

SPECIMEN:

## Last Will & Testament

*This is the last Will and Testament of Betty Black, Teacher of Harmony Manor, Kingston.*

*I revoke all previous Wills made by me and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.*

*I appoint my son John Black as my Executor.*

*I leave the money in my Bank Account No. 150001 at Bank of Nova Scotia, Oxford Road Branch to my daughter Susan Black.*

*I leave my property at Lakes Pen in the parish of Saint Ann registered at Volume 1299 Folio 222 to my three children John Black, Susan Black and Orville Whyte in equal shares.*

*The remainder of my estate is to go to my spouse, Hortenso Black.*

*Dated the 12th day of February, 2008*

*Testator: Betty Black*

*Witnesses: Harry Chang  
15 Water Crescent  
Far Out, Kingston*

*Danny Duncan  
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## Why you should make a Will & What you should know about making a Will



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## Why you should make a Will

- Your assets (all that you own) will be divided among your loved ones according to your wishes.
- Your Executor(s) will be entitled to act immediately upon your death to reduce the likelihood of damage to, or theft of, estate property.
- Proper provisions can be made for your dependents by establishing a trust to provide for schooling and other expenses.
- Shorter turnaround time for the administration of your estate.
- You can express your wishes about your funeral, burial or cremation.



### NOTE TO TESTATORS:

1. Do not ask a person you intend to give a gift, or their spouse, to witness your signature.
2. An Executor can also be a beneficiary or a witness but cannot be both.
3. The two witnesses must be present at the same time and must sign the Will in the presence of the Testator.
4. Marriage automatically revokes a Will. If you get married, a new Will must be drawn up.
5. You can change your Will as often as you want.
6. A Will only takes effect after your death.

## What you should know about making a Will

**A Will must be in writing, that is, typed or handwritten.**

It should include the following:

- a) Full name, occupation and address of the testator (person making the will);
- b) An appointed Executor(s), (the person(s) responsible for administering your estate);
- c) Assets must be properly described, identified and beneficiaries named;
- d) Residuary clause to dispose of assets not specifically stated in the Will;
- e) Date of the Will;
- f) Signature or mark of the Testator (e.g. an X) and that of two witnesses.