

Abigail Pereira

In the Name of God Amen

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I Abigail Pereira late of the Parish of Kingston in the Island of Jamaica but now of London widow being ~ in health of body and of sound and disposing mind and~ memory and understanding and having taken into~~ consideration the uncertainty of life I make and declare this as and for my last Will and Testament as follows ffirst I commend my Soul to the infinite Mercy of the~ Supreme Being and my body to be directly? interred at~ the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named in the Jews Burying Ground I direct that all my just~~ Debts and ffuneral expenses be in the first place paid in and satisfied And I hereby charge all my Estate and Effects with the payment thereof And whereas my late Husband in and by his last Will and Testament did give and bequeath the Sum of Three hundred pounds Current money of Jamaica unto me in order that the same might be paid and given at my Will and discretion as a marriage portion to one or more poor Orphan Girl or Girls of the Jewish Religion I do~~ therefore hereby in compliance with my said Husbands Will Order and Direct And it is my Will and pleasure that the Sum of Two hundred pounds (part thereof (?)) having already disposed of One hundred pounds the~ other part thereof to such purpose) or so much of the same as shall appear to be unapplied at the time of my death shall be by my said Executors paid or applied as a Marriage portion or portions to such poor Orphan Girl or Girls of the Jewish Nation in which shall first enter into the Marriage State after my death to the amount of the Sum of One ~~~~ hundred pounds unto each of such orphan Girls as my said Executors shall approve of and think ~ worthy of this bequest but that they my said exors shall not ? upon the whole the amount of which shall remain out on that account And it is~ my Will and I hereby direct that my Executors in England do and shall divide and pay among poor Jews in London the Sum of Twenty pounds sterling in manner following (that is to say) the~ sum of ffive pounds on the day of my Burial the sum of ffive pounds the seventh day after my burial the further Sum of ffive pounds on the thirtieth day after my Burial and the remaining Sum of ffive pounds at the expiration of eleven months after my~~ decease And I also give the further Sum of Ten~~ pounds for my Executors to pay the same unto and among such poor Jews in Kingston Jamaica aforesaid as they shall think proper at the expiration of three months and eleven months after my decease I~ give and bequeath unto the wardens and Treasurer for the time being of the Jews Synagogue in ~~~ Kingston aforesaid called Parnafsim and Gabay the Sum of One hundred pounds Jamaica Currency In Trust for the benefit of the said Synagogue and to be paid as soon after my decease as may be~~ convenient to my said Executors I also give and~~ bequeath unto the Wardens and Treasurer for the time being of the Society of Orphans at Kingston aforesaid called Aby Yotourin? the Sum of Twenty five pounds~ Jamaica Currency In Trust for the benefit of the ~ said Society and to be paid as soon after my decease as may be convenient to my said Executors I also~ Give and Bequeath unto the Wardens and Treasurer for the time being of the Jews Synagogue in London called Parnafsim and Gabay the Sum of Twenty~ pounds Sterling In Trust for the benefit of the said~ Synagogue I also Give and bequeath unto the ~~ Wardens and Treasurer for the time being of the~~ Society of Ophans in London aforesaid called~~ Aby Yotonim? the sum of Ten pounds Sterling In trust for the benefit of the said Society I give and ~~~ bequeath unto my kinswoman **Esther Levy** widow the sum of ffifty pounds sterling And in case the~ said **Esther Levy** shall happen to dye during my life Then I give the said ffifty pounds unto **Hamla Levy** the Niece of the said **Esther Levy** I give and~ bequeath unto my kinswoman **Rebecca Aguilar**~~ the widow of **Joseph Aguilar** deceased the sum of Twenty five pounds Sterling I give and bequeath~~

