

Port Royal Wills

Historical records for Jamaica are distributed between the Jamaica Public Archives and the Island Record Office, both of which are located in Spanish Town, Jamaica. Records begin with the English occupation of Jamaica in 1655; Spanish records from the period prior to 1655 did not survive.

The wills are housed in the Island Record Office in Jamaica. Unfortunately, certain volumes of the wills in the Grantors Old Series, which covers the 17th century, are missing. These were reportedly lost when Admiral Knowles moved the capital from Spanish Town to Kingston in 1755. All official records were loaded on to wagons and transported to Kingston only to be returned to Spanish Town three years later. It is believed that on one of the journeys, a wagon overturned, spilling some volumes into a swamp. As with the Port Royal probate inventories, the wills are themselves transcriptions, copied in the 1880s in an effort to preserve the public records. Apparently, the originals were destroyed once the volumes were transcribed.

The following selected transcribed wills cover the period from 1672-1720 (Volumes 1-15). They are all of Port Royal residents and were transcribed by graduate students from microfiche copies housed in the Anthropology Department of Texas A&M University. Much work still has to be done before all the wills are transcribed and saved in electronic format. This page will be continually updated as the work proceeds and the transcribed wills from the other Jamaican parishes are posted.

NOTE: Some of the transcribed wills below have a corresponding probate inventory in the Port Royal Probate Inventories document

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Will of Alice Alexander pg. 1

The tenth day of the eleventh month called January in the yeare of our lord 1676 I Alice
Alexander relative of Thonas Lockyear and executor to his last will & testament deceas being
Of sicke body but of good and perfect memory thanks be for Almighty God and calling to
Remeberance the uncertyn estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield
Onto death when it shall please Fod to call I do make consitute ordayne and declare this my

Last will & testament in manners & forme followinge revoaking and admitting by these
Present all and every testament and testaments will and wills heretofore by one made and
Declared either by verse or writtinge and this to be taken only for my last will and testament
None other, and forsaking of my temporall estate and such houses lands stables goods
Chattles as it hath pleased God to bestowe upon mee I doe order give and dispose the same in
Manner and forme following that is to say first I will that all those debts & duty as I give
in rights or convenience to my manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented
and paid by my executor hereafter named, him I give and bequeth unto Jane Alexander my
bricke house person with the yard on the backside and all the appertinences there
unto belonging, but if she shall dye without a child then to her father my husband the
same I give unto Nicholas Alexander by name, if she hath a child to her and her child
for ever, Him I give and bequeth unto my well beloved husband all the rest of my houses
and lands in Port Royall in the island aforesaid with all my goods Chattles of what kind
and use to him and his heirs forever, Nicholas Alexander by name, Him I give and bequeth unto the
body of friends one hundred pounds sterling to be paid within twelve months
after my decease, Him I give and bequeth unto my first cozine in Suffolke in England
fifty pounds sterling or any one one of them that demand that Jane first to be paid within

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six months lawfully demanded, him I give and bequeth unto Edward Moulder for him
and his heirs ever my five hundred and forty acres of land in the Cabeuttas in St.
Elizabeth parish which my former husband Thomas Lockyear pattened in his name
Him squire and bequeth unto Mary Galloway five pounds sterling Him I give and bequeth
Onto my two little Negroes by name blacke Betty and Grace their freedom all the tyme of
Their being to my one yeare old each and that they may be well accounted in apparel

And five pounds sterling to Betty and three pounds sterling to Grace att the opinion of the aged
And that they shall live with Jane Alexander until that tyme expired and in case of
Janes decease that then with her father Nickolas Alexander and in case of both their death
To the boddy of friends to care for them, And my will is that they shall be kept in household
employment and in nohardshipp all the tyme of their being under twenty years of age,
Him I give and bequeth unto Anne Gaudy whatsoever she stands indebted unto me him
Squire unto James Pinnucke of Lignoea whatsoever she oweth me, him I squire and bequeth
Unto Samuel Johnson the son of Ralph Johnson tenne pounds sterling to be paid within
Six months after my decease, Him squire & bequeth unto John Casturight twenty pounds
Sterling to be paid him all goeing off this island to accommodate him in his voyages & travels
Give and bequeth unto Mary Lockyear the sister of Thomas Lockyear my former husband
Twenty pounds sterling, and to be sent her to London if she is living, Lastly I define
& appoint my dear & loving husband Nickolas Alexander to be my sole executor of this
My last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and
Fixed my seale the day and yeare first above mencioned Alice Alexander
Signed sealed & defined in the prescencee of Andrew Hirtington, William Wyeth,
I Nickolas Alexander husband write the aforesaid Alice doe confirme & condiscion that
all the within and above particulars which is mencioned in her will and by those present
bind myself my heirs exec & cadon to confirm the same in every respect and from the
wittnesse my hand and seale this sixteenth day of the third month called May Anos 1677
Test Mon Wyeth Andrew Hington Nickolas Alexander
Hims E & that on the seventeenth day of may Anos Don 1677 William Wyatt & Andre Hington
Appeared before me and both being duly sworne made oath that they were present when Alice

Alexander / being of sound and perfect memory , signed & sealed the above written Will and
Published and declare the same to be her last will & testament and that Capt Nickolas
Alexander did signe & seale the above writing confirmcon in their presence signe before me
Recorded the 17th day of May, 1677 Vaughn

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Will of Nickolas Alexander pg. 1

To all manner of people to whom these present may come greeting know you
That I Nickolas Alexander of the parrish of St. David's in the island aforesaid planter
Being of sound memory and in my right mind but weak of body and knowing not how
Soon I may depart thus mortall life do make this my last will and testament in
_____ & , Imp I doe nominate & appoint my beloved friends John Williams of Port Royall
Thomas Williams of St. Jorge de la Vega James Harding of Legonea and Edward Elliot of
Yhallahs all in ye island aforesiad to be overseers if this my last will & testament & to see
It affirmed according to the true intent of meaning there of I give and bequeth onto my
Sonne Samuel Alexander that these hundred and fifty acres of land called by the name
Ye Clayponds that five hundred acres of land of myne called by the name of ye
Of swampes and halfe of all the mute proceeds of my plantation all yhallah to have it
Paid him every yeare as the goods shall be made off and sold, for him and his heirs for
Ever alsoe the lord and houses of myne on yhallah house by for him and his heirs for ever
Squire unto my overseers of this my will my dwelling house and all other the small houses
Apporteyning there with about three acres of land about the same as they shall want
Convenient which is many plantations at yhallah for the sole use of friends whilst ye

People of God called Quaquers forever and likewise forty pounds sterling P yeare for to
Accommodate friends when they come to meetings there as such as that house may lyast
I give unto Edward Moulder one house and land belonging to some with all thee
Conveniences there unto belongings which is myne on Port Royall that which the goldsmith
Liveth in and one bay mare by name Esman and of myne girls which her oweth me for
Onto him and his heirs forever and that Edward Moulder be employed in my affairs as
Y' trustee fitt squire unto my brother Robert Alexander in Marsleberg in Willshire farm
Ppnds of sugar to be sent him within a year after my decease and four ppnds of sugar a
Yeare after and the third yeare as much sugar as will make app the eight ppnds of sugar
Before sent me one hundred pounds sterling, Squire write my Goven Richards Pyke
Of Richards Pyke of Corke in Ireland if he shall come to this island moneyto pay his
passage and other chargers that he may be at in coming the voyage alsoe to hims heirs and
clashed and accommodate and doe for him instill my estate will pay heirs one hundred

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Nickolas Alexander sonne of Samuel Alexander in Maleberg aforesaid each of then fifty
Pounds P each to be paid within eighteen months, Him I give unto my sister Ridesh
Carsters daughter in Marlberg aforesaid twenty five pounds P yeare for two yeares after my
Decease I give unto John Cartisight my blacke couette all yhallahs for ever, I give unto
My trustees above mencioned two hundred pounds sterling to be putt to such uses as they
And mons. Meeting of friends shall thinke convienient to be paid as soon as possible, I give unto
Jane Alexander four Negroes for ever by name Lads and his wife Dids Whansidroie and

Hannibull and that my daughter Jane Alexander be two yeares I doe be sent for England
For to be educated by friends and to live with them and amongst them soe long as my trustees
Shall thinke convenient, I give unto my cousin Jarvis Sharve thirty acres of land I bought
Of James Rogers at yhallahs and one of my best horses which he shall make choice of and
Unto his wife one negroe girl P name Nasinee Fortes and five pounds sterling likewise my
Will and desire is that her shall have ffifty pounds sterling P yeare for to be overseer of
My plantain all yhallah I give unto Richard Gurnell what hee oweth me and unto John
Campion what he oweth me, unto Joseph Collins what he oweth me and twenty pounds sterling
To his wife my cousin, I give unto Rich d Loke his freedome, in case of Jane my daughter
Mortallity unto Andrew Abbington one yeares rent of the house hee liveth in, unto Charels
Thomas tenne pounds sterling to be paid as soon as conviently the Estate can pay it, I give
Unto the overseers of this my will fifty pounds sterling each Mon to be payd them after my
Estate is closed and my request and decision is unto them they without suite of law pay
Of p son and further I give unto ye use of friends the chamber which is my bed chamber and
The guest chamber which is in the middle of the bricke house garrett roomes which is my
Daughter Janes and all my bedding thereunto belonging for the use of friends for and until
My daughter Jane cometh of age, I give & bequeth unto my daughter Jane Alexander all
My estate both reall & personal of what kind or nature so over after this my will is accomplished
As aforesaid but in case of her mortallity before she comes to age or shall dye childless that
Is to say without child, then my estate all yhallah of what nature or quality ever shall
Be to the sonne of Samuel Alexander to say his eldest sonne for him and his heirs for ever
And the rest of my estate I give unto the trustees of this my will to bestowe it as they and
The Mons meeting of friends shall thinke convenient for the good of orphans, widows, & all

Is to be understood that if Jane Alexander my daughter shall dye before Samuel Alexander
My sonnes eldest sonne shall be twenty one yeares of age, Have my estate all yhallah to ye
Care and management of my trustees and mons meeting of friends to make ye of as them
Shall meet & convienient until my sonne Sam e Alexanders sonne shall arrive to twenty one
Yeaes old by witness whose of I have hereunto fixed my seale and sett my hand this twoe and
Twentyeth of third month called May anns 1677 Nickolas Alexander

