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This article includes two selected probate inventories from the probate records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) in The National Archives (TNA).

The inventories of rich and wealthy people tended to undergo probate in the PCC, the most prestigious probate court in England. If an individual had personal property in more than one diocese, he had to go through the PCC because the Bishop of Bristol had no jurisdiction in the Diocese of Gloucester. Thus, in order to obtain complete information on the number of surviving inventories for each area, it would be necessary to research not only local records but also the probate records of the PCC in the TNA.

In this article, three high value inventories of mariners are selected from probate records of the PCC in the TNA. .

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Year	Name	Occupation & status	Parish or area
1766	Gabriel Stinger	mariner	City of Bristol
1800	William Duncan	master mariner	City of Bristol
1838	John Cundy	master mariner	City of Bristol

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(1) **Gabriel Stinger, mariner, City of Bristol, 1766.**

Gabriel Stringer deced^①

Inventory bro^t② in

2^d③ April 1766.

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A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of Gabriel Stringer late of the City of Bristol Mariner deceased which since his Death have come to the hands possession or knowledge of Lydia Stringer Widow the natural and lawful Mother and Curatrix or Guardian lawfully assigned to Ann Stringer an Infant the natural and lawful Daughter and Residuary Legatee named in the Will of the said Deceased.

	£	s	d
Cash in House	1	7	0
The Deceased's Linnen Woollen and other Wearing Apparel	12	9	6

A Leasehold Messuage Tenement or Dwelling house Situate Standing and being at the foot of College Green within the parish of Saint Augustine in the said City of Bristol Valued at	220	0	0
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In the Upper back Room.

One old Bedstead, small Mattrass, one old Chest and one Pillow	0	10	6
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In the Upper Fore Room.

One small flock Bed, small Mattrass, one old feather Pillow, Eleven Linnen Curtains and one Cloaths Basket	2	15	0
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In the lower back Room.

One Bedstead with Check Linnen Furniture two pair Window Curtains and Rods, one feather Bed and Bolster, one small old Sea Quilt, one blue and white Quilt lined with White and one old Box	6	6	0
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In the lower fore Room.

One Bedstead with Cotton Furniture, one pair Window Curtains, one Millpuff Bed and Bolster two feather Pillows, five Blankets, one old Ironing Cloth, one large Quilt, one Mahogany round about Chair nine fan back Chairs one small Mahogany Dressing Table, one small Mahogany Chest of Drawers, one Swing Glass and one small Oak Desk and Frame	}	17	8	0
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In the back Parlour.

One small Mahogany Desk and Book Case, one Mahogany Card Table, one Mahogany Dining Table, one Mahogany Pillar Table, Six Mahogany Chairs, one Elbow Chair one small Pier Looking Glass one pair Sconces one Slice Tongs and Poker, one brass Fender, one small brass Trippett, one Picture, one Glaz'd Print, one Cradle, one Nursing Chair, one Child's Chair, and one pair Linnen Window Curtains	}	15	5	6
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In the Beaufett in the back Parlour.

One large Enamell'd punch bowl, one small Enamell'd plate, one Ditto broke, four China Saucers five China Dishes whole and broke One large blue and white punch bowl, one Ditto less (both crack'd one pint and seven half pint Basons, one Glass Decantor one pint Ditto, one Ditto broke, one half pint Ditto, five Water Glasses, fourteen Wine Glasses one pair of Salts, one Cruet Stand, five Caskes one Tea Chest, one plate Basket, one Razor Case with four Razors, one Hone, Oil bottle, Strap and Scissors	}	3	8	0
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In the fore Parlour.

One old Desk, one small Mahogany flap Table, four old Windsor Chairs, Two looking Glasses one small hanging Ditto, one old back Gamon Table, old Boxes men and Dice one Bottle Case with eight bottles, one Ditto with twelve Bottles, two old Window Blinds,	}	4	15	6
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Bolster and six pillow Cases, and three old Guinea
Carpetts

Plate &c.

