

Entd

Mch. BARBADOS.

13th

1786.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Benjamin Massiah of the parish of St. Michael and island aforesaid being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say Imprimis I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it and desire that my body may be interred at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named according to the ceremonies of the Hebrew Nation Item I order and direct all my just debts and funeral expenses to be in the first place fully paid and satisfied Item I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ester Massiah the following negro slaves to wit Luba, Ancilla, and Patience ( women ) and the child now sucking at the breast of Luba with the future issue and increase of the said slaves for and during the term of her natural life and no longer Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said wife Esther Massiah the house in which I now live with the yard kitchen and appurtenances thereto belonging situated in Swan Street for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her death I give devise and bequeath the same to my sons Simeon, David, Jacob, Mordecai, Isaac, and Judah ----- Massiah to be divided amongst them in the proportions following that is to say two thirds parts thereof to my said son Simeon Massiah and his heirs forever and the other third part thereof to my said sons David, Jacob, Mordecai, Isaac and Judah Massiah and their heirs forever to be divided between them share and share alike Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said son Simeon Massiah my mulatto man named King and Mulatto boy named Aaron to him and his heirs forever Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said son David Massiah a negro girl named Lucy whom he has now in his possession with her issue and increase hereafter to be born also a mulatto boy named David to him and his heirs forever Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said son Jacob Massiah a negro woman named Present with her future issue and increase to him and his heirs forever Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said son Mordecai Massiah a negro girl named Sarah Esther with her future issue and increase and a negro boy named Polydore to him and his heirs forever

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said son Isaac Massiah and his heirs forever a negro girl named Mimbah with her future issue and increase Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said son Judah Massiah and his heirs forever a negro boy named Ned Item in case the child with which my daughter in law Rebecca Massiah wife of my said son Jacob Massiah is now ensient should be born alive I then direct my executor hereinafter named to pay unto the said child the sum of twenty pounds current money Lastly All the rest residue and remainder of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever except what I have hereinbefore particularly given and bequeathed away I give devise and bequeath unto my said son Simeon Massiah and his heirs forever and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said son Simeon Massiah sole executor of this my will hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made or executed and declaring this to be my last In witness whereof I the said Benjamin Massiah have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.

Benj: Massiah (S)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator Benj: Massiah as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Daniel Elder, Jacob Valverde, Emanuel DePiza  
Barbados.

By His Excellency.

Daniel Elder one of the subscribeing witnesses to the within written will this day personally appeared before me and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was present and did see Benj: Massiah the testator therein named ( since decd ) sign seal publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament and that he was at the executing thereof of a sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of his this deponents judgement and belief. Given at the Government House this 13th day of March 1786.

D. Parry.

Barbados,  
Registration Office,  
27th February 1953. *W.H.*

A TRUE COPY

*W.H.*  
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R. 2. 31747

of 1953.

Entd.

11th BARBADOS.

Oct.

1742.

34/119

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I Daniel Massiah of the town of St. Michael in the island abovesaid, Merchant, being sick & weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, praised be Almighty God, make this my last will & testament in manner follg - First I commend my Soul to the mercy of Almighty God, hoping to obtain Salvation of the same with all true Israelites and as for such estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof as followeth - Item whereas it hath pleased God to bless my eldest son Jacob Massiah with a plentiful fortune I therefore give and bequeath to him a gold ring of twenty five shillings value to wear in remembrance of me. Item I give and bequeath to my son Mordecai Massiah, his heirs and assigns a negro man by name Tom - Item I give and bequeath to my two sons Abraham & Samuel Massiah, their heirs and assigns my negro called Money - Item I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Massiah, his heirs and assigns one negro woman called Maria - Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Angel DaCosta, her heirs and assigns my negro woman named Joan - Item I do order my executors hereafter named, to sell my negro Cuffey to discharge such debts as I shall happen to owe - Item I give to my grandson Daniel Massiah, the son of my son Jeremiah twenty pounds when he attains the age of twenty one years, but if he dies before he attains that age then I order the same to be divided amongst such of my children as shall<sup>-be-</sup>/then living. Item I give to my daughter Angel DaCortwell such book debts as she owes to me. Item I give to my daughters Esther Baruch and ----- Deborah Tonseca twenty pounds current money a piece - Item I give to my son Simon twenty pounds - Item I give to my son Isaac twenty five pounds out of the money he owes me - Item I give to my two sons Abraham and Samuel twenty five pounds a piece - Item I give & bequeath to my son Mordecai thirty pounds - Item I give to each of my eldest grand children twenty shillings a piece - Lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint the said Mordecai & Simon executors of this my last will and testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty th day of August 1742 -

Daniel Massiah - (S)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Daniel Massiah as his last will and testament in the presence of -  
Thomas Clarke - Richard Skinner - Jacob DaCosta -  
Barbados.

