

Will of Scudamore Winde 1776

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Ambrose Scudamore Winde was baptised at Kentchurch in Herefordshire on 21 September 1732 the third child and second son of John Winde and Mary Scudamore. His father committed suicide in 1759 and Scudamore and his younger brother Robert left for Jamaica shortly afterwards. In Jamaica he became a highly successful merchant and was an Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court of the Judicature and a Member of the Assembly. He did not marry but left four children by two different mothers when he died in late September 1775. He was buried at Kingston on 1 October. His business had prospered and a large part of his assets were in the form of debts owed to him. According to Trevor Burnard he had personal assets of £94,273, of which £82,233 were in the form of debts.

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In the Name of God Amen

I **Scudamore Winde** now of the parish of St Catherine in the Island of Jamaica Do make this my last Will and Testament Imprimis I bequeath my Soul to God in humble hopes of his Mercy through Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth And I do desire that my Body may be Buried in the nearest parish Church to the place where I die and that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds be expended upon my Funeral Item I give and devise to a certain **Mulatto Youth called Robert Winde my reputed Son** now of the Age of fifteen Years or thereabouts one Annuity or Rent charge of twenty Pounds Sterling money of Great Britain to be paid unto him half yearly for and during the term of his natural life out of all those my Lands called Fincott in the parish of Docklow in the County of Hereford in the Kingdom of Great Britain and all other my Real Estate in that Kingdom and I do hereby subject charge and make liable all my Lands and Estate in Great Britain to and with the payment of the same Item I do give devise and bequeath to the said Mulatto Youth called Robert

Winde two thousand Pounds current Money of Jamaica to be paid to him on his arriving at the Age of twenty one Years with the Interest that arises therefrom Nevertheless It is my intent and meaning And I hereby direct that my said reputed Son Be Maintained and Educated out of the Interest of the said two thousand Pounds Currency and the Annuity of twenty Pounds Sterling But in case my said reputed Son called Robert Winde should die before he attains the Age of twenty one years without any Child living at the time of his death then I give aforementioned sum of two thousand Pounds Currency and the Interest thereof to **my Friends Robert Cooper Lee and Thomas Wynter** and their respective Administrators share and share alike Item I give and devise unto **my natural Daughter Penelope Winde** (born of the Body of **Sarah Cox**) now of the Age of six Years one Annuity or Rent charge of sixty pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain to be paid unto her half Yearly for and during the term of her natural life out of all those my Lands called Fincott in the parish of Docklow in the County of Hereford in the Kingdom of Great Britain and all other my Real Estate in that Kingdom and I do hereby subject charge and make liable all my Lands and Estate in Great Britain to and with the Payment of the same Item I hereby give devise and bequeath to my said natural Daughter Penelope Winde two thousand Pounds Current Money of Jamaica to be paid to her on her arriving at the Age of twenty one Years with the Interest that shall arise therefrom nevertheless it is my intent and meaning and I do hereby direct that my said natural Daughter be maintained and educated during her Minority out of the Interest of the said Sum of two thousand Pounds Currency and the said Annuity of sixty Pounds Sterling but in case my said natural Daughter Penelope Winde should die before she attains the Age of twenty one Years without any Child living at the time of her death then I give the aforementioned sum of two thousand Pounds Currency to my Son Robert Winde His Heirs or Administrators Item I give devise and bequeath to **my natural Son John Winde** (born of the Body of Sarah Cox now of the Age of three years two thousand Pounds Current Money of Jamaica to be paid to him on his arriving at the Age of twenty one Years with the Interest that shall arise therefrom Nevertheless it is my intent and meaning And I do hereby direct that my said natural Son Be Maintained and Educated during his Minority out of the Interest of the said sum of two thousand

