

Will of Fulke Rose

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Dr Fulke Rose went to Jamaica some time before 1670 when he was listed in Modyford's survey as owning 380 acres in the parish of St Catherine. He was a Member of the Assembly for St. Thomas in the Vale in 1675, '7, '8, '9, '86 and for St. John in 1688, '91, and '93. His brothers Thomas and Francis also played a part in the developing colony, and brother John who was a London merchant trading with Jamaica also spent some time there. Eldest brother William was an Apothecary in London and sometime family banker. Fulke Rose married Elizabeth Langley in Port Royal, Jamaica on 11th July 1678 and they had eleven children, including three sons and four daughters who died young, and four daughters who survived him – Phillipa the last being born posthumously in London. Fulke had gone to London to plead the cause of the colonists following the disaster of the 1692 Port Royal earthquake and subsequent epidemics.

At the time of Fulke writing his Will in Jamaica in October 1693, Elizabeth was expecting their eleventh child who turned out to be yet another daughter and not the longed for son. Fulke's widow subsequently married Hans (later Sir Hans) Sloan who had visited Jamaica in the 1680s and had four more children with him.

In the name of God Amen I **Fulke Rose of the parish of St Katherine** and Island aforesaid being by God's blessing of sound and perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertain time doe make this my last Will and Testament in writing hereby dismissing and making void all former and other Wills and declaring and constituting this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following And first of all being heartily sorry for all my sinnes which either in thought word or deed I have committed against God In all humility I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing that through the merits and mediation of

my blessed Saviour and Redeemer to receive pardon and forgiveness of all my sinnes my body I
commit to the earth or to the deep to be turned into corruption

And as for what worldly Estate it hath pleased Almighty God out of his great goodness to
[illegible] with my just debts and funeral charges being first satisfied and paid I devise give will and
bequeath the same as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath the Marble I have at my Storehouse in
Towne and a parcel of it that was left at the [illegible] and another parcel of it at sixteen mile walkes
at my plantatⁿ to pave the chancell of the Church now to be created at sixteen mile walkes And it is
my desire That my people give all necessary assistance to the building of the said Church item I will
give and bequeath unto my **eldest daughter Elizabeth Rose** all that my plantatⁿ in St Thomas in the
Vale commonly called Knollis Plantation with all and every the Lands thereto belonging and adjoining
together with all the Negroes, Mules, Cattell , Coppers, Stills, Mills, Millhouses and all other edified
buildings and utensils whatsoever to the said plantation belonging and appertaining to her the said
Elizabeth Rose my eldest daughter and her heirs for ever/Also I give and bequeath to my said
daughter Elizabeth Rose and her heirs for ever my Farm at Oxney neare Deale in the county of Kent
now lately in the tenure or occupation of Mr Wood Item I will give and bequeath unto my **second
daughter Anne Rose** and her heirs forever All that my other Plantⁿ in St Thomas in the Vale
commonly called Mickleton Plantation with all my Lands thereto belonging and adjoining together
with all and every the Negroes, Mules, Cattell, Coppers, Stills, Mills, Millhouses and all other the
edifices buildings and edifices whatsoever upon the said plantation being belonging or appertaining
Item I will give and bequeath unto my second daughter and her heirs for ever All my Lands at the
Maggatty called Warrens Land and Hipperly's Lands together with all the stock Negroes and cattell
upon and belonging to the said Lands Item I will give and bequeath unto my said daughters Elizabeth
and Anne and to their heires for ever All my houses and lands in the town of St Jago de Lavega As
also my Lands over the River and my Lands at the Red Hills both in Saint Katherines parish together
with all edified buildings Negroes and Stock upon or belonging to the same Item I will give and
bequeath unto **my youngest daughter Mary Rose** and her heires for ever Nonnington Farm near

Canterbury in the county of Kent now or lately in the tenure and occupation of [blank] together with fifteen hundred pounds now in the hands of **my Brother Mr William Rose of London Apothecary** As also all my Lands on the North side this Island in St Maries and St Georges parishes to the said Mary and her heires for ever

Item I give and bequeath unto **my loving sister Elizabeth Milner** Thirty pounds p annum to be paid to her yearly and every year during her naturall life Item I give and bequeath unto **my aunt Margaret Tudor** a good warm suite of clothes and the continuance of the allowance my Brother William usually hath paid her during her natural life Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother **William Rose and his wife to my Brother John Rose and his wife to my Brother Francis Rose and his wife to my Brother Norgrove and his wife and to my sister Milner** each of them Twenty pounds to buy them mourning and to be paid to them in six months after my decease Item I given bequeath unto my Brother Francis Rose All that money which is due unto me for the forbearance of severall summes of money lent him upon Bonds And my will is that he shall not pay anything for Interest for [illegible] of the money he owes me before the Twenty fourth day of June next ensuing the date hereof Item I give and bequeath unto my **Brother Law Andrew Langley** and **Sister Martha Langley** the summe of Tenn pounds stock to buy them mourning Likewise I bequeath unto Sister in Law Martha Langley the sume of one hundred pounds to be paid her within three months after her marriage Item I give and bequeath for and unto the maintenance of my **Goddaughter Katherine Feake** the sum of Twenty pounds [illegible] untill she arive at the age of sixteen years or shall be married Item I given to my **Godsonnes Charles Richards Ellis Langford** when they come to be tenn yeares of [age] each of them a good Bible with the Comon Prayer bound in it Item I give and bequeath unto **Phillip Wheeler** the sume of Thirty pounds at the time of his freedom for being an apprentice to me till he arrives to the age of one and Twenty yeares

