

# Will and Will Inventory of Mary Ann Giscome: 1826

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 (2) Jamaica J<sup>s</sup> George the fourth by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King and of Jamaica Lord Defender of the Faith &c To our trusty and well beloved Robert Gray and William Robertson of the parish of Saint George Esquires Know ye that we have constituted authorized and appointed and by these presents do constitute authorize and appoint you or either of you to administer with unto Richard Gray of the parish of Saint George Gentleman or any other that are able to do so and can make oaths of the signing sealing publishing and declaring of the last Will and Testament of Mary Ann Giscome of the parish of Saint George Spinster deceased And thereof you or either of you are to make a due Return under your or either of your hands and seals unto our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Island or to the Governor in Chief of the same for the time being with this power annexed so that such proceedings may be ordered therein as may be according to Law Witness the hand of William Duke of Manchester Captain General and Lord in Chief of our said Island at St. Jago de la Vega the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January Annoque Domini 1826 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign

Paper the Secretary's Office W<sup>m</sup> Bullock Secretary Manchester

Jamaica J<sup>s</sup> - The Execution of the within Didimus potestatem appears by the Will and probate hereunto annexed Given under my hand and seal this thirty first day of March 1826.

Robert Gray (2)

Giscome Mary Ann Jamaica J<sup>s</sup> - I Mary Ann Giscome of the parish of Saint George in the County of Surrey in the said Island of Jamaica Spinster being of sound mind and disposing mind memory and understanding do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say after payment of my funeral charges and just debts I give and bequeath unto my Niece Judith M<sup>c</sup>Clery <sup>and her heirs</sup> my Slave Samma Lang and her Children Julian Dumbas John and Henry also I give and bequeath unto my Niece Ann Clarke M<sup>c</sup>Clery and her heirs my Slave Harriet Anderson Ann Strachan Esther Strachan and Thomas Anne with the future offspring of the female Slaves also I give and bequeath unto my Niece Eliza Ann Giscome and her heirs my Slave Sylvia with his future offspring also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew John M<sup>c</sup>Clery and his heirs my Slave Hybexa with his future offspring also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew John M<sup>c</sup>Clery and his heirs my Slave Robert Lang also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew David M<sup>c</sup>Clery and his heirs my Slave Edward Lang also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew William M<sup>c</sup>Clery and his heirs my Slave James Divison also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Samuel James Giscome the sum of one hundred pounds current Money of Jamaica either to purchase a Slave for him and his heirs or to be expended towards his Education as might be thought proper by his Mother or Guardian also I give and bequeath unto my Brother John Giscome the sum of Twenty pounds current Money of Jamaica to purchase mourning also all my Household Furniture and Stock of every description also it is my express wish and desire that my Slave Louisa Lang and her Daughter Elizabeth Ann Arthur Samuel

sellows Richard Davison and Helena Murray Davison be all manumitted and set free from Slavery within Six calendar Months after my decease at the expence of my Estate. Also it is my most particular request that my Executors hereinafter named will have the remains of my Son James Escorne removed from Darley Estate in the parish of Portland and deposited at Rose Hall (in this parish) in the grave of my deceased Father and then have a decent Tomb built over them at the expence of my Estate. Also it is my particular desire that if any of the above named Slaves should be disposed of any time of purchasing themselves from Slavery that they be allowed to do so by purchasing another slave to replace them to their owner or owners. And Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Brother James Escorne and Robert Gray both of the parish of Saint George Esquires also Robert Gray Kirkland at present in Saint Davids but late of Saint George Esquires to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this Twenty ninth day of May One thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Mary Ann Escorne

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the above named Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses. G. F. Arthur Richard Gray

Memorandum since drawing out the above Will of my Slave Edward Sang he is departed this life in consequence of which I give and bequeath my Slave named John to my Nephew David McElery and not to my Niece Judith McElery as at first intended May twenty ninth one thousand eight hundred and twenty one

Mary Ann Escorne

107. Jamaica's - In Obedience to the Dedimus potestatem herewith annexed I have administered an oath unto Richard Gray who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists depose and oath That he was present and did see Mary Ann Escorne the Testatrix in the annexed Instrument of writing named being at that time of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding sign seal publish and declare the same as and for her last Will and Testament. & Memorandum and at the same time George F. Arthur the other witness was also present and at the same time together with him subscribed their names as witnesses to the same in the presence of the said Testatrix and further that he knows nothing of any Will since made by the said Testatrix that can tend to the disavowal of the Will <sup>and memorandum</sup> herewith annexed Given under my hand and seal this Thirty first day of March 1826

G. F. Arthur

Robert Gray

us by Barbara Thorne his executrix in her possession of which we know did belong to the said William Clarke at the time of his decease and we do find the sum of money to the sum of Five thousand Five hundred and seventy five pounds fourteen shillings and eight pence half penny current money of Jamaica paid under our hand and seal this fourth day of March in the third year of our said Lord and King Eight hundred and thirty six. At Jamaica (S) Wm. Clarke (S) Thorne before me this 4th day of March 1826. John Cleghorn  
Clerk. 1. 1. 1. 1.

