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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。

前回に引き続き、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、また新たに PROB 32 から整理、活字化した。⁽¹⁾

本稿では、以下の4つの検認遺産目録を活字化する。PCC の検認遺産目録におけるブリストル地域の職業・地位の中では、未亡人が第3位であり、女性の事例も多い。⁽²⁾そのため、今回は、女性の検認遺産目録のみを集めて公開したい。

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(1) PROB32 にも含まれている主な史料は以下のとおりである。1661~1723年の間に公開されたさまざまな文書で、主にロンドンとミドルセックスに關係する物。
Scott, M. (1997), *Prerogative Court of Canterbury: Wills and Other Probate Records*, Public Record Office Reader's Guide No 15, PRO Publications, p. 65.

(2) 岡部芳彦『イギリス検認遺産目録研究』晃洋書房, 2015年, 138ページ。

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年	氏名	職業・地位	教区
1738年	Susannah Batchelor	Widow	Somerset
1772年	Dorothy Stephens	Widow	Clifton
1792年	Susannah Morgan	Widow	City of Bristol
1837年	Valetta Henrietta Sparrow	Widow	Clifton

(1) Susannah Batchelor, 職業・地位：Widow, 教区：Somerset, 1738年⁽³⁾.

A True and perfect Inventory of all and Singular, the goods, Chattles, rights, and Creditts, of Susanah Batchelor, late of the City of Bristol, but in the parish of S^t. Martin in the Feilds, in the County of Middlesex, Widow, deceased, which since her death came to the hands, power, possession, and Knowledge of Isaac Gale Esq^r and Sarah his Wife, the Joint Executors, named in the last Will, of the said deceased, taken and appraised, the Sixteenth day of September, 1737 by Peter Mears, Sworn Appraiser, as Followeth & to wit,

First One pair of Gold Sleve Buttons, One plain Gold ring, One pair of Sleve Buttons red Stones, sett in Silver, One old Fashioned Stone Girdle Buckle, One Silver Snuff Box, and all and Singular, the deceaseds wearing apparell, both Linnen and Wollen Appraised at	}	14	7	0
One Small Silver Whistle		0	2	6
Ready money found in the deceaseds box at her Lodgings in London, at the time of her deceasse	}	7	17	6
A debt due to Testatrix at her death, and since received by these Exhibitants	}	3	9	0
Also Due to the Testatrix from the Representatives (liveing at Jamaica) of Jonathan Gale, her Son in Law, late of that Island Esq ^r deced ^① for 5 Years board, and upwards ^{^ for Francis Gale} an Infant	}			

(3) PROB 32/172/2, TNA.

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now Eleven Years old, and upwards for which board no price appears to be agreed	}			
Also from William Gordan Esq ^r of Jamaica aforesaid, also Son in Law of the Testatrix for the boarding his four Children, for severall Years, for which board no price appears to be agreed		}		
Also Due from the Estate (if any) of Francis Forord, Esq ^r late of Jamaica aforesaid, deced, also her Son in Law, for boarding, of his two Children, for which boarding no price appears to be agreed, and these Exhibitants are Credibly informed this is a desperate debt, for that the said Forord dyed some Years since at at Jamaica insolvent	}			
Due from M ^r Jonstone of London being moneys borrow'd of the deced just before her death			5	0
Also These Exhibitants apprehended, there was moneys, due from Peter and Organ Furnell of Jamaica, Merchants, to the Estate of the said Testatrix, She being Executrix to her Son John Batchellor, late of Jamaica Merchant deced, who was in partnership with the said Furnells, but it appears by a Letter from said Furnells, that after the remittances they made the Testatrix in her life time ^{^ debts paid in Jamaica} and their Commissions for so doing being allowed them, there is but a Trifle if any thing due to the Estate of the Testatrix	}			

The Account of the within named Isaac Gale
and Sarah his Wife, as well of their receipts, as of their
disbursements and necessary Expences, which
they have made, disbursed, and been at, by reason

of their Executorship as follows (to wit)

