

# NEW HAMPSHIRE WILLS

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JOHN MASON

1635

LONDON ENG.

In the Name of God Amen, I Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mason of London Esq<sup>r</sup> being Sick in body but of perfect mind & memory, laud & praise be therefore given to Almighty God, doe make & declare this my present last Will & Testament in Manner & forme following (that is to Say) first and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker hoping & Assuredly beleiveing y<sup>t</sup> by & through the Meritts of the most pretious death & passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ I shall be Saved and have full & free pardon & remission of all my Sins and Enjoy Everlasting life, in the Kingdom of heaven Amongst the Elect Children of God, My body I committ to y<sup>e</sup> Earth from whence it came to be buried in the Collegiate Church of S<sup>t</sup> Peter in Westmin<sup>r</sup> without Any ffunerall Pompe, or Ceremonie. And as concerneing all & Singuler the Goods Chattells Debts & personall Estate, which it hath pleased God of his Goodness to bless me withall in this life after my Debts shall be paid & my ffunerall Charges discharged I give devise & bequeath the Same unto Such person & persons, in Such manner & forme & Under Such provisoes Conditions and Limitations as are hereafter Expressed (that is to say)

Imprimus I Give and bequeath Unto five poor people of the Town or parish of Portsmouth in the County of Southampton the sume of five pounds to be distributed According to the discretions of the Church warden of the said Town or p<sup>sh</sup> for the time being, and to be paid by my Executrix Unto y<sup>e</sup> said Church warden of the s<sup>d</sup> Town or p<sup>sh</sup> within one Year Next after my Decease the S<sup>d</sup> Churchwardens, within One Year Next after the receipt of y<sup>e</sup> said legacie given unto My Executrix an honest and Just Account, of the distribuc'on of the s<sup>d</sup> legacie, to y<sup>e</sup> use of the s<sup>d</sup> poor people.

Item I give unto my Sister Dorothy Moor in Case she shall be in want for & dureing the terme of her Naturall Life The Yearly Sume of Tenn pounds of Lawfull mony of England to be paid unto her or her Assignes at the two Usull ffeasts or halfe Yearely paym<sup>ts</sup> in the Year by Even and Equall porc'ons. And I give unto every of the Children of my said Sister Dorothy Moor, Six pounds apeice of Lawfull mony of England.

Item I give unto Beatrice Baldwin the sume of ffive pounds.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Brother in Law M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Green & his wife, M<sup>r</sup> Edward Lambert & his wife, M<sup>r</sup> Henry Burton and his Wife, M<sup>r</sup> John Woolaston & his wife, & to my Loveing Cosins Doctor Mason of Greenwich and his wife and Mother, To my Cosins m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Geere and his wife, To my Cosin Thomas Mason Gentleman, and to my Cosins M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Gipps & his Wife to every of them ffifty Shillings a peice to make them Rings to weare in Remembrance of me.

All the rest & residue of all & Singuler my goods & Chattells and ready Money debts and personall Estate whatsoever & where-soever, after my Debts shall be paid, and my Legacies & ffunerall Charges shall be discharged, I will that my Wife shall have the use thereof and of Every part thereof And shall receive have & Enjoy to her Owne proper use all the encrease, profitt & benefitt that shall be made thereof, by for and dureing the terme of her Naturall life. And from and Imediately after the decease of my said wife, then I give devise and bequeath the S<sup>d</sup> rest and residue of all and Singuler my Goods Chattells ready Mony Debts & personall Estate whatsoever Unto my ffour Grand Children John Tufton Ann Tufton Robert Tufton and Mary Tufton to be Equally divided Amongst them part and part like and to be paid to the men Children at their severall Ages of One and Twenty Years; And to the women Children at their Ages of One and twenty Years; or dayes of Marriage which shall first happen, & if any of them dye in their Minoritye then the part or porc'on of him or them soe dying shall be parted & divided Unto and Amongst the Survivour or Survivors of my s<sup>d</sup> four Grand-Children respectively

And my Will and minde is, and I doe hereby devise and Appoint, that in case my said Wife Ann Mason shall dye & depart this mortall life before all my Said four Grand-Children shall be capable to receive have hold and Enjoy the Severall legacies and bequests before in this my Will given & bequeathed unto them and to hold and Enjoy the Lands and Tenem<sup>ts</sup> hereafter in this my Will by me Given and bequeathed unto them or to them & their heirs respectively y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>n</sup> and in such case my Loveing Brother in Law John Woollaston shall receive the parts & portions of such of my s<sup>d</sup> four Grand Children as shall be then in their Minoritye, and take possession of such Land; as I shall in this my will give, devise & bequeath Unto them, and shall Employ y<sup>e</sup> same for y<sup>e</sup> benefit & Maintainance of my s<sup>d</sup> Grand Children; & shall pay the same to them respectively as they shall attaine to their Ages of One & Twenty Years or dayes of Marriage as aforsaid. And I doe hereby make & Ordaine y<sup>e</sup> said John Woollaston after the decease of my said Wife Sole Guardian of and for my said Grand Children or Such of them as shall be in their Minoritye at the time of the decease of my Said Wife and in Case my s<sup>d</sup> wife, and my s<sup>d</sup> Brother in Law John Woollaston; shall both dye and depart this Mortall Life before my said Grand Children shall be capable to have & receive their portions as aforsaid; and to enjoy such Land as hereafter in this my will is by me given and bequeathed unto them respectively then I leave the Education and bringing up of such my said Grand Children; as shall be in their Minoritye, and the receiveing haveing and possessing of such Lands Tenem<sup>ts</sup> legacies and bequests as I have and shall give them by this my will unto such person or persons as my said Brother in Law John Woollaston shall in his life time Nominate & appoint for that purpose & to no other person or persons whatsoever.—And I doe hereby Charge my said Grand Children and Every of them to make Choice of and accept of my said Brother in Law & such person or persons as he shall Appoint & none other whatsoever to be Executrix Guardian & Guardians for them, after the decease of my said Wife, And I doe hereby

make name and Ordaine my said Loveing wife Ann Mason the full and Sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament desireing her to performe the same in all things According to my true Intent and Meaning. And I doe hereby Constitute & Appoint my said Loveing Brother in Law John Wollaston the Overseer of this my Last will and Testament Entreating him to be aiding & assisting Unto my S<sup>d</sup> Executrix in the Execution thereof & In token of thankfulness for his love to me, I doe hereby Give & bequeath unto him my Coach & two Coach Horses with the ffurniture thereto belonging.

Now as conserneing y<sup>e</sup> Disposition of all & Singular my Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements & hereditam<sup>ts</sup> with their and Every of their Rights Members & Appurtenances; as well within the Realme of England as Else where I give devise & bequeath the same and Every of them to Such person & persons upon Such Trusts and Confidence to such uses & intents & purposes, & under Such provisoes, Conditions & Limittac'ons as are hereafter Expressed. (That is to say) first I Give devise & bequeath unto the Mayor and Comonality and Corporation of The Town of Kingslyn in the County of Norfolk where I was borne by what name title or Addition soever, the s<sup>d</sup> Towne or Corporation is have been or shall be Called Known or incorpretted and to their successors for Ever Under the provisoe or Condition Nevertheless here after expressed, Two thousand Acres of Land in my County of New hampshire Or Mason hall in New England which by my Executrix & Overseers aforesaid shall be thought most fitt, And the Reverc'on & Reverc'ons remainder & remainders of the same two thousand acres of Land and Every part thereof to have & to hold the same and Every part thereof unto the said Mayor and Comonality & Corporation of the said Town of Kingslyn And their Successors for Ever for & under the Yearly Rent of One penny of Lawfull mony of England to be paid to my heirs if it shall be demanded, And alsoe Allowing unto my heirs for ever two ffifth parts of all such Mynes Royall as shall be at any time after my decease found in & upon the same Land or any part