Signed sealed & recorded in the presence of Thomas Ruby Thomas Hougill

Mons (eh) that in the eleventh day of June Anns Domini 1677 Thomas Ruby appeared before
Me and made oath that he was present when Nickolas Alexander & / being of sound and
Perfect memory / signed and sealed the written and shall be published the same to be

Last will & testament Signed before me Vaughn

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Will of Samuel Alexander pg.1

In the name of God amen January Nine & Twentieth anns Dom 1680 and sounding
To ye cantipicon of the Church of England I Samuel Alexander of parish of St. Davids
On of this island aforesaid gent. being weake of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory
Thanks be given to almighty God herefore doe make ordaine & constitute this my last will & test.
In traditional forme following imprints I bequeth my soule into the hands of almight God that
Give it on dying to be saved by of muitonious death and passion my only savior & redeemer
Jesus Christ and my body to ye earth to be decently interred according to ye disoucon of any
Execuhiy hereafter named and as suche world estate as God that bin pleased to blesse me
with all after my debts paid and my funeral expenses discharged I give & bequeth as follows , him

I give and bequeth unto my well beloved wife Sarah Alexander my house wherein I now live Utauk
I being in of parish of St. Davids in of island aforesaid for her to dwell him during life
Him I give unto my said wife her horses by name Rouston Harry and a negroe boy called
Henry (I say) sonne of a negroe woman called Whan with all ye furniture as beds chaires dishes
Lynen yea belonging to ye house before unto her bequeathed to have hold occupy possess & enjoy ye
aforesaid Negroes & horses with ye furniture of ye house before mencioned to her & her heirs for ever
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I due hereby publish and ordaine my dear wife Sara Alexander my posrper here unto my whole
Estate I do these present ordaine that whatsoever I have herein before bequethe unto my
Said son Samuel upon his dying wishes of age of one & twenty yeares as is aforesaid if it
Shall so happen shall be dound & fall unto my wife Sarah Alexander as aforesaid to have &
Hold occupy prosper & enjoy of same to her and her heirs & assignes for ever and further it is my
Will that if it shall so fall that both my sons shall dye before he attaine unto of age
Aforesaid and my wife also without isoue that then I do hereby publish that it is my
Will and desire that my dear sister Jane Alexander do prosper my whole estate remain
Ing to enjoy the same to her and her heirs for ever and lastly it is my further ill & pleasure
And I do hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Sarah Alexander my sole
Executor of this my last will and testament during her life but if it should so happen that
My deare wife should dye before my son Samuel shall arrive at age aforesaid
Then I do hereby ordaine my good friend Celment Richardson esq. & lieut. James

Lobby joynt executor of this my last will and testament I desire you to see my perticuler

Request herein bequeathed justly & duly performed I do hereby revoke all former

Wills & testaments by one formerly made me that none shall remaine in force but

Only this In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale of day & yeare

First above mentioned

Sam.Alexander

Signed, sealed & published in ye presence of

Phillis Hobby, P. Mounecalt, Richard Hayword, Mon. stone, Edward Cathell

Memor and ye 12th day of april anos don 1681 appeared then before me Peter Mounte

Calt Rich Hayword & William stone and being duly sworned upon ye hereby evangelists made oath that they were present and saw ye writin testan Samuel

Alexander sign seale & publish & declare being these of sound & b perfect memory

Ye written instrument to be his last will & testam sworne before me Henry Morgan

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James Bannister, Port Royal Merchant-Planter

Entered November 30, 1674

In the name of God Amen This one and twentyeth of August In the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Seventy four I James Bannister In being in perfect health of body and soundness of mind, but knowing the frailty and mortality of all men Doe make and declare this my last will and Testament in manners and forme following Impressed I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker being fully Apeesed that through the will of my Savior Jesus Christ his Sone I shall bee saved and make partake with the Saints in Glory everlasting And for my body I commit it to the Earth from whence it came to be decently buried according to the discrecon of my Executriz hereafter named (last if possible) according to the orders of ye Church of England And for such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath here as followes Item I give and bequeath my whole Estate both reall and personall as well heare in Jamaica as elsewhere, excepting such Legacyes as are hereafter mentioned (my Debts being first paid) unto my only sonne James Bannister and to his heires forever with all the rents proffitts Anvantages whatever that shall thereof arise be made or thereunto my wages belonge or appertoyne Item I give and bequeath unto my deare and well beloved wife Mrs Dorothy Bannister one third parte of all the deare produce of ye said Estate reall and personall all charges being defrayed to bee revised and enjoyed by her during her life. Item I give and

bequeath unto my sonne in Law Lt. Leury Mafros in full of his marriage porcon with my daughter Margaret the some of ffive pounds sterling Item in case my said daughter Margaret Mafsy shall survive her husband Leury Massie, That there and in such case I give and bequeath unto her the full quantity of One hundred thousand pounds of good merchantable muscavadoes Sugar to be paid to her or her assignees at ye Old Harbour in the said Island are halfe within one yeare and the other halfe within two years if possible and without predudice to ye Estate, else at three equall fragments in the next three years after her husband Mafsyes death allwayes provided and my Will and meaning is That it shall not bee in her power during his life to make my Deed of swifte saile assingmnt or any other disposall of this Legacy and that in any such case of her disposall as aforesaid This swifte I bequeath shall imediately Cease be voyd and of none effects Item I give and bequeath unto my Sone in Law Mr Samuel Lewis as a marriage porcon with my daughter Mary the full quantity of One hundred thousand pounds of good Merchantable muscavadoe Sugar to be paid to the said Samuel or his assignes at ye Old harbour aforesaid at three equal payments the first to bee at or about ye middle of the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred seventy five, the other third part within twelve months after, And ye last third part to bee paid Twelve months after ye time of ye Second payment. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Dorothy to bee paid her within two years at two equall payments if possible without prejudice to the Estate, else at three equall payments within three years next after she comes to the age of Eighteen yeares, or bee sooner marryed with the consent of her mother and the main part of my Overseers hereafter named the full quantity of One hundred thousand pounds of good Merchantable Muscavadoe sugar, to be paid as aforesaid att the Old harbour Item my will and meaning is that my daughter Dorothy and sonne James be mayntayned and the charges of their Education be borne and paid out of my Estate at the discrecon of my Executrix and Overseers hereafter named or the major part of them, untill they respectively come of Age are married or have their porcons paid them as aforesaid Item my will and meaning is that if it should please God my Sonne James should dye before hee comes to the Age of one and twenty yeares That then and in such case I give and bequeath my whole Estate reall and personall to my deare and loving wife Mrs Dorothy Bannister and to her heirs and assignes forever, provided that she doth not marry, But in case she shall marry then and from thence Imediately my said Estate shall be and remayne equally to and amongst my said three daughters or the survivor and or Survivors of them, Always excepted the Thirds as above is expressed Provided likewise that my said wife if she shall come to the whole Estate, shee doe pay or cause to be paid these legacies hereafter menconed that is today to the Child or Children lawfully to be begotten uppon the body of my daughter Mary the quantity of ffifty thousand of good Muscavadoe sugar, And to ye Child or Children of my daughter Dorothy lawfully to be given begotten as aforesaid the like quantity of ffifty thousand pounds of good muscavadoe Sugar

James Bannister

Signed Sealed published and declared the day and yeare abovesaid in the peace of Thomas Glasbrooke Edward Newton George Meakings: To be paid at the old Harbour after the death of my said Sone in manner and forme following That is to say to the Child or Children of my daughter Mary if she shall have space first the quantity of fifty thousand of good merchantable muscavadoe Sugar to her paid at ye old harbour within two years after his death And to the heir of my daughter Dorothy as aforesaid the like quantity of ffifty thousand pounds of good merchantable Muscavadoes Sugar to bee paid the third yeare after his death, And in Case either

of them shall want space then the said Sugars to bee paid as abovesaid to their respective husbands of living or themselves in want of husbands which respectable quantities of sugar my will and meaning is if either of them have find living shall be paid out and disposed of for the most Advantage of the Children according to ye Advise Counsell and discrecon of my Executrix And the Overseer of this my Will hereafter named or the major part of them And after it is layed out ye Pesants to have the managmt of it But shall not bee in their power to give grant will or dispose of it or any part thereof during the life of any of their Children

_____ [unreadable] which shall not be till ye boyes are one and Twenty yeares olde and the Girles of Eighteen or married Item I doe make constitute and appoint my deare and well beloved wife Mrs Dorothy Bannister to bee my whole and sole Executrix of the my last will and Testam Item I doe make and appoint my good freinds Lt. Collonell Robert Bryndlosse, Mr Charles Attkinson, Mr Samuel Lewis, and Mr Francis Man Overseers of this my last will and Testam Earnestly desiring there to assist my Executrix in the fully Executing this my will giving and bequeathing to each of them one thousand pounds of good Muscavadoe Sugar to buy them mourning which I desire them to accept of and weare in remembrance of me Lastly I doe revoake and make null and voyd all former wills by me made And do publish and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Testamony whereof I have hearunto att my hand and sealed this day and yeare first above meantioned

James Bannister

Signed sealed published and declared in ye presence of Thomas Glasbrook Edward Newton Geroge Mekinges Ye thirtyeth of November 1674

Appeared then before one George Mekinges and made oath beesides this signed and sealed by Major Generall James Banister

Tho. Lynch

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John Hardicke, Port Royal Limeburner

Entered May 3, 1675

In the name of God Amen I John Hardicke being sick and weake in body but in pfecte memory doe make this my last Will & Testament in mann & forme as followes Imprimis I bequeath my soule to God my maker and my body to ye Earth to receive Christian buriall 2 I doe give & bequeath unto my Grand Child John Batterree Twoe hundred & Tenne Acres of Land lyeing in the psh of St Thomas bounding North on Richard Deane & unsurveyed Land West on unsurveyed Land, an Northerly on a pcell of landing belonging to myselfe and unsurveyed Land as ye pattent will appeare bearing date the one & twentieth of December 1674. 3 I doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Hardicke all other my Estate (my debts and funerall expences being first discharged) both psonall & reall to her & her heires forever I doe ordeyne by loveing Sonne Edward Battery and my loveing friend Edward *Attenbury* (?) to be my true and lawfull