The Charge				
First These Exhibitants, and Accountants Charge themselves, with the price, and value, of the deceds two pair of Sleve Buttons, Gold Ring, Girdle Buckle snuff box, and all and Singular her wearing Apparell, as Charged in the Inventory	}	14	7	0
Also They Charge themselves with the ready money found in her box at her Lodgings	}	7	17	6
Also They Charge themselves, with the price of the Silver Wistle, mentioned in the Inventory	}	0	2	6
Also They Charge themselves with the debt of Three pounds, and nine Shillings, mentioned in the Inventory	}	3	9	0
Also They submitt to account for all further sumes, and Estate of the deced, as shall come to their hands				

The Discharge				
First These Exhibitants and Accountants Crave an Allowance, for the severall sumes, by them paid, laid out, and expended, in and about the Funerall of the deceased, and otherwise touching their Executorship, as followeth (to wit)	- - -			
Paid the Undertakers bill for the Funerall of the deceased	}	11	11	0
Paid the deceased Lodgings, her Nurse,	}			

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for Wine, for Coal, Porters, and other necessaries for the deceased, during her Illness and at her Funerall	}	4	11	10
Paid Proveing the Testatrix Will in Doctors Commons	}			
They also Crave allowance for the Charges of putting in this Inventory and account and all such Other Charges as they shall be at in and about this Affair	}			

Isaac Gale
Sarah Gale

In the Thirty First day of December
1737 the before named Isaac Gale and
Sarah his Wife was duely sworn to
this Inventory and account before me
by virtue of the Commission hereunto
annexed

John Bound a Comissioner

In the psence^② of me

W^m^③ Scammell
Notary Publick

A fuller and further Inventory of all and Singular the goods Chattles and Creditts of Susana
Bacheler

late of the City of Bristol but in the Parish of Saint Martin in the feilds in the County of
Middlesex

Widow deceased which since her death have Come to the hands possession or knowledge
of Isaac Gale

Esq^r and Sarah his Wife the joint Executors named in the last Will and Testament of the
said

deceased as follows (to wit)

First

These Exhibitants referr themselves to the former ^{Inventory} by them exhibited upon their
Oaths and declare that the said debt of Three pounds

and Nine Shillings therein Charged to be due to the deceased and Since received by them was due from Benjamin Glisser Esq^r in the right of Anne his Wife late Anne White Spinster.

Also

These Exhibitants do declare That they have lately been informed by M^r Gordan a Merchant in Bristol That he hath in his hands the sume of one Hundred pounds belonging to the Estate of the deceased, being Moneys remitted him for the use of the deceased by William Gordan of Jamaica Esq^r in part of her Account with him mentioned in these Exhibitants former Inventory and hereinafter also take Notice of but the said M^r Gordan of Bristol says there is a debt of Sixty two pounds and upwards due to him from the Estate of the said deceased and refuses to pay these Exhibitants the said Money or any part thereof unless his said debt be first thereout deducted.

Also

These Exhibitants do declare That on looking over the deceaseds Papers They have lately met with the severall Accounts for boarding Clothing and educating her Grand Children and also her Account with her Son John Bachelor deceased as mentioned in ~~their~~ ^{^ these Exhibitants} former Inventory which said Accounts are state drawn out and signed by the deceased as follows (to wit)

The Exors^④ of Col^⑤ Jonathan Gale

D^r.

To boarding Schooling Clothing Doctors Apothecarys and other Expences of Ma^r^⑥ Francis Gale

from 3 ^d March 1731		60	0	0
to 3 ^d . March 1732.				
To a Year D ^⑦	to 1733	60	0	0
To a Year D ^⑧	to 1734	60	0	0
To D ^⑨	to 1735	60	0	0
To D ^⑩	to 1736	60	0	0
To D ^⑪	to 1737	60	0	0
To D ^⑫ from said 25 th . March 1737 to 24 th . June following		<u>15</u>	0	0

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Errors excepted this 2^d. September 1737 £ 375 0 0
 Susana Bachelor

