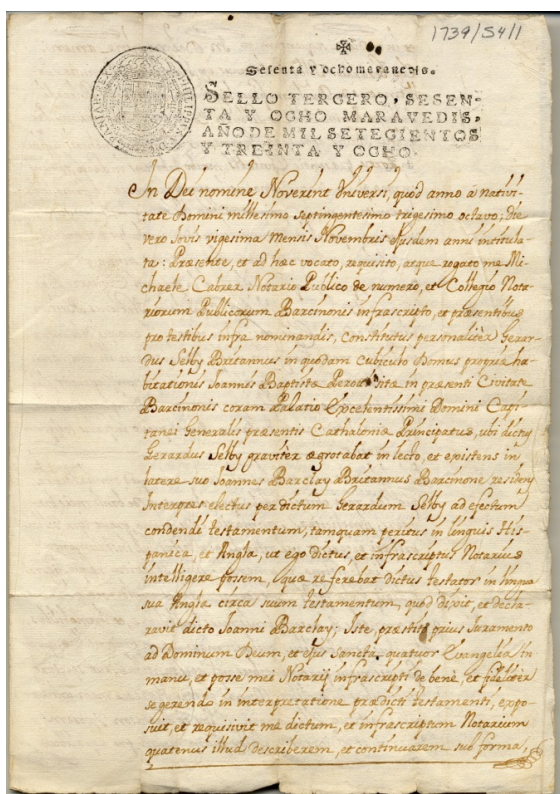




Northeasterners abroad

Will of Gerard Selby of Holy Island, merchant

Selby died at Barcelona in Catalonia, Spain, on 20 November 1738. He was the owner of the George and Eleanor, then anchored in the port there. He died at the house of Juan Bautista Perotti in the presence of John Barclay, a resident of Barcelona, and his will was also witnessed by Ninian Browne an Englishman and Sir John Winder the British Consul. Selby instructs his skipper to continue the voyage and ship's business to its end. The document is in Latin and bears the intricate signs manual of three Barcelona notaries. In common with most of Europe, the ecclesiastical courts of England and Wales followed the Roman civil law rather than English common law, and such courts today still require notaries public in certain circumstances.



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Sesenta y ocho maravedis

SELLO TERCERO, SESEN-

TA Y OCHO MARAVEDIS.

ANNO DOMINE MIL SETECIENTOS

Y TREINTA Y OCHO

[Sixty-eight maravedis

Third class, sixty-

eight maravedis

A.D. one thousand six

hundred and thirty eight]

In Dei nomine Noverint Universi, quod anno a nativitate Domini millesimo septingentesimo trigesimo octavo; die vero Jovis vigesima Mensis Novembris ejusdem anni intitulata: Præsente, et ad hæc vocato, requisito, atque rogato me Michaele Cabrer Notario Publico de numero, et Collegio Notariorum Publicorum Barcinonis infrascripto, et præsentibus pro testibus infra nominandis, constitutus personaliter Gerardus Selby Britannus in quodam cubiculo Domus propriæ habitationis Joannis Baptistæ Perotti sitæ in præsenti Civitate Barcinonis coram Palatio Excelentissimi Domini Capitanei Generalis præsentis Cathalonie Principatus, ubi dictus Gerardus Selby graviter ægrotabat in lecto, et existens in latere suo Joannes Barclay Britannus Barcinone residens Interpres electus per dictum Gerardum Selby ad efectum condendi testamentum, tamquam peritus in linguis Hispanica, et Angla, ut ego dictus, et infrascriptus Notarius intelligere possem, quæ referebat dictus testator in lingua sua Angla circa suum testamentum, quod dixit, et declaravit dicto Joanni Barclay; Iste, præstito prius Juramento ad Dominum Deum, et ejus Sancta quatuor Evangelia in manu, et posse mei Notarii infrascripti de bene, et fideliter segerendo in interpretatione prædicti testamenti, exposuit, et requisivit me dictum, et infrascriptum Notarium quatenus illud describerem, et continuarem sub forma

....

lem Cabrer Notarium Publicum Barcinonæ infrascriptum die vigesima mensis Novembris currentis anni, dictusque testator ab hac vita decesserit; hinc est quod anno a nativitate Domini millesimo septingentesimo trigesimo octavo, die vero Mercurii decima mensis Decembris intitulata testamentum prædictum ad instantiam Joannis Barclay Britanni lectum, et publicatum fuit per me dictum et infrascriptum Notarium in quadam aula Domus meæ propriæ habitationis sitæ in predicti Civitate Barcinonæ in Vico dicto den Bartroli juxta Vicum de la Argentaria, presentibus pro testibus Sebastiano Prats et Joanne Bruguera, et Rossell scriptoribus Barcinonæ degentibus.