Executor to see this my last will & Testament pformed. In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett
my hand and seale this 24th of Aprill 1675

John Hardicke

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signature of Christian Chadduke]

Bee it remembered that ye word Tenne was interlyned before signing and sealing

Memorand that on the third day of May Anno Dom 1675 Thomas *Dearre* (?) and Christian
Chadduke (?) came before me and made Oath that they were psent and did see John Hardicke
being of sound & perfect memory sign & seale & deliver the within written will and publish
and declare itt to bee his last Will & Testament
Vaughan

Ins ye 3d of May 1675
Ent FH&RG

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**Thomas Piper, Port Royal Tanner
Entered October 30, 1677**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Piper of Port Royall in the Island of Jamaica Tanner being
weake of body but of sound and pfect mind and memory pray and ask the Almighty God for ye
Same Doe make and ordeyne this my last Will and Testament in writing in manner and forme
following (that is to say) my soule I comitt into the hands of Almighty God that gave it As for
my body I comitt to the Earth to be decently buried att the discretion of my Executors heerafter
mentioned, And as touching and concerning such Estate both reall and psonall as it hath pleased
Almighty God to bestowe uppon me my just Debts and funerall expenses being first paid and
sattisfied, I give and bequeath as followeth Item I give and bequeath unto my twoe Sisters Anne
and Mary living in England being both married, but their husbands names unknowne unto each
of them Twenty pounds Sterling to be paid them by my Executors within Twelve months next
after my decease Item I give unto my Negro Woman called Maria her freedome after her service
of five yeares next after my decease All ye rest and residue of my estate both reall and psonall
whatever whether in the Island of Jamaica or elce where I absolutely give and bequeath unto my
well beloved Sonne Thomas Piper now liveing in England when hee shall attayne to the Age of
one and twenty yeares To have and to hold to him the said Thomas Piper his heirs and Assignes
forever And in case of mortallity of my said Sonne Thomas Piper before he attayne to the Age of
one and twenty yeares as abovesaid Then my will and pleasure is that such estate soe given and
bequeathed to my said Sonne Thomas Piper shall goe be and more unto my said Twoe Sisters
Anne and Mary share and share alike their heirs and Assignes forever, And of this my said Will
and Testament I doe make my loveing friends William Shettlewood and Rowley Titchborne both
of Port Royall aforesaid Executors in Trust to see the same pformed according to the true intent

and purposes of ye same And I doe heerby Revoake all former Wills and Testaments by me
heertofore _____ [cut off] [thr]ee and
Twentieth day of October in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred seaventy seaven

Thomas Piper

Signed sealed & delivered in the prsence of us Stephen Hayeward Samuel Gray Anthony
Bourcheir Memored that on the 30th day of October Anno Dom 1677 Stephen Hayewood
Samuel Gray and Anthony Bouchier gent came before mee & made oath that they were prsent
when the within named Thomas Piper /being of sound and pfecte memory/ signed and sealed the
within written Will and published and declared the same to be his last Will & Testament

Sworne before mee Vaughan
Enterd FH & RC

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John Waller, Port Royal Tanner

Entered April 29, 1675

In ye name of God Amen I John Walter of Port Royall in ye Island of Jamaica Tanner being very
sick and weake in body but of perfecte mind and memory praise be to God therefore doe make
this my last Will and Testament as followeth (that is to say) principally I comitt My soule to God
hoping through the merritts of Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon for my sinnes And my
body I comit to ye Earth to be decently buried att ye discrecon of my wife, and as touching the
disposeing of my Temporall estate I give as followeth (vizt) Its my last will and Testament that
all my Debts and funerall Charges be first paid and discharged, Item I give and bequeath to my
loveing wife Mary Walter all my psonall estate whether in monyes goods or other things
howsoever And as for my reall Estate (that is to say) in Lands and Tenements that my wife enjoy
the same untill my Children William and Aletia attayne the full age (the Boy twenty one yeares)
and the girle fourteene but if one dye before the Age then the Survivor to enjoye all, and if both
dye then to fall to my wife and her heires forever. Item I give and bequeath unto William
Wilkinson the foreman of my Shopp tenne pounds Ster provided hee will after my decease live
and keep my Shopp for my wife one whole yeare and Acte and doe for her as hee did for mee,
besides his wages which my wife is to allowe him after ye rate I gave him And for ye pfecte
executing of this my last Will & Testament I doe appoint and nominate Garrett Lynderson and
Thomas Bereman both of Port Royall aforesaid to bee Guardians to my Children & Execrs in
Trust of this my last Will and Testament And for their trouble paynes & care therein I give &
bequeath to each of them a mourning Ring And I doe hereby revoake and make void all former
Wills and Testaments by mee heertofore made In Witness whereof I have heerunto putt my hand
& seale this nynteenth of Aprill 1675.

John Walter

Sealed and deluded in ye prsence of Robert Hardson Wm Tubbs

Memorand that on ye 29th day of Aprill Anno Dom 1675 Wm Tubbs gent. came before me and Oath that hee was prsent & did see John Walter (being of sound and perfecte memors) signe seale & deliver the within written Will & publish & declare it to bee his last Will & Testament

Vaughan
Enr 29th of Aprill 1675
Ent FH & RC

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Andrew Orgill, Port Royal Merchant-Planter
Signed/Sealed September 17, 1680

In the name of God amen, I Andrew Orgill now in the island of Jamaica and lately of Shattford Row In the county of Middlesex in England being of perfect mind and memory doe make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and forme following first and principlly I commend my soule to the hands of almighty God hoping through the mesritts [messiah's ?] death and passion of my savior Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins and to inheritt everlasting life and my body I committ to the earth to be decently buried att St. Jago Delaveigo att the discution of my son Andrew Orgill and as touching the disposetion of all such temporall estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose there of as followeth: ffirst I will that all my debts and funerall charges shall be paid and discharged. Item I give unto my loving wife Barbara Orgill all my land and houses and limekills lying in the Bromley in the county of Middlesex aforesaid during her natural life and after her decease to my son John Orgill and if my said son John Orgill shall dye without heire of his own body lawfully begotten, I give all the said land housses and Lime Kills to be equally divided among my three daughters Barbara Luce and Jane. Item I give unto my said wife all my household goods and plate. Item I give unto my said wife and my four children John Orgill Barbara Luce and Jane my one halfe parte of what is plantation between my selfe and my sonn Andrew Orgill in St. Mary pish [parish] shall yearly produce from time to time over and above one hundred pounds per annum which my said sonn Andrew shall yearly lay out to supply the plantation with stock and negroes, and over and above the other necessary charges besides the said hundred pounds, the same to be equally divided among my said wife and children, John, Barbara, Luce and Jane from time to time as it shall be by any of them recieved. Item I give unto my son Andrew Orgill one halfe part of of my land called the Crawll land in St. Marys parish and one halfe part of my land and houses in porta Mariant [Morant] Bay lately perchased of Sir Charles Modyford, and my said son Andrew, and also I give unto my said son Andrew Orgill one halfe parte of my land in St. Georges pish. Item I give all the rest of my estate psonall [personal] to be equally divided among my said wife and four children John, Barbara, Luce and Jane, and if any of them shall dye before they come to age then what I leave now and bequith to them or any of them shall be equally divided among the rest, but after that my said wife and four children, John Orgill,

Barbara, Luce and Jane shall have recieved over and above the land, houses an Lime Kills [kilns] in the pish of bromley aforesaid and the houseshold goods and plate given to my wife and after her decease my sonn John as above sd [said]. by virtue of this my will and testament each of them One thousand pounds, which is together five thousand pounds of lawful money of England, and yearly one hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of England besides for theire yearly maintainance till such time as they shall each and every of them have recieved one thousand pounds as above said I doe give all the rest of my worldly estate both the real and the personall to my son Andrew Orgill and I appointe my son Andrew Orgill to be executor of this my last Will and Testament in Jamaica and my wife Barbara executrix of this my last Will and Testament in England and I doe hereby revoke disanull and make voyd all further wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In Witness where of I the said Andrew Orgill to this my Last Will and Testament sett my hand and seale the seaventeenth day of September 1680 in Port Royall before the signing and sealing here of was blessed out of the three and thirtyth line against which it past as to the word both reall and _____. I declare this to be my last will in a sheet of pap.

Andrew Orgill

Signed Sealed and delivered in the psence of

John Lull

H. Mason

L _____ A _____

Note: Places mentioned either in the will or inventories of Andrew Orgill

In England:

Shattford Row in the County of Middlesex in England - The location at which Andrew Orgill lived prior to immigrating to Jamaica.

The Parish of Bromley in the County of Middlesex in England - The location of all Andrew Orgills' lands, houses and lime kilns that he still owns.

In Jamaica:

St. Jago Delaveigo - The location Andrew Orgill has chosen to be buried.

St. Marys Parish - Where his land called 'The Crawll' is located. Probably referring to an area of turtle crawls, pens, along the beach on the north side of the island.

St. Georges Parish - Land only. Located to the east side of St. Marys Parish along the northern coast of the island.

Port Morant Bay - Both land and houses only recently purchased from Sir Charles Modyford

Port Royall - Not mentioned by name in the will but an inventory was done in Port Royal although the type of property inventoried is not clearly identified.

The Plantation - This is added separate from the above locations because it is never clearly placed in or near any of the parishes or cities mentioned and it is possible that it is located elsewhere on the island.

