

**1797, 8 Dezembro, Boston. Testamento de David Lopez.**

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In the name of God, Amen, I, David Lopez of Boston in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, praised be God for it, and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and to the end I may be better prepared to leave this world, whenever it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made; and first and principally I give my soul into the hands of my Creator, who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and as to such wordly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to entrust me, I dispose of the same as followeth.

Imprimis, I order all my debts and funeral charges to be paid by my Executors hereinafter named as soon as may be after my decease; I give and bequeath unto Esther Gomez, wife of Moses Mordecai Gomez, Rebecca Hendricks, wife of Uriah Hendricks, Hannah Rivera, wife of Abraham Rodrigues Rivera, Abigail Gomez, wife of Isaac Moses Gomez, Merriam Lopez, Deborah Lopez, Judith Lopez, Grace Lopez, Joshua Lopez, Samuel Lopez, my beloved nephews and nieces, all children of my late beloved brother Aaron Lopez, one hundred dollars each, for their own use and disposal. I also give and bequeath unto Moses Lopez and Jacob Lopez, two other of my beloved nephews, children of my brother Abraham Lopez, one hundred dollars each. I also give and bequeath unto Rebecca Isaacs wife of Jacob Isaacs of Newport in the state of Rhode Island, one hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath unto Grave Levi widow of the late Hyman Levi, also of Newport, one hundred dollars. All which legacies aforementioned, I do order my executors herein after named to pay to the several legatees aforesaid within three months after my decease. I do also give and bequeath unto my friend Moses Michael Hays, Esquire, my silver hilted sword, in token of my respect for him. I also give and bequeath unto Sarah Lopez, widow of my late beloved brother Aaron Lopez, my silver sugar pot and pepper box. And lastly as to the residue and remainder of my estate, goods, and chattels, of what kind and nature so ever, I give and bequeath the same unto my beloved nephew, Joseph Lopez, son of my late brother Aaron Lopez, And I do hereby appoint my worthy friend Moses Michael Hays, Esquire, and my

nephew Joseph Lopez aforementioned to be the joint executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of December in the year of the Christian Era, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

David Lopez

Signed sealed, published and declared by the above named David Lopez to be his last will and testament, in presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names, as witnesses in the presence of the testator and each other.

Charles Paine

Abraham Touro

Faith Butler

Suffolk County Probate Office, vol. xcvi, p. 2. Moses Michael Hays declined to serve as an executor, and the trust was placed upon Joseph Lopez, Newport, merchant, with Moses Michael Hays and Joseph May as sureties for five thousand dollars.