thereof Provided allwayes & my will & minde is, And I doe hereby devise & appointe that the said Mayor and Comonality their successers or Assignes, Shall within five Years next after my Decease plant & sett upon the said thousand Acres of Land five ffamillies of people at least to plant upon y<sup>e</sup> same, & that the Cleare Yearly profitt that shall be made of & upon the s<sup>d</sup> Two Thousand Acres of Land shall be Yearly for Ever Distributed & Disposed of towards the Maintainance & Releife of the poor people of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Towne at the discretion of the Mayor & Aldermen or the Cheifest Govern<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> said Town for the time being. And I will that my said wife Ann Mason shall at y<sup>e</sup> request Cost & Charges in y<sup>e</sup> Law, of y<sup>e</sup> said Mayor & Cominalitye their Successers or Assignes Lawfully & sufficiently convey Release & Assure unto the said Mayor & Comonality & their Successers for Ever all her Right Estate Dower Title of Dower and Interest of and in y<sup>e</sup> said two Thousand Acres of Land, and that by Such lawfull wayes & Means, as by the s<sup>d</sup> Mayor and Comonalitie or their successors or by their Councill learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised or advised and required.

Item I give Devise & bequeath unto my Loveing Brother in Law John Wollaston & to his heirs & Assignes for Ever to be holden of my heirs in fee farme Three Thousand Acres of Land with y<sup>e</sup> App<sup>rs</sup> in my County of New-hampshire; or Mannor of Mason Hall afforsaid where my said Brother & Executrix shall think fitt, and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents and Yearly profitts whasoever of y<sup>e</sup> same Three Thousand Acres of land and Every or any part thereof, to have & to hold y<sup>e</sup> Same, and Every part thereof unto the said John Wollaston his heirs & Assignes for ever to be holden of my heirs for ever in fee farme paying only twelpepence of Lawfull mony of England  $\text{℥}$  Annu- to my heirs when the same shall be demanded of y<sup>e</sup> said John Wollaston his heirs or Assignes, and alsoe allowing to my heirs two ffifth parts of all my Mynes Royall; as shall be at any time after my decease found in & upon my said land or any part thereof & I will that my said Wife Ann

Mason shall at the request Cost & Charges in the Law of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Wollaston his heirs or Assignes in due forme of Law convey release & Assure unto the s<sup>d</sup> John Wollaston his heirs & Assignes all her Right Title, Dower, intrest Claime & demand, of in & unto the said Three Thousand Acres of land, with ye App<sup>n</sup> and of in & unto Every or any part thereof by such Conveyance, wayes, & means as by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Wollaston & his heirs or Assignes or his or their Councill Learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised or advised and required.

I Give devise & bequeath unto my Grand Child Ann Tufton and to her heirs and Assignes for Ever under the provisoes and Conditions Nevertheless hereafter Expressed, all those my lands Tenements and hereditaments with the App<sup>n</sup> lying & being at Capeham of Wagen; upon the south East side of Sagadahock In New England aforesaid called Masona; & Containing by Estimac'on tenn Thousand Acres or thereabouts be the same more or less, and the reversion & reversions, Remainder & Remainders Rents and Yearly and other profits whatsoever of y<sup>e</sup> same Land and p'misses, To have & to hold y<sup>e</sup> said Lands & p'misses and Every part thereof with the App<sup>n</sup> unto y<sup>e</sup> said Ann Tufton my Grand Child & to her heirs and Assignes forever Provided alwayes & my will minde and meaning is, And I doe hereby devise & appoint y<sup>t</sup> my wife shall hold & Enjoy y<sup>e</sup> said Tenn Thousand Acres of Land & Every part thereof and receive take & enjoye to her Own proper use & behoofe all the rents Issues and profits of the same & Every part thereof untill my said Grand Child Ann Tufton shall attaine to the Age of One & Twenty Years, or day of Marriage which shall first happen if my said wife shall soe long live.

Item I give & devise & bequeath, unto my Grand Child Robert Tufton; and to his heirs & Assignes for Ever under y<sup>e</sup> provisoes & Conditions nevertheless hereafter Expressed, all that my Manor of Mason Hall in New England afores<sup>d</sup> with all the Lands Tenements & hereditaments Rights Members and App<sup>n</sup> thereto belonging Except such part of y<sup>e</sup> Land thereunto belonging as is

before bequeathed by this my will & the Reverssion and Reverssions Remaind<sup>r</sup> & Remaind<sup>rs</sup> Rents & Yearly and Otther profitts whatsoever of the same p<sup>r</sup>misses. To have & to hold y<sup>e</sup> same and every part thereof Except before Excepted, Unto my s<sup>d</sup> Grand Child Robert Tufton & to his heirs & Assignes for Ever, Provided allways and upon Condition Nevertheless and my true Intent & meaneing is that the said Ann my Wife shall have & Enjoye the said Mannor and p<sup>r</sup>misses Given to my s<sup>d</sup> Grand Child Robert Tufton as aforesaid and receive take and enjoye to her owne proper use the Rents Issues & profitts thereof untill my said Grand Child Robert Tufton shall Attaine to & Accomplish his full Age of One & Twenty Years, (if my said wife shall soe long live) Provided alsoe & my f<sup>r</sup>urther will minde & meaneing is & I doe hereby devise & Appoint y<sup>t</sup> my s<sup>d</sup> Grand Child Rob<sup>t</sup> Tufton shall alter his Sir Name & Sir Name himselve Mason; before he shall be Capable to Enjoye the s<sup>d</sup> Mannor and p<sup>r</sup>misses According to this my Will for y<sup>t</sup> my true intent and meaning is that the s<sup>d</sup> mann<sup>r</sup> & p<sup>r</sup>misses shall Continue in my name as now it doth & no Otherwise.

Item I give devise & bequeath unto my s<sup>d</sup> Brother in Law John Wollaston his heirs & Assignes for Ever upon the Trusts & Confidences, and to the uses intents and purposes Nevertheless hereafter Expressed Two Thousand Acres of Land, in my County of New-hampshire in New England aforesaid where my said Brother & Executrix afores<sup>d</sup> shall think fitt upon trust & Confidence, & to the use intent and purpose, that my said Brother John Wollaston or his heirs, And my said wife Ann Mason shall with all speed convenient after my decease at y<sup>e</sup> Charges of my Estate In due forme of Law, Settle & Convey One Thousand Acres of y<sup>e</sup> said Land to some ffeoffees in trust & to their heirs for Ever, for & towards y<sup>e</sup> Maintainance of an honnest Godly & Religious Preacher of Gods word in some Church or Chapple or other publick place y<sup>t</sup> shall be Appointed for devine Worshipp & Service within the said County of New hampshire, where my s<sup>d</sup> wife and Brother shall think fitt, the said ffeoffees & their heirs; paying & allowing unto

my heirs for Ever the Yearly rent of One penny if it be demanded, and two fifths parts of all such Mynes Royall as shall be found in & upon the said one Thousand Acres of Land or any part there of & One Thousand Acres more residue of y<sup>e</sup> said two Thousand Acres of Land I will shall be Settled or Conveyed as aforesaid to some ffeoffees in trust & to their heirs for Ever for & towards the Maintainance of a free Grammer school for the Education of Youth in some Convenient place within y<sup>e</sup> said County of New-hampshire where my said wife & Brother in Law shall think fitt ; they alsoe paying & allowing unto my heirs for Ever the Yearly Rent of One penny if it be dema'd & two fifth parts of all such Mynes Royall as shall be found in & upon the said One Thousand Acres of Land or any part thereof.