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John Ellis, Port Royal Tavern Keeper

Entered February 24, 1685/6

In the Name of God amen I John Ellis of Port Royall in the Island aforesaid freeholder being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be almighty God doe make ordain publish and declare that my last Will and Testament revoaking and absolutely disavoulling all former Wills, Testaments and Codicills by one heretofore made ____ I comitt my soul to almighty God in hope of salvacon through the _____ and medaicon of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be decently buried according to the descrecon of my Exrx hereinafter named and attaching what worldly substance God hath been pleased to bless me withall, I give devise bequeath and dispose as followeth (vizt) I the said John Ellis my just debts and funeral expenses being first satisfied and paid doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth now wife of John Comfort One Negro Woman Old Black Bless Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Child Tomasine Comfort daughter of the said John Comfort one indian girle called Hanorah, Item I give & bequeath unto my son John Ellis Ten pounds Currant Money of this island to be paid unto him by my Exrx herein after named towards his setting up in his trade, Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Ellis Twenty pounds Currant Money to be paid to him his Exnt, or assignes at the discrecon of my Exrx as aforesaid and I doe hereby Will desire and bequeath unto my said son John Ellis One parcell of land, containing by estimation foure hundred & ninety acres situate and being in the parish of St. Marget in the island aforesaid bordering northerly and westerly on unpossessed wood land southerly on Francis Leaf and John _____ and easterly on Rio Nora with the _____ Patents Evidences _____ and _____ thereto belonging to have and to hold the said parcell of land and premises with appurtences unto my said son John Ellis his right heirs and assignes to his and their proper use and behoofe forever and I _____ and Bequeath unto my loving wife Tomasin Ellis one parcell of land situate in Queen Street in the parish of Port Royal in the island aforesaid and all houses edifices structures and buildings thereon erected and built, To have an to hold the said last mencioned land and premises with appurtences unto my said wife Tomasin for and during her natural life and after her decease I give desire and bequeath all the income of the said last menconed parcell of land and premises to my said three children John, Thomas, and Elizabeth and to my grandchild Tomasin dureing their natural lives in Joynt Tenancy and in case of Survivorship to the Survivors and Survivor of them without impeachment of _____ after their deceases to my right heirs for ever, and all the rest _____ and r _____ of all and singular my estate of what kinde _____ be I give bequeath & desire to my said loveing wife Tomasin to hold to here and here Admers and Assignes forever and lastly I make constitute and apport my said loveing wife Thomasin Ellis my sole Exex of this my last Will and Testament _____ whereof I the said John Ellis ____ have hereunto set my hand & seale the Thirtieth day of June in the first year of the reigne of Our Soverigne Lord James the second of England Scotland France and Ireland king and of jamaica Lord defender of the faith &c and in the Year of Our Lord 1685

John Ellis

Signed sealed published and declared to be the last will and Testament of John Ellis in the presence of John Sommers, John Bless, Tho. Owen.

Memorandum the 24th February 1685/6, appeared before me John Summers_____ and made Oath that they were present and saw John Ellis sign and seale this Written Will and publish and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament at the time of the said publicacon the said.

Extor P.H._ V T ____

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Abraham Ooischot (Oorschott), Port Royal Cabinet Maker

Entered March 22, 1683

In the name of God amen ye 2d day of December in ye Yeare of Our Lord God 1683, I Abraham Ooischot of Port Royall in ye Island aforesaid Cabinett Maker

_____ [line cut off] and Testament in manner and form following revoaking adnulling by these presents all & every Testament & Testaments Will & Wills heretofore by one made & declared either by word or writeing & this is to be taken only for my last Will & Testament & none other and first being penitent & sorry from ye bottom of my heart for any Sins past most humbly & giving forgiveness for ye same, I give commit my soul unto Almighty God my Saviour & Redeemer in Whom & by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust & believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission & forgiveness of all my Sins and that my Soul with my body at ye generall day of resurrection shall rise again with Joy and through ye merits of Christ death & passion prossessed & inherit ye kingdom of heaven prepared for his elect and chosen, and my body to be buried in Such place & insuch manner as my Executors hereafter named shall think fit and now for ye setting of my temporall estate & such goods Chattles & debts as it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestow upon me, I doe order give & dispose ye same in manner & form following (that is to say) first I will that those debts & duties as I give owe in right or conscience to any manner of Person or persons wt soever shall be well & truly contented & paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my decease by my Executors hereafter named, Imprimis I give & bequeath unto John Martin my late apprentice all my working tools yt I now have or that I may have at ye time of my decease belonging to ye art or mistery of a Cabinett Maker. Item I also give & bequeath unto my Well beloved Friend Tho. Price of Port Royall in ye island aforesaid ye sum of Tenn pounds Currant Money of this island to be paid unto him within One month after my decease & asfor ye rest & residue of all my goods Chattles & debts remaining unbequeathed I give & bequeath unto my loving kinsman James Ooischott of Port Royal Taylor Whome I make & ordain my full & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I yesd Abraham Ooischott have hereunto sett my hand & seale ye day & Year first above written

Abraham Ooischot

Signed Seald published and declared in ye presence of John Summers Tho Pococke Edward Haynes

March 22th 1683 appeared before me John Summers Tho Pococke & Edward L. Haynes & made Oath yt they were present & saw ye above Testator Abraham Ooischott signe seale publish &

declare ye above Written to be his last Will & Testament

Tho Lynch

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Robert Phillips, Port Royal Sailmaker

Entered September 11, 1683

In ye name of God amen I Robert Phillips of Port Royall in this Island Sayle Maker although weake in body yett of pfct and sound mind and Memory praised be almighty God therefore, calling to mind ye certainty of death and ye uncertainty of the time thereof doe make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following That is to say first I comend my sole to almighty God and my body to a decent buriall at ye discretion of my Executrix hereafter ____ named in expectation of a Joyfull resurrection through the meritts of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to whom with the holy spirit be all honor and Glory for Ever Amen also I will that all such debts as I shall happen to owe at the time of my decease be well and truely paid and Satisfyed out of what debts shall be due ____ to me and ye profitts of such of my reall Estate which I have not otherwise appoynted and likewise for the more speedy payment of ye same I doe hereby advise ____ and impower my loveing Wife Elizabeth Phillips and my Executors hereafter named or the survivors of them at any time during ye minority of my sone Thomas Phillips to sell two parcells of my Land ye One parcell at St Georges containing about ____ Two hundred acres of and ye other at Wagwater ____ containing about three hundred acres and whereas I have rented a penn of Cattle at Liguania ____ which Cattle is to be ____ made good at the determined of my Lease I doe will that the same be made good according to my Covenant out of my Stock before any devision be made betweene my Wife and Sonne to whom I bequath ye rest of my psonall Estate above I give ____ moyety or half part of the rest and residue of my psonall Estate (my negroes only ____ excepted) unto my loving Wife Elizabeth Phillips and to her assigns for Ever The moyety or half part of my psonall Estate I give unto my loving sonne Thomas Phillips and his assigns for Ever also I give unto my said loving Wife ye house or Tennement

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____ One moyety or half part of all the rest and residue of my Lands and Tenements (except One messuage att Port Royall and Wharfe there now or late in the posession of John White to have and to hold ye said moyety of my Lands aforesaid unto my said Wife and her assigns during her naturall life also I will that my said Wife shall have and injoy my founne ____ house negroes following vizt. Cato, Diana, Margarett, and Attica and alsoe one Moyety or half of all my other negroes and increase of ye same for and during her natural Life ye other moyety of all my lands Tenements and Negroes ye said Messuage and Wharfe on Port Royall now or late in the posession of John White and all other my mesuages Lands Tenements and Negroes and the remainder and remaindies of the same and every of them and all my right estate and interest then I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sone Thomas Phillips and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten the remainder thereof unto the eldest Sone (which shall then be liveing) of my brother William Phillips and to the heirs of the body of such eldest Sone lawfully to be begotten the remainder of my said estate therein to the eldest Sone then liveing of my brother. Thomas

Phillips and ye heirs of ye body of ye same eldest Sone lawfully to be begotten ye remainder thereof unto the eldest Sone liveing at the time of such discent of my brother John Phillips and ye heires of the body of ye same eldest Sone lawfully to be begotten the remainder thereof to my right heirs for Ever, and I doe ordaine and appoynt my said loveing Wife dureing her Widdowhood my Sone Thomas Phillips my loveing Friends Capt Peter Beckford Capt Thomas Hudson Anthony Stoddard and William Pulford Merchants Exceutors of this my Last Will and Testament and I doe ordaine and appoint my said loveing Wife to have the managment of all my estate dureing her Widdowhood and the gardian Shipp of my said Sone dureing ye minority of my said Son if they continue both unmarried but if my said Wife or Sone shall happen to marry dureing his minority then I doe desire my said loveing Friends Capt Peter Beckford Capt Thomas Hudson, Anthony Stoddard and Wm Pilford to have ye managment of the Estate of my said Sone and the guardian Shipp and Tuition of him unto he shall attaine to the age of Twenty One Yeares and if they shall think fitt divisions thereof to make according to the requests aforesaid and I will that the produce and profitt of all my reall estate (except the house wherein I now live dureing the time my said Wife shall live in it) doe goe toward payment of my debts untill ye same be fully satisfied and if it shall happen that my said Sone Thomas Phillips doe dye before he shall attaine to his age of Twenty One Yeares that then my Wife shall enjoy the said mesuages and Wharfe on Port Royall in the occupacon of John White or his assigns during the terme of her naturall life and I likewise will that as soone as my debts shall be fully paid that the rents and profitts of the said Mesuage and Wharfe at Port Royall be paid as ye same shall grow due to my said Sone Thomas Phillips and to be at his owne disposall and I doe ordaine and appoint that the bequest and legacies soe given to my said Wife shall be in full satisfacon of her dower and that if she shall refuse to receive the same in satisfacon thereof and to release her dower then my said Wife shall have noe benefit or advantage of this my last Will and I doe desire my said loving Friends Capt Peter Beckford, Capt Thomas Hudson, Anthony Stoddard and William Pulford to be assistant to my said Wife in the management of my said Estate dureing her Widdowhood and I give unto each of them a Ring of the vallue of Forty Shillings Sterling and all and every former Will or Wills at any time heretofore by one made ____ I doe hereby revoake disanull and make void In testimony whereof and in confirmation ____ of my Last Will and Testament I have to this my last Will sett my hand and Seal the Nineteenth day of August in the thirty Fifth year of the reign of Our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God of Endland Scotland France and Ireland and of Jamaica Lord Defender of the Faith, Ye Anno qo Dme 1688.
Robert Phillips Esq

Signed Sealed published and declared by ye above named Robt Phillips to be his Last Will and Testament the day and Yeare last menconed the words (one sundry ____ and ____ ye tenth line (Thomas) over the right line (dureing her widdowhood) over the 26th J (____ over the 34th lines) being first interlind in the presense of

Joshua Feacke
Samuelli Foxley
Benja: Pym
Thomas Barrow

September the 4th 1683 a dedimus was directed to Reginald Wilson Esq to admster.Oath to Joshua Feake Samuelli Floxey Benjamin Pym & Thomas Barrow the Witnesses ____ to the said

Will who on the 11th day of Septimber following returned that by Virtue thereof he had examined the said psons who severally deposed that they saw the said Robert Phillips sign seale & publish the said Will as his last Will & Testament
Ext--r -. - . & T.B.A.

