

BLACK COUNTRY PLANTS – WILLS 1858-1914

Members with South Staffordshire connections will be interested in the work recently carried out by Shirley Hughes who has been copying extracts from the probate index for that particular area of the country, mainly the Black Country towns.

Plant Wills 1858 – 1914 – Principle Probate Registry

- 1860 James Plant of West Bromwich, miner d 25 Dec 1859. Proved Lichfield by William of Hill Top, West Bromwich, cordwainer and James Plant of West Bromwich Engineer, execs. Under £450
- 1860 Rueben Plant of The Wallows, nr., Round Oak, Pensnett, Kingswinford, colliery manager, d. 19 Mar 1859 pr Lichfield 8 Feb 1860 by Daniel Plant of Brierley Hill, butcher, nephew, and one of the execs.
- 1868 Richard Plant of West Bromwich, Iron Master, d. 20 Sep. 1865 at West Bromwich, pr. Lichfield by George Plant of Broughton, Wrexham, Denbigh, Iron Master, brother. Resworn @ Stamp Office Nov. 1870. Under 25,000.
- Admons: On 1875 June 15 at Lichfield: George Thomas Plant of Brierley Hill, coal miner d 15 Dec 1873 granted to Eliza widow of 29, Locks Lane, Brierley Hill under £200.
- And 1875 June 4 at Worcester: Rebecca, late of Oldbury, granted to John Ballard of Birmingham and James Ballard of Oldbury, innkeeper.
- 1876 Eliza Plant late of Broughton nr Wrexham, wife of George. died 7 Aug 1872. Admon granted at PPR 13 July to George Plant, ironmaster. Effects under £450.
- 1877 John Thomas Plant late of 70, Pinfold St Darlaston, Chemist Assistant, died latter end of Oct. 1875 in Turin, Italy. Probate gr.4 May, 1877 Lichfield to Rhoda Plant widow. Effects under £200.
- 1878 Ann Plant, wife of Joseph, late of Toll End Tipton. died 25 Dec 1877 at Toll End. Admon granted 1 Apr. 1878 to Joseph Plant, colliery manager. Under £100.
- 1878 David Plant of Brierley Hill, d 13 Feb. 1878 at Brierley Hill. Probate granted at PPR to Thomas Taylor of Peterson St Brierley Hill, commission agent, Thomas Plant of Tipton, draper and brother, Henry Hinton of Sparkbrook, gunmaker and Eliza of Brierley Hill widow. Under £100.
- 1878 George Plant late of Spirit Vaults Park St Walsall d. 15 July 1877 at Walsall. Probate granted at Lichfield on 5 Feb 1878 to Elizabeth, widow, sole exec. Under £300.
- 1883 William Plant innkeeper of the Spotted Cow. Bloxwich d 17 Apr 1883 Probate granted at Lichfield to Maria 19 June 83. (Will left unadministered. Probate granted to John Plant farmer, father and next of kin of The Green in 1884)

- 1884 Maria, widow of William Plant late of Bloxwich d 16 Nov 1883 Admon on 19 Dec at Lichfield to George Bayley of Bloxwich, brother and next of kin. £788.7.9d
- 1885 David Absolom Plant late of Inge st. Birmingham, pianist, d 13 Jan 1884 at Queens Hospital, Birmingham. Probate granted 9 Apr. Birmingham to Benjamin Skidmore of 4 House 7 Court, Park St, Brierley Hill, shingler.
- 1886 Silas Plant of Gosty Hill, Halesowen, blacksmith d 26 Feb. 1884 Probate granted on 29 May at Worcs. To Myra, widow.
- 1884 Thomas Plant of Springfield, Rowley Regis d 6 Jan 1884 at Springfield. Probate granted 30 May 84, Lichfield to Isabella, sister of Siviters Lane Rowley Regis and John ;Dowd, Medical Officer of Health of Netherton. £23.10.9d
- 1884 William Plant late of Rocks Hill, Brierley Hill, carpenter d 6 Mar 1884. Probate granted Lichfield 5 April to Thomas Stevens of Mount Pleasant, Brierley Hill, carpenter and Edward Bagley of 102 Scholfield St, Birmingham, brassfounder and nephew. £483.16.7d.
- 1885 George Plant. Will and codicil, late of Burnt Tree, Tipton, ironmaster d 12 Sep 1884 at Broughton Probate granted, Stafford on 28 Feb by William Fisher and Edward Plant Ironmasters and nephews and George Mornington Waring, clerk to Tipton local Board of Health. Effects: £10,019.11.4d. Resworn PPR Aug 1888 £13,729.11.4d
- 1886 Rueben Plant late of Dudley St. Brierley Hill butcher d 13 July 1886 at Dudley St, Admon granted Lichfield 27 Sep to Mary Ann widow. £1,356.2.1d
- 1887 Daniel Plant late of Brierley Hill, gent., died 20 Nov 1888 will and codicil by Thomas Plant of the Steam Brewery, Netherton, Dudley son £5,710.
- 1888 David Plant late of Brierley Hill, butcher d 13 April, 1888 pr Lichfield 24 July granted to Alfred Homfrey solicitor and Rowland Moore solicitor's clerk of B.Hill.
- 1890 John Plant of Kiddermore Green, Brewood, Gent. Proved London by Mary daughter.
- 1890 Joseph Plant of Toll End Tipton, agent d. 17 May 1890 Proved Lichfield by John Snow, commercial clerk
- 1890 William Plant of 49 Moat Rd Summerhill, Tipton, butty collier d 3 Dec '89 proved by Sarah, wid. £1445.0.0.
- WKP Note* *What was a butty collier – does anybody know?*
- 1891 Mary Ann Plant of Market Place, Brewood d 26 Sep 91 Proved by Ann P. spinster.
- 1892 Thomas Plant of Withymoor House, Netherton, brewer d 10 Aug 91 at 57, Colmore Row, Birmingham. Will pr Worcester by Sarah Elizabeth, wid.