By his Excellency

Jacob DaCosta, one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, this day, personally appeared before me and made oath on the Holy ----- Evangelists of Almighty God that he was present and did see Daniel ----- Massiah the testator therein named, since deced, sign, seal, publish and declare the same as and for her last will and testament, and that he was at the executing thereof, of a sound and disposing mind and memory, to the best of his this deponent's judgment and belief -

Given at Pilgrim the 11th day of October 1742

Thos Robinson -

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Barbados,

Registration Office,

24th February 1953. *W. H. W.*

A TRUE COPY

*W. H. W.*  
Registrar.

of 1953

Entd.

Nov. Barbados.

6th In the name of God Amen I Simeon Massiah of the parish of St.  
1787 Michael and island aforesaid Merchant being sick and weak in body but of  
a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding thanks be to God for  
the same do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in  
manner and form following that is to say First I recommend my soul unto  
the mercy of my blessed creator hoping through his infinite goodness a  
33/282 forgiveness of all my sins and transgressions and I desire that my body  
may be decently interred by and at the discretion of my extrix herein-  
after named after the customs and ceremonies of the Jewish nation and be  
laid in white lime and that a decent stone may be placed over my grave  
Item I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses may be fully  
paid and satisfied as soon after my decease as possible also I give and  
bequeath the sum of ten pounds current money of this island unto the  
Wardens for the time being of the Synagogue of the Hebrew nation in  
Bridgetown in this island to be applied by the said Wardens to the uses  
of the said Synagogue Also I give and bequeath unto my Godson Benjamin  
Massiah son of Jacob Massiah of the same parish and island the sum of  
twenty pounds like current money and also my set of gold Band Shoe and  
Knee Buckles which said sum of twenty pounds and set of gold Buckles I  
desire may be paid and delivered by my extrix hereinafter named as soon  
as convenient after my decease to Mrs. Sarah Barrow wife of Baruch  
Barrow of the same parish and island to be kept by her for the use of  
the said Benj. Massiah until he shall be old enough to make use of the  
same and then the said sum of twenty pounds and the said gold set of  
Buckles are to be paid and delivered by the said Sarah Barrow to the  
said Benjamin Massiah Also I give and bequeath unto my mother Esther  
Massiah of the same parish and island widow a decent suit of mourning  
to be provided for her by my extrix hereinafter named also the sum of  
twenty pounds like current money also I give and bequeath unto my  
brother Judah Massiah all my wearing apparel except my watch, also I  
give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my estate  
real and personal and mixed or of what other nature kind or quality the  
same may consists in this island or elsewhere which I am now seized or  
possessed of or in any manner entitled to or interested in by virtue



of the last will and testament of my father Benj. Massiah late of this island decd or by any other ways or means howsoever or whatsoever unto my dear wife Sarah Massiah and her her heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my said wife Sarah Massiah sole extrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former or other will or wills by me at any time heretofore made or executed and declaring this to be my last In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

Simeon Massiah (S)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator Simeon Massiah as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto the words " Also the sum of twenty pounds like current money " being first interlined.

Roderick Elder,

Mordecai B. Massiah.

Barbados.

By His Excellency

Roderick Elder one of the subscribing witnesses to the within written will this day personally appeared before me and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was present and did see Simeon Massiah the testator therein named ( since decd ) sign seal publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament and that he was at the executing thereof of a sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of his this deponents judgement and belief. Given at Pilgrim this 6th day of November 1787.

D. Parry.

Barbados,

Registration Office,

31st January 1953. *xd*  
*with*

A TRUE COPY

*Williams*  
Registrar.

of 1953.

Entd.

April Barbados.

14th 1788.

