

**1809, 26 Novembro, Nova Iorque. Testamento de Moses Mendes Seixas.**

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This is the last Will and Testament of Mr. Moses Seixas of the Town of Newport County of Newport and State of Rhode Island, but at present in the City of New York.

I Give Devise and Bequeath all my Personal Estate of whatever nature on hind soever, and also all and singular my Real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto my Wife Jochebed Seixas for and during the term of her natural life.

It is also my Will and desire that my Daughters Billah, Abigail, Grace and Hetty continue to be maintained by my said Wife out of the Income of my Estate for & during the time they shall remain unmarried, and remain residing with their Mother.

It is also my Will and desire that after the decease of my said Wife, the whole of my estate both Real and Personal be equally divide among my Children share and share alike.

I Nominate Constitute and Appoint my said Wife Jochebed Seixas and my son Benjamin Seixas executors of this my last Will, and revoking all former Wills by me made, do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have here unto set my Hand and Seal at the city of New York the twenty sixth day of November One Thousand eight hundred and nine.

M. Seixas

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said Moses Seixas as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our hands as Witnesses thereof.

William Davis

Arthur Brown

J. B. Kursheedt

At a Court of Probate held at the Council Chamber in Newport Monday Jan.<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1810, in Open Court cometh Arthur Brown and the 9<sup>th</sup> day of said January cometh William David two of the Witnesses to the foregoing Will and on their Solemn Oaths declare and say that they were present at the time that Moses Seixas the Testator therein named executed the same, to Wit, on the Twenty sixth day of November, One Thousand eight hundred and Nine, that he was then of a sound disposing mind and memory that

they saw him sign seal of him, publish and declare the same as of his last Will or Testament that they signed as Witnesses thereto at the same time in the presence of the Testator in the Presence of each other and in the presence of J. B. Kursheedt, the other Witness who is absent. Wherefore said Will is Proved and Approved.

Jonathan Almy Probate Cl[er]k

Newport Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 1810. Recorded by Jonathan Almy Probate Cl[er]k.

By Virtue of the Power granted the Court of Probate of the Town of Newport in the County of Newport and State of Rhode Island &c. to whom by Law up pertains the Probate of Wills granting Letters of Administration on intestate Estates and Letters of Guardianship within said Township.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. Be it known and Remembered that on the first day of January A. V. 1810, in Open Court was exhibited the last Will and Testament of Moses Seixas, late of Newport, aforesaid Merchant, deceased, which was Proved and Approved according to Law, and Jochebed Seixas and Benjamin Seixas, the two Executors therein named and appointed appeared and gave Bond as the Law Directs. Therefore Letters Testamentary are hereby granted the said Jochebed Seixas and Benjamin Seixas fully authorizing and empowering them to Act and do all things needfull and necessary in the Law for their Effectually performing the Office and Duty of Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said Moses Seixas deceased, they the said Jochebed Seixas and Benjamin Seixas to render an Account of their Executorship as the Law Directs.

By Order of said Court to Probate I have given forth this Letter Testamentary under my Hand and Seal of said Court this [blank] day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ten and thirthy fourth of American Independence.

Jonathan Almy Probate Clerk.