- 1893 Selina Plant of Tansey Green Villa, Kingswinford wid d 10 Aug 92 Proved Lichfield by Thomas Edward Stilland gasworks sec. and Thos. Bradley colliery sec. £2195.5.0.
- 1894 Benjamin Plant of Old Hill d 18 Nov 93, Proved London by Elizabeth wid & James Plant screwer £61
- 1894 James Plant of Old Hill mining engineer d 28 Nov 92 Proved Lichfield. By Fanny[sp] & Thos. Priest, nail manufacturer. £85
- 1894 Elizabeth Plant of 'Freemasons Arms' Walsall wid d. 6 Aug 94 Proved Lichfield by Benj. Wm. Davis foreman bridle cutter & Wm Edward Tompkins accountant £2115.12.10
- 1895 John Plant of 'Brickmakers Arms, Tansey Green, Pensnett, Kingswinford publican & maltster d 1 Feb 95 pr Lich. By Thos Plant hairdresser & Jos Homer iron works man. & agent £1063.10.6
- 1895 Roseannah Plant of Salop St, Bradley, Bilston wid d 3 Jun 95 Proved Lichfield by Daniel Plant exec. Hotel keeper £43.4.0.
- 1895 Sophia Plant of Market St Wolverhampton wid d 25 Apr 1886 Proved London by Wm Crowther Umbers, gent £134.8.0
- 1895 Stephen Plant of Pool St Wolverhampton, steel toy manufacturer d 6 Jul 95 Proved by Sarah Louisa, wid £441.2.6
- 1895 Thomas Plant of Strand Tavern, Walsall d 27Jan 95 Proved London by Alfred Medlam, jeweller & Benj Perry builders merchant £1078.15.1.
- 1896 Hannah Plant of Woolpack, Snow Hill Wolverhampton wife of John Plant d 12 Mar 96 Proved Lichfield by John innkeeper £8.12.7
- 1897 Oliver Plant of Amblecote, Brierley Hill d 4 Jul 97 Proved Lichfield by Wm Hy Plant foundryprover £90.9.7d
- 1898 Thomas Moseley Plant of 70 Spring Vale St., Spring Bank Willenhall d 27 Oct 98 Proved Lichfield by James Brown beerhouse keeper & Wm Plant carter. £60.2.0.
- 1899 George Plant of Fox Yards Sedgley d 30 Aug 99 Proved London By Emily Hume Plant. wid £323.12.0.
- 1899 John Oliver Plant of 7 The Delph, Brierley Hill d 12 Mar 99 @Amblecote Proved London by Susannah wid £13
- 1899 Philemon Foley Plant. of Dudley Rd nr Halesowen, socketmaker d 1 Sep99 Admon. To Simeon, sinker
- 1901 Caroline Plant of Brewood sp Proved by Ann sp £11,732. 0.0.

- 1903 David Plant of Gosty Hill Rowley Regis d 7 Aug 99 Proved London by Hannah Banner [!?!] wife of Rueben £155.0.0
- 1903 John Plant of Upper Church Lane, Tipton d 19 Dec 02 Proved London by Eliza wid £2269.15.4d Resworn Nov 03 £2388.6.4d
- 1903 William Plant of Moat Rd, Summer Hill Tipton d 3 Dec 1889 Proved Lichfield by Sarah James wife of Thomas & Harriet Nock wife of James £662.10.9d
- 1904 William Jackson Plant of 120 Wolverhampton Rd Walsall
- 1905 Thomas Plant of 19, All Saints St, West Bromwich d 10 Feb 05 Proved Lichfield by Emma Lucy wid £77.0.0
- 1906 William Plant of Gt Bridge St West Bromwich d 6 Mar 06 Proved Lichfield by Sarah Watson wid £1238
- 1907 Thomas Plant of High Oak, Pensnett d 19 Jan 07 Proved Lichfield Christopher Greenway & John Dodd miners £609.13.1
- 1909 Emma Plant Lucy of All Saints St West Bromwich wid d 23 Feb 09 Proved Lichfield Wm Plant & Hy Jas Plant, schoolmasters and Mary Isabella Plant sp £434.3.6
- 1910 Wm. Benjamin Plant of 27 Wrights Lane, Old Hill d 24 Dec 09 at General Hosp Birmingham proved by Fanny wid £126.13.0.
- 1908 Alice Mary Plant of Coombe Farm Cottage Kinver sp d 16 Mar 1912 proved by Alice Rogers wife of Thomas and Fanny Allchurch, w of Fred. £261.16.11
- 1909 Esther of Lion Rd Old Hill wid d 7 Jan 12 Admon to Alfred wood lab £2.

Prior to 1858 wills were administered by the ecclesiastical courts. Wills which were proved after 1858 fell under the jurisdiction of the civil Court of Probate. This survived until 1875 when it was merged with the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice which became known as the Family Division in 1970.

All these latter wills can be consulted at the Probate Research Room, First Avenue House, 42-49 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP. It is possible to look at the indexes for all wills and administrators at First Avenue House. The information is somewhat limited, but, as can be seen above, can be rather informative, providing the name and address of the deceased, date of death, where died, execution and the amount of the estate. From this information a copy of the will can be ordered. Microfilm copies can also be found at the Family Records Centre. It is also worth while checking if the appropriate county record office have copies.

Finally, thanks to Shirley Hughes who has spent many hours in London extracting the information in this article.