all the Rest & residue of all & Singular my Mannors Messuages, Lands Tenem<sup>ts</sup> & hereditaments with their & Every of their App<sup>ts</sup> lying and being within y<sup>e</sup> said County of Newhampshire or Elsewhere in New England afors<sup>d</sup>, not before bequeathed by this my will ; I Give devise & bequeath y<sup>e</sup> same & Every part thereof and the Reverc'on and Reverc'ons Remainder & Remainders thereof and of Every part thereof under the provisoes and Conditions Nevertheless hereafter Expressed unto my Grand Child John Tufton, And to the heirs of his body Lawfully to be begotten & for want of such Issue to the said Robert Tufton or my Grand Child, & to the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten, & for want of such Issue to my Cosin Doctor Robert Mason Chancellor of the Diocess of Winchester; & to the heirs male of his body Lawfully begotten or to be begotten & for want of such Issue to my Right heirs & Assignes for Ever Provided allwayes Nevertheless and my will minde & meaning is that my said wife Ann Mason shall have hold & Enjoye ; y<sup>e</sup> said Mann<sup>ts</sup> Messuages lands and p<sup>r</sup>mises by me given unto my said Grand Child John Tufton as aforesaid and receive y<sup>e</sup> rents Issues and profitts thereof & of Every part thereof to her Owne proper use and behoofe untill my said Grand Child John Tufton shall Attaine to and Accomplish his full Age of One & Twenty Years if y<sup>e</sup> said Ann my wife shall soe

long live. provided alsoe, & my further will minde & meaning is & I doe hereby devise & Appoint, that my said Grand Child John Tufton, shall alter his Sir Name, and shall name himself Mason, before he shall be Capable to enjoye y<sup>e</sup> said Mannors Lands & p<sup>r</sup>misses or any part thereof According to my bequest for that my true intent & meaning is that the said Lands shall not descend from the name of Mason but that my said Grand Child & his heirs shall Enjoy the same Land & p<sup>r</sup>misses in my Owne S<sup>r</sup> Name & not otherwise, Provided alsoe & my will & minde is, and I doe hereby devise & appoint that my s<sup>d</sup> Grand Child John Tufton or his heirs shall well & truly pay or Cause to be paid unto my Grand Child Mary Tufton his Sister out of y<sup>e</sup> Mannors Messuages Lands & Tenem<sup>ts</sup> by me bequeathed unto him as aforesaid y<sup>e</sup> sume of five hundred pounds of Lawfull money of England for her better preferment & advancement in Marriage the same to be paid unto her or her Assigns within one year next after y<sup>e</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> Marriage of the said Mary Tufton without fraud or Covin, provided alsoe & my further will Minde & meaning is & I doe hereby devise & appoint y<sup>t</sup> in Case my s<sup>d</sup> Grand Children John Tufton, Ann Tufton, Rob<sup>t</sup> Tufton and Mary Tufton; or any of them shall refuse or be unwilling to take & Accept of my s<sup>d</sup> Brother in Law John Wolaston, or such person or persons as he shall appoint to be in his or their Guardians or Guardians after the decease of my wife, during their or any of their Minorities, or if in Case my said four Grand Children or any of them, their or any of their heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> or Assignes or any of them shall at any time or times after my Decease by any wayes or means whatsoever sue vex molest trouble or prosecute my Execut<sup>rs</sup> or Administ<sup>rs</sup> for the sume of one Thousand pound of Lawfull money of England which was heretofore deposited in my hands by Joseph Tufton their Father or for any part thereof y<sup>t</sup> then & from thence forth in Either of those Cases y<sup>e</sup> Legacies & bequests by me given and bequeathed to such of my said four Grand Children & to his or their heirs as shall soe offend Contrary to the true meaning herein before declared shall be voyde & of none effect as if y<sup>e</sup> same had never

been Expressed in this my Will And that then alsoe and in such Case I give devise and bequeath, all & Every the Messuages Lands Tenem<sup>ts</sup> hereditam<sup>ts</sup> Mony Goods & Chattells whatsoever before or hereafter in this my Will Given devised or bequeathed Unto Such of my Grand Children and their heirs, which shall soe disobey my true meaning herein before declared unto my Loving Cosin Doctor Robert Mason Chancellor of y<sup>e</sup> Diocesse of Winchester & his heirs and Assignes from hence forth for Ever.

Item I give devise & bequeath all and Singular my Messuages Lands Tenem<sup>ts</sup> and hereditaments with their & Every of their App<sup>ts</sup> lying & being within the Realme of England or elsewhere, not bequeathed by this my will unto my Loveing wife Ann Mason and her Assignes for and dureing the Tearn of her Naturall Life and after her Decease to my abovesaid Brother in Law John Wolleston and his assignes for & dureing y<sup>e</sup> Joynt lives of my said Daughter Ann Tufton and her now husband upon trust & Confidence Nevertheless that the said John Wolleston & his Assignes shall pay and disburse the rents and profitts of the said p<sup>misses</sup> and every part thereof for and towards the proper Maintenance and stay of Liveing of and for & y<sup>e</sup> said Ann my Daughter and noe otherwise. And in case my said Daughters now Husband shall dye and depart this Life in the life time of my said Daughter Ann Tufton, then and from thenceforth I Give devise & bequeath my s<sup>d</sup> last menc<sup>oned</sup> Messuages Lands Tenements and hereditaments Every part thereof unto my said Daughter Ann Tufton for & dureing y<sup>e</sup> Tearn of her naturall Life, and from & Imediatly after y<sup>e</sup> decease of my said Wife and Daughter and of the longest Liver of them then to my said Grand Children John Tufton Ann Tufton Rob<sup>t</sup> Tufton & Mary Tufton and to their heirs & Assignes for Ever and to none other use intent or purpose whatsoever under the provisoes & Conditions nevertheless herein before declared.

finally I doe hereby revoke Countermand and make voyde all former Wills Testaments Codocills Exec<sup>ts</sup> Legacyes & bequests whatsoever by me at any time made Named given, Willed, or Appointed, before the makeing of this my will willing & mindeing

that these presents Onely shall stand and be taken for my Last will & Testament and none other, saveing & reserveing unto my selfe nevertheless full power and Authority to make add or annex hereunto one or more Codicill or Codicills at my free will or pleasure any thing whatsoever before in this my Last will and Testament Expressed to the Contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding,

In Witness whereof I the said Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mason the Testator, to this my present Last Will and Testament being written in fourteen sheets of paper with my Name Subscribed to Every sheet; have sett my seale the six and Twentyeth day of November Anno. D<sup>ni</sup> One Thousand six hundred Thirty ffive & in the Eleaventh Year of y<sup>e</sup> Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God King of England, Scotland, ffrance, and Ireland, defender of the faith &c. And in Case my said Grand Children John Tufton & Robert Tufton shall both dye in y<sup>e</sup> Life time of my wife without Issue of their or either of their bodyes Lawfully begotten; then I Give & bequeath all my Mannors Messuages Lands and Tenements by me given to my said two Grand Children or Either of them unto my wife dureing y<sup>e</sup> Tearn of her naturall Life and after her decease to my Daughter Ann Tufton dureing y<sup>e</sup> Terme of her Naturall Life; and after both their deceases then to such person and persons as the same is mentioned to be given and bequeathed unto by this my will.