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Francis Vincent, Port Royal

Signed/Sealed July 11, 1681

In the name of God amen I Francis Vincent gent being on a voyage for England and being of sick and weak body but of sound memory doe make & ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner & forme following, that is to say, first I bequeath my soul to God my maker hoping through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ to be made p[ar]taker of his everlasting glory, my body I order to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and for worldly estate God in his goodnefs has bestowed, upon me I dispose of as followeth erigt Imprs (Imprimus) I give and bequeath unto my dear and loveing Cozen Sarah Vincent all that estate and estates remainder & remainders Land and Tenements which were given and divided unto and by the last Will & Testament of William Vincent gent late husband of the said Sarah Vincent and all other my lands and Testament Tenements which I have and enjoy in the island of Jamaica to have and to hold the same and all the afore named premises to the said Sarah Vincent and her heires for ever, Item I give, unto the said ~~Sarah Vincent and her heirs for ever the moietie or halfe part~~ of a certain *messuage* (?) house or Tenement together with a moietie of all houses barnes, stables, and out houses lands tenements meadows pastures Arable lands comons ways woods water profits and appurtenances to the said moietie or halfe parte which I hold as Tenant in comon with my loving sister Elizabeth Vincent and by us jointly based to Robert *Flerobin* (?) and Thomas Langdale, which said *messuage* (?) and all the premises before meneoned [mentioned] or seituat in being at Hockmetone in the County of Darby eight miles from Darby, Item I give and comitt unto my loveing Sister Elizabeth Vincent all rents and arrears in rent which she shall have received by vertue of being my attorney, at or before the date hereof Item I doe hereby constitute, ordaine, and appoint my loveing Cozen Sarah Vincent aforesaid to be my sole Exttrx of this my last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord 1681

Fr. Vincent
Edw. Bokeller
Joseph Knapman
John Herbert Coward
Will Dixon.

Note: Following this is a section in Latin, which is very dark and difficult to transcribe; it may be legible to someone who reads Latin.

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Dorothy Richardson, Port Royal Widow

Entered October 22, 1687

In the name of God Amen I Dorothy Richardson of Port Royal in the island aforesaid widow and _____ of John Richardson late of the same place being sick and weak of body yet through Gods infinite mercy of good and perfect memory due make appoint and ordain this present instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say _____ I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker hoping assuredly through the only merits of jesus christ my savior and redeemer to be made partaker of life eternal among _____ blessed my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred therein after a christain manner without much expense or charge As for the small worldly estate or interest which almighty god hath here endowed me with (after to due discharge of my charge of sickness funeral expense and just debts which I _____ owe are duely discharged and satisfied I do give and bequeath vizt.) I do give grant and bequeath unto Anthony Stoddard the son of Anthony Stoddard and Robert Howard the son of Robert Howard also of Port Royal aforsaid their said sons being by two god (sons) children all in singular my estate and interest (real and personal) within this island of Jamaica wheather the same be in lands testament hereditaments, goods chattles moneys plate houshold goods utensils rights debts credits or whatsoever else which I shall diposess or have any other due rights or claim unto my will here in absolutely is that a full true just and equal dividend of the whole whatsoever it be shall be made allowed and divided between the said anthony stoddard and robert howard my said god children by the judgement of two fit persons in differently to be choosen by their father for that purpose and by will futher is the same in such equal manner divided or allowed as aforesaid shall decend unto the said anthony stoddard and robert howard jrs and to their heirs and assigns (severally) forever Finally I the said testator Dorothy Richardson widow and relict as aforesaid do hereby absolutely revoke and disannul all and all manner of former wills or will by one at any time heretofor made and I do hereby further appoint name and declare Mr Anthony Stoddard and Robert Howard seniors of Port Royal aforesaid jointly and severally to be my executors in trust and to see this my last will and testament performed as much as in either of them lyeth. In testimony where I the said Dorothy Richardson have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of October Anno Dom r. regs. Domini norry Jacobs Secauso and with Anno Dom 1687

Dorothy Richarson

Signed sealed published delivered and declared as the last will and testament of Dorothy Richardson in the presence of us

John Wood

Peter Norman

Edward Dendy

By virtue of the power to me given by the dedimus hereunto annexed I have administered an

oath unto John Wod Peter Norman and Edward Dendy witnesses to this will who declared upon their said oath that they were present and saw Dorothy Richardson seal and deliver the same as her last acting deed and published and declared the same to be her last will and testament and they also declared she was of sound and perfect memory and at the same time given under my hand and seal the 22th day of October 1687

John White
Extur phc and tbn

VOLUME 6: 1688-1689

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Thomas Alder, Port Royal Mariner
Entered 1687/8

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Alder of Pt Royall in the island aforesaid Marriner though at this point I am through mercy in pfect health yet being designed out on a voyage Todea am desirous of setting my affaires after the best means. I came afoot not knowing what may befallow I doe herely make publish ordain and declare this psent instrument of writing to be my last will and testament moreover and forme follow my Imps [imprevius: now on to the matter at hand]. My pretious and imortale soule I honourbly recommit into the hour of Almighty God my healer wholly relying upon the all *afficient/affecionate* (?) _____ of my deare Saviour & redeemer les as Christ hoping through faith in him my soule shall hereafter enjoy eternale bless, for the burial of my body not knowing whereshow I may dye. I leave it wholly to the care and discesion of my Christian friends there psent. And for the small percen worldly interest which Almighty God hath lent me my funerall expenses and all my just debts being duely paid and satisfied. I doe give and bequeath in manner and form following Item that is toe my into my well beloved wife Sarah Alder now living in Port Royall aforesaid I doe give grant and bequeath all and singular my Estate reale and psenall [personal] whatsoever in this Island and elsewhere as alive all other my goods chattells [property, money, goods] rights debts and Creditts whatsoever to me in acquire due oweing or belonging the whole be at my [said] wife Sarah free dispos all from and after my decease and I doe by therefour into hereby nominate make appoint and declare my said wife Sarah to be my sole Executrix to see this my last will testasment duely performed and I doe farther in and by this aforemets [aforementioned] utterly revoke and disawill all former wills what soever by me at any time is in any manner made in conformation of which I have hereinto sett my hands and seale this fourteenth Day of december in the third yeare of the reigne of the sovereign Lord King James the second of England &c and have accordingly Published & disclosed the same as my last will and teste In psence of the under written _____ of dec 1687

Tho Alder
Signed & entered publickes & declared to be the last will & testament of Thomas Alder the

Lesta(t/l)er

John Luke

Edward _____ [cut off--bottom of page]

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Eleanor Brown, Port Royal Widow

Entered January 19, 1688/9

In the name of God Amen I Eleanor Brown of Port Royal Widow being sick in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following: first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the _____ Death and passion of my Savior Jesus Christ taken full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and whom everlasting life and my body I commite to the earth to be decently buried at the direction of my executor whereafter named And as _____ the disposition of all such temporall estate as it has pleased almighty god to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth: First I will that all my debts and funeral charges shall be duely paid and discharged which being paid and discharged I give my estate in manner as following (vizt) item I give unto my three godchildren Samuel B _____ Eleanor Welkinson and Elzabeth Calloway and their heirs forever all their shares equal alike of my messuage lands and tennents with them, appertences belonging to me and situated in the parish of Port Royal in the _____ without _____ Them to fate to the aformentioned childrens parents shares equally alike and if any of my three godchildren aformentioned dye before married to be shared equally alike amongst the living and the longest lives of my three godchildren to have all item I give unto katherine hay wife of John Hay of Port Royal my great chest of drawers with brass rings item I give unto Hanna Caliway the wife of Michael Caliway of Port Royal my great spanish chest and *creepers* (?) item I give unto Mehitabell Tucker wife of John Tucker of Port Roy al my bestead feather bed bolster pillows curtains and all appertences belonging to my bed and one small cedar chest and *creepers* (?) thereunto belonging item in other particulars to be given away from my godchildren, but what before specified item I give unto my negrowoman catalina her freedom immediately after my decease item I desire that my body if I die here at port royal to be buried decently and lay _____ as well as near to my father and mother as may conveniently be item I give my negrowoman Sacia to my executor to _____ pay themselves in part towards my funeral charges item I do hereby ordain constitute and appoint my loving friend William Brock Wherryman and John Hay Gent both of Port Royal all sole executors of this my last will and testament earnestly desiring them both to see _____ and they to pay themselves five pounds a piece And the said estate remains within exucutors hands until the children come to the age of one and twenty years and before if they should marry And I do last of all here by revoke disanull and make voyde all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made in _____ whereof I the said Eleanor Brown to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this nineth day of december the fourth year of the reign of our Soverayne Lord King James the second _____ 1688

Eleanor E Brown

Sealed and delivered

And published in the presence of
Isaack Bervert
Tho. Piarrionse
Law. Anderton

_____ And this 19th day of Jan 1688/9 personally appeared before me Isaack Bervert and Law. Anderton made oath they were present and did see Elaenor Brown sign seal publish and declare this to be her last will and testament being then of sound mind and memory as also that they saw thomas piarrionse present as a witness to the same