Signum mei Michaelis Cabrer auctoritate Regia notarii publici de numero, et collegio notariorum publicorum Barcinonis, qui præmissæ testamentariae dispositioni, unacum prænominatis testibus,

præsens interfui, eamque post testatoris mortem
(ut supra patet) publicavi, scribereque feci in
presenti papyro Regii sigilli tertii, et requisitus die
xiii prædicti mensis Decembris in fidem clausi.

Nos Notarii Publici de numero et Collegio Notariorum Publicorum Civitatis Barchinonæ
infrascripti fidem facimus et publice attestamur supradictum Michaellem Cabrer, apud quem præ-
dictum testamentum fuit receptum, illudque clausit, et subsignavit, fuisse, et esse talem qualem
se facit legelem, et fidedignum, ejusque Instrumentis et scripturis publicis, et auctenticis semper
adhibitam fuisse, et hodie adhiberi plenam, et indubitam fidem in iudicio et extra ab omnibus
et ubique. In cuius rei testimonium infra nos subscribimus et subsignamus Barchinonæ proxime dictæ

die

Signum Antonii Duran et
[cuatracasas] Apostolica
atque Regia auctoritatibus Notarii
Publici de numero Collegii
Notariorum Publicorum Barchinonæ
predictæ at-
testantis. A.

Signum Raymundi Alier
auctoritatibus Apostolica, atque Regia
Notarii Publici de numero Collegii
Barchinonæ predictæ attestantis. A.

Glossary:

<i>maravedi</i>	a Spanish copper coin of small value
<i>sello tercero</i>	stamped paper of the third class

Inventory of John Tucker of Newcastle St Nicholas, master and mariner

Tucker was master and part owner of the 56 ton ship the Christopher and John. The inventory and probate account entered by his administrator, a creditor, state that he died when his ship was cast aground at Elsinore (Helsingør) in Denmark and '*in danger to be utterly lost*'. His crew under the command of Edward Rand succeeded in saving the ship. Upon his return Rand made a claim against Tucker's estate for extra provisions for the crew during this adventure, for the cost of getting the ship off the rocks, and for Tucker's funeral, totalling £12 2s. The inventory indicates Tucker was exporting grindstones and coal east into the Baltic, and carrying on his return flax and often probably timber as well for the English market. Bills of exchange were preferred to cash by merchants engaged in such trade, and the presence of one such London bill hints that Tucker's trading also extended to that port as well.

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An Inventorie of the goodes and chattelles
 belonginge to John Tucker master and marrener
 deceased, praised by Richard Raw, Robarte
 Chamber, Rowlande Stealle and William Watstone,
 the 29th daie of September 1596.

	li	s	d
Imprimis the one half of a good shipp called the Christofer and Johne of the burthen of 56 Tonnes or their A bouts praised to	70	00	00
Item his apparell for the land beinge 2 doblets, 2 paire of briches and one Cloke	02	16	08
Item his Apparell for the sea praisede to the some of	00	10	00
Item one cloth pee	00	06	00
Item one sillver whisell gilded	00	14	00
Item his instrumentes for the sea	01	00	00
Item that georges Dente is owinge as by a bounde appereth	22	00	00
Item mor that master Roger Rawe is owinge hime	12	00	00
Iteme mor that he is to have for freight of the foresaid shipp his halfe part is	60	00	00
Item owen hime Chirsterfor Tomsonne	27	00	00

Some is 196^{li} 06^s 08^d

The praisers names
 rychard raw
 robert chamber
 rowland stell
 william watson

A not of all such debtes as John Tucker is oweinge
 as we can learne ether by specaltie or other wayes.

	li	s	d
Item to Christofer Tomsone of Skrbrought uppon two obligaciones and a bille	74	00	00
Item to Nycholas Cole for stones & coles	22	14	08
Item Thomas Dage upon a bille	03	10	00