The Honble [®] William Gordan Esq ^f D ^r To Susana Bachelor To ballances sent of a former account sent you March 25 1736 704: 15: 6 To one Year from 25 th . March 1736 to 25 th March 1737 for four Children <u>280: 0: 0</u> 984: 15: 6 To ball [®] 710: 1: 8 The above is a Copy of w ^l . I sent by M ^r John Forord From March 25 th 1737 to June 24 th for two Children and my Annuity <u>45: 0: 0</u> June 24 th 1737 resto due <u>755: 1: 8</u>		Per Contra C ^r . 1736 Aug ^l . 3 ^d By Neat proceeds of Eight libido of Sugar 74: 13: 6 28 th By a bill on M ^r Doughlass By M ^r Gordan of Bristol <u>50: 0: 0</u> 274: 13: 6 Errors excepted this 2 ^d . September 1737 Susana Batchelor
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D ^r C ^r To account sent you in Aprill 1736 202: 15: 0 To a Year since for your two Sons 80: 0: 0 To fitting out your Son John <u>21: 0: 0</u> 303: 15: 0		M ^{rs} Anne Forord to Susana Bachelor By bill received for 50: 0: 0 258: 15: 0 303: 15: 0 Errors excepted 2 ^d . September 1787 Susana Batchelor
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D ^r To Cash for three bills which he owed me when he dyed 50: 0: 0 One Note for 10 ^{li} the other two for 20 ^{li} each tot [®] 1733/4 To Cash for Insurence 6: 10: 6		M ^r John Batchelor to Susana Batchelor C ^r 1734 May 31 st By Cash of Insurence of 100 ^{li} worth of goods on board the John and Anne } 84: 0: 0
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To D ^o for a Power of Attorney	1: 1: 0	which was lost	
To D ^o for Insurence on the Scroop	12: 0: 0	March 4 th	
1735 Oct ^{r^{di}} 28 th To D ^o paid M ^{rs} Batcheler		By N ^t proceeds of the Sugar	} 170: 18: 0
at London in part of		& the Scroop	
in part of a Bond on Account of M ^r			
Batcheler	100: 0: 0		
1736 April 22 ^d To D ^o paid on the said		1735 Sep ^{r^{di}} 24 th	
Bond	100: 0: 0	By M ^r Organ Fernell by part	} 177: 2: 6
To D ^o on D ^o	50: 0: 0	of severall Ships	
To remainder due on the said Bond		Oct ^r 13 th	
which	130: 0: 0	By N ^t proceeds of 19 libids	} <u>203: 10: 0</u>
I must pay		of Sugar on the Prince	
	449: 11: 6	William	
Due to Call P ^{di} C ^r	<u>185: 19: 6</u>		<u>635: 10: 6</u>
£	<u>605: 10: 6</u>	Errors excepted this 4 th . Sept 1737	

And these Exhibitants say and declare that the Article of Annuity mentioned in M^r Gordans Account is in regard to an Annuity that was payable by him to the deceased for her Life and that the sume of One Hundred and Seven pounds or thereabouts part of the moneys due from M^r Gordan as aforesaid is due for the arrears of that Annuity, by what these Exhibitants can learn from the deceaseds accounts and Papers.

Also

These Exhibitants severally say and declare that since the aforesaid Papers and accounts have come to their hands and knowledge They have Caused Copys thereof to be made and sent to Jamaica by a proper person with a full Power to recover and receive the moneys thereon due (if possible) but these Exhibitants have good reason to beleive these debts or the best part thereof are either very desperate or dubious as in their former Inventory is declared

Lastly

These Exhibitants do declare that no other goods Chattles or Creditts of the said deceased have since her death Come to their or either of their hands possession or knowledge

Isaac Gale
Sarah Gale

On the 26th day of August ~ April 1788 the before named Isaac Gale

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and Sarah his Wife were duly sworn to this Inventory and Account
before me (by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed

John Bound one of the Com^{rs}^①
in the Comⁿ^② hereto annexed, nam'd

In the psence of me

W^m Scammell
Notary Publick

-
- ① deceased
 - ② presence
 - ③ William
 - ④ Executors
 - ⑤ Colonel
 - ⑥ Master
 - ⑦ Ditto
 - ⑧ Honourable
 - ⑨ ballance
 - ⑩ total
 - ⑪ October
 - ⑫ September
 - ⑬ Per
 - ⑭ Commissioners
 - ⑮ Commission