Fra Watson
Extur G.T.H.F.wt

Vol. 6. Fol. 62
Oliver Cransborough, Port Royal Mariner
Entered April 5, 1689

In the name of God Amen I Oliver Cransborough late of New York now of Port Royall within the island aforesaid Mariner being sick and weake of body yet through Gods infinite Mercy of sound & perfectsane Memory and understanding doe make publish and declare _____ to be my last will and testament in manner and forme following Imp my ___ and immortal soule I kindly recommend unto ye hands of Almighty God my great creator trusting and relying wholly upon the all sufficient Merrits of the forever blessed Jesus ~~of the body~~ my dear Redeemer/ the Lord Christ for for a joyful resurrection of the body and eternal salvation of my soule Concerning my buriall I declare that my body may be interrd in the Earth after a Christian manner according to the direction and ___ of my Exors hereafter named As for my worldly Estate _____ it be either here with where/ my funerall Expenses charges of sickness and all other of my just debts which is right in good Conscience I am owing unto any being first duly discharged and satisfied doe give and bequest as followeth First to my dear and well beloved wife Hilyard Cransbrough als Vanhorne (late of New York) and to her heirs and assignes forEver I doe give and bequeath my negroe woman called Betty and all my houshold goodsin New York above six hundred pieces of Eight which I left in trust in the hands of her sister ___ Coudais als Vanhorne ___ York was by her hate for the same will appease Alsoe les ten pounds fifty pieces of Eight which Edward Buckmaster of New York vintner justly owes me alsoe my negroe man Alexander with my Gold rings Gold buckles and my watch I doe in like manner give and bequeath unto my said wife Hilyard and to her heirs and assignes forEver Farther out of my Cash here being in Jamaica I doe in like ample manner give and bequeath unto my said and well beloved wife Helyiard three hundred pieces of Eight. to be duly paid to her & her assignes at my decease by my Executor hereafter named Item I doe in like manner as aforesaid hereby give and bequeath unto my own honored and aged Mother Mrs Lucy Cransbrough late living in Kilkearny in the Kingdom of Ireland/ if yet living and to her heirs and assignes forEver Twenty six Spanish pistoles or pieces of Gold/ and if she be not living I doe give and bequeath the same/ they being now in my Chest/ unto my well beloved brother M. Nicholas Cransbrough of Port Royall aforesaid Vintner and to his heirs and Assigned forEver Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said and well beloved brother M. Nicholas Cransbrough and to his heirs and assignes forEver as

followeth To say my own full halfe part of the sloop John and Mary now in Port Royall Harbour/
whereof M. James Wallis also a part owner together with my

of all my Cash in this Island/ my said wife or her assignes being first duly paid as aforesaid bring
the same One hundred and fifty pounds more or less together with all other my effects rights
debts and Creditts in this Island in my manner due and remaining I doe in like manner give and
bequeath unto my said brother Nicholas his heirs and assignes forEver he or they will and body
___ and fullfilling these conditions following that is to say giving my body a decent and
Christian like buryall and sending my said and well beloved wife Helyiard Cransbrough home to
her relatives in New York/ with all possible speed after my decease at the ___ of my said brother
Nicholas Cransbrough his heirs Exors or assignes Item concerning the aforesaid one hundred and
fifty pounds more or less soe given and bequeathed as aforesaid my will and meaning with
conditions that all acts and demands between my said brother Nicholas and me/ other date hereof
ever depending be therewith and thusly fully acquitted and cleered on both parts I also further
will and ordaine that my said brother Nicholas for the consideracon? aforesaid and now this by
himself his heirs Exors Admins or Assignes will and ___ all such small debts which I am owing
in New York within the whole/ doe not surmount the sume of Twenty pounds Currant money
there Item I doe will and bequeath all my clouthes & wearing appe'll wth my books and sea
instruments to be bestowed upon some on or ___ Irish Artist, as my said brother Nicholas in his
judgement shall think just Finally I doe hereby fully and absolute/ to all intents and purposes
whtsoever revoake utterly disanull and make void all & all mannerof former written wills _____
testaments whtsoever by me at any time or any manner by and ___ or ___ heretofor had made
done or declared this my last will onely to be of full force power and effect And I doe hereby
further make appoint, and declare my said well beloved wife Hileyard Cransbrough and my and
well beloved brother M. Nicholas Cransbrough to be my joynt Executors for in case of mortality/
the _____ of them later this my last will and testament duely pformed ___ in the fourth year
of the reign of o Sovereign lord James the second King of England &c Anno domi 1688

Oliver Cransbrough

Signed sealed published declared
and delivered by the said Oliver
Cransbrough the testator as his last
will and testament in the presence of

Wm Stevens
Anth Wood
Fran Kirwan
Edw Bendy

Enrolled this fifth day of April 1689 psonally appeared before me William Stevens Anthony
Wood Edw Bendy and made oath that they were present and did ___ Oliver Cransbrough the
tetstator . . . [the remainder is missing].

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George Diggins, Port Royal Carpenter

Entered November 14, 1689

In the name of God Amen this first day of August And in the first year of their Majties Reign over England & I George Diggins of Port Royal in the said Island of Jamaica Carpenter being sick & weake in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory, Praise be given to Almighty God for the same and knowing ye uncertainly of the same & transitory life do make this my last will & testament in manner following, revoking ancillary And by these prints making void all wills testaments and bequeaths made by me at any time heretofore by me made or Executed either in writing or otherwise & this is to be taken only as my last will And first being, penitent & sorry from my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring pardon & forgiveness for the same I give & committ my soul to AlmightyGod my Savior & Redeemer in which & by the meritts of his Sonn Christ Jesus I trust & believe assuredly to be sacred and to their forgiveness of all my sinns & that my Soul in my body to arise at the general day of resurrection & through Christ death & Passion to inheritt the glorious kingdom prepared for his that my body I committ to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my wife & Brother William hereafter named And for the settling of my temporall Estate & such goods chattells & debts as it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestow upon me I do undergive and despose of the same as followeth First I will tender that all my debts of funerall charges be first payd & discharged by my Execatrix hereafter named Item I give and bequeath to my dearest loving wife Margaret Diggins as well for her support and living as for the maintenance Education bringing up & putting forth all & every my children by name/Sarah Jane George & William Diggins as also for their further fortunes at these *seminal* (?) Ages of one & twenty years all that piece in parcell of ground given unto me and my heirs further by deed of gift from my Grand mother Margaret Cuny abutting Southwesterly on Yorke Streete conteyning one &seventy feete and Southerly on an ally sixty one feete with all Edifices & buildings there on erected/ *inservice* (?) erected by me together with all wages, packages and Cookroomes there in also Erected Provided & it is the said deed of gift excepted that during the natural life of my said Grandmother Margaret Cuny that the new brick house in which she lived in/ in doth we live/ fronting Tower Streete & the boarded house there next adjoining fronting Yorke Streete then in the lease of *Annpound* (?) / ____ pulled

____ [missing line]

house by the same agreement I build her another roome on the backpart to be to ye only use of my said Grandmother during her naturall life as afore as by the deed of gift of my said Grandmother dated the one and twentieth day of November & in the four & twentieth yeare of the Reign of King Charles the second appraiseth Item I further give and bequeath unto my said wife to & for the uses & purposes aforesaid all other said Estate both reall & personall goods chattells wares & utterances wt soever or which of right belongeth to me either in the Island of Jamaica or elsewhere Provided and my will & meaning is yt of my said wife should happen to marry that then all & every my Estate except her third shall be given & despersed to and among my said children then living, share & share like to be putt & improved by my trusty here after named till they shall attaine to the age or ages of one & twenty years And if my said wife should happen to dye before then all & every my Estate reall and personall as aforesaid my will in shall

be depersed to the use of my said children then living & given to them at their said Ages of one and twenty years And till they shall attaine such Ages to be putt/ by the said trustee/ out for their m__ty ____ & use and to no other Item I doe will & make my said loving wife Margaret Sole execatx of this my last will & testament and my loving Brother William Diggins Supervisor to be aiding & Assisting my said wife in ye due performance of this will & seeing my children berought up In Witness whence of I have to this my last will & testament sett my hand & seale the day and yeare first above written And this I assurest as my last will and say further will before this sealing hereof yt not withstanding dis__cored in this my will share yet all my children shall receive their shares of my Estate at their Ages of one & twenty years It is my will and meaning ye my two daughters have paid their shares by my Exectx at the day of their marriages or Ages as above which shall first happen There signed and sealed by ye day & yeare above in the presence of his

George GD Diggins

Signed sealed published & declared to be the last will & testament of ye testator in ye presence of/ syned wth this Councle *Annex* (?)

John R Redmond
Jacob S Sprouse
Wm Priggs

Mener and this fourteenth day of November Anno dom 1689 personally appeared before me John Redmond and William Priggs & made Oath that they were present & did wit. George Diggins sign seale publish & declare this writing to be his last will & testament and that he was of sound minde & me- mory and that they saw above *Sprouse saw* (?) as witness to the same

F Watson

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Thomas Moone, Port Royal Gunsmith
Signed/Sealed August 20, 1689

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Moone of the parish of Port Royale in the Island of Jamaica though sick and weake in body yett appeased and sound of mind _____ Almighty God for the name but knowing the certainty of death & the certainty of the hour thereof doe make this my last will and testiment following. First I commend myself to the mercy and protection of Almighty God whoe shall please him to call me out of this mortale life My body I commend to give And my soul to him that gave it In expectation of a joyful resureccion through the person of my Lord and savior Jesus Christ to him with the holy Ghost befall. Glory thou art for Ever Amen. And as for which temporall Estate as God of his infinitt mercy hath him pleased to endow me with I doe endow and dispose of as followeth And I doe hereby ordaine and appointe my deare loveing wife Iane Moone and William Hutchinson in whole Executors hereafter of this my last will and testiment desireing them after my decent buryall the management of which I wholly

leave to their discretion for the appointment of this issue and all debts contracted in my lifetime thoughtfull and speedy payment these of which I am fully satisfyed contented and free all others my remaining Estate both reall and personall whether on the Island of Iamaica & elsewhere I do will & bequeath the same unto my (afair) dear & loving wife Iane Moone for and during her naturale life and after her decease ye one halfe therof to my loving son Thomas Moone ye other halfe therof unto my loving daughter Iane Moone and my loving son Daniell Moone to be equally divided between them to them their heirs & assignes for Ever in case of mortality or either of them without _____ all that *pt* (?) to him or her or them gives and bequeathed and deceased to be equally divided to the survivors as of _____ so remaining to him his heirs & assignes for Ever And revoking & disallowing all former wills at any time here to fore by my hand I doe declare acknowledge & allow of this date my last will and testament in witness thereof I have here unto sett my hand & seale dated ye twentieth day of August in ye year of our Lord God One thousand Six hundred Eighty and nine & in the first yeare of their Magesties Reigne

Thomas Moone

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Lewis

Jn.

Enrolled 1706

In the Name of God Amen I John Lewis of the Parish of Port Royall in the Island of Jamaica Esq. being in perfect health and of sound Mind + Memory doe constitute + make this my last Will and Testament in manner following I Recommend my Soul unto the hands of God

my Creator relying wholly on the Merrit and Mediation of Jesus Christ for the remission of my Sins + my Body to a decent Christian Buriall

As to making the disposition of all the Worldly Estate where with God in mercy hath blest one I Give and bequeath ye same as followeth my Will is that all my Just Debts which I shall happen to owe to any Person or Persons at the time of my Decease be directly paid + satisfied by my Executrix hereafter named.