John Mason

Signed, Sealed, published & declared by the said Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mason the Testator as his Last will & Testament on the day and year above written In y<sup>e</sup> presence of us whose Names are here underwritten

Tho: Noell  
Mathew Mason  
J fferrett Not<sup>ry</sup>

Probatum fuit Testamentum supra scriptum Apud London Coram ven<sup>tbl</sup> viro Magistro Willo. Clarke legum Dre—surr ven-

erabili viri D'ni Henrici Martin militi legum etiam Doctoris Curiae prerogativæ Cant Magistri Custodis sive Commissarii legitime Constit vicimo sc'do die Mensis Decembris Anno D'ni Millesimo sexcentesimo Tricesimo Quinto Juramento Annæ Mason relictis dicti defuncti et Executricis in hujusmodi testamento nominat Cui Comissa finit Administratio oium et singulorum bonorum Jurium et Creditorum d'i defuncti de bene et fidlt'r Administrando eadem ad s'ti Dei Evangelia Jurat.

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Tho: welham Reg<sup>ria</sup> Dep<sup>ty</sup>

Tertio/Examinat<sup>r</sup>

Pro: New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>

A True Copia from the Superiour Court files Compared the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1704/5

⚔: Theodore Atkinson Cler:

[Court Files, Allen vs. Waldron.]

The Dosition of Stephen Biles and Joseph Mason.

The said Biles aged about thirty five years and the said Mason about fifty eight years both Testifieth and sayth that in March 1650 we were both at the house of mistriss Ann Mason in London the relict of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mason Deceased and saw a branch of his will wherein he made his Said wife Ann Sole executrix and after that died it being his Last will and further these Deponants Saith not.

Testified upon Oath before me

Jo Endecott Gov<sup>r</sup>

That what is above written is a true Copie Compared w<sup>th</sup> its originall so signed & produced in the Gennerall Court of the Massachusetts in new England by m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Mason may 1652

Attest<sup>r</sup>

Edward Rawson secret

[Council Book 1, p. 37.]



JOHN PHILLIPS

1641/2

[Inventory, March 20, 1641/2; amount, £17.0.2; taken by George Smith and John Dam.]

[Court Records, July 5, 1643, in Deed, vol. 1, p. 16.]

Hateevill Nutter & Edward Starbuck administrators apoynted by the Court the 28<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>o</sup> Mo: 1642 to sell the goods of John Phillips deceased & to pay his debts & to returne the overplus if any bee

[Court Records, July 28, 1642, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 11.]

[Account of liabilities settled by the administrators; amount, £17.4.4.]

[Court Records, July 5, 1643, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 16.]

THOMAS WILSON

1642/3

EXETER

In the name of God Amen.

To all Christian people unto whom theise presents shall come greeting knowe ye that I Thomas wilson of Exeter being very sick & weake of body, . . .

my loveing wife & deere children I com'end unto the grace of God & to the oversight & watchfull eye of my Christian brethren of the Churches of Roxbury Hampton & Exeter or where it shall please God to call them. And for my worldly goods I do give & bequeath them in manner as followeth, viz: to my loveing wife I give & bequeath my dwelling house & new frame wth the millne & all lands & meddows there unto belonging dureing the time of her widdowhood; & the use of all my Cattle & moovable goods for the bringing up of my children; & if in case she shall marry againe then to have her thirds thereof & to leave them to my sonne Humfrey; or if she shall dye a widdow then it to come to my sonne Humfrey also: And I likewise give & bequeath unto

my sonne Samuel, & to my sonne Joshua, & to my daughter deborah & my daughter Liddey, either of them ten pounds the peece to be paid at the age of 21 yeares or day of marriage, out of the mill house & lands, by my wife or sonne Humfrey in whose hands it shall then be. I do further give & bequeath unto my sonne Humfrey all my right & interest of house & land wch I bought of m<sup>r</sup> needam. And if it please the Lord to take away my wife before my foure yonger children come to age or any of them, then my sonne Humfrey to provide for their nurture & bringing up out of his owne dowry. I do further give & bequeath unto my two Sonnes Samuel & Joshua foure thousand of pipestaves to buy either of them a bullock. And in witnes of this my last will & testament, I have hereunto set my hand this 9<sup>o</sup> day of the 11<sup>o</sup> mo 1642.

witnesses :

A hand.

Edward Hilton

John Smart

John Legat

John Richardson

Deposed in Court the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>o</sup> 1643.

Increase nowell

To all Christian people unto whom these presents shall come greeting,

Know yee that we whose names are here underwritten, being present by & witnesses unto the last will & testament of Thomas Willson of Exeter late deceased do to or best understanding & apprehension take this wch followeth to be the true intent & meaning of his last will & testament, Viz: Unto his eldest sonne Humphrey for the present he did give & bequeath all his right & interest of house & lands wch he bought of m<sup>r</sup> needham. Unto Samuel Joshua deborah & Lidde either of them ten pounds the peece to be paid at the age of 21 yeares or day of their marriage out of the house & lands & mill, by his wife or Sonne Humfrey in whose hands it shall then be, moreover, he did give & bequeath

unto his sons Samuel & Joshua for the present either of them two thousand of pipestaves the peece to buy either of them a bullock, moreover unto his wife Anne he did give & bequeath his dwelling house new frame & mill w<sup>th</sup> all lands and meddowes thereunto belonging dureing the time of her widdowhood, & if in case she should marry againe then to have her thirds thereof & to leave the rest of them unto his Sonne Humphrey or if she shall dye a widdowe then they to come to Humphrey also & he to provide for the nurture & bringing up of the foure yonger children, furthermore he did give & bequeath unto his wife Anne to be his sole Executrix to receive & pay all debts & to have all his cattle & moveable goods for the bringing up of his foure yonger children & for the adding unto their portions as shee should see meete.

dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of the last month 1642.

Edward Hilton  
John Richardson  
John Legat

This explication was taken & allowed by the Court uppon the testimony of John Legat, & John Richardson, abovenamed & subscribed

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[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

JOHN WHITE

1646

[Order of Court, Aug. 26, 1646, to John Reynolds and Robert Mussell to take an inventory and settle the estate of John White.]

[Court Records, Aug. 26, 1646, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 36.]

[Inventory; amount, £4.14.6; taken by William Everard and Reynold Fernald.

Inventory of property held in partnership by Robert Mussell and John White; amount, £19.14.5.]

[Court Records, Aug. 26, 1646, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 36.]

JAMES WOODWARD 1647

Certaine Instructions & directions from James Woodward this 27<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> Called June 1647.

Impr. John Sherborne owes me 5<sup>l</sup> to be payd on Michalmas Day next (so Called) in the moneth of septemb. w<sup>ch</sup> in Case It be not payd he must pay six pound/

It he sayth That he hath served m<sup>r</sup> Williams of Saco Almost A yeare for w<sup>ch</sup> he Expecteth sevene pounds.

whare Also he sayeth he hath Two Barrow swine of A yeare ould and better, Allso A Sow of the same age & Two yonge shotts of halfe A yeare ould.

Itm he sayth That Tho: Warner oweth him 4<sup>l</sup> for worke of building.

Itm. due to Thomas Warner for A Red wastcote 6<sup>o</sup>

Itm He sayth that he hath at m<sup>r</sup> Williams thes Particular things As A Coate wastcote breeches 3 napkins w<sup>ch</sup> 3 napkins w<sup>th</sup> the Rest of my Linine I give to Lyddia Williams. Itm he giveth to m<sup>r</sup> Bacheler Twentey shillings.

Itm he desireth to be Christianly buried in Case he dye And Afterward what Remayneth of his estate he bequeaveth to William Chatterton whome he makes his Executor. Who also Appointeth the sayd m<sup>r</sup> Bachiler & Roger Knight to be overseers of this his sayd will and Testament That they see It performed Accordingly.

James X Wooward  
his scribled marke

Witness to this Testamentory writeing

Stephen Bachiler  
Roger X Knight his marke  
Andrew Leyfers marke

Takne Into the Courte hild att Dover the 10<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1647 And the Courte Allowes of It to have It Recorded.

me George Smyth recorder

[Court Records, Sept. 7, 1647, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 39.]

