

WILLS

The practice of recording wills in separate volumes was begun in 1676. However, the present *Wills* series dates from 1635 to 1777, because the first two volumes are compilations of wills transcribed from various sources. The old liber letters are marked on the spines of the volumes, but the volumes are now designated as Libers 1 to 41 plus one volume called Liber 2A. Libers 12 to 41 run in chronological order, but the chronology of the earlier libers is extremely erratic. Several of the libers have been divided into two volumes, while libers 8, 9 and 10 have been combined into single volume. In all there are 46 volumes in the series.

Wills 1, a compilation of wills extracted from various originals. It was made in 1725 by the Commissioners of 1716. Marginal notes indicate the sources from which the wills were copied. A 1908 handwritten copy and a photostat copy also exist. The chart below will indicate the page number, old reference, new reference and the dates of the wills:

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Wills 2, also a compilation of wills made in 1726 by the Commissioners of 1716. A photostat copy also exists.

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