33/349

In the Named of God Amen. I David Massiah of the parish of St. Michael and island abovesaid shopkeeper ( being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing in manner and form following vizt Imprimis I commit my Soul to God who gave it me and my body to be decently buried according to the usual form of the Hebrews Item I will and desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid and satisfied with convenient speed after my decease Item I give unto the Synagogue of Bridgetown in this island the sum of ten pounds current money Item I give unto my niece Esther Massiah the sum of twenty five pounds to be paid her at the discretion of my extrix hereinafter mentioned Item I give unto my mutual friend and extrix Rebecca Barich hereinafter mentioned the sum of five pounds current money as a token of my regard for her Item All the rest residue and remainder of my estate real personal and mixed I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Sarah Massiah ( formerly Sarah Aboab Spinster ) and to her heirs forever the same to be in full lieu and barr of dower And lastly I nominate and appoint my said wife and Rebecca Baruh jointly and severally to be extriss to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other will or wills by me at any time heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty five.

David Massiah (S)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator for his last will and testament in the presence of us

David Brandon, Saml. R. Dundkley, Abm. Brandon  
Barbados.

By His Excellency

Abraham Brandon one of the subscribing witnesses to the within written will this day personally appeared before me and made oath on the Five Books of Moses that he was present and did see David Massiah the testator therein named ( since decd ) sign seal publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament and that he was at the executing thereof of a sound and disposing mind and memory to

the best of his this deponents judgement and belief.  
Given at Pilgrim this 14th day of April 1788.

D. Parry.

A TRUE COPY

Barbados,

Registration Office,

10th February 1953.

of 1953

Entd.

March 1st BARBADOS.

1791. In the Name of God Ame. I, Isaac Massiah of the parish of Saint John and Island abovesaid ( Farrier ) being sick and weak in Body but of a perfect mind & memory. Thanks be given unto Almighty God. And calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament ( that is to say ) principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executor and Executrix, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the Almighty Power of God. And as touching such wordly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Massiah All my Estate real and personal of what Nature kind and quality soever to her during her Natural life, And from and immediately after her decease the same to be equally divided between and among my children, Christopher Massiah, William Massiah, John-Mitcham Massiah, Abraham- Howard Massiah, Elizabeth Rose Widow ( heretofore Elizabeth Massiah ) and Dorothy Wilkinson ( Wife of William Wilkinson ) and their heirs for ever, share and share alike.

Item It is my Will and desire that my Daughter's Sarah Moore Massiah and Rebecca Massiah have their living and Accomodation in my House as in my life time. Lastly I nominate and Appoint my Loving friend the Honourable Richard Haynes Esqr. and my said Wife the said Mary Massiah Executor and Executrix of this my said Will, hereby revoking all former Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made And I do declare this as and for my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Isaac Massiah (S)

Signed, Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of

Edward Squires.

Wm. Ashby.



BARBADOS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY.

Edward Squires one of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing written Will this day personally appeared before me and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was present and did see Isaac Massiah the Testator therein named ( since decd. ) Sign Seal Publish and declare the same as and for his Last Will and Testament and that he was at the Executing thereof of a sound & disposing mind and memory to the best of his this Deponents Judgment and belief.

Given at Pilgrim this 1st day of March 1791.

D. Parry.

Barbados,  
Registration Office,  
29th January 1953. *sd*  
*ush*

A TRUE COPY

*W. Williams*  
Registrar.



Copy No. 143

of 1953.

Entd.

Feby. Barbados.

24th

1796.

38/117

In the Name of God Amen I Sarah Massiah of the parish of St. Michael & Island abovesaid do make publish & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following First I desire all my just debts & funeral expences may be fully paid & satisfied, also, I give & bequeath unto Sarah Massiah a free mulatto woman & to her assigns all my linen wearing apparel sheets & table cloths, also I give & bequeath unto the said Sarah Massiah a mulatto woman named Satirah, a mulatto man named Ben & her two mulatto children named Rachael & Hannah, negro woman named Luttah & her children Betty Sue, Mimbah and Mopsey and also Sam a negro boy to hold the same slaves abovenamed unto her the said Sarah Massiah her heirs & assigns forever- Also I give devise & bequeath all that my messuage tenement or dwelling house now in the occupation of Doctor Hutson with the land whereon the same stands & the buildings yard and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said Sarah Massiah and her heirs & assigns forever. - Also I give devise and bequeath unto the said Sarah Massiah a certain piece or parcel of land situated in Marl Hill Street now tenanted by Lucinda Vaughan, to hold the same unto her the said Sarah Massiah her heir & assigns forever. Also I give & bequeath unto the said Sarah Massiah and to her assigns all my household stuff & furniture. Also I give & Bequeath unto ~~-----~~ Abraham Valverde the sum of one hundred pounds currency to be paid in two years after my decease ~~-(also currency to be paid in two years after my decease)~~ - Also I give & bequeath unto Isaac Valverde the sum of one hundred pounds currency to be paid in two years ~~-----~~ after my decease - Also I give & bequeath unto Rebecca Valverde the sum of one hundred pounds currency to be paid in two years after my decease - Also all the rest residue & remainder of my estate real & personal of what nature or kind soever I give devise & bequeath unto my brother Emanuel Depiza and his heirs & assigns forever,