(2) Dorothy Stephens, 職業・地位：Widow, 教区：Clifton, 1772年.⁽⁴⁾

A true and perfect Inventory of all &
Singular the goods Chattels and Credits of
Dorothy Stephens late of the Parish of Clifton
in the County of Gloucester Widow deceased
and which since her death have any way
come to the hands Possession or knowledge
of Frances Perrott, (the Widow of John
Standford Perrott Esq deceased) the Cousin
German once removed one of the next of
Kin and Administratrix of all and Singular
the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said
deceased given in and Exhibited by virtue
of her Corporal Oath, and are as follows,
to wit ~

The Sum of One hundred and seven
pounds and Ten Shillings, due and
owing from David Lewis, of Usk in the
County of Monmouth, - in and by virtue
of his Bond given to the said Dorothy
Stephens in her lifetime, - and received
the Nineteenth day of December, one
thousand seven hundred and Sixty Eight.

}	£	107	10	0
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The date of which Bond this declarant
cannot set out, - by reason at the time
of receiving the said money, it was
given up, - & she kept no account of
such date .-

And this Declarant Saith, that the said
Dorothy Stephens, being in her life time
in very low circumstance and keeping

(4) PROB 31/584/380, TNA.

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a day School to teach Children to read at the time of her death, - all such household goods & other effects as She dyed possessed, were taken to, by Abel Wood, her Landlord for payment of Rent in Arrear, and by him applyed for and towards her Burial, before She this Declarant administred to the said deceaseds effects, - the whole value of all which households goods, as this Declarant was informed, amounted to about Six pounds, - but She hath never received any particular account thereof .-

This Declarant saith that James Henderson the other party in this cause, is possessed, as this Declarant hath been informed and verily in her conscience believes of some Goods Chattells and effects of and belonging to the personal Estate of the deceased in this cause, and particularly, the said deceased being intituled to a Leasehold house at Bath in the County of Somerset, which was in Mortgage, he the said James Henderson by virtue of his Bond and Judgement, took out Execution and Levied on that house, by which he received some money, but what he so received he hath not given any account thereof to this Declarant.- And saith that this Declarant hath been informed and doth believe, that the said James Henderson in the lifetime of the said deceased took possession of or received a considerable quantity of plate belonging to the said deceased, and also received divers sums of money all on account and in part of the said Judgement Debt, for which

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he hath render'd no account to this Declarant, but hath exhibited his said pretended Bond and Judgement to this Court as if the whole was due, Whereas this declarant saith that he may have for what she knows to the contrary received more than

his due, Wherefore this Declarant prays that the said James Henderson may be compelled by the authority of this Court, to exhibit an Inventory of the Effects and moneys belonging to the Estate of the said deceased, which he hath so received as aforesaid ./.

Frances Perrot

(3) Susannah Morgan, 職業・地位：Widow, 教区：City of Bristol, 1792年.⁽⁵⁾

Susannah Morgan

dec⁽¹⁾

Inventory

Bro⁽²⁾ in 24th March 1792

- - -

A true perfect and Particular Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of Susannah Morgan late of the City of Bristol Widow deceased which at any time whatsoever since her death have come to the Hands Possession or Knowledge of Ann Easton Spinster the Aunt next of Kin and Curatrix and Guardian lawfully Assigned to Susannah Morgan Spinster and Edward Morgan Minors the natural lawful and only Children of the said deceased and Administratrix of all and singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of the said deceased for the use and benefit of the said Minors and untill they or one of them shall attain the Age of twenty one years

The Sum of One Thousand five Hundred and fifty Pounds Capital Stock in the four per Cents.

The Sum of Seven Hundred and fifty Pounds Capital Stock in the three per Cent consolidated Annuities

One Bond or Obligation under the hand and Seal of William

(5) PROB 31/1341/771, TNA.

