

WILL OF  
ABRAHAM SASPORTAS

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17 M<sup>S</sup> In the Name of God Amen I the undersigned Abraham Sas-  
N<sup>O</sup> 11 portas a Native of Bordeaux department of Gironde in  
the Kingdom of France being in good health and enjoyment of all  
the faculties, sound sense and judgement which it has pleased  
providence to bestow upon me declare this to be my Last Will  
and Testament, revoking and annulling that which I made at  
Charleston Metropolis of the State of South Carolina United  
States of America, on the twenty Sixth of March 1818. Wishing  
that the dispositions of the present Will be strictly Executed  
by my Heirs & Executors First I wish that my debts if any there  
be after my decease be immediately discharged. By my Marriage  
Contract made at Charleston Metropolis of South Carolina United  
States of America in one thousand Eight hundred and three with  
Charlotte Canter I have given her a Sum of Six thousand Dollars  
which I have Mortgaged on a fine house Situated in Queen Street  
N 15 in Charleston the interest Whereof She is to enjoy after  
my death during her Life and after her decease the Said Sum  
to be reversible upon our Children (if it please God to give  
us any) in equal proportions besides the Six thousand dollars  
above mentioned the Laws of the Country allow to a Wife a Dower  
out of all the Real property of their husband which they pos-  
sessed at the time of their Marriage. This Dower Consists in  
the enjoyment after the death of the Husband and during the Life  
of the Wife of the third of the Nett revenue of all the said  
Real property. I estimate conscienciously the third upon the  
two Houses which remains belonging to me at Charleston to be  
worth after my decease a Sum of two thousand five hundred Dol-  
lars once paid independently of the Six thousand Dollars and  
of the two thousand five hundred dollars I have given to my  
Wife at different times in jewells and diamonds that She has  
Actually in her possession at least Fifteen hundred Dollars  
these three Sums United make a Sum of Ten thousand Dollars equal

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to Fifty two thousand five hundred Francs. I have thought this Explication necefasry that it might not be thought strange that I have Left my Wife so Little in my Will. I took her without a portion and have generously endowed her in Marrying her. I give and bequeath to my dear Son Augustus Sasportas my Dwelling House situated in Fig tree Street N<sup>o</sup> 16 together with the two Wings of said house bearing the N<sup>os</sup> 15 and 17 and the pafsage in the form of a Coach House which leads from the Store in the Rue des Carmes (Camelite Street) paris Item. I give and bequeath to my said dear Son Augustus Sasportas my two Houses Situated in the Rue des Carmes, bearing the N<sup>os</sup> 4 & 5 which made a part of the Hotel in Fig tree Street where I have bought it. Item I give and bequeath to my said dear Son Augustus Sasportas all the moveables generally whatsoever which Consti- tutes the funiture of Said Hotel, the Sheets Table Linen and Plate which I will dispose of hereafter are not comprised in making a part of the furniture. Item I give and bequeath to my Said Son Augustus my Library with all the Books which it contains I give him at the same time all my body Linen &c and generally all which Composes my Wardrobe as Well as all my jew- ells especially my gold Snuff box my gold repeating Watch with a gold chain gold Waistcoat buttons (bouton a Gilets) and a Diamond Ring & c. Item I give and bequeath to my dear daughter Zelmire Sasportas the Estate called the Castaque Situated in the Commune of Begles department of Gironde together with all the moveables, tools, agricultural implements and generally all that appertains to the said domain or Estate as is Establised & laid down in the Inventories which I have in my Bureau, Item I give and bequeath to my Said dear Daughter Zelmire Sasportas Sixteen Hundred Francs in Rents an 5 P cents Consolidated upon the Royal Treasury which I have in my pocket book, that Sum bal- ances nearly the Value of what I have given and bequeathed to her brother Augusto. Item I give and bequeath to my Wife Char- lotte Sasportas my my House in Charleston Metropolis of the

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State of South Carolina Untied States of America Situated  
in Queen Street and designated by the number fifteen and upon  
which She has a Mortgage of Six thousand Dollars which I have  
given her & recognised by my Marriage Contract for her to en-  
joy the income of the Said Sum during her Life and to revert to  
our Children Augustus and Zelmire Sasportas in equal proportions  
after her death, the present donation is made upon the following  
Clauses and Conditions. First the Six thousand Dollars Mort-  
gaged upon the said House Number 15 Shall be given up and She  
shall renounce the Dower with the Laws of the Country allow  
her upon the House N<sup>o</sup> 14. which is joined by a partition Wall  
to the House N<sup>o</sup> 15 which I give her. Secondly as it is the  
Interest of my Wife as Well as that of my Children that the in-  
come of the Real property they Shall have at Charleston be  
transferred to Bordeaux it is proper and I Wish the Said Houses  
to be sold to the greatest advantage and that the amount be  
invested in real Estate of the most profitable description in  
France by my Executors hereafter named with the approbation of  
my aforesaid Wife as regards the portion which She is to have  
the enjoyment of. The half of the Nett produce of these two  
Houses will belong entirely to her for her to enjoy during her  
Life time. If she objects to this arrangement which is entire-  
ly in her favour, and prefers holding out for What I gave her  
at Charleston by my Marriage Contract, then the gift which I  
make her of the said House N. 15 is Null and of no effect and  
my testamentary Executor in Charleston is instructed to in-  
vest immediately after my decease, in real Estate for the ben-  
efit of my Children and for the Security of their rights the  
Six thousand dollars the Interest of which my Wife shall en-  
joy during her Life. Item I give & bequeath to my dear Son  
Augustus Sasportas and my dear daughter Zelmire Sasportas to  
each in equal proportion the property which I have at Charles-  
ton Metropolis of South Carolina U.S. of America of which a  
part consists in two Large and beautiful Houses designated as  
above by the N. 14 and 15 in Queen Street which Shall be Sold

