

## **Beckford plaque text transcript**

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William Beckford, 1709 to 1770 John Francis Moore Alderman  
William Beckford, 1772 British politician and twice Lord Mayor  
of the City of London.

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Beckford derived his wealth from generations of enslavement  
on his plantations in Jamaica.

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On his death he held 1356 enslaved Africans who, together with  
his plantations and estates in Jamaica, accounted for the  
overwhelming majority of his fortune.

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His son and the heir at the time of abolition (1833 to 1834),  
received the equivalent of millions of pounds in compensation  
for loss of his chattels.

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The enslaved were not compensated.

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