

Will of Richard Mill of Jamaica 1739

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Richard Mill, born about 1679, was the third of eleven children of a bookseller and stationer called Adieil Mill. Some time after January 1699, when he witnessed the Will of his eldest brother Adieil, he left for Jamaica. There he married the twice widowed Anna Maria Herring, who already had four children from her previous marriage to Florentius Vassall. Their daughter Ithamar was born about 1721 and at the age of sixteen married Dr Rose Fuller in February 1736/37. She died in childbirth the following year and the child with her, leaving Richard Mill with no direct heir.

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I **Richard Mill of the Parish of St Catherine** in the said island of Jamaica Esqr do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and Form following Imprimis I hereby Order Will and direct that all [illegible] all manner of debts which from me unto any person or persons whatsoever shall in anywise be justly due and owing at the time of my decease together with the severall and respective Legacies herein after mentioned and the Charges and Expenses of my Funeral shall be fully and justly paid and satisfied and I do hereby charge and make my whole Estate both Real & Personall lyable for the payment thereof Item I give and bequeath to my **Honrd. Aunt Elizabeth Bythell** Sister of my Honrd. Mother the sume of Fifty pounds Sterling money Annually to her payable and to be paid by my Executors herein hereinafter named at and upon the Royal Exchange of London by two even and equall half yearly payments Yearly and every Year for and during the Term of her naturall Life the first payment accordingly I Will and direct to be paid and made the next half Years Day following the time of my decease and so successively to be paid on each succeeding half Years Day during the time and term aforesaid and from and after the decease of my said Aunt Elizabeth Bythell then I give and bequeath the like Sum of fifty pounds Sterling to **my Cozin Mary Bolton** her Daughter annually to her payable and to be paid by my Executors for and during the term of her natural life in such

manner and at such times and places as the fifty pounds Sterling above devised to my Aunt Bythell are directed and appointed to be paid Item I give and bequeath to my **Daughter in Law Bathshua May** wife of William May Clerke the Sum of One Hundred pounds Jamaica money Annually to her payable and to be paid by my Executors by two even and equall half yearly payments yearly and every year for and during the Term of her natural life the first payment thereof to begin and to be made the next half years day following the time of my decease and so successively to be paid on each Succeeding half Years Day during the time and term aforesaid Item I give and bequeath to each of the Four Children of my daughter in Law Bathshua May (vizt.) **Richard May Florentius May George May and Rose Hering May** at their respective ages of Sixteen Years the Sum of five hundred pounds Jamaica money Item I give and bequeath unto **my sisters Joan Mill and Ithamar Mill** the sum of seventeen hundred ~~pounds~~ Capital Bank Stock or thereabouts in the Bank of England and which now is or lately was in their own hands in Trust for me and I do hereby constitute them Executrixes of this my Will to enable them to take and receive the said Legacy to their own use and for that particular purpose only and for no other intent or purpose whatsoever Item I give and devise my House in Spanish Town with the appurts thereto belonging unto my **Son In Law Doctor Rose Fuller** for and during the term of his naturall life and from and after his decease I give and devise the same to **Mrs Bonella Pennant Wife of John Pennant** Esqr. her Heirs and Assigns for ever upon Condition that she shall confirm the sale made to me of the **Negroe Man named Caesar** And it is my Express Will that the said Rose Fuller shall keep the said House and the appurts in good Repair during his life Item I give and devise the Land of Grange Penn and the House and the Outhouses built with the appurts thereto belonging commonly called Gregorys Penn and also so much of the Lands of Charltons which I lately held in Partnership with my Brother **Peter Beckford** as shall fall to my share contiguous to the said Penn and also all the Field Negroes belonging to and used with the said Penn and Penn Lands to my said In Law Doctor Rose Fuller for and during the terme of his natural life and from and after his decease I give and devise the said Pennhouse and Penn Lands aforesaid and all the said Negroes and their increase unto my **Son in Law Florentius Vassall** his Heirs and Assigns for

ever And it is my Express Will that the said Rose Fuller shall keep the said House with the appurtenances in very good repair and also that he shall from time to time make good and supply such of the Negroes hereby devised as shall happen to dye doing the term of his naturall life Item I give and bequeath to **Mr William May** Clerke the Sum of Fifty pounds Jamaica money Item I given bequeath to the Honourable[name missing] Esqr The Sum of Fifty pounds Jamaica Money Item I give and bequeath to **Edmund Hyde** Esq Fifty pounds Jamaica Money Item I given bequeath to **Edward North Son of William North** of Spanish Town in this Island Esqr the Sum of One hundred pounds Sterling money Item I give and bequeath to my Son in Law Florentius Vassall the Sum of One hundred pounds Jamaica Money In Trust and for the use of **Hannah Ottey** Wife of Mark Ottey to be for her separate use and apart from her Husband and not to be Subject to or under the controull of her said Husband Item I give and bequeath to **Mr Richard Bathurst Junior** the Sum of five hundred pounds Jamaica money to be paid him out of the Interest of the Mortgage money due to me from his Father Richard Bathurst Senr. when the same shall be paid off and Discharged Item I give and bequeath to **Richard Vassall and Elizabeth Vassall** Children of my Son in Law Florentius Vassall now living the Sum of five hundred pounds Jamaica money to each of them to be paid out of the Book Debt which shall be due and owing to me from the said Florentius Vassall at the time of my decease Item I give and bequeath to the Trustees for the time being of the Charity School in Kingston the Sum of Two hundred pounds Jamaica money if a School House shall be built any time during my life or within two years after my decease Item I give and bequeath to each of my said Sisters Joan Mill and Ithamar Mill the Sum of One hundred pounds Sterling money Item I order and direct my Executors hereinafter named to pay to each of my said Sisters Joan and Ithamar Mill all the Arrears of the Annuity of One hundred and Fifty pounds Sterling which I now allow to them which shall be unpaid at the time of my decease Item Whereas I have by Deed bearing the date the Twenty sixth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord 1737 granted an an (sic) Annuity or Yearly Rent Charge of Seventy Five pounds p Ann Sterling to each of my said Sisters Joan Mill and Ithamar Mill severally and respectively for and during the term of their severall natural lives Now it being my intention and