One Gold Shirt Buckle and a Rim for a Seal		0	10	6
One pair of Shirt Buttons (Moco set in Silver)		0	2	0
One Silver Watch		2	2	0
One pair of Silver Shoe Buckles		0	10	6
One punch Bowl	w ^t ④ 22Oz : 2 py wts ⑤			
One Porringer	6 : 1			
One small Salver	5 : 10			
One small Candlestick	3 : 10			
Three Table Spoons	5 : 9			
Three Teaspoons and Tea Tongs	1 : 7			
Two punch Ladles	2 : 18			
Five Teaspoons Tea Tongs and Milk pott	5 : 10			
	@ 5/- p ^o ounce	13	1	10
Two hundred and Seventy one Dollars		63	0	0
	£	377	3	4

On Friday - the twenty eighth day of March
1766 Lydia Stringer Widow the
Curatrix or Guardian within named Lydia Stringer
was sworn to the Truth of the
above Inventory before me

Carew Reynell
a Commissioner

2^d April.

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① deceased
② brought
③ 2nd

④ weight

⑤ penny weights

⑥ per

(2) Willian Duncan, master mariner, City of Bristol, 1800.

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W^m① Duncan d^d②

Inventory

Bro^l③ in 17th March 1800

A true and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of William Duncan late of the City of Bristol and Master of the Merchant Ship Apollo in his Passage from the West Indies a Widower deceased which since his death have come to the hands possession or knowledge of William Lewis and Robert Jeffery - the Curators or Guardians lawfully assigned by virtue of the office of the Judge to William Duncan an Infant the natural and lawful Son and only Child of the said deceased for the Use and Benefit of the said Infant and until he shall Attain the age of twenty one years as they were taken valued and appraised on the thirteenth day of March - in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred follow to wit

One Small feather Bed and bolster one larger feather bed and two Pillows one four Post beststead with Cotton furniture and one window Curtain
 One linen quilt four blankets one iron commode fender and set of fire irons one iron tea Kettle one iron Sausepan One Box iron and two heaters
 One brass trippet four Articles of Tinware three Knives and forks in the possession of M^r Joseph Viney of Bristol Broker

14 10 0

One Quadrant a Spy glass a parcel of old Charts about thirteen in number, in the Possession of Rowland of Bristol

2 3 6

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Mathematical Instrument maker	}	16	13	6
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Brought over		16	13	6
Due from William Symons of Bristol accountant for which these exhibitants are in possession of a Draft or Bill of exchange for the same sum drawn by the said William Symons on M ^r C. Bedford dated Nov. 14. 1799	}	129	0	0
Debts Supposed to be due from divers from divers persons in the Island of Tobago and to amount to	}	205	-	-
Monies in the hands of M ^r John Brown of Bristol Accountant subject to a Claim he has thereon.	}	158	8	0
A small debt supposed to be due on Balance from Mess ^{rs} George & Fran ^s Fisher of Bristol Merchants the particulars not yet ascertained supposed to be about	}	7	-	-

The above ^{goods &} monies or any part thereof are not yet come to the hands or possession of these Exhibitants.

Lastly these exhibitants declare that no further or other Goods Chattels or Credits of or belonging to the said deceased or his Estate have since his death come to these Exhibitants hands possession or knowledge but if any shall hereafter they will be ready and willing to set forth the same and to charge themselves therewith

<u>80</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
516	8	2
516	1	6

On the 13th day of March 1800 the said William Lewis
being a dissenter from the Church of England commonly

called a Quaker solemnly affirmed the truth of the
foregoing Inventory instead of being sworn thereto and
made signed and repeated this Affirmation

} William Lewis
Rt

Before me Richard Baddily Com^r⑤

In the presence of Joseph Guest Not^r⑥ Public

On the 13 day of March 1800 the said Robert Jeffery
was sworn to the truth of the foregoing Inventory

}

Before me Richard Baddily Com^r

In the presence of

Joseph Guest Not^r Public

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- ① William
 - ② deceased
 - ③ Brought
 - ④ Francis
 - ⑤ Commissioner
 - ⑥ Notary

(3) John Cundy, master mariner, City of Bristol, 1838.