I Give + bequeath to my Sister Eliza Somis now or late the Wife of Doctor Joseph Somis of the Island of Barbados ye sum of Ten pounds Current Money of this Island to be paid to her within Twelve Months after my decease.

I Give + bequath to Samuell Smith Elizabeth Smith and Margaret Smith the Children of my said Sister Elizabeth Somis above mentioned the sume of Thirty pounds Current money of this Island (Viz^d) Tenn Pounds Curr^t Money to each of them to be h^a to them respectively as they shall attain to their severall ages of Sixteen Years But in case any or either of them should happen to depart this life before he she or they shall have attained to his her or their age of Sixteen Years then in such Case my Will is that the Device + Devices bequest + bequests to the party or parties so dying before his her or their age or ages of Sixteen Years shall be Utterly voyd.

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Lewis the sums of Two Thousand Pounds Curr^t Money of this Island to be paid to out of all my Estate in Jamica as Well Reall as personal at her age of Sixteen Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen.

I Give + bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Lewis the Sum of Two Thousand pounds of like Current Money of this Island to be paid likewise to her out of my Estate Reall + Personall In Jamaica at her age of Sixteen Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen.

I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Prudence Lewis the sums of Two Thousand Pounds Curr^t Money of this Island payable also out of my Estate Reall and personal in Jaimaica at her age of Sixteen Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen. And in case where of my said Daughters shall happen to depart this life before she shall have attained to her age of Sixteen Years unmarried then my Will is + I do appoint that the sum of Two Thousand Pounds to the party so dying above bequeathed shall be paid to her two surviving Sisters equally to be divided share and share alike as if the said sums had been Originally devised to them and in case then of my said Daughters so surviving of their Sister should also happen (pg.) to depart this life before she shall have attained to her age of sixteen Years unmarried Then my Will is that the sums of Two Thousand Pounds being the Legacy to her first bequeathed shall be divided between my Three Sons Jn Lewis Wm Lewis and Thomas Lewis equally and paid to each of them as they shall severally attain to their Respective ages of Twenty Years and in case it shall happen that either of my said Three Sons shall depart this life before he shall have attained to his age of Twenty Years My Will is that the proportion of the party so dyeing shall rest and be paid to my Two Surviving Sons and in Case if should so Please God that Two of my said Three Sons should happen to dye before they either of them shall have attained to his or their age or ages of Twenty Years Then my Will Intent and meaning is And I doe hereby appoint that the said sums of Two

Thousand pounds shall be paid to the Survivor of my said Three Sons and shall rest in him as an Original Bequest And to the intent y^t noe Controversies or disputes may arise between my Children after my Decease touching my true Intent and meaning in the Devices above mentioned and the severall Aim ittahons therein contained I doe hereby Declare it to be my true Intent and meaning That in case of the Death of any of my Three Daughters above mentioned before her age of Sixteen Years or day of Marriage the sume of Two Thousand pounds to her so dying bequeathed shall be paid to her Two Surviving Sisters + in case either of Such the Surviving Sisters shall happen also to depart this life before she shall have attained to her age of Sixteen Years unmarried the sum of Two Thousand pounds bequeathed to such of the Surviving Sisters so dying shall be equally divided and paid to my Three Sons and in Case either of my Said Three Sons shall depart this life before he shall have fully completed his full age of Twenty Years the part or share of him so dying shall be equally divided between his Two Surviving Brothers and in Case either of the Two Surviving brothers shall also dye before he shall have attained to his full Age of Twenty Years the whole Two Thousand Pounds shall rest in the paid to the longest liver of my said Three Sons as if the sume had been originally devised to him.

I Give alsoe the queath to my Eldest Son John Lewis One Thousand Pounds Currnt Money of this Island to be paid to him out of my Estate in this Island at his age of Twenty Years + from + after his having attained to y^r age It is my Will that my said Son Jn Lewis to paid the sume of Two Hundred pounds Currnt money of this Island Yearly out of my Estate in this Island untill such time as my Son William shall attain to his age of Twenty Yeares at Which Time my Will is that my Estate be equeally divided between all my Sons and my said Sons Jn. And Wm. Put in Possession of there part thereof + to have ye management of the same + ye part of my Younger Son or Sons remaining in the hands + under ye care + Management of their Guaidians till Such time at he or they shall arrive at + attain to his or their age or ages of Twenty Years.

I Give and bequeath to my Dearly beloved Wife Anna Lewis the Furniture of her Chamber together with One Hundred Pounds Currnt. Money of this Island to be paid or retained by her immediately after my Death I doe also Give + bequeath unto my Said Wive Three Negroe Slaves by her to be Chosen out of all the House Slaves Except Fadesmin of wc^h. I shall dye seized or Possess To have and To hold to her my said Wife her heirs + assigns forever over and above her Dower.

I Give and bequeath to my Well beloved Mother Margaret Lewis the sum of Twenty Pounds Currnt Money of this Island to buy Her Mourning

John Lewis LH

I also give and bequeath to Capt. Jacob Rickets of the Parish of Westmorland and Sarah his Wife to each of them the sume of Twenty Pounds Currnt Money of this Island.

I Give and bequeath unto Ephraims Stephenson of ye Parish of Westmorland Esq. + to Mary his Wife to each of them the Sume of Twenty Pounds.

I Give and bequeath to the Honbl^e Thos Clarke Jun^r. of the Parish of St. Andrew Esq. The sume of Fifty Pounds Curr^t Money of this Island.

To Ezekirll Gomersal of the Parish of Kingstown Esqr. I likewise bequeath ye summ of Fifty Pounds Curr^t Money of this Island.

I also Give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Wm. Tho. White now or late a Clerk in the office of Ordinance In ye Town of London the like summ of Fifty Pounds Curr^t Money of this Island to buy them Rings for there Humble Servant and in Case my Wife should happen to be with Child at the time of my Death I Give and bequeath to the Child whereof she shall be then Ensient Case if happen to be a Girl the summ of Two Thousand pounds Curr^t Money of this Island to be pd. To her at her age of Sixteen Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen All the Rest residue+ Remainder of my Estate both reall and Personall in this Island or Elsewhere I Give and bequeath to my Sons John Lewis Wm. Lewis and Thos. Lewis + to the Child whereinth. my Wife shall be Ensient at the Time of my Decease In Case it happen to be a Boy To have + To hold the same to them their heirs + assigns forever But in Case any of my said Sons shall dye without Issue of his Body Lawfully begotten That y^r. part of my reall Estate to him so dying without Issue Devised shall remaine to his Surviving Brothers + the heirs of there Body lawfully begotten + in Case any of the Surviving Brothers shall dye without Issue of There Bodys Lawfully begotten the same to remain to the Survivor + the Issue of his Body Lawfully begotten and In case such Survivor shall also dye without Issue of his Body Lawfully begotten then the whole to remain to my Daughters and there heires for Ever.

Lastly I doe nominate Constibile + appoint my Well beloved Wife Anna Lewis Executrix of this my Last Will + Testament during her Widowhood + from + after ye day of her Marriage I doe appoint my Worthy Friend the Houble Thos Clark Jun^r. of the Parish of St Andrew Esq. Ezekirll Gomersall of the Parish of Kingstown Esq + my Kinsman Thos White Gent now or late belonging to the office of Ordinance in the Town of London to be Executors of this my Last Will + Testamt and doe also appoint my said Good Friends Tho. Clark Jun^r. Ezekirll Gomersall + Tho. White above menconed Guiardians of the Bodys and Estates of each of my Children And whereas I am to a Considerable Valus concerned as part owner in severall Vessels + have att present a Considerable Stock in Trade I doe hereby grant to and Lodge in the honble Thomas Clark Esq. Above menconed a Discretion any Power of Disposing of my share in any Vessell or Vessels or other my Effects in Trade as he shall think most proper for my advantage or other wise to Continue + Carry on the Trade as he shall think fitt In Wittness whereof the said Jn Lewis have sett my hand to be the first sheet + my hand + seal to ye Second Sheet of this my Last Will + Testament the Twenty third day of August In the Year of our Lord one Thousand and Seven hundred and Six

John Lewis

Signed Sealed Published + Declared by the said Jn Lewis the Testament as + for his Last Will + Testament in the presence of

Thos Clarke

Charles Gandy

Wm Claver

Jn Eastwick

Jn See

Memorandum That on the 29th day of October 1706 appeared before me Cha Gandy + Jn Eastwick + made Oath upon the Holy Evangelist y^t they were present + Saw Jn Lewis the Testator within menconed being then of Sound Mind + Memory signe Seale Publish and Declare the within written Instrument Contained in Two sheets of paper like his last Will + Testament + y^r at the same time Thos Clarke Wm Clauer + Jn See were also present together with them subscribed there names as Witnesses to ye same in the presence of the said Testator + further y^r they know not of any other Will made him by the s^d Testator which may sent to the disadvantage of these presents

Thomas Handaseyd

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Lewis, Margaret

Enrolled 1706

I, Margaret Lewis being indisposed in Body but blessed be to allmighty God I am of sound and perfect mind and Memory doe Constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament revoaking and disannulling all others. I give my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be decently buried and my soul to ye blessed lord Jesus Christ through his Mediation doe hope for Eternall Redumption I now dispose of my Estate both reall and personall as under Euprist . Impr^s. I Give and bequeath unto my Well beloved Daughter Eliza Somiss one third part of all my Lands in the Island of Barbadoes in the parish of St. James in said Island and one Negro Man by name James to possess and enjoy att the Expiration of the Leases that is on record in said Island of Barbadoes as may appeare to have and to hold the same to her and her heires forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Well Beloved Daughter Sarah Ricketts one third part of my Lands in the Island of Barbadoes in ye parish in St. James in Said Island to possess and enjoy at the Experation of ye leases that is on Record in said Island of Barbadoes as may appear together with four Negroes, Our Negro Man by name Duago and three Negroe Women by

