever Nature kind or quality the same now is or shall or may be at any time hereafter unto my said two Nieces Mary Fuller and Christian Forbes their heirs Executors and administrators for ever to be equally divided between them share and share alike to hold as Tenants in Common and not as joynt Tenants and I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Two Nieces Mary Fuller and Christian Forbes joynt Executrixes of this my Will for that part of my Estate which shall be or lye at the time of my decease in the said Island of Jamaica and the said Francis Oldfield Esq and Mr John Serocold joynt Executor s of this my Will for all such part of my Estate as shall at the time of my decease lye or be within the Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland or either of them or elsewhere except in the said Island of Jamaica and I do hereby authorize and impower my said Executrixes and Executors respectively to compound for any debt that shall be due and owing unto me at the time of my decease and to take less than the whole or any thing besides

money in satisfaction for the same if they shall think fit and I do hereby will declare and direct that neither of them my said Executors Francis Oldfield Esquire and Mr John Serocold shall be answerable or accountable for the acts receipts or payments of the other of them out of or on account of my Estate but that each of them shall be answerable and accountable for his own respective acts receipts and payments only and that although they should both at any time for form sake joyn in a receipt or receipts Discharge or Discharges for any money or other part of my Estate yet in such case neither of them shall be answerable or accountable for any more than he shall actually receive or shall come to his own particular hands or possession and I do hereby also will and direct that my said executors Francis Oldfield Esquire and Mr John Serocold shall in the first place deduct retain and reimburse them selves out of my Estate all such Costs Charges and Expenses as they or either of them shall be at in the Execution of this my Will and lastly I do hereby revoke all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do make ordain publish and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have to three parts of this my Will each part contained in one skin of parchment all of the same date and tenor set my hand and seal this twentyeth day of December Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred and twenty five and in the twelfth the year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith. Eliz Rose signed sealed published and declared by the said Testatrix Elizabeth Rose as and for her last Will and Testament in her presence the words [and whereas the said Thomas Rose is since dead without Issue] between the twenty first and the twenty second line being first interlined **Ann Modyford John Halton [illegible] Bernard Rob<sup>t</sup> Hobbs.**

Probate was granted to Francis Oldfield and John Serocold executors 11th of December 1727