Pounds Currency But in case my said natural Son called John Winde should die before he attains the Age of twenty one Years without any Child living at the time of his death Then I give the said sum of two thousand Pounds Currency to my aforementioned natural Daughter Penelope Winde and in failure of her to **my Friend Joseph Mayo of Craven Street London** Item I give devise and bequeath to a **Negroe Woman named Patt** made Free by me the Land I purchased of **Richard Ormond** in the Parish of St Catherine with the Buildings thereon erected unto and for her natural life and after her decease I give devise and bequeath the said Lands unto **her Daughter a Negroe named Mary Winde** and to her Heirs or Assigns I also give to the said Negroe Woman named Patt one hundred Pounds Currency and **my two Negroes named Suky and little Polly** and after her decease I give the said two Negroes Suki and little Polly to her Daughter named Mary Winde and her Heirs and Assigns I give to Sarah Cox the sum of two hundred Pounds Currency and I will and direct that my Executors do out of my Estate Purchase two Negroe Slaves and deliver and convey the same to the said Sarah Cox to the use of her her Heirs or Assigns for ever Item I give to my Executors the sum of five hundred Pounds Currency In Trust to lay out the same in the purchase of Slaves to be by them settled to the use of my **God Son Richard Scudamore Armestead** in Tale General Remainder to his [illegible] Sister **Mary Armestead** in Fee Item I give to my Executors the sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling In Trust to lay out the same in the Purchase of Slaves to be by them settled to the use of my **God Son Samuel Scudamore Heming** in Tail General Remainder to **his Brother Richard Heming** in Fee Item I give to my **God Son Robert Lee** five hundred Pounds Sterling And in case he should die before he attains the Age of twenty one Years Then I give the said sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling to his Sister **Frances Lee** Item I give to Francis Lee the sum of one thousand Pounds Sterling And in case she shall die before she attains the Age of twenty one Years I give the said sum of one thousand Pounds Sterling to her Brother **Richard Lee** Item I give to my **God Daughter Mary Welch** the sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling and in case she shall die before she attains of twenty one Years Then I give the said sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling to her Brother **Richard Welch** Item I give to **Mary Wynter the Daughter of Thomas Wynter** five hundred Pounds Sterling and in case she should die

before she attains the Age of twenty one Years Then I give the said sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling to her Brother **William Wynter** Item I give to William Wynter the Son of Thomas Wynter the sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling And in case he should die before he attains the Age of twenty one Years then I give the said sum of five hundred Pounds to his Sister Mary Wynter Item I give to **Joseph Mayo Jnr** the Son of my faithful Friend Joseph Mayo of London the sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling And in case he should die before he attains the Age of twenty one Years I give the said sum of five hundred Pounds to his Father Joseph Mayo Item I give to **my Affectionate Friend Archibald Sympson** one hundred Guineas to buy a Ring I also give the sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling to **Alexander Sympson** the Son of my said Friend **Archibald Sympson** Item I give to **Jane Catherine Long** the Daughter of my Friend Edward Long the sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling Item I give to my very faithful and constant **Friend Beeston Long of London** the sum of two hundred Guineas to buy a Ring Item I give to each of my Executors herein after named the sum of two hundred Guineas to buy them Mourning Item I hereby give devise and bequeath All my Lands and Real Estate whatsoever in Kingdom of Great Britain Subject in the first place to the Annuities of twenty Pounds Sterling to my reputed Son Robert Winde and of sixty Pounds Sterling per Annum to my natural Daughter Penelope Winde unto Robert Cooper Lee for and during the term of his natural life and after his decease unto and for the use of his Son Robert Lee and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten And in default of such Heirs unto and to the use of his Sister Frances Lee and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten And in default of such Heirs unto and to the use of the said Robert Cooper Lee his Heirs and Assigns for ever Item I authorize and empower my Executors herein after named the Survivors or Survivor of them to grant bargain and sell all my Lands Houses and Slaves not herein before particularly devised and to execute good and sufficient Titles to the same unto the respective Purchasers thereof The Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate (after payment of my Debts and Legacies both Real and Personal I give devise and bequeath to Robert Cooper Lee Thomas Winter and Joseph Mayo their Heirs Executors or Assigns share and share alike And I do hereby Constitute and **Appoint Robert Cooper Lee and Joseph Mayo of London and Thomas Wynter**

George Wotton and Francis Rigby Brodbelt of Jamaica Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any former Will or Wills In Witness whereof I the said Scudamore Winde have to this my last Will and Testament written with my own Hand on one Sheet of Paper set my Hand and Seal the seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four. Scudamore Winde. Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Scudamore Winde the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence and at his request have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto in the Presence of each other. **John**

Brownrigg William Mitchell Thos Lake

I Scudamore Winde of the Parish of St Catherine in the Island of Jamaica Esquire Do make this Codicil to my last Will and Testament And I will that the same be deemed and taken as part thereof I give and bequeath unto each of my reputed Sons Robert Winde and John Winde when and if and as they respectively attaining the Age of twenty one Years over and above the provision made for them by my said Will the sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling charged and chargeable upon and payable out of my Estate called Fencotte in the County of Hereford and all other my Estate Real and Personal in the Kingdom of Great Britain And I also give and bequeath unto my reputed Daughter Penelope Winde when and if she attains the Age of twenty one Years or is Married which shall first happen over and above the Provision made for her by my said Will the like sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling also Charged and Chargeable upon and payable out of my said Estate called Fencotte and all other my Estate Real and Personal in the Kingdom of Great Britain And I do further Will and Direct that all and every the Moneys which shall from time to time be paid out of my said Estate called Fencotte unto or for the use of my reputed Children or any or either of them by or under this present Codicil shall be from time to time [illegible] and satisfied out of my Residuary Estate unto the Person or Persons to whom my said Estate called Fencotte shall go and belong under and by virtue of my said Will Item I give to my **Partner in Trade Alexander Allardyce** two hundred Guineas to buy a Ring which I request he will wear as a remembrance of the