Item to one of londone as it is suposed	30	00	00
Item to henry maddesonne	08	10	00
Item to nycholas Johnsonne	10	00	00
Item to be paid att london upon exchange	20	00	00
Item to Raiph ackynsone	10	00	00
Item to edward readshawes wyf	05	00	00
Item to mychell kyrkellay	06	00	00
Item for menes wadges of the shipp	08	00	00
Item to edward shafto upon a bounde	10	00	00
Item for wet flackes	04	00	00
Item for to be rebated of for lowst flackes	02	00	00
Item for robeart bewecke	02	00	00
Item for Jarrate read in the easte contrye	30	00	00
Item for Edward rand for his fynerall and other charges	12	00	00
Iteme to edaward halle for beare	03	00	00

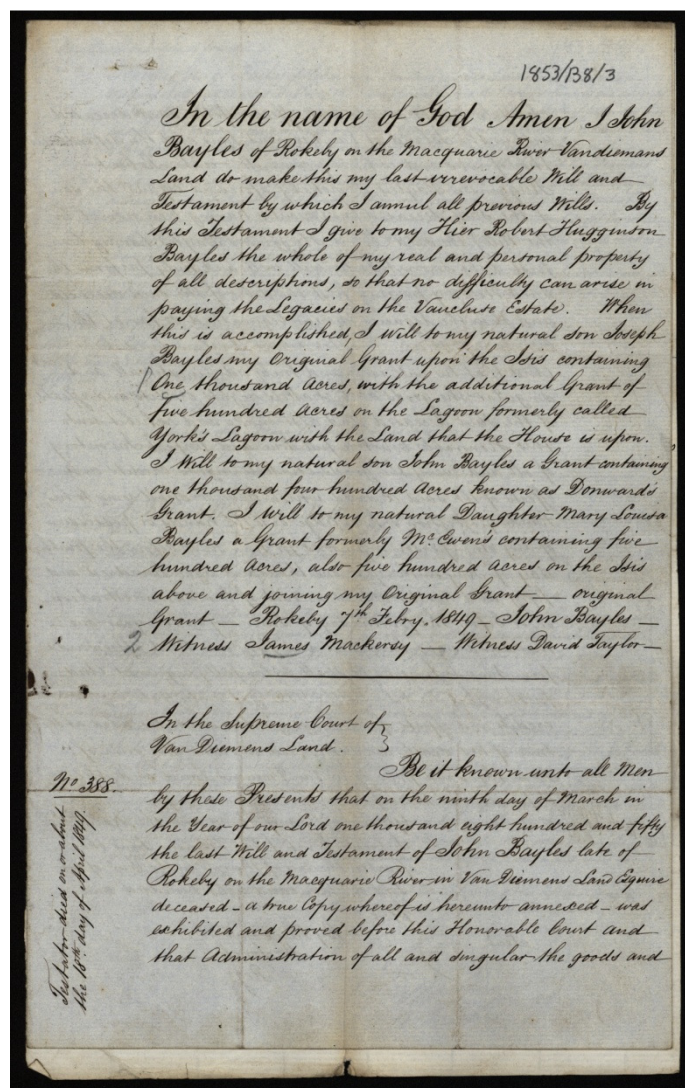
Some is 260^{li} 14^s 08^d

Glossary

doublet	a close-fitting body-garment, with or without sleeves
pee	a man's coat or jacket of coarse fabric
specalthe	a special contract, obligation, or bond, expressed in an instrument under seal

Copy of the will of John Bayles esquire of Rokeby, Tasmania

Bayles devises his estate of Vaocluse, near Conara, and lands on the Isis River in Tasmania to his children. Beneath the will is a part of a certified copy of the grant of administration by the Supreme Court of Van Diemen's Land to Bayles' heir Robert Hugginson Bayles made in March 1850. John Bayles died in April 1849. A year later Robert Bayles, then living at Vaocluse, appointed an attorney to administer the property in England. In September 1852 copies of the will and Tasmanian grant were made and certified in Hobart; and only in December 1853 was administration of the property in Durham diocese, estimated at £1,000 in value, granted to Robert Bayles' attorney at Durham. The length of passage between England and Australia at this time was between 3 and 5 months.



