

Will of Mary Styleman 1750

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Mary Styleman was born Mary Rose, daughter of John Rose a London Merchant who traded with Jamaica. Probably born on the 17th May 1681 and baptised on the 29th May at All Hallows Barking, she went early to Jamaica, where the Rose family was well established, and married first Thomas Hals (or Halse) on the 18th of December 1697 in St Catherine's parish. He died in 1702 leaving only one son, his namesake Thomas Hals, and later the same year Mary married John Sadler and had at least three children with him, only their second son Francis living to make a mark on Jamaican history. On the death of his half brother Thomas Hals, Francis Sadler inherited the Halse Hall plantation and changed his name to Francis Sadler Hals. John Sadler died some time between 1726 and 1731 and Mary finally returned to England where she married her last husband John Styleman, about thirty years her senior, a wealthy East India Merchant. He died in 1734 leaving her the house in Charterhouse Square, the property she had brought to the marriage plus plate, jewels and household goods. After his death she seems to have lived for a time with her mother Elizabeth Rose who died in 1735. Mary herself died in 1750 and was buried at Bexley in Kent, with her last husband and three of his five wives.

In the Name of God Amen I **Mary Styleman** of Charterhouse Square in the parish of St Sepulchres in the County of Middlesex Widow being of sound mind memory and understanding do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First I given bequeath unto **Thomas Orby Hunter** of Albemarle Street in the County of Middlesex Esquire for and during the term of his natural Life the use and occupation of all the fine China in my best parlour (being the parlour facing the Square) in my Dwelling House in Charterhouse Square aforesaid And after his decease I give and bequeath the same unto **Maria Henrietta Hunter** his

daughter her Executors and Administrators I also give and bequeath unto the said **Maria Henrietta Hunter** her Executors and Administrators my Little Phillegree Silver Trunk [?] and Phillegree Basket and also a Goa Stone with the Silver Gilt case and Frame all which are in a Glass Case in my Bedchamber together with the said Glass Case Also I give and bequeath unto **Mrs Ann Savile** the wife of **Thomas Savile** Esquire the sum of Twenty Pounds to buy her Mourning Also unto **Mrs Diana Hope** the wife of **John Hope** Esquire the sum of Twenty Pounds to buy her Mourning Also unto **Miss Ann Dunn** who now lives with me the sum of Twelve Pounds for Mourning Also unto **Mrs Mary Willego** of Red Lyon Street Clerkenwell Two Guineas for Mourning Also I give unto my Servant **Richard Duke** the Yearly Sum of six pounds for and during the Term of his natural life to be paid unto him out of my two Houses at Smithfield Barrs hereinafter mentioned [illegible] of Land Tax or any other Tax or Charges or Deductions by Quarterly Portions the first of the said payments to begin and be made on the first Quarter day next after my decease Also I give unto the said **Richard Duke** the further Sum of Five Pounds to buy him Mourning Also I give unto all my other servants who shall live with me at the time of my death the sum of Two Guineas each for Mourning Also I give and bequeath unto my dear Friend **Mrs Mary Doyle** unto my Friend **Mrs Mary Lucas** unto **Thomas Savile Esquire John Hope Esquire Miss Ann Dunn Mrs Mary Saunders** of Staines in the County of Middlesex Widow The **Reverand Mr Witherstone** of Stains aforesaid and to **Mrs Drinkwater of Gutter Lane** London each and every of them respectively one Mourning Ring of the value of Twenty Shillings Also I give unto **Mrs Jane Bullock** a Mourning Ring of the like value Also I give unto my **Dear Son Francis Sadler Halse** the Mourning Ring with one Diamond which I made up for my **late Dear Husband John Styleman** and desire him to wear it as long as he lives Also I give to my good friends **Thomas Savile** and **John Hope Esquire** their Executors and Administrators All those my Two Messuages or Tenements situate and standing at Smithfield Barrs in the City of London held by me by Lease of the Drapers Company one of which is now in the Occupation of William Savage and the other of Ralph Hotchkins And also All that my Messuage or Tenement situate in Charterhouse Square aforesaid and now in my own possession which I hold by Lease from the Governors of the

