

Will of Anthony Swymer 1730

PCC Canterbury prob 11/641

Anthony Swymer (or more commonly Swymmer) came from a prominent Bristol merchant family with early connections to Jamaica. The family transported indentured labourers to Jamaica and engaged extensively in the slave trade. His mother Jane Langley was sister to Elizabeth Langley who married first Doctor Fulke Rose, and second Sir Hans Sloane. He died on 23 January 1729/30 and was buried in St Thomas in the East, Jamaica. His first wife seems to have been a member of the Andreis family, his widow Milborough remarried in July 1730, to Alexander Smith, and was buried in Stepney.

STEPNEY CHURCHYARD. (Lysons' "Env. of L.," iii, 437.)
Milborough, wife of Alexander Smith, gentleman, and relict of the Hon. Anthony Swymmer of Jamaica who died 1730.

I the **Honble Anthony Swymer of the Parish of St Thomas in the East** Esq do make my last Will and Testament as follows Imprimis I bequeath my Soul to God my Creator and Maker and as to what Worldly Substance God of his infinite Mercy hath pleased to bestow upon I give devise and bequeath that my **Daughter Jane Langly Swymer** be paid four Thousand Pounds Sterling Money of that part of Great Britain called England by my Executors for Great Britain at her Age of Twenty one Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen and that untill payment thereof she be maintained and Educated in Great Britain by my sd Executors and the Survivor or Survivors of them at their discretions at the Charge of my whole Estate Item all the rest and residue of my whole Estate whatsoever I give unto my **Son Anthony Langley Swymer** and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten and for default of such Heirs to my said Daughter Jane Langley Swymer and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten and for default of such Is seen to the second Son of My **Cousin Henry Swymer of Bristol** and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten and for default of such Issue to the third Son of my said Cousin Henry Swymer and his Heirs and Assigns for ever Item it is my will and desire that one Thousand Acres of Land I have at Orange Bay in this Island be sold by my Executors for Jamaica for ready Money to the best bidder and that the Produce of my Plantations and Estates in Jamaica

be Shipped for Great Britain at the Risque of my Heir Legatees or Devisees respectively and I subject the same to the payment of my Debts and Legacies and I do empower my said Executors for Jamaica to draw Bills on my said Executors in Great Britain for payment of my said debts and request and desire such Executors to pay said Bills Item I do appoint **Sir Hans Sloan, my said Cousin Henry Swymer and my Friend William Basnett of the City of London and the Survivor Executors for my Estate in Great Britain** and Guardians of the Body and Estate of my said Son Anthony Langley Swymer untill his Age of Twenty one Years and of the Body and Estate of my said Daughter Jane Langley Swymer untill her Age of Twenty one Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen and I do nominate and appoint **William Hayman Edward Prater Samuel Clerk and Joshua Crosby all of Kingston Merchants and Andrew Arcedeckne Esq and the Survivor or Survivors of them Executors for my Jamaica Estate** and declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto my hand and seal this two and twentieth day of January 1729 Anthony Swymmer Signed Sealed and Delivered by the said honourable Anthony Swymmer in the Presence of us who in his presence have subscribed our Names as **Witnesses Joanna Arbuckle Samuel Page Jacob Smith**

Item as a Codicill of this my last Will and Testament and as part thereof desire and it is my Will that the Possessors Proprietors or owners of the Estate whereon **Dr Robert Strachan** now dwelleth be sued or ejected in the name of the said Son Heir or Legatee by my Executors for Jamaica so that my Boundarys and Right or Title thereto be ascertained and determined and it is my Will and desire that **my beloved Wife Millbrough** do go to that part of Great Britain called England where her Children reside and that in case of her going thither She be decently furnished for said Voyage by my Executors in Jamaica and that they give her one Hundred and Fifty pounds towards defraying the Expense of her Voyage and for her Maintenance there untill the first payment of her Joynture become due and payable and that they Remitt her her Joynture by Bills of Exchange at Thirty five per Cent annually as the same shall come due. Anthony Swymmer.

Mem this third day of March 1729 personally appeared before me Jacob Smith and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists that he was present and did see the Honble Anthony Swymmer Esq 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 Joanna Arbuckle and Samuel Page were also present and together with him subscribed their names as Witnesses to the same in the presence of the said Testator and this Deponent also deposeth and saith that he was likewise present and did see the said Anthony Swymmer Sign Seal Publish and Declare the within written Codicill to be part and parcell of his said Will and that he knows not of any other Will or Codicill since made by the said Anthony Swymmer which may tend to the disadvantage of the Will or Codicil within written Ro:Hunter

Extur.

Vera Copia Jos:Maxwell Surg.

To all to whom these presents shall come or may concern I Joseph Maxwell Secretary and Notary Publick of this his Majesty's Island of Jamaica and so admitted allowed and Sworn dwelling in the Town of St Jago de la Vega in the Island aforesaid doe hereby certify and make known that the Instrument in writing hereunto annexed is a true Copy of the last Will and Testament Codicil and Probate thereto subjoind of the Honble Anthony Swymer late of the Parish of St Thomas in East in this Island Esq deceased as it remains upon Record in my Office of Secretary of this Island I having carefully Compared and Examined the same This done and performed at St Jago de la Vega aforesaid the fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Twenty nine

Quod Attestor manu ac Sigillo Rogatus

Jos:Maxwell Sec'rius et Not'rius Pulicus

I Robert Hunter Esq Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over this his Majesty's Island of Jamaica and other The Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the samedoe hereby Certify and make known to all to whom these presents shall come Or May Concern Joseph Maxwell Esq who hath Signed and Attested the annexed Instrument in Writing as a

true Copy of the said last Will and Testament of the Honble Anthony Swymmer late of the parish of St Thomas in the East in the Island aforesaid Esq deced is Secretary and Notary Publick of this his Majesty's Island of Jamaica duely admitted and Sworn and that to all Acts and Instruments by him signed and attested is full Faith and Creditt given in Judgment 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 la Vega the Fifth Day of March in the third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Britain Annoq Domini 1729 Ro:Hunter

Probate in Latin granted in London on the 9th of December 1730 to Henry Swymmer and William Basnett two of the executors, rights reserved to grant the same on request to Hans Sloan baronet.

Transcribed by Anne M Powers

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