

# Will of Edward Pennant 1736

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*Edward Pennant who was married to Elizabeth Moore had at least ten children, including a daughter called Smart Pennant married to the Reverend William May the Rector of Kingston and killed in the "fall of a house" in a great storm in August 1722. His daughter Elizabeth married Henry Dawkins one of the Executors of this Will, and his daughter Sarah was married to Thomas Roden. His son John was married to Bonella Hodges.*

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Jamaica Is. **Edward Pennant** Esqr.

In the Name of God Amen

I **Edward Pennant of the Parish of Clarendon** in the Island aforesaid Esqr. being of perfect sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following First it is my Will and Pleasure that all my just Debts Legacys and Funeral Charges be paid out of my Mony So far as it will go and the rest to be paid out of the Sugar and Rum Meat Cattle Sheep Horses Mules produced off my Plantations Pastures Penns of Cattle and Sheep Penns Item I give devise and bequeath the Sume of Two hundred pounds towards a School to be settled in the Parish of Clarendon Fifty pounds whereof I desire may be laid out in Such Books as shall be thought proper by my Trustees hereinafter named for a School and the Rest to be disposed of in such a manner as the Honble **Henry Dawkins** Esqr. **Thos.Roden** Esqr. **Thomas Fearon** Esqr. **John Pennant** Esqr. and the Revd Mr **Edward Reading** Rector of the said Parish or the Rector for the time being whome I hereby appoint my Trustees for the purposes above mentioned shall think proper And my Will and Intent is that the said Rum shall be paid by Executors to my said Trustees in Twelve Months after my decease Item I give devise and bequeath unto **my Son Henry** One Thousand pounds Three hundred pounds of which was left him by his Godfather the Honble. **Henry Lowe** Esqr.

Which Money I received for his Use to be paid him in Two years after my decease out of my real and personal Estate And my further Will and Intent is that if **my Daughter Mrs Sarah Roden** shall survive her Husband **Thomas Roden** Esqr. That She shall after the said Thomas Rodens decease be allowed the Sume of Fifty pounds Sterling per per Annum to be paid her by my Executors out of the Produce of my Estate by half yearly Payments for and during the Term of her natural Life Item I give devise and bequeath unto **Mrs Bathshua Moore** the Sume of One hundred pounds at the Age of Twenty one years Item I give devise and bequeath unto **Mrs Ann Huckle** the Sume of Fifty pounds in a year after my decease Item I give devise and bequeath unto my **Apprentice James Martin** the sum of Fifty pounds at the Expiration of his Apprenticeship –

Whereas it hath pleased God that my Son Edward Is disordered in his Senses It is my Will and Pleasure if it should please God to restore him to his Senses again and he should become of sane mind and memory Then I give devise and bequeath unto him One Quarter part of all my Estate both real and personal to him and his Heirs for ever Share and Share alike with his Brothers hereafter named But if it should please God not to restore him to his Senses and he should continue of non Sane mind and memory Then I give devise and bequeath unto him Three hundred pounds Sterling per Annum for his Maintenance during his Indisposition to be paid Quarterly in four equal Quarterly Payments Item I give devise and bequeath unto **my sons John Samuel and Henry** All the rest and remainder of my Estate both real and personal not before devised and bequeathed Share and Share alike And I do appoint my said Sons Edward if he should be restored to his Senses, not else, John Samuel and Henry to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament Item I give devise and bequeath unto the Honble. Henry Dawkins Esqr. Thirty pounds Current Money of this Island And I do constitute and appoint him Executor and Trustees of this my last Will and Testament Item it is my Will and Pleasure that in consideration that my said Son Samuel received of me in Great Britain the Sum of Three Thousand pounds Sterling to sett him up in Business that he my Son Samuel do pay unto each of my Sons John and Henry the Sum of One Thousand pounds Sterling apiece before he my Son Samuel shall possess himself of any part or reap any Profitt from my Jamaica Estates I do

hereby revoke annul and make void all former Wills by me at any time made heretofore Ratifying and Confirming publishing and declaring these presents only to be and stand as and for my last Will and Testament have subscribed my hand and sett my Seal this Fifth day of Aprill One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Six./Ed. Pennant. Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the above named Edward Pennant as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of the Witnesses underwritten and Subscribed by the Witnesses in the presence of Testator./Hen.Smallwood. Moses Kellit. Edwd. Reading./.