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unto my kinswoman **Esther Almeyda** the widow--
of **Isaac Almeyda** deceased the sum of Twenty five~
pounds Sterling I give unto my kinswoman **Abigail**
fflamengo? the Widow of **Benjamin fflamengo?**~~~
deceased the sum of Twenty pounds Sterling I give
and bequeath to **Rachael Guttered** the Wife of ~~~
Joseph Gutteres the sum of twenty pounds sterling
I give and bequeath unto my Godson **Abraham**~~
de Mercado the Son of **Jacob de Mercado** the sum~
of Thirty pounds sterling I give and bequeath unto
Jacob Diab ffernandes the sum of Twenty pounds~
Sterling I give and bequeath to **Rebecca Aguilar**~~
Wife of **Isaac Aguilar** of London the sum of Twenty
pounds Sterling I give and bequeath unto my Dear
Sister in Law **Rebecca** the Wife of **Mordecai Rodrigues**
Lopes the Sum of One hundred pounds Sterling and
also the rent of my house in White Street in Kingston~
aforesaid wherein she resided To hold the said rent~~~
unto her for and during her natural life I give and~
bequeath unto my Executors hereafter named the sum
of One thousand five hundred pounds Upon Trust~~
that they do and shall immediately after my death
lay out and invest the same in the purchase of~
Government Securities and that after the same shall
have been so laid out and invested I Will and direct
that they my said executors shall and do pay or permit
and suffer my Niece **Rachael Pereira** late Wife of **Isaac**
Pereira now in London aforesaid to receive and take~
the Interest Dividends and proceeds thereof for and~~
during her natural life to and for her own sole and~
separate use and benefit And I do hereby will and~
direct that the same and every or any part thereof~~
shall not be subject or liable to the debts Control or~
intermeddling of any person she may hereafter~~~~
intermarry the same being intended by me for her~~
own sole and separate use and her receipt alone~
notwithstanding her Coverture shall be at all times~
a sufficient discharge for the same and from and after
the death of my said Niece **Rachael Pereira** that my
Will is that the said Sum of One thousand five hundred
pounds or the Government ffunds or Securities in~
which the same shall have been so invested I Do~
hereby direct that my said Executors or the~~~
Survivor or Survivors of them shall stand and be
pofsefsed of the same and of every part thereof In
Trust that upon the decease of the said **Rachael**~
Pereira they do pay assign transfer and set over the~
said One thousand five hundred pounds or the Government
Securities so to be purchased as aforesaid and the~
Interest and Dividends thereof unto and arising all
and every the Child and Children of my said Niece
Rachael Pereira in equal proportions when and as
they shall respectively attain their ages of twenty~
one years or days of marriage which shall first~
happen And in Case of the Death of any or either~
of such Child or Children before he she or they
shall become entitled to the same Then I Direct~~
that the part or share of him her or them so dying~
shall belong to and be paid transferred or assigned
to the Survivors or Survivor of them I give and
bequeath to each and every of the Children of my
said Niece **Rachael Pereira** which shall be living at
the time of my Decease the Sum of ffifty pounds~~
Sterling except to her Son **Manafseh** and unto him
I give and bequeath the sum of One hundred~~~~
pounds Sterling instead of the said ffifty pounds~
And whereas I have already given to my Niece~~
Esther ffranco the Wife of **Abraham ffranco** on the~
day of her marriage the sum of One thousand~~
pounds and it being my intention to give her and
put her upon an equality with my Niece the said~
Rachael Pereira I Do therefore give and bequeath
unto my said Executors the Sum of ffive hundred~~
pounds Upon Trust that they so and shall immediately
after my Death lay out and invest the same in the ~~
purchase of Government Securities And that after the
same shall have been so laid out and invested my
said Executors do and shall pay or permit or suffer
the said **Esther ffranco** to receive and take the Interest
Dividends and Proceeds thereof for and during her~

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natural life to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit notwithstanding her Coverture And I Will and Direct that the same or any part thereof shall not be subject or liable to the Debts Control or Intermeddling of her said Husband in any respect whatsoever And that her receipt only shall be deemed a discharge for such Interest or Dividends And from and after the Death of my said Niece **Esther ffranco** my Will and mind is that the said five hundred pounds or the Government ffunds or Securities in which the same shall have been so invested as aforesaid I do hereby direct that my said Executors or the Survivor or Survivors of them shall stand and be pofsefsed of the same and of every part thereof In Trust that upon the Decease of the said **Esther ffranco** they do pay afsign transfer and set over the said Government Security of ffive hundred pounds purchased as aforesaid and the Interest and Dividends thereof unto and among all and every the Child and Children of my said Niece **Esther ffranco** in equal proportions when and as they shall respectively attain their ages of twenty one in years or days of marriage which shall first happen And in Case of the Death of any or either of such Child or Children before he she or they shall become entitled to the same Then I direct that the part or share of him her or them so dying shall belong to and be paid transferred or afsign to the Survivors or Survivor of them I Give and bequeath to each of the Children of my said Niece **Esther ffranco** which shall be living at the time of my Decease the sum of ffifty pounds Sterling I give and bequeath unto the said **Abraham ffranco** the Husband of the said **Esther ffranco** the Sum One hundred pounds Sterling I give and bequeath unto my ffriend **Benjamin Dias ffernandes** Sen' now in London ffive hundred pounds Sterling and which I direct shall be paid by my Executors within one year inset? after my Death or as soon after my Death as shall be convenient to my Executors I give and bequeath to **Esther Dias ffernandes** daughter of the said **Benjamin Dias ffernandes** the Sum of ffifty pounds and to **Sarah Dias ffernandes** also Daughter of the said **Benjamin Dias ffernandes** the like sum of ffifty pounds I give and bequeath to M^{rs} **Rebecca Lopes Dias** the sum of Ten pounds I Give and bequeath unto my Nephew **Manafseh Lopes** the Son of my Brother **Mordecai Rodrigues Lopes** my House situated at Balaam Hill in the County of Surry which I purchased of **Joseph Waring** of Lambeth Timber Merchant in the said County to him his Heirs Executors Administrators and Afsigns together with all my Plate Jewells China Linen and Household furniture that I shall be ?sed or pofsefsed of or entitled unto except my Pair of Diamond Ear Rings which Ear Rings I Do hereby give and bequeath to my Great Niece **Sarah Pereira** the Daughter of my said Niece **Rachael Pereira** And also I bequeath unto my said Nephew **Manafseh Lopes** the sum of ffive thousand pounds Sterling I give and bequeath to **Betty** my Negro Slave the Sum of ffive pounds Jamaica Currency and also her ffreedom And I give and bequeath unto the said **Manafseh Lopes** all the present ifsue and likewise all the future ifsue and increase of my said Negro Slave **Betty** To hold to him his Heirs and Afsigns for ever I give and bequeath to **Christmas** my Negro Slave five pounds Jamaica Currency and also his ffreedom I give and bequeath to **Joshua Pereira** Son of **Daniel Pereira** Twenty five pounds Sterling All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kindsoever the same may be I give and bequeath unto my Dear Brother **Mordecai Rodrigues Lopes** to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever But in Case my said Brother **Mordecai Rodrigues Lopes** shall happen to die in my life time then I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto his Son the said **Manafseh Lopes** his Executors Admors and Afsigns for ever And I Do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Brother **Mordecai**