In the name of God Amen I John
Bayles of Rokeby on the Macquarie River Vandiemans
Land do make this my last irrevocable Will and
Testament by which I annul all previous Wills. By
this Testament I give to my Hier Robert Hugginson
Bayles the whole of my real and personal property
of all descriptions, so that no difficulty can arise in
paying the Legacies on the Vaucluse Estate. When
this is accomplished, I will to my natural son Joseph
Bayles my Original Grant upon the Isis containing
One thousand acres, with the additional Grant of
five hundred acres on the Lagoon formerly called
York's Lagoon with the Land that the House is upon.
I Will to my natural son John Bayles a Grant containing
one thousand four hundred acres known as Donward's
Grant. I will to my natural Daughter Mary Louisa
Bayles a Grant formerly M^cEwen's containing five
hundred acres, also five hundred acres on the Isis
above and joining my Original Grant original
Grant. Rokeby 7th February 1849. John Bayles.
Witness James Mackersy. Witness David Taylor.

In the Supreme Court of
Van Diemens Land

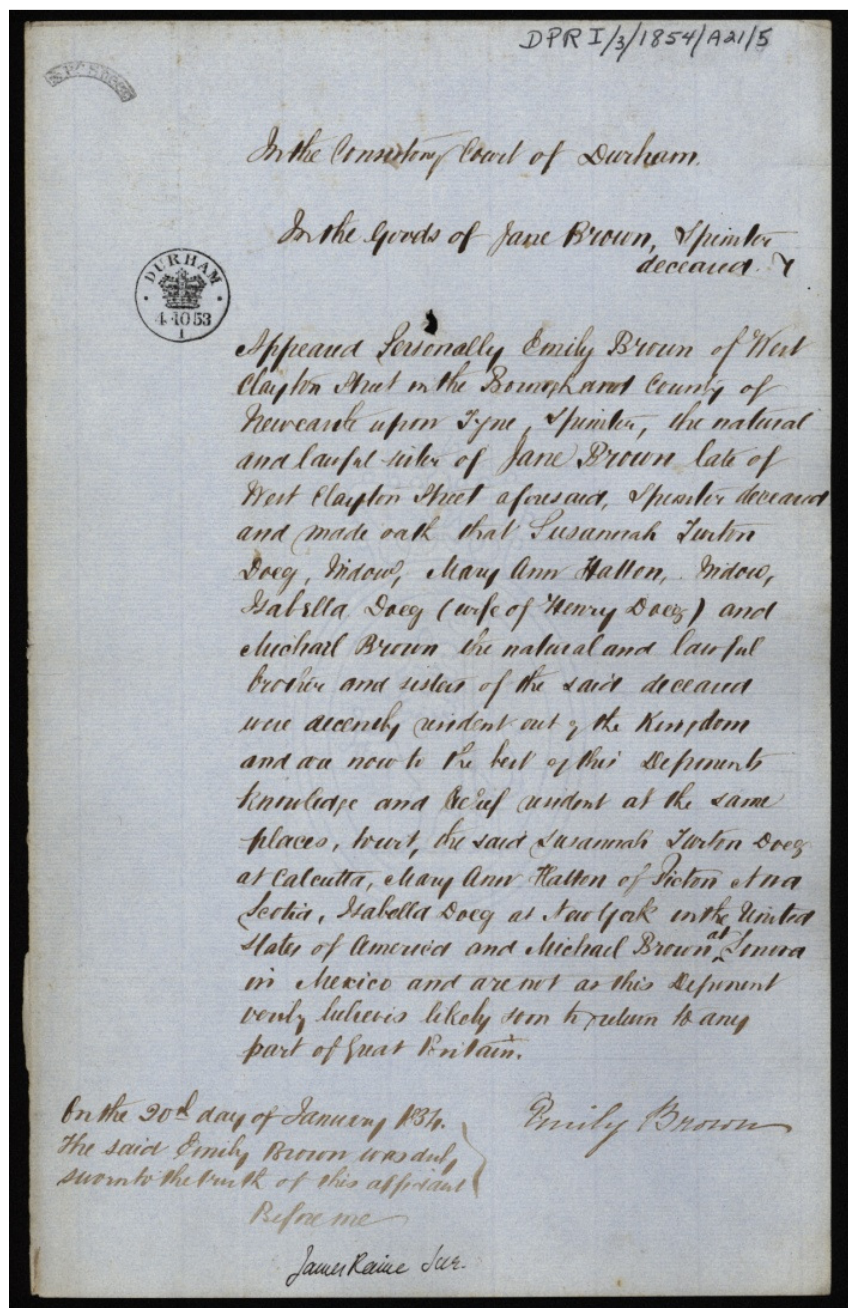
Be it known unto all Men
by these Presents that on the ninth day of March in
the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty
the last Will and Testament of John Bayles late of
Rokeby on the Macquarie River in Van Diemens Land Esquire
deceased – a true Copy whereof is hereunto annexed – was
exhibited and proved before the Honorable Court and
that Administration of all and singular the goods and ...