gustus and Zelmire Sasportas but previously the portion which is to come to my Wife upon these Houses and which is Established and fixed by my Marriage Contract shall be deducted the Interest of w. Sum She Shall enjoy during her Life and which shall be invested in Real Estate of that Value by my Testamentary Executor in Charleston. Item I give and bequeath all the bed cloathing Table Linen as well as all my Plate to my Son Augustus Sasportas and my Daughter Zelmira the Whole of which to be divided between the two in proportions to their Value Equally by my Testamentary Executors. Item I give and bequeath to my Niece Esther Fouseca born Sasportas the Sum of Two thousand Francs. Item I give and bequeath to the Israelite Temple Five hundred francs being a Share for the like Sum which Will be found in my pocket book. Item I give & bequeath to the School under the Superintendence of my niece Sophia Robbs the sum of three hundred francs. Item I give and bequeath to the Grand Rabbi Abraham Andrade if he survives me the Sum of Two hundred francs. Item I give and bequeath Five hundred francs to the poor, which my beloved Sister the Widow Rodrigues, born a Sasportas will take charge of to distribute as She shall Judge proper to the most deserving and necefsitous. Item I give and bequeath to my dear Children Augustus and Zelmira Sasportas the residue of my Fortune which remains in money which will be found in my Chest and pocket book and in the hands of my Correspondent Col: Simon Magwood at Charleston to be equally divided between them. Previously the Legacies which I have made Shall be discharged, if as it is natural and probable that my Wife fixes her residence in France near her Children and in Consequence of that resolution she sell and reallize all the property which Shall be at Charleston which She is to enjoy after my death She has the same transmitted to France to be invested in real Estate. Then it is my Wish that She should come in for a third with these children in the division of the residue of my fortune as Well as in the division of my Linen & Plate She Shall not enjoy the gift which I make her



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of the third of the residue of my fortune and of the third of my Linen and Plate, but unless the required Conditions shall be completely fulfilled, that is to say that when all she is to get at Charleston be transferred to France and Vested in Real Estate, which real Estate shall be mortgaged to my Children Augustus and Zelmira Sasportas or their heirs so as to secure to them the Six thousand dollars which I have given to their Mother by my Marriage Contract and which they are to enjoy after her death. if she refuses to fulfill my intentions as above declared and persists in holding the property in Charleston or marries again then the present Article in my Will shall be Null and Void as regards her and the division of the residue of my fortune as Well as of my Linen and Plate Shall only take place as regards my Son Augustus and my Daughter Zelmira Sasportas in equal proportions - Item I appoint as my Testamentary Executors in France my dear Sister Widow Rodrigues, born a Sasportas and my dear Nephew Joseph Rodrigues Jointly to act for the interest of the trust I have confided to them. I appoint as my testamentary Executor in the United States of America my friend Col Simon Magwood residing in Charleston Metropolis of the State of South Carolina who is already furnished with my Power of Attorney to manage my Concerns in that Country and whom I request to render an account of the result of his operations relative to me, to my above named Testamentary Executors in France the Widow Rodrigues, born a Sasportas, and Joseph Rodrigues, Having no other dispositions to make I Confirm all which is Written above. Wishing that the present Will and all the Articles therein Contained be Strictly observed & Wishing it to have the same force and Value, as if it had been made before a Notary or Judge &c &c &c. Done at Bordeaux the twenty first day of August one thousand Eight hundred and twenty (1820) Signed

Abraham Sasportas

Having powerful motives of discontent against my Niece Esther Fousica born a Sasportas, I revoke the Legacy which I made her in the present Will of One thousand francs and it is my desire

that it be considered Null and Void. Bordeaux 25 of. October 1820.

Signed <sup>m</sup> Ab Sasportas

Proved before the Royal Notaries at Bordeaux April 12. 1824  
December 17. 1824. Before James D Mitchell Esquire O.C.T.D.  
qualified Simon Magwood. Executor

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