and lastly I nominate constitute & appoint the said Emanuel Depiza  
sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament In Testimony where-  
of I have hereto set my hand & seal this eighth day of February one  
thousand seven hundred & ninety six.

Sealed & delivered by the said Testatrix)

Sarah Massiah in the presence of us who ) The mark of  
at her request in her presence & in the ) X  
presence of each other have hereto set ) Sarah Massiah (S)  
our hands as witnesses. )

Roderick Elder, Henry Hutson

Barbados.

By His Excellency

Henry Hutson one of the subscribing witness to the foregoing written  
will this day personally appeared before me & made oath on the  
Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was present & did see  
Sarah Massiah the Testatrix therein named ( since deced ) make her  
mark, seal publish & declare the same as & for her last Will &  
Testament & that she was at the executing thereof of a sound &  
disposing mind & memory to the best of his this deponents judgement  
& belief.

Given at Pilgrim this 24th day of Feby. 1796.

G. P. Ricketts.

Barbados,

Registration Office,

14th January 1953. *x*  
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A TRUE COPY

*Williams*  
Registrar

of 1953.

Entd.

Dec. BARBADOS.

30th

1776.

23/511

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Simeon Massiah of the Parish of St. Michael in the Island abovesaid Gentleman do hereby make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Imprimis It is my desire that all my just debts and funeral Expences be paid as soon as possible after my decease also that my Executor shall sell and dispose of all my Estate both real and personal in fee simple and the moneys arising from the sales aforesaid to be applied as shall hereafter be mentioned. Item I give and bequeath Six pounds currt money for the use of the Jews Synagogue in Bridgetown to be paid as soon as possible after my decease. Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Brother Mordecay Massiah Twenty five pounds currt money to be paid as above specifies Item I give devise and bequeath to my neice Sarah Massiah Spinster daughter of Abraham and Rachell Massiah ( now deceased ) my featherbed Bolsters and Pillowes to be delivered immediately after my decease as also all the residue of my Estate both real and personal to be paid and delivered as soon as possible after my decease to her and her heirs for ever. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my nephew Emanuel Baruh Louzada sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made And do hereby declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

The mark S M of Mr

Simeon Massiah (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us ( the words soon as ) in the thirteenth line being first interlined.

Jacob Valverde, Junr Aaron Delyon, David Valverde  
Barbados.

By His Excellency.

David Valverde one of the subscribing witnesses to the within written Will this day personally appeared before me and made Oath on the five books of Moses that he was present and did see Simeon Massiah the Testator therein named ( since decd ) make his mark seal publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament and that he was at the Executing thereof of a sound and disposing mind and memory to the best

of his this deponents Judgmt & belief. Given at Pilgrim this 30th day  
of Decr. 1776.

Edw. Hay.

Barbados,  
Registration Office,  
27th February 1953.

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with*

A TRUE COPY

*William*  
Registrar.





of 1953.

Entd. BARBADOS.

