

Transcription of the Will of Sarah Phillips (Sarah Catlin)

Will: 01/06/1803
Probate: 08/06/1803

I Sarah Phillips

of Mortlake in the County of Surry widow being in sound mind do declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following First I commend my Spirit to my dear Redeemer Jesus Christ in the hope of being called in the first Resurrection of the Host of Gods most Favored Children Next I request of M^f George Cousins of the Island of Jamaica and M^f Jones of Cheapside to be my Executors and desire of them to see me decently Buried in the Church yard of my parish To M^{rs} Cousins Sen^r I give my Ring Next the property that was M^{rs} Hanna viz three Bibles and some spoons in a case I give to M^f Edw^d Davies my Wedding Ring to my niece M^{rs} E Davies Next my Plate and Household Linen I desire to be put into a Box and if my Son Thomas Edw^d Phillips comes to England to take them and if not to be equally divided between my three Nieces M^{rs} Hance, M^{rs} Earl, and M^{rs} Davies Next I give to my good Friends George Harrison Cousins Esq^r of the Island of Jamaica my House together all the Fixtures for and during his natural Life then if my Son has any legitimate Children to go to him or them if he dies without lawful issue then to be sold and be equally divided between the Children of my three nieces above mentioned my wearing apparel I give to my Servant Jane Pattenden my Household Furniture I desire to be sold and pay all little debts that may be owing and what is over my Executors to take charge of to defray my funeral Expenses my pint Silver Mug I give to M^f E Davies to keep in his Family my Watch to go into the Box if my Son comes to England to take possession of it after my decease To each of my Executors I leave five Guineas as a small token for their trouble *Sarah Phillips* Signed in the present of us
Tho^s Poole, Beny [Kisher?] the first June 1803

To Mrs Davies I give a Mourning Ring

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil the eight day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three before the Worshipful Maurice Swabey Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of John Jones and of the Executors named in the said Will to whom administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased was granted he having both first sworn duly to administer Power reserved of making the like Grant to George Harrison Cosens Esquire written in the will as George Cousins the other Executor named in the said will when he shall apply for the same.

NOTES:

Sarah Catlin: daughter of Thomas Catlin, born in Mortlake 1743, married Edmund Phillips 03/11/1765, widowed by 1776. Thomas Edmund (Edw^d) Phillips: son of the above, born 10/03/1768 and christened at Westminster.

Sarah's sister Elizabeth and her husband John Davis had died before the Will, but left two daughters, Sarah Davis & Elizabeth Davis.

Elizabeth Davis married Edward Davies; both are the Will (as Davies), Elizabeth being one of the nieces.

Sarah Davies, another niece, is believed to have married Christopher Earl by licence in 1799.

The third niece is Elizabeth Barbara Jump, daughter of Massey Catlin a sister of Sarah Catlin; she married James Hance in 1790.

George Harrison Cosens (1768-1817) was a planter and slave owner in Jamaica, known to visit England.

Mrs Hanna (?) – unidentified.