Rodrigues Lopes and my said Nephew **Manafseh Lopes**

Executors of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and Do declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said **Abigail Pereira** have to this my last Will and Testament contained in Six Sheets of paper set my hand at the bottom of the five preceeding sheets and to this the last sheet my hand and seal this **fifteenth day of January in the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety one** *Abigail Pereira* Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said **Abigail Pereira** as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses **William Baxter** 98 Charlotte Street /-/ **William Rotten** 23 Rathbone Place /-/
 This Will was proved at London the **twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight** before The Worshipful **Samuel Pearce** Parson Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honorable Sir **William Wynne** Knight also Doctor of Laws Master keeper or Commisary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of **Manafseh** by mistake in the Will called **Manafseh Lopes** Esq. the Nephew of the deceased and surviving Executor named in the Will to whom Administration was Granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased having been first Sworn duly to administer//

Deductions extracted from Will :

Husband, Benjamin Pereira is deceased at the time of writing the Will, 15th January, 1791

Abigail is to be buried in the Jews Burial Ground. (This is the Spanish&Portuguese Jewish Cemetery, Mile End, London)

Executors are brother Mordecai Rodrigues Lopes and his son, Manasseh Lopes

£300 Jamaican Currency to Jewish poor girls as a wedding gift (Legacy from husband's Will) of which £100 had already been paid.

£20 to poor Jews in London as £5 on Burial day, £5 on 7th day after Burial, £5 on 30th day after Burial, £5 at 11 months after decease

£10 for poor Jews in Kingston Jamaica after 3 & 11 months after decease

£100 Jam. to Jewish Synagogue (called Parnassim&Gabay), Kingston Jamaica (via Wardens & Treasurer)

£25 Jam. to Society of Orphans (called Aby Yotourin), Kingston Jamaica (via Wardens & Treasurer)

£20 sterling to Jewish Synagogue (called Parnassim&Gabay), Kingston Jamaica (via Wardens & Treasurer)

£10 sterling to Society of Orphans (called Aby Yotourin or Yotonim), London

Legacies to "kin"	£Sterling	Jamaica
Esther Levy, widow or Hamla Levy (Esther's niece)	50	Currency
Rebecca Aguilar, widow of Joseph Aguilar, deceased	25	
Esther Almeyda, widow of Isaac Almeyda	25	
Abigail Flamerugo widow of Benjamin Flamerugo	20	
Rachael Guttered? wife of Joseph Guttered?	20	
Abraham de Moircado (godson) and son of Jacob	30	
Jacob Dias Fernandes	20	
Rebecca Aguilar, wife of Isaac Aguilar of London	20	
Rebecca (sister-in-law), wife of Mordecai Rodrigues Lopes (brother) + rent of house in White Street, Kingston, wherein she resided, for her natural life	100	
Executors to invest in Government Securities and pay interest + dividends of £1,500 to Rachael Pereira (neice), widow of Isaac Pereira now in London and after Rachael's decease to her children in equal proportions on age 21 or 21 days after marriage, the share of any dying to go to the survivors	1,500	
Rachael's children except Manasseh	50	
Manasseh Pereira only	100	
Esther Franco, wife of Abraham has already received a wedding gift of £1000 sterling. To balance with neice, Rachael's bequest, Esther to also receive interest and dividends on £500 in Government Securities and after Esther's decease to her children in equal proportions on age 21 or 21 days after marriage, the share of any dying to go to the survivors	500	
Esther's children	50	
Abraham Franco	100	
Benjamin Dias Fernando Sen' (friend) now in London + daughters, Esther & Sarah	50 +50+50	
Rebecca Lopes Dias	10	
Manasseh Lopes, son of brother, house at Balaam Hill, Surry + plate, jewels, china, linen, household furniture except pair of diamond ear rings + present & future issue & increase of Negro Slave, Betty to hold to him, his heirs & Assigns forever	5,000	
Sarah Pereira (great niece, dau of niece Rachael) pair of Diamond Ear Rings		
Betty (Negro Slave) Freedom +		5
Christmas (Negro Slave) Freedom +		5
Joshua Pereira, son of Daniel Pereira	25	
Remainder to brother or if deceased to his son Manasseh		