John Cundy deced^①
Declon^② & Affidavit
Bro^③ in 9th February^④ 1838

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In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Goods of John Cundy deceased

A true full plain perfect and particular
Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels
and Credits of John Cundy late of the City of
Bristol Master Mariner deceased which have
at any time since his death come to the hands possession
or knowledge of Anne Cundy Widow the Relict of the
deceased the Universal Legatie for life or Widowhood
named in the last Will and Testament with a
Codicil of the said deceased and the Administratrix
with the said Will and Codicil annexed of all
and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of
the said deceased made and given in by virtue
of the Corporal Oath of the said Anne Cundy
Widow follows to wit

First This Exhibitant declares that the said
deceased at the time of his death was
possessed of sundry Articles of Household
Furniture, Plate, Linen and China which
have been valued by Samuel Alexander
of the City of Bristol Appraiser at the
sum of Seventy eight pounds and nine
shillings and no more

}
} 78 9 -
}

Carried forward £ 78 9 -
- - -
Brought forward £ 78 9 -

Second This Exhibitant declares that the said deceased at the time of his death was possessed of thirty two sixty fourth parts or shares in the Ship or Vessel "Feroria" and eight sixty fourth parts or shares of the Ship or Vessel "Idas" and which said shares are together of the value of nine hundred and seventy five pounds and no more	}	975	-	-
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Third This Exhibitant declares that the said deceased at the time of his death was possessed of a Promissory Note from James Banfield of the City of Bristol Master Mariner for the sum of one hundred pounds and also a Promissory Note from Sylvester Williams of Banwell in the County of Somerset Farmer for the sum of fifty five pounds amounting together to the sum of one hundred and fifty five pounds	}	155	-	-
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Fourth This Exhibitant declares that there was due and owing to the said deceased at the time of his death the sum of one hundred pounds which said sum is secured on a second Mortgage of Houses and Land situate at Banwell aforesaid in the occupation of the said Sylvester Williams	}	100	-	-
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Carried forward	£	1308	9	-

Brought forward	£	1308	9	-

Fifth This Exhibitant declares that there was due and owing to the said deceased	}			
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at the time of his death the sum of thirty eight pounds from Mess ^{rs} Cook and Morgan for Wages	}	38 - -
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Lastly This Exhibitant declares that no further or other Goods Chattels or Credits of the said deceased have at any time come to the hands possession or knowledge of this Exhibitant but if at any time hereafter any such should so come she will be ready and willing to set forth the same when thereunto lawfully required	}	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> £ <u>1346</u> 9 -
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Anne Cundy

On the fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight the said Anne Cundy Widow was duly sworn to the truth hereof by virtue of Commission annexed Before me W ^m L. Glover - Comm ^r	}
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In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
 In the Goods of John Cundy deceased

Appeared personally William
 Cook of the City and County of
 Bristol Rope Manufacturer and
 Henry Howell Hewlings of Wolverhampton
 in the County of Stafford, Renter of
 Toll Gates, the Sureties for Anne
 Cundy Widow the Relict and
 Administratrix with the Will and
 Codicil annexed of all and singular

the Goods Chattels and Credits of
John Cundy late of the City of
Bristol aforesaid Master Mariner
deceased and made Oath
that they are severally and
respectively worth the Sum of
Fifteen Hundred Pounds
after payment of all their just
and lawful debts.

William Cook
Henry Howell Hewlings

On the fifth
day of February 1838
the said William Cook
and Henry Howell
Hewlings were duly
sworn to the truth of
this Affidavit by
virtue of annexed Commission
Before Me

}
}
}

W^m L. Glover Com^r

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- ① deceased
 - ② Declaration
 - ③ Brought
 - ④ February

カンタベリー大権裁判所における ブリストル地域の検認遺産目録 (その5)

岡 部 芳 彦

本稿の目的はイギリス国立公文書館 (The National Archives, 以下 TNA) に所蔵されているカンタベリー大権裁判所 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 以下 PCC) の検認記録におけるブリストル地域の検認遺産目録を整理し、活字化して公開することである。カンタベリー大権裁判所の検認遺産目録を PROB 31 シリーズから活字化した。

本稿では、海港都市ブリストル最大の職業グループであるマリナーmarinerの検認遺産目録を活字化した。

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