

I **Peter Levesque** of Warwick Place, Kingsland Road in the County of Middlesex, **Musician** do hereby revoke all wills records and other testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made and declare this only to be my last will and testament in pursuance of a promise made by me to my sons to divide my property after the death of my wife equally between all my children or their issue. I do hereby devise and bequeath all my real estate and also such estate as I have any power to appoint by this my will And also all my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever And wheresoever unto and to the use of my said sons **James Levesque** of Clifton Street ffinsbury [Finsbury] in the County of Middlesex, Grocer, **Josiah Levesque** of Pitfield Street, Hoxton in the said County, Pianoforte maker and **Thomas Bingham** of ffrances place, Kingsland Road aforesaid, Silk Manufacturer their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns respectively according to the nature and quality thereof respectively upon trust that they, the said trustees or the trustees or trustee for the time being thereof do and shall absolutely sell all in and convert into money my said residuary personal estate and effects except such part thereof as shall consist of ready money, household goods and furniture, plate, linen, china, books, prints, pictures, coines [coins], liquors and other household stores and effects and leasehold lands and tenements. And also do and shall after the decease of my said wife or in her lifetime with her consent in writing absolutely sell all and dispose all or any part or parts of the real estate hereinbefore devised And also of such part of my said personal estate as shall consist of household goods and furniture, plate, linen, china, books, prints, pictures, coines [coins], liquors and other household stores and effects and leasehold lands and tenements and do and shall with the consent in writing of my said wife devise my said real estate and leasehold lands and tenements or do with thereof as shall for the time being remain unsold or any part thereof to any person or persons for any term of years not exceeding twenty one years to take effect in possession at the best rent with a condition of ? for nonpayment thereof when in arrear for any period not exceeding thirty one days and a covenant? from the lessee or lessees for the due payment of the said rent and with a counterpart of every such lease executed by the lessee or lessees. And do and shall with and out of the monies which shall be procured under the trusts aforesaid or shall come to their or his hands under the bequest hereinbefore contained, pay, satisfy and discharge my funeral and testamentary expenses. And do and shall invest the residue of the said monies in the parliamentary stores or public funds of Great Britain or at interest on government or real securities in England or Wales And do and shall with the consent in writing of my said wife during her life and after her decease at their or his discretion vary the said trust monies and the stores funds and securities thereof for other stores funds and securities of a like nature And do and shall permit my said real and personal estate and all effects to be occupied, possessed and enjoyed by or otherwise do and shall pay annual produce thereof to my wife **Lydia Levesque** during her life for her own use and benefit And from and immediately after the decease of my said wife the said trust monies, stocks, funds, securities and promises shall remain and be upon the trusts following that

is to say the trust shall be divided into five equal shares and out of such shares shall go to and be in trust for my said son **James Levesque** his executors and administrators and other of such shares shall go to and be in trust for my daughter **Sophia Levesque** her executors and administrators Another of such shares shall go to and in trust for my daughter **Lucy Bingham** wife of the said **Thomas Bingham** her executors and administrators of other of such shares shall go to and be in trust for said son **Josiah Levesque** his executors and administrators and the other or remaining fifth share shall go to and be in trust for such of my two grandchildren **Jane Hamshere** and **Lydia Hamshere** children of my late daughter **Jane Hamshere** deceased as shall live to attain the age of twenty one years in equal shares as tenants in common and their or her executors and administrators And in case either or them the said **Jane Hamshere** or **Lydia Hamshere** shall die before attaining the age of twenty one years then the share of her so dying shall go to the survivor of them And in case both of them the said **Jane Hamshere** and **Lydia Hamshere** shall die under the age of twenty one years then the said last mentioned fifth share shall go over upon the same trusts and in the same manner as are herein declared and contained concerning the other or remaining original shares of the said trust monies, stocks funds and securities and promises And I declare that my trustees for the time being shall have power to apply the whole or any part of the annual income of the shares to which my said grandchildren shall be entitled in possession in or towards that respective [maintenance or education or otherwise for their benefit during their respective] minorities and the unapplied income shall be accumulated and the accumulations thereof shall be liable to be applied in like manner and subject to such liability shall be accrued accretions to the capital where the same income arose And also power to apply any part not exceeding one moiety the capital to which my said grandchildren or either of them shall be presumptively entitled in or towards their or her establishment or advancement in the world And I give all the legal interests vested in me as trustee or mortgagee in any real or personal estate unto and to the use of my said trustees upon such trusts and subject to such ?activities as shall be subsisting therein respectively. And I declare that the receipts of my said trustees for the time being shall exonerate purchasers and other pairing invoices to such trustees by virtue of my will from all liability in respect of the application thereof And I declare that if the said trustees or any of them or any trustee or trustee to be appointed under this provision shall in the first instance recourse or shall die or become unwilling or unable to act as trustees or trustee of my will it shall be lawful for my said wife during her life and after her death for the trustees or trustee for the time being whether continuing or declining to act or if none for the executors or administrators of any deceased trustee to appoint any fit person or persons to be a trustee or trustees in the place of any trustee or trustees concurring or dying or becoming unwilling or unable to act And I declare that the trustees or trustee for the time being of my will shall be competent to exercise all the powers and discretions hereby notified to the trustees herein named And I appoint my said sons James Levesque and Josiah Levesque and the

said Thomas Bingham executors of this my will. In witness whereof I the said Peter Levesque have to this my last will and testament contained in three sheets of paper subscribed and set my hand and seal that is to say to the two first sheets my hand only and to this third and last sheet my hand seal this **nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven** - Peter Levesque - Signed sealed published declared by the said testator 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 - James Burt Frances Place, Kingsland Road, Builder - Benj'n Reeves Upsdells Row Kingsland Road Cabinet Maker - Wm Ayton Frances Place Kingsland Road Gent'n -