Charterhouse To hold the same with the Appurtenances unto the said Thomas Savile and John Hope their Executors Administrators and Assigns for the remainder of the several Terms and Interest I have therein charged nevertheless with the payment of the six pounds a year to the said Richard Duke in manner aforesaid And then upon Trust that the said Thomas Savile and John Hope their Executors and Administrators shall and do keep the several Leases of the same premises renewed from time to time and do raise and pay the Ground Rents of the said premises and the Expenses and Charges of renewing the Leases of the same out of the Rents and Profits thereof And then In Trust after payment of the said Annuity to pay and satisfy unto the said Thomas Savile out of the clear Rents and Profits thereof all and every Sum and Sums of Money that shall be due and owing to him the said Thomas Savile from my said Son Francis Sadler Halse at the time of my decease And then In Trust that the said Thomas Savile and John Hope their Executors and Administrators shall and do permit and suffer my said Son Francis Sadler Halse to receive and take the Remainder of the Rents and Profits thereof Subject to the said Annuity for and during the Term of his natural Life for his own use And from and after my said Sons decease In Trust to assign the said premises and all the Term and Interest that shall be remaining therein to such Children of my said Son lawfully begotten or to be begotten that shall be living at his decease and to the Survivor of them his her or their Executors Administrators or Assigns upon his her or their attaining the full Age of Twenty One Years Subject to the said Annuity of Six Pounds a Year But in case my said Son shall happen to dye without Issue of his Body lawfully begotten Then in Trust that they the said Thomas Savile and John Hope their Executors and Administrators shall and do immediately after my said Sons decease in case the said Thomas Savile shall then have received all Moneys owing to him by my said Son as aforesaid But in case he shall not then be paid Then immediately after his being paid out of the net Moneys arising from the said Premises what shall be owing to him from my said Son at my death to assign the said Premises and all the Term and Interest that shall be then to come therein and unexpired to my said Niece Maria Henrietta Hunter her Executors Administrators and Assigns to and for her and their own Use subject to the said Annuity of Six Pounds a Year And I do order and direct that the picture of my late

Mother and also the Marble Chimney Pieces Glass Book Cases (Except that before by me given to my said Niece Maria Henrietta Hunter) and Presses Stones in the Yard Leaden Cisterns Coppers Grates of the Cookroom Alcove Leaden Flower Potts Brass Hearths Mantelpieces and Leadwork and fixt things belonging to my said House in Charterhouse Square aforesaid shall not be removed but remain fixed as they now are untill the Term now in being or any other Term or Terms to be taken in the Premises shall be near expiring And then I give and bequeath the said picture and such fixed things unto the person or persons who shall then by virtue of this my Will be intituled unto the Rents and Profits of the said House with full power to remove and take away the same (Except only two old Marble Slabs fixed in the Garrets of the said House which were belonging to the old Chimney pieces of the said House which I desire shall be left in the House) And I desire to be buried at Bexley in Kent in the same vault with my late Dear Husband in the same manner in which my said Dear Husband was buried and direct that a Monument may be fixed up over the Vault in memory of my late Dear Husband and myself in such manner as my Executors shall think fit And it is my Will that **Mr Kendall of Pater Noster Row Cheapside** maybe the undertaker of my Funerall if he shall be living at my decease And lastly as to All and singular the Residue and Remainder of my Estate Real or personal Plate Jewels Leases Goods and Chattels of what nature or kind so ever (Except the Family Pictures of Mr Styleman and myself which I desire may not be Sold or sent to Jamaica and therefore I give the same to Mr Hunter not doubting but that he will give my Son any of them which he shall desire to have/ after payment of my Debts Legacys and Funerall Charges I give and bequeath the same unto my Dear Son his Executors and Administrators But it is my earnest desire that he will not send for any of my Plate or Jewels abroad but use them in England As to the Household Goods he may send for them when he pleases to Jamaica But I likewise earnestly desire and request that he will not use them at Spanish Town which place is my Aversion for a Planter to live in And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Friends Thomas Savile and John Hope Esquires Executors of this my Will and did give to each of them for their Trouble in the Execution of this my last Will and Testament the Sum of Twenty Five Pounds And I do hereby revoke all other and former Wills by me

at anytime heretofore made declaring this to be my last Will and Testament/In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of paper set my hand and Seal to wit my hand to the two first Sheets and my hand and Seal to the last Sheet thereof this Nineteenth day of August in the Twenty Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth And in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight. Mary Styleman Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who Subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto in the presence of and at the request of the said Testatrix. Wm Russell Attorney in King Street, Ed Burton his Clerk.

This Will was proved at London the Second day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty before the Worshipfull Robert Chapman Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipfull John Bettsworth also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of **Thomas Saville and John Hope Esquires the Executors** named in the said Will To whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased being first sworn duly to administer.