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Ford of the City of Bristol Hooper of the Penalty of Two Thousand Pounds
conditioned for the Payment of the Sum of One Thousand Pounds to this
Exhibitant ~ ~ ~ with lawful Interest Nine Hundred Pounds

^ of which yet remains due

The Deceaseds wearing Apparel and Jewels of the value of fifty Pounds
or thereabouts

The Sum of Two Hundred Pounds in the Government Tontine

One hundred pounds Capital Stock in the five per Cents

Lastly this Exhibitant declares that no farther or other Goods

Chattells or Credits of or belonging to the said deceased have at any time
whatever since her death come to the Hand Possession or Knowledge of her

this Exhibitant - except a sixth part of a security on Lands

in the Parish of S' Philip and Jacob Gloucestershire

the amount or value whereof this Exhibitant cannot
ascertain

Ann Easton

The before named Ann Easton
was duly sworn to the truth of
the above Inventory the 8th
day of February 1792 before me

Jos: A. Small Commissioner

(4) Valetta Henrietta Sparrow 職業・地位：Widow, 教区：Clifton, 1837年.⁽⁶⁾

Valetta H^{w①} Sparrow

W^{w②} deced

Decton^③ & 2 Proxies

Bro⁴ in 18th May 1837

Whereas Valetta Henrietta Sparrow

① deceased

② Brought

(6) PROB 31/1367/936, TNA.

late of Clifton near Bristol in the County of Gloucester, departed this life on the twentieth day of April last, a Widow and Intestate leaving behind her the subscribed, Henry Sparrow her natural, lawful and only Son and the only person entitled to her Personal Estate and Effects, who is now in his Minority, to wit, of the Age of Nine Years and upwards, but under the Age of Twenty one Years. And Whereas Martha Sparrow Widow and Susanna Cary Widow the natural and lawful Grandmothers, and only next of Kin of the said Minor, have renounced the Curation or Guardianship of the said Minor

Now know all Men by these Presents that I the said Henry Sparrow, the Minor aforesaid, for divers good Causes and considerations me thereunto especially moving have elected and chosen, and by these Presents do elect and make choice of Clarence Horatio Cary my lawful Uncle, to be my Curator or Guardian, for the purpose of taking the Letters of Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, for my use and benefit, and until I shall attain the Age of Twenty one

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Years; And to the end that this my Election and choice may have its due effect in Law I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Francis Hart Dyke, Notary Public, and one of the Procurators General of the Arches Court of Canterbury (or in his absence any other Proctor of the said Court) to be my true and lawful Proctor, for me and in my Name to appear before The Right Honorable Sir Herbert Jenner Knight, Doctor of Laws, Master

Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of
Canterbury, lawfully constituted, his Surrogate or
some other competent Judge in this behalf, and
exhibit this my Proxy and pray and procure the
same and the Election and Choice herein contained
to be admitted and enacted: and generally to
do perform and expedite all such Acts, Matters
and things as shall be needful and necessary
to be done on my part and behalf in the Premises;
hereby promising to ratify allow and confirm all and
whatsoever my said Proctor shall lawfully do or
cause to be done herein, by virtue of these Presents.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this Sixth day of May
in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and thirty Seven //.

Henry Sparrow {Seal

Signed sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }

William Hutchins, Winifred House, Bath, Clerk.

William Senior Sulman Winifred House, Bath. B.A. S' John's Coll^④ Cambridge

M^{rs} Valetta H: Sparrow

dec^{d⑤}

Proxy of election

Whereas Valetta Henrietta Sparrow
late of Clifton near Bristol in the County of
Gloucester, departed this life on the twentieth
day of April last, a Widow and Intestate,
leaving behind her Henry Sparrow her
natural, lawful and only Son, and the only
Person entitled to her Personal Estate and Effects
who is now in his Minority, to wit, of the Age
of Nine Years and upwards, but under the
Age of Twenty one Years. And Whereas

the subscribed Martha Sparrow Widow and
Susanna Cary Widow are the natural and
lawful Grandmothers and only next of kin
of the said Minor

Now know all Men by these Presents
that We the said Martha Sparrow Widow
and Susanna Cary Widow, for divers good causes
and considerations, us thereunto especially moving
have renounced and by these Presents do renounce
all our right, title and interest in and to the
Curation or Guardianship of the said Minor, and
do hereby consent (so far as by Law we may or
can) that Clarence Horatio Cary, the lawful
Uncle of the said Minor, may be appointed his
Guardian for the purposes of taking the Letters of
Administration of the Effects of the said Deceased,
for his use and benefit, and until he shall attain
the Age of Twenty one Years; and to the end
that this our renunciation and consent may

have their due effect in Law, We do hereby
nominate constitute and appoint Francis
Hart Dyke, Notary Public, and one of the
Procurators General of the Arches Court of
Canterbury (or in his absence any other Proctor
of the said Court) to be our true and lawful
Proctor, for us and in our Names to appear
before The Right Honorable Sir Herbert
Jenner Knight, Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper
or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of
Canterbury, lawfully constituted, his Surrogate
or any other competent Judge in this behalf
and exhibit this our Proxy and pray and
procure the same and the renunciation
and consent herein contained to be