## SUSAN CRAWFORD 1649

At the foresaide Courte, the administration of the goodes of Susan Crawforde deceased daughter of Steephen Crawforde also deceased, is granted Unto Sarah Crawforde, the daughter of the saide Steephen Crawford. |||

and this Courte doth order, margarett willey the mother of the saide Sarah & Thomas willey the husband of the saide margarett, to be gardians Unto the saide Sarah, her daughter, and that they are to give a trew & juste accompte of the saide administration unto any Courte to be holden for Dover when they shall be required.

[Court Records, Oct. 6, 1649, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 66.]

It is ordered by the Courte, and agreed between william Seavie & Thomas Willey & margaret his wiefe on the behalfe of Sarah Crawforde the daughter of Steephen Crawford Deceased, and the said margarett as followeth: That whereas there is in the Custodie of the saide William Seavie the some of thirtie pounds now dew unto the saide Sarah Crawford y<sup>t</sup> is ordered that the saide William Seavie shall bringe the saide thirtie pounds into this Courte, or otherwise to paye it as this presente Courte shall further order the same:

It is ordered by this Courte that the foresaid William Seavie shall paye unto the foresaide Thomas willey & the saide margaret (whoe are gardians unto the said Sarah Crawford.) the forsaide thirtie pounds in manner followinge that is to saye XV<sup>l</sup> in Cattell, VIII<sup>l</sup> in linen & wollen Cloth, to be praised by one man to be chosen by william Seavie, and one other man to be chosen by Thomas willey, and by william Store marshall, and the other VII<sup>l</sup> in currant money.

[Court Records, Oct. 8, 1650, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 74.]

[Bond of Thomas Willey, with William Beard as surety, in the sum of £50, for the execution of the trust above mentioned. In a marginal note it is stated that William Beard was discharged from this bond Jan. 28, 1654/5.]

[Court Records, Oct. 8, 1650, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 74.]

HENRY TAYLOR

1649

[Administration on the estate of Henry Taylor granted to John Webster July 5, 1649.]

[Court Records, Oct. 6, 1649, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 67.]

JOHN MOULTON

1649/50

HAMPTON

The last will & testam<sup>t</sup> of John Moulton of Hampton beeing in his perfitt sences Doth will & beequeath as ffolloweth: Imp to my Sonne Henry Moulton tenn acres of fresh marsh by the beach on y<sup>e</sup> South side of the river; Item one acre fresh marsh w<sup>ch</sup> is given him for a way butting uppon his bridg towards the South and y<sup>e</sup> upground towards the north. It: give tenn acres & a halfe of Salt marsh butting on Willi ffullars towards y<sup>e</sup> south west, & y<sup>e</sup> river towards the east liing in the south side of Willi Sanborne. It: I give to henry tenn acres of upground: in y<sup>e</sup> East feild in y<sup>e</sup> East side of Willi fifeild, & one share of com'onage att my decease: It: I give to Ann my wife my house & house Lott, & ten acres liing att y<sup>e</sup> end of y<sup>e</sup> sayd house Lott & seven acres of fresh medow more or lesse in the west medowes, two acres of ffresh medow liing on y<sup>e</sup> South side of my Sonn Henry's fresh medow att y<sup>e</sup> beach, & tenn acres of Salt marsh & halfe liing on y<sup>e</sup> South side being more or less, & five acres of salt marsh that is yett to bee appointed, all this I doe give to my beeloved wyfe duering hir life. It: I doe make my wyfe my Sole Executrix & doe give to y<sup>e</sup> say'd Ann my wyfe all my cattell, & all my moveable goods, excepting one calfe to John. The rest to hir disposing according to hir discession: It: I give to my Sonn John Moulton after my wyfes decease the house, & house Lott, & the tenn Acres adjoyning to itt: It: I give to y<sup>e</sup> say'd John my Sonne two Cowe Com'onages. It: I give to my Sonne John one Oxe com'onage It: I give to my Sonne seven acres of fresh medow more or lesse in y<sup>e</sup> west meddowes. It: I give to my Sonn John tenn acres of Salt marsh more or less liing on y<sup>e</sup> south side of my

Sonne Henry's & five acres of Salt marsh w<sup>ch</sup> is yett to be appointed) all these several guifts I doe give to my Sonne John after my wyfe's decease w<sup>th</sup> this ꝑviso y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>th</sup>in one whole yeare after my wyfe's decease my sonne John shall pay or cause to bee payd five pounds to my daughter Jane Moulton, & in two whole yeares after my wyfe's decease five pounds to my Daughter Bridgett & in case my Sonne John doth not pay unto his two sisters afore sayd y<sup>e</sup> tenn pound, then my will is my two daughters shall have the two acres of fresh marsh liing on y<sup>e</sup> South side of my Sonne Henry's, & tenn acres & halfe of Salt marsh more or lesse liing on y<sup>e</sup> South side of my Sonne Henry's marsh, & in case my Sonne John doth die before hee bee possest, of this house & lands then my will is y<sup>t</sup> the house & all the lands shalbee equally divided, to all my childeren excepting Henry. And I give twelve acres of upland more or less in y<sup>e</sup> East feild, on y<sup>e</sup> east side of willi Esto's twelve acres to bee equally devided between Mary Samborne & my daughter Ann, & my daughter Jane, & my daughter bridgett, & I give unto my Sonn Samborne tenn acres of Salt marsh w<sup>ch</sup> is yett to bee appointed, & I give to my Sonne Samborne fower acres of Salt marsh liing on y<sup>e</sup> South side of Cristopher Pallmers, & y<sup>e</sup> north side of my Sonn Henries) It I give in to my daughter Ann three acres of fresh marsh att y<sup>e</sup> beach next John Brownes, fresh meddow. It: I give to my daughter Ann tenn acres of salt marsh w<sup>ch</sup> is yett to bee appointed: Also my will is y<sup>t</sup> my Sonne John shall have a way to his ten acres & a halfe of Salt marsh through his brother Henry's Salt marsh this I doe confirme to bee the true intent of my will witness my hand this p<sup>r</sup>sent day being y<sup>e</sup> (23<sup>d</sup>) of January (1649)

witnessed to this

Robert Tuck

Willi Estowe

by mee John Moulton

[Proved Oct. 1, 1650.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 7.]

STOCKDALE CUDDINGTON 1650 HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Stockdale Cuddington of Hampton granted to his oldest son, John Cuddington, April 7, 1650.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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ANTHONY SADLER 1650

[Administration on the estate of Anthony Sadler granted to his widow, Martha Sadler, Oct. "1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> day," 1650. The court reserved £10 out of the estate for the use of her child, then unborn.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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THOMAS TURPIN 1650

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Turpin granted to William Paine Oct. 8, 1650.]

[Court Records, Oct. 8-10, 1650, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 75.]

