

Will of William Wynter 1783

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William Wynter was a grandson of Sir Edward Wynter who left a plantation in Jamaica to his son Edward and the rest of his estate to his wife Emma. Sir Edward was buried at St Mary's Battersea where there is the following inscription "In the same vault lie the remains of Mrs Catherine Wynter, relict of William Wynter, grandson of the above Sir Edward Wynter. She died 20.8.1771 aged 56. Also her son William Woodstock Wynter who died 30.10.1747 aged 14. The above monument was re-erected and repaired by Edward Hampson Wynter Esq., great grandson to the above Sir Edward Wynter. Edward Hampson Wynter Esq., 1781 died 3.6.1797."

This Will was written 31 March 1772, attested 20th August 1772 but not proved in London until the 8th of May 1783. Dr Matthew Gregory, the Executor in Jamaica, died on 31 Dec 1779 in Jamaica, hence when the Will was proved in London Edward Hampson Wynter was the sole surviving executor.

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The Honorable William Wynter, Jamaica

I Sir Basil Keith Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over this his Majesty's Island of Jamaica and other the Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same do hereby rectify and make known to all to whom those presents shall come or may remain that Richard Lewing Esqr whose attestation is hereunto annexed is Secretary and Notary Publick of this his Majestys Island of Jamaica duly admitted allowed and sworn and that to all Arts and Instruments by him signed and attested full faith and credit is and ought to be given in Judgement Court and without In Testimony and Confirmation whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Broad Seal of this Island to be appended at St Jago de la Vega the tenth day of May

in the sixteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third King of Great Britain and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six.

Basil Keith

Jamaica Is.

I Richard Lewing Esq Secretary and Notary Publick of his Majesty's Island of Jamaica duly admitted allowed and sworn dwelling in the Town of St Jago de la Vega in the Island aforesaid do hereby testify and make known to all to whom those presents shall come or may concern That the Instrument in writing hereunto annexed is a true copy of the last Will and Testament and Probate thereunto subjoined of the Honble William Wynter late of the Parish of Saint Catherine Esq deceased as the same remains of Record in my Office of Secretary of the said Island I having carefully compared and examined the same [illegible] and performed in my office at St Jago de la Vega aforesaid this tenth day of May Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and seventy six

Quod attestor manu ac Sigillo Nogatus

R .Lewing Sec.^{rius} et Not^{rius} Pub^{licus}

Jamaica Is.

In the Name of God Amen

I **William Wynter of the Parish of Saint Catherine** in the County of Middlesex and Island aforesaid Esquire do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say Imprimis I do direct that all my just Debts and Funeral Expenses be in the first place paid and satisfied Item I do hereby manumize enfranchise and for ever set free all these my Negroe Slaves named as follows viz. **Betty and her daughter Quimba Candis Jubor** my Housekeeper and **Shab** Item I give and bequeath unto **Eleanor Abrahams** a free woman who now resides with me the sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money of Jamaica and also Four Acres of Land being part and parcel of forty one Acres of Land situate in the Parish of St Catherine aforesaid purchased by me of **Rose Fuller** for [insertion illegible] and **Ambrose Istead** To hold the said Eleanor Abrahams for and during

the term of her Natural life Item I give devise and bequeath unto the said Quimba hereinbefore mentioned her Daughter **Charlotte** and **Molly** to **Gracey the Daughter of the said Candis** and to **Nod the Son of a Negroe woman named Sarah** all the rest residue and remainder of the said forty acres of Land to hold the said Land unto them the said Quimba Charlotte Molly Gracey and Nod and their Heirs and Assigns for ever but in case any or either of them should happen to die then I give the part and share of her or him so dying unto the Survivors or Survivor of them but in case all of them shall happen to die without heirs then I direct and appoint that the same and every part thereof shall sink and become part and parcel of the Residuum of my Estate I likewise give to them all the Land now in my Possession situate in the said parish of St Catherine patented by **Teague Hogan** to be had by them in like manner Item I given bequeath unto the same Quimba a Negroe Girl named **Elsey** for and during the term of her natural Life and in case of her death I give the said Elsey unto her two Daughters Charlotte and Molly and their heirs and I do hereby direct my Executors hereinafter named to pay unto the said Quimba immediately after my decease the sum of ten Pounds and also to allow and pay her during the term of her natural Life the Sum of ten Pounds per annum Item I give devise and bequeath unto the said Charlotte above named one Negroe Girl named **Abba** the Daughter of my Negroe Woman named Sabina and to the said Molly above named one Negroe Girl named **Betty also the daughter of Sabina** and I do direct my Executors to pay them the sum of five pounds each immediately after my decease and also to pay them yearly and every year the Sum of ten Pounds each until they shall respectively arrive to the age of sixteen years Item I give to the said Gracey the Daughter of Candis the sum of forty Pounds to purchase her a Negroe Girl Also I give to Juba and Shab hereinbefore mentioned the Sum of ten Pounds each Item I give devise and bequeath unto the said Nod the Son of Sarah One Negroe Boy Named [Illegible] the Son of **Dolly** and I do direct that he be cloathed maintained and educated at the Expense of my Estate untill he is fit to be put out Apprentice and then to be bound to some Trade and when he is out of his Apprenticeship that my Executors do pay him the Sum of twenty Pounds Item I give and bequeath unto **Thomas Wynter of the parish of St Thomas in the Vale** the Sum of Fifty Pounds to buy him Mourning Item I

give to the two daughters of my Friend **Samuel Howell** named **Ann Howell** and **Jane Howell** a Heifer each Item all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate both real and personal I give devise and bequeath unto **my loving Son Edward Hampson Wynter** to hold to him his heirs and assigns for ever Item it is my will and desire that the said Candis be at Liberty to live and reside on my Penn in the Parish of St Catherine if she thinks proper so to do And Lastly I do herein nominate and appoint my said son Edward Hampson Wynter and my Friend **Matthew Gregory** of the Parish of St Catherine Esquire Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me heretofore made and declaring this and none other to be my will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this thirty first day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two. Wm Wynter Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto **Samuel Howell, John Brommer, Henry Smithfield**

Memorandum this 20th day of August 1772 Personally came and Appeared before me Samuel Howell and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists that he was present and did see the honourable William Wynter the Testator within named being then of sound Mind and Memory Sign Seal Publish and declare the within written Instrument to be his last will and Testament and that at the same time John Brommer and Henry Smithfield were also present and together with him subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator and further is that he knows nothing of any other Will since made by the said Testator which may tend to the disadvantage of the will within written W Trelawny veria copia [illegible] R.Lewing Secy.

This Will was proved at London on the eighth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three before the Worshipful William Compton Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipfull Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Edward Hampson Wynter Esqr. the Son of the deceased and sole Executor named in the said Will to whom Admon was granted of all

and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer.

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