Names Sabell, Feebee and Hannah, the Daughter of Phebee to have and to hold the same to her and her heires forever.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Well Beloved Daughter Mary Stephenson one third part of my lands in the Island of Barbadoes in the parish of St. James in said Island to possess and enjoy at the Expiration of ye Leases that is on Record in said Island of Barbadoes as may appear together with two Negro Men, on boy and one Woman by names Jackie Gado Abell and Moll to have and to hold the same to her and her heires forever.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Well beloved Grandson, Son of Eliza Smith, now Eliza Somis, Samuall Smith, one Negroe Boy by name Will together with Fifty Pounds Current money of this Island to be paid out of yr first Rent that shall be came due out of my Estate in the said Island of Barbadoes unto my said Grandson Samuall Smith to have and to hold to ye same to him and his heires forever.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Well Beloved Grand Son Jacob Ricketts, Son of my Daughter Sarah Ricketts, One Negroe Boy by name Abrion to have and to hold for him and his heires forever.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Well Beloved Grand Daughter Margrett Smith, Daughter of Eliza Smith, now Eliza Somis, Fifty Pounds Curr Money of this Island to be paid unto the said Margrett Smith out of the Produce of my Estate in the Island of Barbadoes immediately after the paymt of Fifty Pounds as I have bequeathed my Grandson Samuall Smith to have and hold ye same to her and her heires forever.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Well beloved Grand Son Jacob Ricketts, sone of my daughter Sarah Ricketts on Negroe Woman more by Name Phillips to have and to hold to him and his heires forever.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Well beloved Grand Daughter Eliza Smith, Daughter of my Daughter Eliza Smith now Eliza Somis, Fifty pounds Curr Money of this Island to be paid unto yr said Eliza Smith out of the whole Produce of my Estate in the Island of Barbadoes immediately after the payment of Fifty pounds as I have bequeathed unto my Grand Daughter Margrett Smith to have and to hold to her and her heires forever.

Item. I doe Give and bequeath ordaine and appoint all ye Produce of my Penn of Cattle that now is in Cabareators att the Penn of Capt. Ephraim Stephenson to be disposed Yeare by Yeare by the Discretion of my Under menconed Exrs. for the use and behoofe of my Two Grand Daughters Margrett and Eliza Smith.

Item. I doe hereby Nominate ordaine Constitute and appoint to by Trusty and Well Beloved Friends, my son in Law, Capt. Jacob Ricketts, My Daughter M^{rs}. Mary Stephenson Joyntly and Severally Exors of this my Last Will and Testaments and Guardians to my Grand Children and doe hereby Revoake and annull all Wills by me heretofore mad confirmed and this to be my last Will and Testament Wittness my hand and seale this 25th day of November Annogue Doni 1706.

Margrett Lewis

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us.

Wm. Rudd

George Ricketts

John Alby

Jn. Johnstown

Memd that on the 28th day of Feb 1706 appeared before on Wm Rudd Clark and George Ricketts Gent and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelist that they were present and saw the Testatrix Margrett Lewis within menconed being there of Sound Mind and Memory Signs Seale Publish and Declare ye within Instrument of Writing to be her last Will and Testament and that at the same time Jn. Alby and Jn. Johnston were both present together with then subscribed there names as wittness to ye same in the presence of the said Tastatrix + further that they know nothing of any other Will made since by the said Testatrix wch may feud to ye disadvantage of those presents.

Thomas Handasyd

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Turner James Jamaica Is.

Ent'd 1st Janry 1711

In the name of God amen I James Turner Ley^t in his

Excellencys Thomas Handasyds Regiment and in the Company Commanded

by Lieut Coll Robert Rookurde being in perfect health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be Almighty God for the same do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first I commend my Soul to the hands of Almighty God my heavenly father hoping through the merits of my blessed Savior Jesus Christ believe and receive full pardon and essayance of all my sins and so inherit everlasting life and as to what worldly Estate it hath pleased God bless me in shall as also what arrears of sum or sums of moneys as Ley.t in the late King William of Englnd Service or in the present Majties Service Queen Anne or any other psins where moneys shall be found due to me I give and bequeath the same as follow _____ That is to say I give and bequeath all my Estate real and personal whatsoever and all sum or sums of money that shall be found due to me unto my Sons James Robert John and Richard Turner at the day of my death equally to be divided among them and in case any of them should die before they come to the age of Twenty one years the Survivors to have the deceased party share equal divided to them and their heirs for ever and I do hereby constitute my _____ do beloved wife Elizabeth Turner who sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all former Wills and Testaments by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighth day of October One thousand Seven hundred and Nine.

James Turner [his mark]

Signed Sealed Published and delivered
by the said Testater to be his Last Will and
Testament in the presence of

Edw^d Pugh

Lion Ashers

Louis Lefontaine

Memorand that on this the 1st day of Janury 1711 Their personally appeared before me Edward Pugh and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelist that he was present and did see James Turner the Testator within mentioned being their 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 Lyon Ashers and Louis Lefontaine were also present and together with him subscribed their Names as Witnesies to the same in the presence of the said Testator and further that they know nothing of any Will made same by the said Testator which may lend to the disadvantage of the Will within Written

A. Hamilton

Memorand that the day and year above mentioned personally appeared before me Lyon Ashers and made Oath upon the five books of Moses that he was present and did see James Turner the Testator wthin mentioned being there 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 Edward Pugh and Louis Lafontaine were also present and together with him subscribed their names as Witnesies to the same in the presence of the said Testator and further that he Knows not if any Will made same by the said Testator which may lend to the disadvantage of the Will within

Henry Wade's Will

Wade Henry

Jamaica SS

Entd 8th Oct 1712

In the name of God amen I Henry Wade of Port Royal in the Island of Jamaica above & Mariner being in health of Body and of a sound pfect and discerning mind memory and understanding praised be Almighty God for the same and taking into serious consideration the shortness of life the certainty of death and the uncertainty thereof and being bound out to Sea on a cruising Voyage against the French and Spaniards in the Sloop called the I[s?]aiah f[---]ze whereof Capt William Cook is Commander I have made Ordained and Appointed this present Writing to contain my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Imprs I give and bequeath unto my Honned Mother Mary Wade wife to William Wade of Leguin[--] in the Island aforesd Planter all my full and whole Estate real and personal consisting in either House or Hous[es] or Lands Negroes Gold Silver Goods Wares in any manner of Merchandise whatever and Testament revoking all former Will or Wills by me made or declared In testimony whereof I the said Henry Wade have here entered my hand and read this Treaty 11th day of October Anno Dom One Thousand Seven hundred & Nine

Henry Wade xx

Signed Sealed Published & Declared

by the 1d Lataln Henry Wade into his

Last Will & Testamt in the presence of

Jonathan Pine

the mark of

Benjn B Browne

John Bradstreet

Memo that on the Eighth day of October 1713 Personally Appeared before me Jonathan Pine and made Oath upon the Holy Evang that he was present and did see Henry Wade the Testator witten being then of sound mind & memory Sign Seal Publish & declare the within Written Instrument to be his last Will & Testament and that at the same time Benjamin Brown and John Bradstreet /

both now dead, were also present and together with him subscribed as Witnesses to the same in the presence of the said Testator and further yt he Knows nothing of any Will made since by the sd Testat which may tend to the disadvantage of the Will within Written

A Hamilton

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Jamaica Ss

Hamilton, Mary

enrold 24 Febry 1712

In the name of God Amen the ninth day of Decembmr in the year of our Lord God 1 thousand Seven hundred & Twelve Know All men by these presence That I Mary Hamilton of the parrish of St. Dorthey's in the Island of Jamaica Widow being of sound and perfect Memory praised be God yet knowing xxxxxxxxxx mine Selfe the Certainty of Death doe therefore make and Ordain the xxxx xxxx Present Testament Declaring therein my testament and will in xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx form following That is to say first & most Principally I give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my merciful Father from whom Wilxxxxx xxxx xxxx and waiting for the Salvation of my God only in and by the [Grace of God] Pafsion of my Lord Jesus xxxxxxxx my only savior & Redeamour xxxx Body I Commit unto the Conxxxxxfsion is home at Came xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx of being made Partaker of the Blessed & Glorious R[edeamour] xxxxx xxxxx merciful in the Day of our Lord Jesus & in the meaning xxxxxxxx xxxxatly buried by my ex^r hereafter Named Item my mandated xxxxxx that all my Debts wth I Shall justly owe or am owing to most the sum of my Decease to or by any Person or Persons Shall be well & justly Pd or Claimed by my ex^r of this my last Will and Testament and after my decease & my funerall Expenses Discharged I give and Bequeath to my Loving Cosen Rosamond Lamfeild one Cow & Calf Item I give & Bequeath unto my Loving GrandChild John Moor one part or Parcel of land containing about Twenty Three acres of Land Joyning to Stony Gully & in Case of the decease of the said Jno Moor Wth out any Heirs of body my will is that the said parcel of Land adjoyning to Stoney Gully returned to my Loving GrandChild John Boist & to his heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath all the Rest & Residue of my whole Estate both moveable & Immoveable Personall and Reall to my Loveing Daughter Mary Boist to her & her heirs for Ever whom I doe make and ordain my soul Executor of this my Last Will &

Testament and Lastly my mind & will is that the said Mary Boist my Loving Daughter whom I doe make and ordain my sole Ex^r To sowxxx the aforesaid Mentiond Legacy so by me given perform & I doe hereby Renounce Discharge & make void all former wills & Testamen^t Gifts and Legacys by me in any manner of wise heretofore made & Bequeath'd & this to Stand & to be my Last will & Testament I have hereunto put my hand & Seal the day and Year first Specified.

Signed and Sealed by the said Mary Hamilton

as her last will& Testamen^t in the presence of us

John Lamfeild ...

Cha^s Lamfeild

David Gaines

Signed Sealed by

mh signature

Mem^e That on the 24th day Feb 1712 personally appeared before me Charles Lamfeild and David Gaines and made oath upon the holy Evanger that they were present & did See Mary Hamilton The Test^{er} within Mencoined being then of Sound mind and Memory Signed Sealed publish and Declare the within written Instrument to be her Last will &

Testament

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Testament and that at the Same time John Lamfeild was also present & together with them Inscribed as a witness to the Same in the presence of the said Test^{er} and further that they know nothing of any will made Since by the said Test^{er} which may tend to The Disadvantage of the will within written >>

A. Hamilton

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