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EDMUND JOHNSON 1650 HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Edmund Johnson of Hampton, taken by Robert Page, Robert Tuck, and Jeffrey Mingy March 4, 1650/1; amount, £111.19.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Administration on the estate of Edmund Johnson granted to his widow, Mary Johnson, April 8, 1651.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Order of court Oct. 7, 1651, that the children have the following portions out of the estate: Peter Johnson, the oldest, £32 at the age of twenty-one, John Johnson £16 at the age of twenty-one, James Johnson £16 at the age of twenty-one, and Dorcas Johnson £16 at the age of eighteen or day of marriage with her



mother's consent. Thomas Coleman, step-father to said children, was ordered to give bond in the sum of £80, and to bind over the house and land in Hampton belonging to the estate for these payments, and he was to pay the cost of educating the children, having them taught to read and write.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

Wheras at y<sup>e</sup> Court held at Hampton the (7<sup>th</sup>) of y<sup>e</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) m<sup>o</sup>: 1653 It was ordered y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Childeren of Edmond Jonson late of Hampton deceased should have out of their fathers estate for their portions as followeth viz Peter Jonson the eldest thirty two pounds att y<sup>e</sup> age of one & twenty years John Jonson sixteen pound att y<sup>e</sup> age of one & twenty years James Jonson sixteen pound att y<sup>e</sup> age of one & twenty years & Dorcas Jonson sixteen pound att y<sup>e</sup> age of eighteen years or at y<sup>e</sup> day of hir marriage w<sup>th</sup> hir mothers consent w<sup>ch</sup> of y<sup>m</sup> shall first happen.

Know yea that I Thomas Coleman father in law [step-father] unto the aforesaid Childeren doe by these p<sup>s</sup>ents bind my selfe my heires Executo<sup>r</sup> & Administrato<sup>r</sup> unto y<sup>e</sup> govern<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusets in Newengland in y<sup>e</sup> full & intire some of fower score pound of currant money to pay the aforesayd Legasies unto the aforesayd Childeren respectively or according to y<sup>e</sup> order of y<sup>e</sup> Court abovesayd As also to bee att the charges of y<sup>e</sup> Educacon of the sayd childeren and to have them taught to write & read. And for y<sup>e</sup> more sure p<sup>er</sup>formance of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>ro</sup>misses: according to y<sup>e</sup> order of y<sup>e</sup> sayd court I doe with the full & free consent of Mary my wyfe (mother unto y<sup>e</sup> sayd Childeren) binde over in security (unto the sayd Govern<sup>t</sup>) for y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>er</sup>formance of y<sup>e</sup> sayd Legasies or portions allotted unto the sayd childeren by the Court aforesayd as also for their educacon as aforesayd all those lands that did belonge to the aforesd Edmon Jonson liing & being w<sup>th</sup>in y<sup>e</sup> bounds of the towne of Hampton aforesayd & now in y<sup>e</sup> possession of mee the sayd Tho: Coleman: As namely eight acres of Salt marsh butting upon y<sup>e</sup> great Oxe Com'on on y<sup>e</sup>: E: Tho: Moulton on y<sup>e</sup> (S: W) Edward Colcord on y<sup>e</sup> (N. E) y<sup>e</sup> town wast. And three acres of fresh meadow butting upon y<sup>e</sup> great Sault marsh on y<sup>e</sup> (N E) Jn<sup>o</sup> Wedgewood:

(N) the land of Tho: Moulton (S). And six acres of fresh meadow bounded in w<sup>th</sup> a ditch willi: Maston on y<sup>e</sup> (S W) willi Cole on y<sup>e</sup> (N. E.) & a highway to y<sup>e</sup> Oxe common (N) And fower acres more of fresh meadow joyning to Robert Tucks on y<sup>e</sup> (N W) & Phile: Dalton on y<sup>e</sup> (S) & Tho: Ward (N): And eight acres more of Salt marsh att y<sup>e</sup> falls butting uppon y<sup>e</sup> River towards the beach: Twelve acres of upland liing in y<sup>e</sup> (E) feild willi: Samborn on y<sup>e</sup> (S) and a Swamp on y<sup>e</sup> (N) and land of Jn<sup>o</sup> Huggings on y<sup>e</sup> (E) and a high way on y<sup>e</sup> (N) And a houselott tenn acres The street on y<sup>e</sup> (N) willi: Samborn on y<sup>e</sup> (S<sup>o</sup>) Tho: Smith on y<sup>e</sup> (E) and y<sup>e</sup> meeting: house uppon y<sup>e</sup> (W). And halfe an acre of Land planted w<sup>th</sup> Apple trees joining to Jn<sup>o</sup> Redmans on y<sup>e</sup> (S) & the street on y<sup>e</sup> (N) To y<sup>e</sup> performance of all w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> abovesayd condicions I the said Tho: Coleman doe hereunto sett my hand & seale this (16<sup>th</sup>) day of y<sup>e</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) m<sup>o</sup> 1653

Tho: Coleman w<sup>th</sup> a Seale to itt

Signed Sealed & delivered to use of y<sup>e</sup> govern<sup>t</sup> aforesaid in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>s</sup>ence of us.

Tho: Bradbury  
Wymond Bradbury  
Jacob Hooke

This was acknowledged in Court by Tho: Coleman to be his act & deed, Salisbury y<sup>e</sup> (12<sup>th</sup>) (2<sup>d</sup>) m<sup>o</sup> 1654

Tho: Bradbury rec<sup>d</sup>

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 31.]

GEORGE WEBB

1651

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of George Webb of Dover granted to George Smith April 8, 1651.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Further time was allowed the administrator to bring in an inventory of the estate, Oct. 7, 1651.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

## DARBY FIELD 1651

[Administration on the estate of Darby Field granted to Ambrose Gibbons Oct. 1, 1651.]

[Court Records, Oct. 1, 1651, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 91.]

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## JAMES NICHOLS 1651

[Administration on the estate of James Nichols granted to Walter Knight Oct. 1, 1651.]

[Court Records, Oct. 1, 1651, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 91.]

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## THOMAS CHASE 1652 HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Chase granted to his widow, Elizabeth Chase, Oct. 5, 1652.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Chase of Hampton, dated June 2, 1653; taken by Robert Pay, Abraham Perkins, and William Fifield; amount, £111.18.10; attested by Elizabeth Chase, the widow.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Order of court Oct. 4, 1653, that the five children of Thomas Chase of Hampton shall have out of their father's estate these amounts: Thomas Chase, the oldest, £16, and Joseph Chase, James Chase, Isaac Chase, and Abraham Chase £8 each, when they are twenty-one years of age. The widow, Elizabeth Chase, gave bond in the sum of £50, with Thomas Philbrick and John Cass as sureties.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Order of court, Oct. 3, 1654, with the consent of the administratrix, that the children's portions be paid out of the lands.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Order of court, Oct. 10, 1665, appointing Christopher Hussey, Ensign John Sanborn, and Thomas Philbrick, Jr., a committee to divide the estate among the children, with the consent of the administratrix, she to have £4 out of the lands.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Guardianship of Isaac Chase granted to his brother, Thomas Chase, April 9, 1667.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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JOHN CROWDER

1652

PORTSMOUTH

It is ordered by the Courte that m<sup>r</sup> Brian pendleton & m<sup>r</sup> Richarde walderne shall take the accompte of william Storer of John Crowders estate, and they shall take that estate into their hands which they finde in his hands and dispose of y<sup>t</sup> to the creditors as they shall see in their judgment moste fitt.

we whose names are under written beinge appointed by the Courte laste holden at Strawberery bank the 8 of October 1652 to dispose of a certaine ¶cell of goodes in the hands of william Storer marshall of Dover which did belonge once to John Crowder of strawberery bank deceased

In primis wee order to the marshall for his paines & service & venturinge his life thereby five shillings

secondly whereas there is more remayninge to the valew of thirtie shillings & two pence, wee order it wholly to m<sup>r</sup> hugh Crimson because we finde the saide Crowder was indepted to him

Dated this . 5 . of march . 1652. /

¶ us Brian pendleton  
Richarde waldern

[Court Records, Oct. 8, 1652, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 98.]

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HENRY PLIMPTON

1652

[Administration on the estate of Henry Plimpton granted to Thomas Canney Oct. 8, 1652.]

[Court Records, Oct. 8-10, 1652, in Deeds, vol. 1, p. 98.]