Memorandum the 16th July 1736. Personally came and Appeared before me Edward Reading and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists that he was present and did see the Honble. Edward Pennant Esqr. the Testator within mentioned 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 Henry Smallwood and Moses Kellitt were also present and together with him Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the same in the presence of the said Testator And further 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./ John Gregory./.

A Codicil to be annexed to this my last Will and Testament I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Henry to his Heirs and Assigns for ever All the Furniture of my House at Bullard Savannah (Excepting Plate) Also I give all my Kitchen Furniture to my Son Henry to His Heirs and Assigns for Ever./Ed. Pennant. Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator in the presence of./Richd. Hayle John Waldon John Calf./.

Memd. this 16th July 1736 personally came and appeared before me John Waldon and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists that he was present and did see the Honble. Edward Pennant Esqr. abovenamed being then of sound mind and memory Sign Seal publish and declare the above written Instrument to be a Codicil to his last Will and Testament hereunto annexed And that at the same time Richard Hayle and John Calf were also present and together with him subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the same in the presence of the said Testator And further that he knows nothing of

any other Will or Codicil since made by the said Testator which may tend to the Disadvantage of the Will hereunto annexed and Codicil above written./.

John Gregory

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Extve. Saml. Williams Secy.

Jamaica Is.

I Samuel Williams Secretary and Notary Publick of this his Majesty's Island of Jamaica and so admitted allowed and sworne dwelling in the Town of St Jago De la Vega in the Island aforesaid Doe hereby Certifie and make known to all to whom these Presents shall come or may concern that the Instrument in Writing hereunto annexed is the true Coppy of the Last Will and Testament and Codicill (with the Probates subjoyn'd) of the Honourable Edward Pennant late of the Parish of Clarendon in the Island aforesaid Esquire deceased as they remain upon the Record in my Office of Secretary of this Island I have carefully Compared and examined the same Done and Performed in my Office at St Jago De le Vega aforesaid the Twelfth day of November in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Six./.

Quod Attestor manu ac Sigillo Rogatus./.

Saml. Williams Secrius. et Notrius. Pubcus../.

Jamaica Is.

I John Gregory Esquire President of the Council and Commander in Chief in and over this his Majesty's island of Jamaica and other the Territories thereon depending in America and Chancellor of the Same etc. Doe hereby Certifie and make known To all To whom these Presents Shall come or may concern That Samuel Williams Esqr. who hath Signed and attested the annexed Instrument in Writing as a true Coppy of the Last Will and Testament and Codicill (with the Probates subjoyn'd) of the Honourable Edward Pennant late of the Parish of Clarendon in the Island aforesaid Esquire deceased is Secretary and Notary Publick of this his Majesty's Island of Jamaica duly admitted and Sworne 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 sett my hand and caused the Broad Seal of this Island to be appended at St Jago De le Vega the Twelfth day of November in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King and of Jamaica Lord Defender of the Faith etc. Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Six./.

John Gregory./.

This will was **proved at London** (with a Codicill annexed) before the Worshipfull Stephen Cottrell Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipfull John Bettesworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted on the Fifth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Six **by the Oath of Samuel Pennant the Son of the Deceased** and One of the Executors named in the said Will To whom was granted Administration of All and Singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of the said deceased he being first sworne duly to administer the same Reserving Power to make the like Grant to Edward Pennant (if he should be restored to his Senses) John Pennant and Henry Pennant the Sons of the said deceased and the Honourable Henry Dawkins Esquire the other Executors named in the said Will when they shall apply for the same./.

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