Item I devise will give and bequeath and it is the true intent of this my last Will and Testament that in case that either my said daughters should dye without heires of their bodies lawfully begotten That then the Estate given unto her so deceased as aforesaid shall be and remain equally

to the said surviving daughters share and share alike And in case to have my said daughters should happen to dye without heires of their bodies lawfully begotten then my whole Estate shall be to the survivor But in case it should please God to take away my three daughters without any heires of their bodies lawfully begotten Then I will given and bequeath my said Estate as followeth first I give and bequeath unto **Fulke Rose second sonne of my brother William Rose** Knollis Plantation Oxley Farm and what else I before bequeathed unto my daughter Eliz to him the said Fulke Rose and his heires for ever paying out of the said Estate to my Sister **Elizabeth Milner and her children** the sume of Two hundred pounds p Annum during their naturall lives Item in case of my three daughters death as aforesaid without heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten I give and bequeath to my Brother Francis Rose and his heires forever Mickleton Plantⁿ the lands at the Maggatty and all other my bequeathed as aforesaid unto my daughter Anne he paying out of the same to my sister Anne Norgrove and her children the sume of one hundred and fifty pounds p annum during their naturall lifes Item in case of the deaths of my said three daughters as aforesaid I given bequeath to my brother John Rose and his heires for ever Nonnington Farm together with what other things is before given and bequeathed to my daughter Mary Item I will and bequeath that in case my loving wife the brought to bed of the boy Then I give and bequeath all my Estate both real and personall to him my said some and his heires forever and that then that in case of a son as aforesaid I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Elizabeth the sume of Two Thousand pounds to be paid her at the age of seventeen yeares or day of marriage which shall first happen/And to my second daughter Anne I give the sum of One Thousand Five hundred pounds to be paid her in like manner/And to my youngest daughter Mary I give the like sume of One Thousand Five hundred pounds to be paid her in like manner That is to say at the age of seventeen yeares or day of marriage Item I will give & bequeath that in case my Wide be with child of a daughter Then I give to my said girl Fifteen hundred pounds to be paid her at the age of seventeen yeares or day of marriage Item I will bequeath That my said children be paid and allowed the sume of Sixty pounds p Annum until they come to the age of Tenn yeares for and towards their maintenance and education And that the said

sum of Sixty pounds p annum be to each of them till they come to the age of Tenn years so aforesaid be quarterly And after they come to the age of ten Then to be paid and allowed the sume of Eighty pounds And to be paid in like manner as aforesaid Item I will and bequeath That in case either of my said daughters should happen to dye before they come to the age of seventeen yeares or be married then I give her portion to be divided to the survivors [illegible]

I constitute nominate and appoint my loving wife **Elizabeth Rose** the sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament desiring her to [illegible] That my children be well brought up and educated And I give and bequeath to her my said wife in right of her Dower the First part of the [illegible] produce profitts of all my Estate whatsoever during her natural life And also the money my brother Francis Rose owes me and so much more money to be paid her out of my Estate within two yeares after my decease and will make up the sum Two Thousand pounds for her own use during her life and that her decease to be disposed and given to my children at her discretion Also I given bequeath to my loving wife all my Plate rings Jewells and household stuff/ I also nominate constitute an devise my **loving friend Samuel Bernard Esq Mathew Gregory Esq Edward Broughton Esq my brother Capⁿ Francis Rose and Mr Robert Nedham** to be Trustees and Overseers of this my last Will and Testament And to each of them I give Ten pounds to buy them mourning Item I will and bequeath That the rest and residue of the cleare and neat benefit profitt and produce of all my Estate both real and personall arising [illegible] made or produced yearely of my Estate the Legacies and renting out charge as is requisite being first paid to be paid into the hands of my Trustees or major part of them to be by them secured and improved for the best advantage and profitt of my said daughters joyntly as my said Trustees or the major part of them shall think fit having respect alwayes to forwarding and supplying my plantations and other Estate with all necessaries that shall or may be wanting for their improvements And to this my last Will and Testament consisting of three sides of paper I have to each side sett my hand and seal this Twenty seaventh day of October in the Fifth year of the raine of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary in the year of our Lord One Thousand six hundred ninety and three 1693 Fulke Rose Signed sealed published and

declared by the said Fulke Rose to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of **Leonard Claiborne Henry Lowe Michael Houldsworth Wm Lawes James Whitchurch James Jones**

Whereas I Fulke Rose of the Island of Jamaica did by my last Will and Testament in writing under my hand and seale bearing date the Twenty seaventh day of October in the Fifth year of the reigne of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary King and Queen of England and Defenders of the Faith Anno Domini 1693 give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Elizabeth Rose in case my wife the child she is now bigg with should prove a boy the sume of Two Thousand pounds and to my other two daughters Anne and Mary the sume of Fifteen hundred pounds each Now it is my true intent and meaning and I doe add this codicill to be taken as part of my last Will and Testament and to be thereto annexed And doe hereby further give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Elizabeth Rose in case my wife Elizabeth should have a boy the Further sum of Two Thousand pounds and I also give and bequeath to my two other daughters Anne Rose and Mary Rose to each the further sum of Fifteen hundred pounds to be paid in manner and form as in and by my above [illegible] last Will and Testament directed with this provisoe nevertheless That the Island of Jamaica prosper and my Estate there continue In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the eighth day of November Anno Domini I 1693 Fulke rose Signed sealed published and declared this to be a Codicill to be [illegible] as part of my last Will and Testament **John Smith Sam Lewis Henry Lawes? James Whitchurch Samuel Jones**

Probate was granted in London to Elizabeth Rose his widow on the 4th March 1693/94.

A Chancery Case followed after the marriage of Elizabeth to Hans Sloane in order to secure the future of Phillipa Rose who was not included in the Will, having been born after her father's death and not being a boy. Everything was settled amicably, with Hans Sloane taking a benevolent interest in his step daughters.