EDWARD TUCK                      1653                      HAMPTON

[Order of court June 14, 1653, that the two children of Edward Tuck of Hampton shall have out of his estate as follows: Edward Tuck, the older, 40 marks at the age of twenty-one, including the house, and all the lands, meadow, upland and commonage mentioned in the inventory; and John, the younger, 20 marks at the age of twenty-one. The widow was to have the rest, and was to have the use of £40 until the children were of age, she having them taught to read and write.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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RICHARD KING                      1653                      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Richard King of Piscataqua granted to Brian Pendleton Oct. 4, 1653.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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WILLIAM WEYMOUTH   1654

Robert waymoth is by order of this Court . . . Administrator for his Brother william waymoths estate—dessed

[Court Records, June 27, 1654, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 1.]

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—— BERRY                              1654

It is ordered by this Court that Jane Berry is Administratour for hir husbands goods. Dessed:

[Court Records, June 28, 1654, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 2.]

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GEORGE ABORN                      1654                      HAMPTON

George Habone of Hampton in his last sicknesse a litle before his death did give & bequeath all his estate to susanna Habone his

wife we being present. In wisse whereof we have hereunto set our hands 8<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1654.

The m<sup>r</sup>ke

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John Marion  
Samuel Wheelwright

[Proved Oct. 3, 1654.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 35.]

[Inventory of the estate, taken by Thomas Leavitt and Robert Smith, May 26, 1654; amount, £126.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 35.]

JOHN WEDGWOOD

1654

HAMPTON

The last will & testam<sup>t</sup> of John wedgwood of Hampton

In y<sup>e</sup> name of God Amen: The twentie fourth day of y<sup>e</sup> month of November one thousand six hundred fiftie fower I John wedgwood husbandman of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> County of Norfolke being of whole minde & in good & p<sup>r</sup>fect remembrance Laud & praise bee unto Almighty God make & ordaine this my p<sup>r</sup>sent Testament concerning herein my last will in manner & forme following that is to say first I com<sup>end</sup> my soule unto Almighty God my Maker & my redeemer Item I bequeathe to my eldest Sonne viz John my house & land att Exiter viz (12) acres of upland & fower acres of meadow more or lesse, also a certaine p<sup>r</sup>cell of meadow liing att Puscasicke, & one hundred & fifty acres of upland liing next M<sup>r</sup> Edward Hiltons the w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said John shall have after the decease of his Grandmother butt in case my said Sonne dye before hir then my wyfe Mary to enjoy, & as she see cause to dispose of it for hir owne benefitt & my childerens then liveing Item my house & lands att Hampton the whole upland being fifteen Acres & in fresh meadowe fower & salt marsh five, is to bee divided one halfe to my said wyfe & the other halfe to my two Sonnes Jonathan &

David att y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty one years, in y<sup>e</sup> meanetime my wyfe to Enjoy all & after hir decease all be wholly theirs: It: to my Daughter Mary if y<sup>t</sup> she marries before hir mothers decease one kettle, & to Jn<sup>o</sup> my gunn, & Jonathan my sword: It: to my daughter Abigall & my Sonne David two Oxen the which are to be sould to their use & one Iron pott to my said daughter last mentioned It: ther being nineteen hundreth foot of board att Exiter they are to satisfie my true and Lawfull debts, w<sup>ch</sup> quantity if they will not suffise that then the rest to be satisfied out of y<sup>e</sup> bequests above said ~~pro~~portionably: And of this my p<sup>r</sup>sent Testam<sup>t</sup> I make & ordaine y<sup>e</sup> said Mary my wife my Executrix. And of y<sup>e</sup> Execucon of y<sup>e</sup> same I make & ordaine willi: ffield & Henry Moulton overseers, & I utterly revoake & adnull all & every other former Testam<sup>t</sup> wills Legasies & Bequests, Executo<sup>rs</sup>, & over seers by mee in any wise beefore this tyme made, named, willed, & bequeathed:

witnesses

Seth fletcher

Willi fifeild

Henry Moulton

[Proved April 10, 1655.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 43.]

DANIEL MAUD

1654/5

I Daniel Maud in som weakness of body but in p<sup>r</sup>fect memory, not knowing the time of my removall out of this earthly tabernackle do here desire to make this my last will & testament comending my soule into the handes of my Almighty Creator, & most . . . . & mercifull redemer and my body to be layd in the place of ordinary buriall near to my last wife desiring the Lord mercyfully provide for his people som such as may hold in the work he hath among his people here w<sup>th</sup> a greater blessing than yet hath been among them and for this end and wishing to leave

such few bookes as I have for the use and benefit of such a one as may be fitt to have improvement especially of those in the Hebrew tonge, but in case such a one be not had, to let them go to som of the next congregation as may have the use of them as York or Hampton because learning is so much out of relish w<sup>th</sup> disuse. Excepting one booke titled Derpnosophistanom w<sup>ch</sup> I want have left for Cambridge Library, and my little Hebrew bible for M<sup>r</sup> Brocke, or any inferiour bookes for learning of Hebrew, or to read in learning. And for my wife's 4 children seing I received som of her debts since my marriage of about 11 £ to have (of my estate not reall) to be comeing to them to the value of twenty markes to be for their use when they com to capableness to improve the same besides what they have had allowed to them in every one a calfe now com to a cowe; my best outward wearing coate to Mr. Roberts & a cloath gowne w<sup>ch</sup> was my wifes to his wife. Som debts I owe unto M<sup>r</sup> Pendleton, & 14s. to Mr Cutts wh there is 10<sup>s</sup> in my purse to be coming to him towards the ansuring of, 20<sup>s</sup> to George Walton w<sup>h</sup> Tho: Beard hath undertaken to satisfye for me, 4<sup>s</sup> to goodwife Tucke of Hampton & 5<sup>s</sup> to the french Doctor wh there is sugar in my closet to satisfie for, wh I desire may com to them & 2<sup>s</sup> to one George Field then dwelling in boston but he was removed fro<sup>m</sup> thence as was sayd to Sudbury w<sup>ch</sup> I owed him for som comeing hence of som comodityes hither from Boston Somthing I am indebted to Mr. Newgate about 7<sup>s</sup> and o. d. to Mr. Usher for som bookes w<sup>ch</sup> I desire may be returned to them. this is that I can in p<sup>r</sup>sent call to mind I desire my well beloved friendes Mr. Drake, William Daveport & John Hall to undertake . . . le with them for their satisfaction of, if there be any remaying tq bee in part taken to their owne use or to such as are are at want hereabout. one thing there is of som greater importance w<sup>h</sup> is a little tractate wrapped up in my deske w<sup>h</sup> I would have committed to Mr. Brock to put into the handes of Mr Davenport who as I heard is intended to go for England that he would peruse, and for putting it forth I would leave it to his wise & godly ordering of w<sup>ch</sup> I thinke there is a truth of God in, & som



benefite to redound to som by. There is a booke of Mr. Nortons w<sup>ch</sup> is intituled the Orthodox Evangelist w<sup>ch</sup> I would have my sister Cotton to have—and an other booke I borrowed of my bro : Cotton w<sup>ch</sup> is to come to his son Seaborne. Som others agaynst Antichristian Idolatry w<sup>ch</sup> I shal leave upon the . . . together w<sup>th</sup> . . . in the house [?] for Sara that is w<sup>th</sup> me I should desire to that w<sup>ch</sup> she have received ful satisfacione when her time is out w<sup>ch</sup> wil be about the 7 of the next month, and a little booke w<sup>ch</sup> was my wifes & a cheese in the closet w<sup>ch</sup> Mrs. Miller [?] brought me the last weeke.