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admitted and enacted: And generally
to do perform and expedite all such
Acts, Matters and things as shall be
needful and necessary to be done on
our part and behalf in the Premises:
hereby promising to ratify allow and
confirm all and whatsoever our said
Proctor shall lawfully do or cause to be
done herein, by virtue of these Presents

In

In Witness whereof We have hereunto
set our hands and seals. Dated the
fourth day of May in the
Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred
and thirty seven ./.

Martha Sparrow {Seal
Susanna Cary {Seal

Signed sealed and delivered }
by the said Martha Sparrow }
in the presence of

A. Sydney Field
Sol^r® Leamington

W^m② Hubbard

Clerk Witness
Burbury Lampray & Field

Signed sealed and delivered }
by the said Susanna Cary }
in the presence of

James Clery Pur. Royal Navy
Clifton, Bristol

Edw^d® Geoghegan Surgeon

3 Blakney Cottage, Clifton

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[it seems some pages of the inventory might be missing; おそらく数ページ欠落]

		15	-	-
Apparel and Ornaments of the Person, which have been valued at the about One hundred pounds as per Valuation to be brought in	}	100	-	-
Also this Exhibitant declares that the said Deceased had deposited the Sum of Eight hundred pounds in the West of England Bank at Bristol	}	800	-	-
Also this Exhibitant declares that Interest thereon at the rate of two per Cent is now due thereon, which amounts to about	}	2	12	10
Also this Exhibitant declares that there was due to the said Deceased at her death from the Bombay Military Fund the Sum of Forty eight pounds five shillings or thereabouts	}	48	5	-
Also this Exhibitant declares that there was due to the said Deceased at her death from Lord Clives Fund the Sum of Fifteen pounds or thereabouts	}	15	-	-
		£	<u>980</u>	<u>17</u> <u>10</u>

Lastly this Exhibitant declares that no Goods Chattels or Credits of or belonging to the said Deceased have since her death come to his hands possession or knowledge, save what are hereinbefore

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setforth.

Clarence Horatio Cary

On the tenth day of May
 One thousand eight hundred
 and thirty seven the said Clarence
 Horatio Cary was duly sworn to
 the truth of this Declaration

Before me

J. W. Nichols Senior[®]

J: H: Dyke Not Pub[®]

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Bristol May 15th 1837

Valuation of the Effects of the late Mrs Velatea Sparrow deceased, as per Inventory taken at her late Residence N° 23 in the Mall Clifton, for the purpose of Ascertaining the Legacy or Probate Duty payable thereon,

	viz		
Wearing Apparel	25	0	0
Jewels, Trinkets and Ornaments of the Person	65	7	-
Books and Pictures	5	9	-
£	<u>95</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>

Valued by

John Hargus

- - -

-
- ① Henrietta
 - ② Widow
 - ③ Declaration
 - ④ College
 - ⑤ deceased
 - ⑥ Solicitor
 - ⑦ William
 - ⑧ Edward
 - ⑨ Senior
 - ⑩ Notary public

Abstract

Probate Inventories of Bristol Part 2: Selected Examples from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Yoshihiko Okabe

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This article includes four 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 PCC¹ 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.

Moore's recent database of probate inventories from the PCC covered Bristol city parish and related areas, so now it is possible to know which inventories came from the Bristol area².

In this article, four female inventories are selected from probate records of the PCC in the TNA. Many female inventories are included in PCC records. We can see lives of women in Bristol in the eighteenth century from these selections.

Index of Probate Inventories Selected from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Year	Name	Occupation & status	Parish or area
1738	Susannah Batchelor	Widow	Somerset
1772	Dorothy Stephens	Widow	Clifton
1792	Susannah Morgan	Widow	City of Bristol
1837	Valetta Henrietta Sparrow	Widow	Clifton

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