uninterrupted Harmony and Affection which subsisted between us and having a Perfect Confidence he is grateful for the happy and independant state I leave him in and it is my Will that if the said Alexander Allardyce chuses to keep my Stock in Trade for one Year after my decease he may be at Liberty to do so the Profits arising from my share of Stock during that Year to be divided one Moiety to the said Alexander Allardyce and the other Moiety to the Persons in whom the Residuum of my Estate Vests Item I give to my **Servant Adam Young** fifty Pounds Item I give to my **Servant Hanover** twenty Pounds And I ratify and confirm all other things in my said Will contained In Witness whereof I the said Scudamore Winde have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four. Scudamore Winde Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testator Scudamore Winde as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence and at his request have subscribed our Names as Witnesses in the Presence of each other John Brownrigg William Mitchell Thos Lake.

I Scudamore Winde of the Parish of St Catherine in the Island of Jamaica Esquire Do make this second Codicil to my last Will and Testament And I will that the same be deemed and taken as part thereof I give and bequeath to **my reputed Son named Thomas Winde** now of the Age of eight Months or thereabouts the sum of fifteen hundred Pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain to be paid to him on his arriving at the Age of twenty one Years And I do direct that the Interest arising or to arise from the said sum be preserved and regularly put to Interest when a sufficient sum shall be collected and that the same be paid with all Interest arising therefrom to my said reputed Son Thomas Winde on his attaining the Age of twenty one Years But in case my said reputed son named Thomas Winde should die before he attains the Age of twenty one Years without any Child living at the time of his death Then I direct that the aforementioned sum of fifteen hundred Pounds and the Interest arising therefrom do sink into my Residuary Estate as directed by my Will Item I give to my said reputed Son called Thomas Winde the sum of sixty Pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain by way of Annuity or Rent charges Annually to be paid to him on the first day of January in every Year

until he shall attain the Age of twenty one Years And I do hereby charge subject and make liable all my Residuary Estate for the Payment of the said Annuity or Rent Charge of sixty Pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain to my said reputed Son called Thomas Winde on the first day of January in every Year until he shall attain the Age of twenty one Years which sum of sixty Pounds Sterling per Ann. I direct shall be appropriated towards the Maintenance and Education of the said Thomas Winde Item I ratify and confirm all other things in my said Will and the Codicil hereunto annexed contained In Witness whereof I the said Scudamore Winde have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this second day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

Scudamore Winde. Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testator Scudamore Winde as and for the second Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence and at his request have subscribed our Names as Witnesses in the Presence of each other **Thomas Reid John Muston Stephen Lost.**

Memorandum this second day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy five Personally came and Appeared Before me William Mitchell Esquire and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists that he was present and did see Scudamore Winde Esquire the Testator in the Will Markd A. And Codicil Markd. B. hereunto annexed severally mentioned being then of sound Mind Memory Sign Seal Publish and Declare the said Will Marked A. and Codicil marked B. severally and respectively to be his last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto the said Codicil to be taken as Part and Parcel of the said Will and that at the same time John Brownrigg and Thomas Lake were also Present and together with him subscribed their Names to the said Will and Codicil respectively 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 said Will markd A. and Codicil markd B. hereunto annexed save and except one other Codicil also hereunto annexed markd with the Letter C. Basil Keith

Memorandum this second day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy five Personally came and appeared Before me Thomas Reid and made Oath that he was present and did see Scudamore Winde Esquire the Testator in the Codicil hereunto annexed marked C. mentioned being then of sound Mind and Memory Sign Seal Publish and Declare the same to be as a further Codicil to his last Will and Testament hereunto annexed marked A. and to be taken as part and parcel of the said Will and that at the same time Stephen Lost and John Muston 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 said Codicil hereunto annexed marked C. save and except the said Will hereunto annexed marked A. and one other Codicil also hereunto annexed marked B. Basil Keith Vera Copia Extr. Rd. Lewing Secretary.

This Will was proved at London with two Codicils the twentieth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six Before the Worshipful Francis Simpson Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Sir George Hay Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Robert Cooper Lee and Joseph Mayo Esquires two of the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased having been first sworn only to administer power reserved of making the like grant to Thomas Wynter George Wotton and Francis Rigby Brodbelt Esquires the other Executors named in the said Will when they or either of them shall apply for the same.