Mar. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Esther Massiah of the Town and -----

8: Parish of Saint Michael and Island aforesaid Widow being sick and weak  
1782. in Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory Praised be God for  
the same Do therefore make and Declare this to be my last Will and -----Testament in form following that is to say. Imprimis I desire that all  
my just Debts be first fully paid and satisfied by my Executrix herein-  
after named. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Sister Sarah  
Belanfante of the said Town and Parish of Saint Michael and Island  
abovesaid, All that my messuage or Dwelling House with the land Whereon36/380. the same now stands with all and singular the Buildings And other the  
Premises with their and every the appurtenances thereto belonging -----  
situate lying and being in the said Town & Parish of Saint Michael in a  
certain Street there called the Milk Markett Together with all those  
several negro and other Slaves herein after mentioned Viz: Sammy ( a  
mulatto man) Judy, Sally, Bellah, Jubah & Princes ( Women ) Mary Bellah  
and Molly ( Girls ) with the Future Issue and Increase of the said  
Female Slaves hereafter to be born and Also all my outstanding debts due  
and owing to me from any Person or Persons whomsoever both in this  
Island or elsewhere likewise all my Estate both Real as well as Personal  
Household Goods of every nature kind or quality soever To her and her  
Heirs and assigns Forever And And Lastly revoking and making Void all  
other Will and Wills by me at any time heretofore made I do make and  
Declare this only to be my last Will and Testament and Do therefore  
make and appoint my said Dear and Loving Sister Sarah Belinfante sole  
Executrix thereof IN WITNESS whereof I the said Esther Massiah hath  
hereunto sett my Hand and affixed my Seal this Eleventh day of January  
one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Two

Signed Sealed Published	)	The mark of
and declared by the said	)	Esther X Massiah (S)
Testatrix Esther Massiah	)	
as and for her Last Will and	)	
Testament the Word Bellah	)	
being first interlined in the	)	
presence of	)	

John Pharour Thomas Moses Lopez Danl. DaCosta.

BARBADOS

BY HIS EXCELLENCY.

John Pharour Thomas one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within and above written Will this day Personally appeared before me and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was present and did see Esther Massiah the Testatrix therein named ( since deced ) make her mark Seal Publish and declare the same as and for her last Will and Testament and that she was at the Executing thereof of a sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of his this Deponents Judgment and Belief.

Given at Pilgrim this <sup>-8-</sup> day of 1782.

James Cunninghame

Barbados,

Registration Office,

1st March 1953. *xd*  
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A TRUE COPY

*William*  
REGISTRAR.

Copy No. 142.

of 1953

Entd.

Sept. BARBADOS.

18th

1795.

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In the name of God Amen, I Esther Massiah of the Parish of St. Michael and Island abovesaid, widow, being sick & weak in body, but of a sound & disposing mind, memory & understanding, thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following, that is to say - Imprimus I will & direct that all my just debts & funeral expences be fully paid & satisfied as soon as possible may be after my death - Item - All my estate real & personal of every nature kind & quality soever, I give devise & bequeath the same & every part thereof unto my Daughter-in-Law Abigail Massiah Widow, and her heirs & assigns forever. Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my son Juday Massiah Executor and the said Abigail Massiah Executrix of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & making void, all former & other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In Witness whereof I the said Esther Massiah have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

Signed sealed publish & declared by )  
the said Testatrix Esther Massiah as ) mark  
& for her last Will & Testament in ) the X Esther Massiah (S)  
the presence of us who in her presence) of  
and at her request have subscribed our)  
names as witnesses hereto. )

Isaac Defonseca, John Thomas Rogers.

Barbados.

By His Excellency

Isaac Defonseca one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing written Will this day personally appeared before me and made Oath on the Five Books of Moses that he was present and did see Esther Massiah the Testatrix therein named ( since decd ) make her mark seal publish & declare the same as and for her last Will

& Testament, and that she was at the executing thereof of a sound  
& disposing mind & memory to the best of his this deponents Judge-  
ment & belief. Given at Pilgrim this 18th day of September 1795.

G. P. Ricketts.

Barbados,  
Registration Office,

14th January 1953. *xd*  
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A TRUE COPY

*William*  
Registrar.



of 1953.

Entd.

Nov. BARBADOS.

20 1749.

21/206.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Judah Massiah of the parish of St. Michael & Island aforesaid being sick and weak in body but of perfect and sound mind and memory do make this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth First I Recommend my soul into the Hands of Almighty God from whom I crave for mercy and remission of all my sins and my Body to be decently buried according to the custom of the Hebrew Nation and as to what worldly Estate it hath been pleased God to bestow on me upon the manner and form as followeth First it is my will that all my just debts should be paid. Item I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving mother Sarah Massiah the sume of Fifty pounds currt: money. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving nephew Simeon Massiah the sume of Fifty pounds currt: money. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving neice Sarah Guttieres the sume of fifty pounds Currt: money Item I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Ester Massiah all the rest and remainder of my whole Estate both real and personal Lastly I do nominate and appoint my loving Brothers Benjamin and Abraham Massiah and my aforesaid wife Ester Massiah to be my Executors and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this seventeenth day of Octr. 1749.

