

NOTE ON WILLIAM HUTCHINSON

The career of William Hutchinson, who was a Liverpool privateer and later dockmaster is described in great detail by Gomer Williams in his book *The Liverpool Privateers*, but no information of his family life is there recorded.

His will has now been examined (dated 22 November 1797 proved at Chester 17 February 1801) from which it appears that he was either unmarried, or at least left no surviving issue.

Describing himself simply as "mariner", he left a legacy of £100 to his nephew Thomas Wassel, mariner, and the residue to his sister, Mary Ward of Liverpool, widow. His estate was valued at under £5,000.

The sister Mary Ward died 12 January 1808, and in her will, proved at Chester 19 January 1808, she names her son William Ward, her daughter Nancy, wife of John Browne a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and her nephew Thomas Wassell. It is notable that she owned a pew in the gallery of Leeds Street Chapel and two sittings in St. Thomas's Church. William Hutchinson was buried at the latter church, the register describing him as "gentleman."

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