[marginal note:]

No. 388. Testator died on or about
the 18th day of April 1849.

Affidavit of Emily Brown, administratrix of Jane Brown of West Clayton Street, Newcastle, spinster

Jane Brown came from a large family, and which at the time of her death was distributed across three continents. This affidavit was made by her sister who here swears that those of her family who had not already renounced administration before the court were living outside Great Britain and were not 'likely soon to return'. Various brothers and sisters were then living at Pictou in Nova Scotia, at New York, at Sonora in Mexico and at Calcutta.



In the Consistory Court of Durham.

In the Goods of Jane Brown, Spinster
deceased.

Appeared Personally Emily Brown of West Clayton Street in the Borough and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, Spinster, the natural and lawful sister of Jane Brown late of West Clayton Street aforesaid, Spinster deceased and made oath that Susannah Turton Doeg, widow, Mary Ann Hatton, widow, Isabella Doeg (wife of Henry Doeg) and Michael Brown the natural and lawful brother and sisters of the said deceased were recently resident out of the Kingdom and are now to the best of this Deponents knowledge and belief resident at the same places, to wit, the said Susannah Turton Doeg at Calcutta, Mary Ann Hatton of Pictou Nova Scotia, Isabella Doeg at New York in the United States of America and Michael Brown <at> Sonora in Mexico and are not as this Deponent verily believes likely soon to return to any part of Great Britain.

Emily Brown

On the 20th day of January 1834.

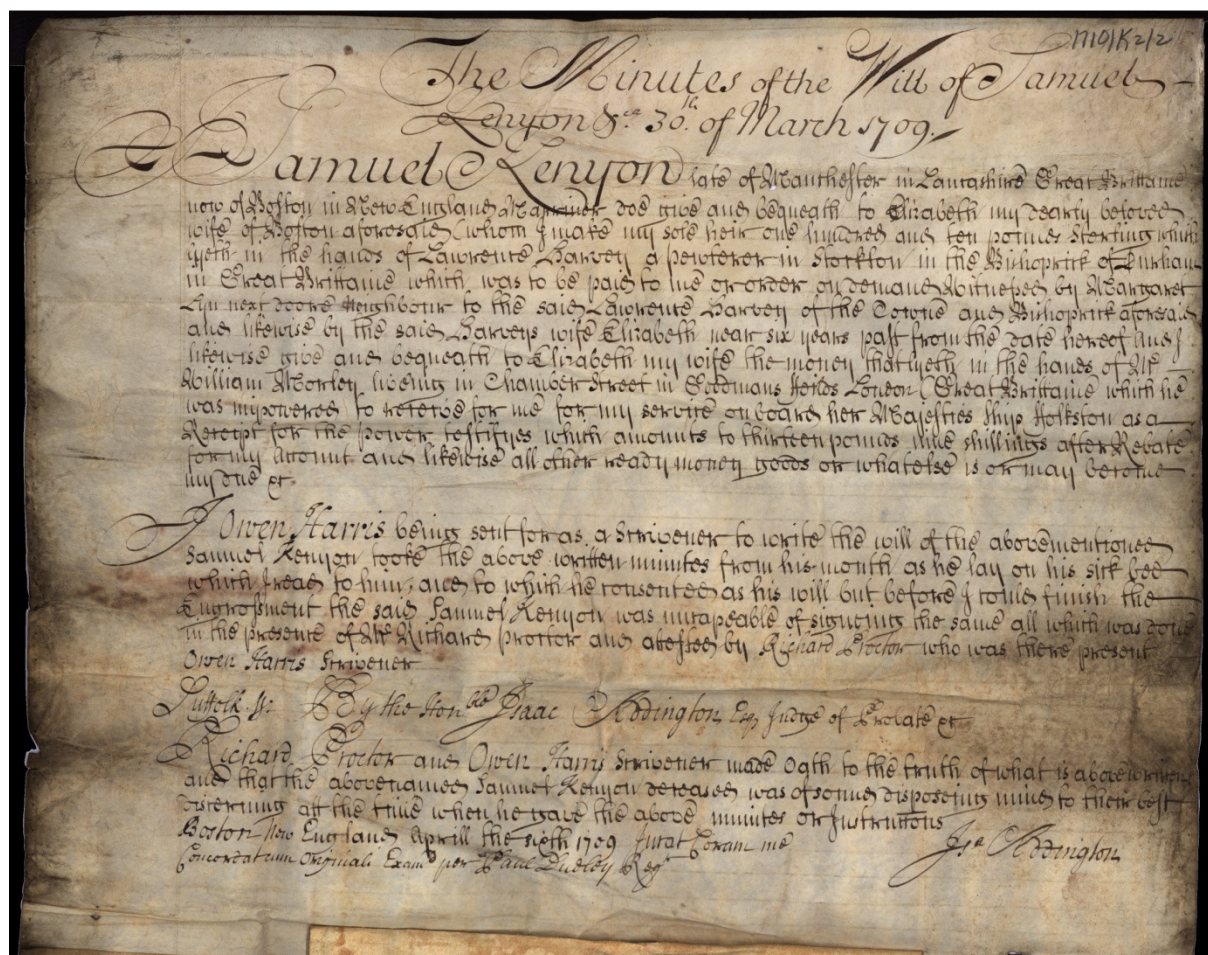
The said Emily Brown was duly
sworn to the truth of this affidavit

