

Will of Milbrough McLean 1796

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Milbrough (or Milborough) Maclean was born in Jamaica about 1745, the daughter of William Aikenhead. She married John Harvie in Jamaica, and he died in May 1761. She moved to London and in 1772 married Thomas McLean who died some time before 1796. There seem to have been no surviving children of either marriage.

Her sister Margaret Eleanor married Samuel Alpress, and her eldest sister Elizabeth married first Gilbert Ford who was Attorney General in Jamaica, and then General Samuel Townsend. By the time that Milbrough wrote her Will both her surviving sisters in England were also widowed.

Mary Collins, who swore the affidavit concerning the handwriting in the Will, was housekeeper to the Townsend family. Walter Farquhar MD her executor, later Sir Walter Farquhar, was a member of the Prince of Wales' Household to which he was introduced by General Samuel Townsend.

Elizabeth Halliday the wife of Simon Halliday, was the daughter of Dr Thomas Harvie of Kingston and Ann Stevenson, whose second husband was Walter Farquhar.

In the Name of God Amen

I **Milbrough McLean of Duke Street** in the Parish of St Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex Widow being of sound and disposing Mind Memory and understanding do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in writing in manner following that is to say First I will and direct that all my just debts and Funeral Expenses be duly paid and satisfied

Also I give and bequeath unto my **Sister Elizabeth Townsend** the Widow of General Samuel Townsend the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain

Also I give and bequeath unto my **Sister Margaret Eleanor Alpress** Widow the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain

Also I give and bequeath unto my Friend **Mary Horne** the Widow of Charles the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain

Also I give and bequeath unto my good Friend **Walter Farquhar** Surgeon the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain

Also I give and bequeath unto my friend **Isabella Watson** Widow the sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain

Also I give and bequeath unto my **Nephew Samuel Erwin Townsend** the Son of my Sister Elizabeth Townsend the Sum of one hundred Pounds of Lawful Money of Great Britain

Also I Give and Bequeath unto My **Niece Elizabeth Halliday** my watch with the Picture of her Uncle John Harvie that is set with Brilliants and the Trinketts belonging to the watch and I desire the same may be delivered to her immediately after my decease

Also I give and bequeath unto my **Niece Elizabeth Trelawny Townsend** the daughter of my said Sister Elizabeth Townsend all my Diamonds Pins Pictures and other Trinketts not hereinbefore disposed of together with all my Plate Furniture Household Linen China and wearing Apparel

Also I give and bequeath unto my Maid Servant who now attends me **Sarah Francis** the Sum of thirty pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain

And I give devise and bequeath all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my estate Real and Personal whatsoever and wheresoever unto my said Niece Elizabeth Trelawney Townsend to her and her Heirs Executors Administrators and assigns for ever

And I nominate constitute and appoint my Sister **Elizabeth Townsend and Walter Farquhar Surgeon Executors** to this my last Will and Testament and hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I the said Millbrook McLean have wrote this in my own Hand Writing as my last Will and Testament on the eighteenth of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five Witness my hand Millbrough Maclean

4th of July 1796

Appeared Personally **Mary Collins of Upper Wimpole Street** in the Parish of St Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex Widow and **John Meadowcroft** of Duke Street in the same Parish Gentleman and made oath that they knew and were acquainted with Milbrough McLean late of the Parish of St Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex aforesaid Widow deceased and with her manner and character of handwriting and conversation (?) having seen her write and subscribe her Name and having now carefully and perused the Paper Writing here to annexed Purporting to be and contain the last Will and Testament of the said deceased beginning thus "In the name of God Amen I Milbrough McLean of Duke Street in the Parish of St Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex Widow" ending thus "In Witness whereof I the said Milbrough McLean have wrote this in my own Handwriting as my last Will and Testament on the eighteenth of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five Witness my Hand" and thus subscribed Milbrough McLean" they depose and say that they verily and in their consciences believe the whole series and contents of the said paper Writing or last Will and Testament to be of the proper Handwriting and Subscription of the said Milbrough McLean deceased. Mary Collins, John Meadowcroft. Same-day July sworn to the truth of this affidavit Before me Th. Ch. Crespigny, Surrogate, Pres. Chas. Bedford. Q.P.

This Will was proved at London the fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six before the worshipful Thomas Champion Crespigny Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Surrogate of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury Lawfully Constituted by the Oath of Elizabeth Townsend Widow One of the Executors Named in the Said Will to Whom Administration of All and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the Said Deceased Was Granted She Having Been First Sworn Duly to Administer Power Reserve of Making the like Grant to Walter Farquhar the Other Executor Named in the said Will when he shall apply for the same.

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