## **Antonio Fernandez Carvajal: Last Will and Testament**

I Anthony Fernandez Carvaiall of London Merchant, beinge infirme and weake of Bodie but of good sound and perfect memorie judgement and understanding thanks be given to Almightie God for the same and all other mercies to mee doe make this my last Will and Testament in writing. I doe committ my Soule into the hands of my Creatour and my Bodie to be decentlie buried in accordinge to the discretion of my most deare and lovinge wife Marie Fernandez Carvaiall ......

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## Epitaph which reads now as Abraham Carvajal but is believed to be the defaced stone of Antonio Fernandez Carvajal.

The stone is witness [as also the heap]

To the honest[honoured] man who is buried here

The good qualities which he made his own

Will speak for him before the Most High.

An open house he kept by the way,

For he was generous to the needy and the poor.

His doings and his dealings with men were truth.

Truth was familiar in his mouth, his words ever pure

Abraham Chizkiah Carvajal,

His memory is honoured, blessed with children.

On Heshavan 26 he was mown down

In a ripe old age, for his years were full,

In the year 420 his eye was dim,

And the eye of his soul rejoiced to see realms of bliss

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