Before me

James Raine Surrogate

Copy of the nuncupative will of Samuel Kenyon mariner of Boston, Massachusetts and Manchester, England

Kenyon was prevented by his illness from signing his will, but the circumstances of its publication are detailed in the second paragraph by the Boston scrivener then present. The will deals principally with monies owed to him in England and informs us he had once served on H.M.S. Folkston. The will was proved at Boston by Isaac Addington the judge of probate for Suffolk County in Massachusetts on 6 April 1709, and this copy of the will was certified by Paul Dudley, the probate register there. Annexed to this document (but not present here) is a 22 August 1710 grant of administration with the will annexed made by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury to John Babbage the attorney of Elizabeth Kenyon of Boston, Kenyon's widow and sole legatee.



The Minutes of the Will of Samuel Kenyon &^{ca} 30th of March 1709

Samuel Kenyon late of Manchester in Lancashire Great Brittain
now of Boston in New England Marriner doe give and bequeath to Elizabeth my dearly beloved
wife of Boston aforesaid (whom I make my sole heir) one hundred and ten pounds Sterling which
lyeth in the hands of Lawrence Harvey a pewterer in Stockton in the Bishoprick of Durham
in Great Brittain which was to be paid to me or order on demand Witnessed by Margaret
Lyn next doore neighbour to the said Lawrence Harvey of the Towne and Bishoprick aforesaid
and likewise by the said Harveys wife Elizabeth near six years past from the date hereof And I
likewise give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife the money that lyeth in the hands of Mr
William Morley liveing in Chamber Street in Goodmans Feilds London (Great Brittain) which he
was impowered to receive for me for my service on board her Majesties Ship Folkston as a
Receipt for the power testifies which amounts to thirteen pounds nine shillings after Rebate
for my account and likewise all other ready money goods or whatelse is or may become
my due &c.

I **Owen Harris** being sent for as a Scrivener to write the will of the abovementioned
Samuel Kenyon tooke the above written minutes from his mouth as he lay on his sick bed
which I read to him, and to which he consented as his will but before I could finish the
Engrossment the said Samuel Kenyon was uncapeable of signeing the same all which was done
in the presence of Mr Richard Proctor and attested by Richard Proctor who was there present.
Owen Harris Scrivener.

Suffolk. By the Honourable Isaac Addington Esquire, Judge of Probate &c.

Richard Proctor and Owen Harris Scrivener made oath to the truth of what is above written
and that the abovenamed Samuel Kenyon deceased was of sound disposing mind to their best
discerning att the time when he gave the above minutes or Instrucions.