The Mark of J M S S Jud<sup>th</sup> Massiah (S)

Sign Seald and publishd in the presence of  
Isaac DePiza, Jacob Defonseca, Daniel Massiah  
Barbados

By his Excellency

Daniel Massiah one of the witnesses to the within written Will this day personally appeared before me and made Oath on the Five Books of Moses that he was present and did see Judith Massiah the Testator therein named ( since decd ) make his mark seal publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament and that he was at the executing thereof of a sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of his this deponents Judgment and belief. Given at Pilgrim this 20th day of November 1749.

H. Grenville.

A TRUE COPY  
*[Signature]*

Barbados,  
Registration Office  
27th February 1953.



Entd  
Sept 9th  
1755.

Copy No 309 of  
1953

two five shilling stamps

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TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE FAITHFUL IN CHRIST to whom these our present letters Testimonial shall come or whom the matters herein - written do or may hereafter in any wise concern. Thomas by divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England & - - - Metroplitan SEND GREETING in Our Lord God Everlasting & Will that undoubted faith be given to these presence & do make known & will that it be hereby made known to you that on searching the Registry will - Court of Canterbury in the Archives thereof there well & faithfully - of our Prerogative/preserved & kept we have discovered & plainly found amongst other things in the same That on the first day of Augst: in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty four at London before the Worshipful Arthur Collier Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir George Lee Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of our Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the last will & testament of Jacob Massiah late of the Parish of St. Mary White Chappell in the County of Middlesex decd ( having whilst living & at the time of his death Goods Chattles or Credits in divers dioceses or Jurisdictions sufficient to found the Jurisdiction of our Prerogative Court of Canterbury aforesaid) was approved approved & registered & administration of all & singular the Goods Chattles & Credits of the said decd & any way concerning his will was granted to Charles Channey one of the surviving Executors - named in the said Will he having been already sworn well & faithfully to administer the same & to make a true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the said Goods Chattles & Credits & to exhibit the same unto the Registry of our said Prerogative Court of Canterbury on or before the last day of February next ensuing & also to render a just & true accompt thereof ( Power being reserved of making the like grant to Mordicai Massiah the other surviving Executor nam'd in the said will when he shall apply for the same the true tenor of which said will follows in these words & is such to wit -

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I JACOB MASSIAH of London Merchant being in good health of body & of sound & perfect mind and memory

( Praised be to God for the same do make publish & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner following First and Principally I commend my soul unto God who gave it & my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named And as for & concerning all such temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with) after paymt: & discharge of all my - - just debts & funeral expences) I give & dispose thereof as followeth that is to say, First I give devise & bequeath unto the Trustees or Wardens of the Portuguese Jewish Synagogue in London for the time being the sum of twenty pounds to be paid them by my Executors hereinafter named within thirty days next after my decease to & for such uses as they shall think proper. Item I give & bequeath unto the Trustees or Wardens of the Orphan Society of Portugues Jews in London for the time being the sum of ten pounds to be paid them by my said Executors within thirty days next after my decease to & for the - - charitable uses of the said Society. Item I give devise & bequeath unto the poor Portugues Jews belonging to the said synagogue the sum of Fifteen pounds to be distributed amongst them by my said Executors or some or one of them in manner following that is to say, Five pounds part thereof to be distributed amongst them at the end of seven days next after my decease five pounds more part thereof at the end of - - thirty days next after such my decease & the remaining five pounds at the expiration of eleven months next after my decease. Item I give devise & bequeath unto my loving Newhew Daniell Massiah son of my Brother Jeremiah Massiah late of the Island of Barbados decd: the sum of One hundred pounds to be paid him when he shall attain the age of twenty one years & I do hereby order & direct that the said sum of one hundred pounds may in the meantime be placed out at Interest by my said Executors & such Interest thereof be from time to time applyed to & for the sole use & benefit of the said Daniel Massiah. Item I give devise & bequeath unto Mordicai Massiah of the said Island of Barbados Mercgt. Joshua Nachors of London Merchant & Charles Channcey of Corn Hill London, Simeon Draper twenty pounds each for mourning. All the rest residue & remainder of my Estate whatsoever whether real or - - personal which at the time of my decease I shall be possessed of - -

