

**Will of Jacob de Castro Sarmiento. London, 12 November 1759.**

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This is the last will and testament of me, Jacob de Castro Sarmiento, of the Kings Road in the parish of Saint Andrew, Holborn, in the county of Middlesex, doctor in Physick, made this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine and first I desire to be buried at the discretion of my dear and loving wife, for whom I have the greatest regard and in whom I have the greatest confidence, and I give all my money securities for money, goods, chattels and estate, of which I shall be possessed of or intitled to at the time of my decease, except as hereinafter I mentioned, unto my said wife and unto my natural son Henry de Castro Sarmiento and my son Charles de Castro Sarmiento. In trust thereout in the first place to pay my debts and funeral expences and afterwards my will is that they become intitled to and interested in the residue thereof unto and for their own use and benefit for ever in equal shares and proportions, and I bequeath the same to them accordingly, and where as I am possessed of a valuable recipe or secret in physick, which is unknown to the publick and which I have inclosed in a paper which will be found in my iron chest and upon which is superscribed by me the following words “febrifugum anglicanum doctoris Jacobi de Castro Sarmiento commonly called aqua de Ingleterre de Doctor Castro Sarmiento”. Now I do hereby give and bequeath the same to my said wife and unto my sons Henry and Charles for their equal interest and benefit and I do hereby order and direct that the said recipe or secret shall not be discovered or made publick until my said son Charles shall arrive at the age of eighteen years, but that medicines shall be from time to time prepared therefrom and sold for the equal benefit of my said wife and children, and I do hereby entreat my said dear wife to be particularly carefull that the said recipe or secret be not made publick untill the time aforesaid and also to be active in the making up and disposal of the medicines to be made therefrom, not doubting her readiness to comply with this and every other part of my will, and I do hereby further will and direct that my said wife shall, within three months after my decease, take my said two sons into partnership with her in

the business of making and vending the said medicine, which said partnership I will shall continue until my said son Charles shall arrive at his age of eighteen years, as aforesaid, and until such partnership shall take effect, I will that all sales of the said medicines shall be made in the point names of my said dear wife and two sons, and lastly I do nominate, constitute and appoint my said wife and my said sons Henry and Charles joint executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former and other wills by me made. In witness whereof I, tho said Jacob de Castro Sarmento, have to two parts of this my will set my hand and seal the day and year first above written - Jacob de Castro Sarmento – [symbol] – signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testator as and for his last will testament in the presence of us who, in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other, have set our hands as witnesses thereto. Nich.s Coulthurst. Matt. Coulthurst. J. Gordon.

This will was proved at London on the fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty two, before the worshipfull Andrew Coltee Ducarel, doctor of Laws and surrogate of the right worshipful Sir Edward Simpson Knight, also doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Comissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, lawfully constituted by the oath of Elizabeth de Castro Sarmento, widow, the relict of the said deceased and one of the executors named in the said will to whom administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased was granted, she having been first sworn duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to Henry de Castro Sarmento and Charles de Castro Sarmento, the other executors named in the said will, when they or either of them shall apply for the same.