Boston New England Aprill the sixth 1709. Juratus Coram me [Sworn before me]

Isaac Addington

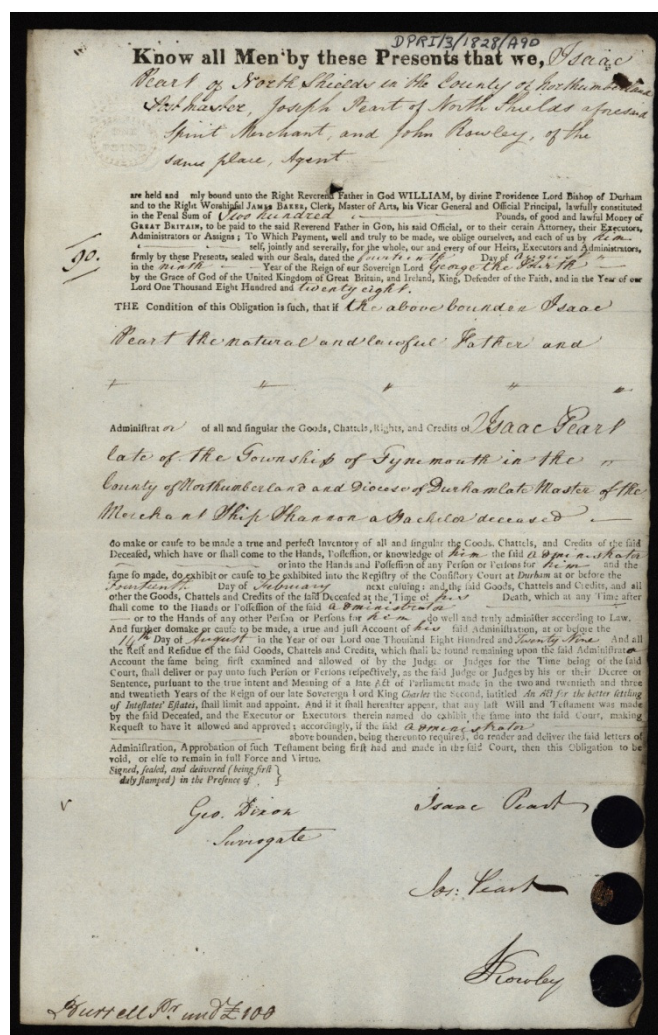
Concordat cum Originali Examined per Paul Dudley Registrar
[Concords with the original examined by Paul Dudley, Registrar]

Glossary:

engrossment to write in large letters; to write out formally, in legal form

Administration bond of Isaac Peart, master of the ship Shannon

The bond proceeds in a standard way, stating Peart was a bachelor and that his estate was valued at £100, but on the dorse or back of the document is the sentence, '*The intestate was murdered at sea by Pirates.*' Contemporary newspapers reported that having left the Mexican port of Campeche in the Gulf of Mexico in May 1824 bound for home waters, his ship Shannon was taken and burnt by pirates and her 16 crew murdered. Peart's telescope was found by the crew of H.M.S. Parthian in June of that year on the pirate schooner St Jose. The French invasion of Spain in 1808 precipitated the Wars of Independence in the Spanish and Portuguese New World colonies, and following the peace of 1815 the fleets of 'patriotic corsairs' commissioned by these new American states triggered the last great epidemic of piracy in those waters.



Durham Probate Records DPRI/3/1828/A90

Know all Men by these Presents that we, *Isaac Peart of North Shields in the county of Northumberland Post Master, Joseph Peart of North Shields aforesaid Spirit Merchant, and John Rowley of the same place, Agent* are held and firmly bound unto the Right Reverend Father in God, WILLIAM, by divine Providence, Lord Bishop of Durham and to the Right Worshipful JAMES BAKER, Clerk, Master of Arts, his Vicar General and Official Principal, lawfully constituted in the Penal Sum of *Two Hundred* Pounds, of good and lawful Money of GREAT BRITAIN, to be paid to the said Reverend Father in God, his said Official, or to their certain Attorney, their Executors, Administrators or Assigns; To Which Payment, well and truly to be made, we oblige ourselves, and each of us by *himself*, jointly and severally, for the whole, our and every of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these Presents, sealed with our Seals, dated the *fourteenth* Day of *August* in the *ninth* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George the Fourth* by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *twenty eight*.

