

**Will of James Bunyard of St Christophers, West Indies**

## **The last will and testament**

of James Bunyard of St. Christophers Merchant in manner and ~  
form as follows being in health and of sound Memory and ~  
thanks be to God for it but knowing the uncertainty of this ~  
present mortal life together with the Dangers that may ~  
happen considered Occasions me to declare this to be my ~  
last will and testament. I give my soul to almighty God ~  
from whom I received it and my body to the earth in full ~  
hope and confidence in the alone Merite of my blessed ~  
Saviour and Redeemer that they both will be united again ~  
at the General Resurrection and to be admitted into a happy ~  
Eternity which he has purchased for me by his death and ~  
Passion. It is my Will that Mr **Charles Osborn** my Attorney ~  
for the Island of St Christophers pay my debts with the Money ~  
that he receives and what is left to be disposed of as hereafter ~  
mentioned that is to say I give to **Mary Jarold** now living ~  
in Holland six hundred pounds Sterling. I give to **Ann Wolden** ~  
stationer a hundred pounds Sterling. I give to Mr **Thomas** ~  
**Truman** and **Douglas** one hundred pounds sterling each to ~  
buy them Mourning. I give to my cozen **Richard Ives** one ~  
hundred pounds Sterling. To his daughters **Mary** and **Ann** ~  
seven hundred pounds sterling each. I give to my kinsman ~  
**John Bunyard** the Interest of three thousand pounds sterling ~  
on stocks in the South Sea to be paid him half yearly as long ~  
as he shall live, and after his death to my kinswoman ~  
**Zeporah Shaw**. I give also to my said kinswoman all my ~  
Right Title and Interest to certain Stocks in the South Sea ~  
and all the rest of my Estate that I shall dye possessed of except ~  
what is hereafter mentioned. My will is that my debts be ~  
paid and I desire my good friends Mr **Charles Osborn** Attorney ~  
at Law in the Island of St. Christophers aforesaid and Mr. ~  
**Thomas Truman** Merchants of the City of London to be my ~  
executors in Trust to see this my will duly performed and to ~  
each of them I give One hundred pounds Sterling and I ~  
acknowledge and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. ~  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal ~

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this fifth day of October 1744. Jas Bunyard Signed Sealed delivered published and declared by the said James Bunyard.

*17<sup>th</sup> March 1748/9*

Which Day appeared personally John Goodman of St. Dunstan in the East London Broker And by virtue of his Corporal Oath deposed that he knew and was well acquainted with James Bunyard late of the Island of St. Christophers Widower deceased for some time before and to the time of his death and with his manner and Character of handwriting having seen him write and subscribe his Name and having carefully viewed and perused the Hand Jas. Bunyard wrote at the foot or Bottom of the paper writing hereunto annexed marked with the letter **B** purporting to be the last will and testament or Testamentary Schedule of the said deceased this Deponent swears and deposes that he does verily believe the said Name Jas. Bunyard subscribed at the foot or bottom of the said paper to be subscribed by and with the proper hand of the said deceased Jn<sup>o</sup> Goodman Same day the said John Goodman was sworn to the Truth of the premises before me Rob<sup>t</sup> Chapman Surrogate p[re]sent Benj<sup>n</sup> Lockyer Notary Publick.

*21<sup>st</sup> March 1748/9*

Which Day appeared personally **Samuel Travers** of Clapham in the county of Surrey Merchant and by virtue of his Corporal Oath deposed that he knew and was well acquainted with James Bunyard late of the Island of St Christophers Widower deceased for some time before and to his death and with his manner and character of handwriting having seen him write and subscribe his Name and having carefully viewed and perused the Name Jas. Bunyard at the foot or bottom of the paper writing hereunto annexed marked with the letter **B** purporting to be the last will and testament or the schedule testamentary of the said deceased this deponent swears and deposes that he does verily believe the said Name Jas. Bunyard subscribed at the foot or bottom of the said paper to be subscribed by and with the proper hand of the said deceased. **Samuel Travers** same day the said Samuel Travers was sworn to the Truth of the Premises before me Robt Chapman Surrogate present Josiah Farrer N.P.

**On the** Twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty eight administration (with the will annexed) of the Goods

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Chattels and Credits of James Bunyard late of the Island of St. Christophers a widower deceased was granted to Zipporah Shaw widow the Residuary Legatee named in the said will being first sworn duly to administer Charles Osborn one of the Executors named in the said will dying in the life time of the said Testator and Thomas Truman the other Executors having renounced the Execution of the Will.