Whereas I **Peter Levesque** of 10 Warwick Place Kingsland Road in the Parish of Saint ? (Pancras?) Hackney in the County of Midd'sex have duly executors my last will and testament bearing date **the 19th Oct 1837**. I do by this Codicil revoke and dis? that part of my aforesaid will which relates to my late son **Josiah Levesque** of 8 Haberdashers Walk in Pitfield Street and in lieu thereof I will and bequeathed unto his son **Josiah Levesque** and his daughter **Elizabeth Levesque** their late father's portion in equal shares each to be invested in government securities till they arrive at the age of twenty one years the interest thereof to be applied towards their maintenance and should either of them die during their minority the survivor to take the others share but in case both die before they arrive at the age of twenty one years then it is my will that one moiety or half part be given to their mother **Elizabeth Levesque** and the other moiety or half part to be equally divided among those whose names are inserted in my aforesaid will and I do ordain and declare this present writing to be a Codicil to my said last will and testament the same shall be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof and I do confirm my said last will in every particular except that part which relates to my late son **Josiah Levesque**. In witness whereof I have my hand an seal this **12th day of Feb ? 1840** - Peter Levesque - Signed, sealed and published and declared by the said Peter Levesque as and for a Codicil to his last will and testament - solicitors - Bery Reeves - James Sear - John Reeves -

Second Codicil

This is a second Codicil to the last will and testament of me **Peter Levesque** of Warwick Place Kingsland Road in the County of Middlesex Musician which will bears date the nineteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and my former Codicil bears date the twelfth day of ffebruary one thousand eight hundred and forty whereas Josiah Levesque and Thomas Bingham respectively are named in my said will as two of my trustees and executors have lately died Now it is my will that John Somes ? of Wood Street Spitalfields in the County of Middlesex Gentleman shall be substituted in place of

the said Josiah Levesque and Thomas Bingham deceased and I declare that my said will shall take effect in the same manner as if the name of the said John Some had been originally inserted therein instead of the names of the said Josiah Levesque and Thomas Bingham deceased. And I bequeath unto each of my executors who shall be serving at my decease and shall prove my will the sum of nineteen guineas as a remuneration for the trouble they may have in executing the trusts thereof And I confirm my said will in all other respects except so far as the same is varied by my said former Codicil. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty. P Levesque - Signed by the said testator in the presence of us forsaid at the same time who in his presence and at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses - Jas Seear Grocer Kingsland Rd - Wm Ayton Frances Place Kingsland Road Gentr.

[Proved 27th April 1842]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Lydia Levesque** of Warwick Place Kingsland Road in the parish of Hackney in the County of Middlesex Widow which I make and declare in manner and form following that is to say I do hereby give devise and bequeath all that one undivided moiety or half part or share of and in certain freehold and copyhold messuages or tenements hereditaments and premises situate in three Colt Street Nightingale Lane Church Lane and Rope makers fields in the parish of Saint Ann Limehouse in the County of Middlesex which were devised to me and my heirs by the will of Mary Coilson deceased and to the copyhold part whereof I was admitted tenant of a Court Baron? in and for the Manor of Stibenheath otherwise Stepney on the sixth day of December of One thousand eight hundred and thirty six and also all other my real and personal estate and effects wheresoever situate and of what nature or kind soever. To hold the said one undivided moiety or equal half part or share of and in the said freehold and parthold hereditaments and premises and also all other my real and personal estate and effects unto my three children **Sophia Levesque, Lucy Bingham** Widow formerly **Lucy Levesque** and **James Levesque** their heirs, executors and administrators according to the nature and tenure thereof respectively as tenants [as - omit] in common and not as joint tenants and I do hereby appoint **James ffrancis Wooll** of No. 8 Marketwell Lane in the parish of Hatfield aforesaid and **Thomas Bingham** of No. 21 Milk Street Cheapside in the City of London Calloon Manufacturer Executors of this my will hereby revoking all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made. I do declare this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand **the fifth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty four** – The Mark of X **Lydia Levesque** – signed by the said Lydia Levesque in the presence of us both of us being present at the same time and in her presence and in the presence of each other we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the same having been first read over and explained to her. – John Carter Lord Mayors – Court Office London – C. J. Orton of the same place.

Proved at London the **14th April 1845** before the worshipful Jefse [Jesse] Addams Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the Oath of Thomas Bingham one of the Executors to whom Admon was grant to having been first sworn duly to Administer. Power reserved of making the ? Grant to James ffrancis Wooll the other Executor when he shall apply for the same.