THE Condition of this Obligation is such, that if *the above bounden Isaac Peart the natural and lawful Father and Administrator* of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights, and Credits of *Isaac Peart late of the Township of Tynemouth in the County of Northumberland and Diocese of Durham Master of the Merchant Ship Shannon a Bachelor deceased* do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said Deceased, which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession, or knowledge of *him* the said *Administrator* or into the Hands and Possession of any Person or Persons for *him* and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the Consistory Court at *Durham* at or before the *fourteenth* Day of *February* next ensuing: and the said Goods, Chattels and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased at the Time of *his* Death, which at any Time after shall come to the Hands or Possession of the said *Administrator* or to the Hands of any other Person or Persons for *him* do well and truly administer according to Law. And further do make or cause to be made, a true and just Account of *his* said Administration, at or before the *14th* Day of *August* in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *Twenty Nine*. And all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods, Chattels and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said *Administrator's* Account the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the Time being of the said Court, shall deliver or pay unto such Person or Persons respectively, as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence, pursuant to the true intent and Meaning of a late Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth Years of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord King *Charles the Second*, intituled *An Act for the better settling of Intestates' Estates*, shall limit and appoint. And if it shall hereafter appear, that any Last Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased, and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court, making Request to have it allowed and approved; accordingly, if the said *Administrator* above bounden, being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said letters of Administration, Approbation of such Testament being first had and made in the said Court, then this Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Isaac Peart
Joseph Peart
J Rowley

*Signed, sealed, and delivered (being first duly stamped) in the Presence of George Dixon,
Surrogate.*

Burrell Proctor, under £100.

[on dorse]

The Intestate was murdered at Sea by Pirates.

PIRACY AND MURDER. - For some time past much anxiety has been felt here, regarding the fate of the brig Pilgrim, Wilson, of this port. It was known that she sailed on the 15th of May last, from Campeachy, in company with the barque Shannon, Peart, of London, the former for Bristol and the latter for Cork, and both vessels being since amissing, the melancholy, but natural conjecture arose that they, with their crews, had fallen a sacrifice to the pirates infesting their homeward track. This conjecture has been fatally confirmed by the arrival of his Majesty's ship Parthian at Plymouth, corroborated by other sources of intelligence, from which it appears that the above vessels were captured and burnt by pirates at Laguna de los Terminos, and all on board savagely murdered. On the 18th June the Parthian took a piratical schooner, armed with two long guns, 14 pounders, which she afterwards sent to Vera Cruz, and had fitted out to cruize for the protection of the trade. When captured there were found on board this vessel several articles supposed to have been plundered from the Pilgrim and Shannon, consisting of flags, spy glasses, sextants, wearing apparel, papers, &c. On one of the glasses the name "Peart" was engraved, and the initials of Captain Wilson's name, (J. W.) were marked on the apparel, among the papers were a pilot certificate of the Pilgrim, and a list of the crew of the Shannon. There was also a letter bag, inscribed "Pilgrim of Greenock," found on board. Unfortunately the crew of the schooner, into whose merciless hands there can be little doubt those of the Pilgrim and Shannon had previously fallen, succeeded in escaping on shore, when their vessel was captured by the Parthian, and consequently, for the present, all farther traces of the horrid deed are lost, and the particulars of the mournful tragedy are enveloped in doubt, We understand that the Pilgrim had about twelve hands on board, nine of whom belonged to Greenock. Captain Wilson was a young man, and this was his first voyage in the quality of master. - *Greenock Advertiser*.

The Times, Monday, 27 September 1824; Issue 12454.

The *Parthian*, 10, Hon. Captain Barrington, brought to Plymouth, from Mexico, 130,000 dollars, on merchants' account. She captured off Campeachy, the pirate schooner *St. Jose*, armed with a long gun amidships, two smaller ones, and a quantity of small arms: the crew having run the vessel on shore, escaped among the bushes, with a quantity of booty. On board her was found a list of the crew of the English ship *Shannon*, 16 in number, and other papers belonging to the English brig *Pilgrim*, besides several flags, sextants, spy-glasses, and a great quantity of wearing-apparel, all of which was English: the crews of the above vessels had doubtless been murdered by these villains. The schooner was taken to Vera Cruz, and there commissioned by Captain Barrington as a man-of-war, to protect the trade in that quarter. Mr. Bradily, an old passed midshipman, and a very deserving young man, was appointed as acting Lieutenant to command her.