interested in or any ways intituled unto I give devise & bequeath the same unto the said Mordicai Massiah Joshua Machors & Charles Channcey & to the survivors or survivor of them & the Executors & Administrators of such Survivors or survivor of them In Trust that they the said Mordicai Massiah Joshua Machors & Charles Channcey or the survivors or survivor of them do & shall from time to time & at all times so often & so soon as they conveniently can after all or any of the moneys - - goods, wares merchandizes, effects or Estate belonging to me the said Jacob Massiah shall come to their or any or either of their hands custody or possession lay out & invest the same or the produce or proceeds thereof in good government or other sufficient security & to & for the most & best advantage that they possibly can And that the Interest thereof be from time to time paid unto my Honoured Father Daniel Massiah yearly every year during the term of his natural life by two even & equal half yearly payments in each year And my will & desire is & I do hereby order & direct that immediately after the decease of my said Father~~they~~ the said Mordicai Massiah Joshua Machors & Charles Channcey or the survivors or survivor of them or the Executors or Admstrs of such survivors or survivor do & shall sell & dispose of all such securitys which they shall or may purchase accept & take out of the produce of such my said Effects or Estate And also all such effects goods wares or merchandizes as shall then remain in their or any of their hands custody or possession at & for the most & best price or advantage which they can get or procure for the same And do & shall immediately after such sale transfer or disposal well & truly pay or cause the principal money arising by the sale & disposal thereof And also all such other moneys as shall or may<sup>then</sup> remain in their any or either of their hands custody or possession or wh: they or any of them shall or may thereafter from time to time receive of or belonging to all or any my goods effects & Estate whatsoever to be paid & divided unto & amongst all & every my brothers & sisters then living & the issue of their or any of their bodys lawful begotten ( in case any of my said Brothers or Sisters shall hapen to dye before my said Father Daniel Massiah leaving issue as aforesd) equally share & share alike to their & each & every of their respective use & uses & their heirs & their heirs & assigns for

ever. And my will & desire is & I do hereby order & direct that in case any or either of my said Brothers & sisters shall happen to depart this life before my said Father Daniel Massiah without leaving lawful issue of their bodys as a foresaid that then & in such case the part or share of such Brother or sister so dying shall go to & be paid & divided unto & amongst the surviving Brothers or sisters brother or sister equally share & share alike To hold the same unto them & each & every of them their & each & every of their Executors Administrators & assigns forever, And I do hereby make nominate & appoint the said Mordica Massiah Joshua Machors & Charles Chancy & the survivors or survivor of them joint and separate Executors of this my will And I do hereby will & direct that neither of them my said Executors or their or either of their Executors or Admstrs shall be any ways liable to or chargeable with the act or deed of the others or other of them but each of them for his or their own act & deed only And that they nor any or either of them shall be liable to or accountable for any money whatsoever which they or any or either of them shall or may lawfully and reasonably lay out & expend for or in the - - - execution of this my Will. And I do hereby revoke annul & make void all & all manner of wills Codicils & bequests by me at any time or times heretofore made & do will & declare this to stand & remain as & for my last Will & Testament & none other. In witness whereof I the said Jacob Massiah have to this will contained in four sheets of paper to the first & last sheets thereof set my hand & seal & to the other two my hand in London the third day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred & forty one & in the fifteenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith & so forth

Jacob Massiah

Signed sealed published & declared by the Testator Jacob Massiah as & for his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

W Tudman Birchin Lane 1741. Willm: Hordley

W. Tudman Thomas Tomlinson.

In Faith and Testimony of all & singular which premisses we have caused these our Letters Testimonial to issue forth & to be corrobor-

Seal of the  
Prerogative  
Court - of  
Canterbury

BARBADOS

I do hereby allow & approve of the within Instrument of writing to the  
end it may be recorded in the Secretary's Office of this Island &  
take its effect to all legal purposes. Given at Pilgrim this 9th day of  
September 1755.

Ralph Weekes

BARBADOS  
REGISTRATION OFFICE  
26th February 1953.

A TRUE COPY

*P. Williams*