desire that the said severall Annuities or Rent Charges so granted to each of my said Sisters should be in all Events be secured and punctually paid to them I do hereby Subject and make lyable All my Estate both Reall and Personall hereby given and bequeathed either in possession or Reversion to the payment of the said Annuities or Rent Charges so granted to each of my said Sisters in manner as aforesaid Item I do give and bequeath my **Negro Man named Caesar** and my **Negro Woman named Bess** to my Son in Law Rose Fuller for and during the term of his natural life and from and after his decease then I do hereby manumise and make Free for my said Negroe Man Caesar and my said Negroe Woman Bess severally and respectively And I further give my said Negro Woman Bess the Sum of Five pounds Jamaica money to be paid to her half Yearly for and during the term of her natural life to comence and begin the next half Years Day after the decease of the said Rose Fuller And lastly in regard to the Tenderness and affection with which my Son in Law **Doctor Rose Fuller** used his late wife my dearly beloved Daughter I do hereby give devise and bequeath All the rest residue and remainder of my Reall and Personal Estate whatsoever to the said Doctor Rose Fuller his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever And I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me heretofore made and do Publish and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Son in Law Doctor Rose Fuller Executor of this my last Will and Testament and after the decease of the said Doctor Rose Fuller I do constitute and appoint **Edmund Hyde** Esquire Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have to this my Will contained in three Sheets of Paper Sett my hand to the two first Sheets thereof and my hand and Seal to the third Sheet This twenty fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Thirty eight having Subscribed to another of the same tenor and date./ . Rich Mill ./ . Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in his presence and in the presence of each other the words (Executor of this my last Will and Testament) being first interlined between the Sixth and seventh last Line and the words (after the decease of the said Doctor Rose Fuller I do constitute and appoint) also interlined in the fifth Line

from the bottom the words in Kingston in last line but one of the second Sheet being first interlined.

Thos. Conaway Hen: Hutchinson - Mark Ottey.

I Richard Mill the Testator in the foregoing Will named do make this present Codicill which I declare to be part of my said Will Whereas I have in and by my said Will given and bequeathed to each of the Children of my Daughter in Law Bathshua May wife of William May Clerke that are now living the Sum of five hundred pounds Jamaica money at their respective ages of Sixteen Years Now if all or any of the said Children shall happen to dye before the attainment of the said age of Sixteen Years severally and respectively then and in such case I Will order and direct that the Sum of Five hundred pounds so devised to such Child or Children which shall happen to dye before the attainment of the said age of Sixteen Years shall go to and be paid to such Child or Children as my said Daughter Bathshua May shall have hereafter In Witness whereof I the said Richard Mill have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this First Day of August in the Year of Our Lord 1738 ./.. Richd. Mill./.. Signed Sealed & in the presence of Mark Ottey Hen: Hutchinson

I Richard Mill do hereby Further make this Codicill which I declare to be also part of my said Will Whereas I have in my said Will **manumised and made Free a Negroe Man named Caesar and a Negroe Woman named Bess** after the decease of my Son in Law Rose Fuller Now I do hereby give them their severall Freedoms from the time of my decease and the Legacy before bequeathed to her of Five pounds per Annum I hereby required to be paid her from the time of my decease I also hereby **manumise and Sett Free for ever a Negro Boy named Adne** the Son of my Negroe Woman named Bess desiring my Executors to put him out Apprentice to a Taylor and for the doing of which I devise the Sum of Ten pounds Witness my Hand and Seal this 23rd day of January 1738/9 ./.. Richd. Mill ./.. Sealed and delivered in the presence of us Jos: Grover Mark Ottey ./..

This Will and Two Codicills was proved at London before the Worshipfull Thomas Walker Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Worshipfull John Bettesworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted On the seventh Day of

December in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Thirty nine by the Oaths of Joan Mill and Ithamar Mill Spinsters Executrixes named in the said Will so far as concerns the Sum of Seventeen hundred Capital Bank Stock or thereabouts in the Bank of England and which lately was in their Hands In Trust for the deceased To whom Administration was granted for the purposes aforesaid but no further or otherwise they being first Sworn well and duly to administer the same./.

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