James George the fourth by the Grace of God of the united Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King and of America Lord Defender of the Faith &c. &c. and Trusty and well beloved Robert Gray and William Robertson of the parish of Saint George Esquires Know all that we have constituted authorized and appointed our by these presents do constitute authorize and appoint you either of you to administer with into George Belles and John Allen of the parish of Saint George Planters that they shall well and truly and according to the best of their judgments and consciences inventory and appraise and singulate the goods and Chattels rights and credits of Mary Anne second late of the parish of Saint George Spinster deceased according as they shall be shown unto them by Robert Gray the Clerk of the parish of Saint George Esquire her Executor or which they shall know did belong to the said deceased at the time of her decease and therefore you or either of you are to make a due return under our or either of our Hands and seals into our Captain or General and Governor in chief of our said Island or to the Honorable or Commanders in chief of the said for the time being with this power authorized so that the inventory or appraisement may be filed and recorded in their Court of office Witness Our Grace William Duke of Manchester Captain General and Governor in chief of our said Island at 10 o'clock on the 10th day of February in the year 1826 and in the 10th year of our said Majesty's Majesty's office 10 o'clock Secretary. (S) Manchester James George Esquire to the within Bedonius Potestatus to read and another directed to the within named or either of them to the within named George Belles and John Allen to the within and for speed with more historical Governor may stand that this 13th day of May 1826. Robert Gray (S) James George Esquire to the within Duke of Manchester Captain General and Governor in chief of our said Majesty's Island of Jamaica and other the territories there depending in America ordinary and sole Judge for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration to George Belles and John Allen of the parish of Saint George Esquires These are our Majesty's commands will and require you to inventory and appraise and singulate the goods and Chattels rights and credits of Mary Anne second late of the parish of Saint George Spinster deceased according as they shall be shown unto you by Robert Gray the Clerk of the parish of Saint George Esquire her Executor or which you know did belong to the said deceased at the time of her decease this you are to follow according to the best of your judgments and consciences and thereof to make a due return under our Hands and seals into the

Secretary's office of this island within six months after the date  
 hereof or within such time as the ordinary of this island for the  
 time being shall appoint for that purpose to the end the same  
 may be kept and recorded by our ordinary and be at  
 as much as the said day of the 10th day of February 1820  
 dominion one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.  
 Signed the Secretary's office at the Clerk's Secretary. (S) Manchester  
 Jamaica. The Execution of the within warrant of appraisement  
 appears by the schedule hereto annexed. Signed under our hands  
 and seals this 13th day of May 1820 George Helps (S) John Allen (S)  
 Viscount Mary Ann, Saluador and Muriel and appraisement of all  
 the 29th May 3 and singular the goods and chattels rights and  
 1820 Credits which were of Mary Ann Saluador of the parish of Saint

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| 1/8 | Susannah Loring            | a Negro   | "       | 80  | " | " |
|     | Julian                     | a Negro   | "       | 50  | " | " |
|     | Isabella                   | a ditto   | "       | 80  | " | " |
|     | Luiza Loring               | a Mulatto | "       | 40  | " | " |
|     | John                       | a Negro   | "       | 25  | " | " |
|     | Henry                      | a ditto   | "       | 20  | " | " |
|     | Edward                     | Quadrone  | "       | 30  | " | " |
|     | Harriet Anderson           | Negro     | "       | 85  | " | " |
|     | Ann Shackan                | ditto     | "       | 75  | " | " |
|     | Esther Shackan             | a ditto   | "       | 45  | " | " |
|     | James Davidson             | Mulatto   | "       | 40  | " | " |
|     | Richd Davidson             | ditto     | "       | 35  | " | " |
|     | Eleazer Davidson           | ditto     | "       | 30  | " | " |
|     | Thomas Prince              | Negro     | "       | 25  | " | " |
|     | William Prince             | ditto     | "       | 15  | " | " |
|     | Selina Prince              | ditto     | "       | 15  | " | " |
|     | Edmund Murray              | ditto     | "       | 47  | " | " |
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In obedience to the warrant of appraisement to us directed and  
 bearing date as above we have inventoried and appraised all and singular  
 the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of Mary Ann Saluador  
 late of the parish of Saint George deceased according as the same  
 were therein directed us by Robert May Thirkland her Executor in which we  
 know did belong to the said deceased at the time of her death and we do find  
 the same amount in value to the sum of one thousand and fifty five pounds  
 current money of Jamaica which we certify under our hands and  
 seals this 13th day of May one thousand eight hundred and  
 twenty six. John Allen (S) George Helps (S)