Susan Halstoe & his brothere & Sister and Sister in law who have no need of supplies fro<sup>m</sup> me, I desire to be heartily remembered to them. they are all in years, And this is that I have in p<sup>r</sup>sent to say. In witness whereof I have set to my hand and seal, this 17<sup>th</sup> of this 11<sup>th</sup> month 1654

(I give my favorit or best hat?) to Elizabeth Cotton som other to Joseph and one to Sarah

In presence of these underwritten

William Wentworth

Job Clements

By Me Daniell Maud

[Seal]

[Proved Jan. 26, 1655/6.]

[Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 1.]

EDWARD GILMAN

1655

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Edward Gilman of Exeter granted to his widow, Mary Gilman, April 10, 1655, and she was ordered to produce the consent of her children to the disposal of the estate by the county court according to a deed of the deceased.

Moses Gilman gave his consent as above Jan. 11, 1654/5, and John Folsom, Daniel Cushing and John Leavitt, Sept. 29, 1655.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 45.]

[Inventory, attested Oct. 2, 1655; amount, £211.0.0. John Leavitt is mentioned as at Hingham, Mass.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 45.]

WILLIAM ESTOW

1655

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen y<sup>e</sup> (16<sup>th</sup>) of y<sup>e</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) m<sup>o</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord god 1655: I William Estow of y<sup>e</sup> towne of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> County of Norfolk being of whole minde & in good and p<sup>er</sup>fect memory laud & prayse bee unto Almighty god maker & redeemer. This my p<sup>re</sup>sent testament concerning herein my last will in manner & forme following that is to say I commend my soule unto Almighty god My maker & Redeemer, & my body to y<sup>e</sup> grave, I bequeathe unto my sonne-inlaw moris Hobbs & my daughter Sarah my house wherin hee dwelleth and the Lott therunto belonging w<sup>ith</sup> two shares of Cow com'ons and one of y<sup>e</sup> Oxe Com'on with all priviledges that belong to y<sup>e</sup> two shares of y<sup>e</sup> Cow Com'on, also an acre of sault marsh more or less at y<sup>e</sup> severals Item tenn acres of land more or less to my two daughters equally to bee divided betwixt them Sarah to have the south side toward Christopher Palmer w<sup>ith</sup> land joyning to y<sup>e</sup> house Lott: It: one share of the Cow Com'on to my daughter Mary. It: twelve acres of upland more or less liing in y<sup>e</sup> Mill field equally to bee divided betwixt my two daughters with y<sup>e</sup> Swamp att y<sup>e</sup> end of it Sarah to lie on y<sup>e</sup> west side Item I bequeathe unto my daughter Mary eight acres of Salt Marsh & to my daughter Sarah nine acres this p<sup>ar</sup>cell to be equally divided for quality according to quantity: y<sup>e</sup> marsh of Christophers on y<sup>e</sup> East It: twelve acres of fresh meadow I give unto my two daughters equally to bee divided betwixt them it Joyning to Christopher Palmers on y<sup>e</sup> southeast Item to my Daughter Sarah Hobbs fower Oxen & two cowes w<sup>ith</sup> is old gentle & blackish & one yearlin heifer: And I give unto my grandson John Hobbs one heifer of two years old, & the said Jn<sup>o</sup> Hobbs to give unto his sister Sarah y<sup>e</sup> second calfe

that this heifer shall bringe & I give unto him my gunn : Item I give to my daughter Mary Marston al y<sup>e</sup> rest of my cattell w<sup>ch</sup> is 3 Cows w<sup>ch</sup> is old brown, old cole & young gentle & 1 heifer . 2 : year old & 1 bull & 3 calves Item I give unto my daughter Mary Marston seven bushells of wheat : It : I give unto y<sup>e</sup> children of willi : Moulton forty shillings w<sup>ch</sup> is tenn shillings to each of them to bee payd in fower yeare the eldest to have y<sup>e</sup> first tenn and y<sup>e</sup> rest according to their age yerely : Item I give unto my daughter Sarah Hobbs all y<sup>e</sup> rest that is not in my will and farther more I give unto my Sonne-inlaw Tho : Marston the farthermost stack of Salt Marsh hay that stands in y<sup>e</sup> marsh & two good loads of fresh hay. And farthermore this is my will that my Son-in law Morris Hobbs shall pay w<sup>t</sup> debts I am indebted to any & to have & receive what is due to mee from any Revoking & annulling all other & every other former Testam<sup>ts</sup> wills Legasies bequests by mee in anywise before this tyme made named willed, or bequeathed any other tyme that is  $\text{p}$ perly mine et :

Read sealed & delivered in y<sup>e</sup>  
p<sup>r</sup>sence of us :

Willi : Estow

Abraha : Pirkins

willi : Moulton :

[Proved April 8, 1656.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 52. A copy is found in the New Hampshire Probate Files.]

[On the back of the New Hampshire copy :]

the 12 Acres in y<sup>e</sup> mill feild formerly one y<sup>e</sup> east was tho : Philbrick

one y<sup>e</sup> west Moses Cooke butting one y<sup>e</sup> Roode which goes to y<sup>e</sup> beach

Leften Smith one y<sup>e</sup> weste or westrly bounded on y<sup>e</sup> river notherly and Christophe Palmer on the South east

the nine and eight acres of Salt marsh

Christopher Palmers one the east butted one John brounes one y<sup>e</sup> north the river one y<sup>e</sup> west or westrely

[Inventory of the estate given to his daughter, Mary Marston; amount, £60.7.0; and of that given to his daughter, Sarah Hobbs; amount, £143.13.0. Debts to be paid to the children of William Moulton, £2.0.0, and to John Redman, £0.2.6.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 53.]

[Thomas Marston of Hampton presented to the court at Salisbury the will of William Estow, desiring the appointment of a committee to divide and set out the land given in the will, and according to the order of the court. The court appointed William Sanborn and Nathaniel Weare as such committee Nov. 14, 1676.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 48.]

SAMUEL PARKER 1656

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Parker granted to Emmanuel Hilliard June 25, 1656.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1656, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 11.]

AMBROSE GIBBONS 1656 DURHAM

The last will & testament of m<sup>r</sup> Ambrose Gibbins on his sick bed this 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1656.

In the name of God Amen. I Ambrose Gibbins of Oyster River in the Toune of Dover in New England being sicke and weake in Body . . .

Imp<sup>r</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my Grandchild samuel sherburne the son of Henry sherburne now dwelling in the Towne of Portsmouth in piscataquake Rever in New England all my right and Interest of house houses lands meadowes Goods and chattells with all and every appurtenance and Appurtenances of Goods mooveable and unmooveable and likewise all . . . bills and bonds which may lawfully be recovered by law due to the said . . . my true and lawfull executor and likewise . . . afore named Henry sherburne be executor w<sup>th</sup> his son samuell—

with the provisoe the aforesaid Henry and Samuell are to pay unto the said Henry Sherborn<sup>s</sup> children Elizabeth Mary Henry John Ambrose Sarah and Rebeckah or any more which may be lawfully begotten by rebeckah sherborne the wife of Henry sherborne being the daughter of Ambrose Gibbins the some of Twenty one pounds starling to witt to the said to every of the fore named children when they Come to lawfull Age the sonn<sup>s</sup> at twenty one yeares and the Daughters at eighteene yeares and in Case any of these children should Dy the portion that should have bin theirs is to be divided amongst the rest of them that are living In Witnes of the truth hereof wee whose names are under written have Subscribed :

Jonas Bying

his m<sup>e</sup>

Tho. X Johnson

william Roberts

his marke

Ambrose X Gibbins

That this is A true Copie Compared w<sup>th</sup> the originall so signed & left in the Gennerall Courte file at Boston may the 9<sup>th</sup> 1657

Attests Edward Rawson Secret

PHILEMON DALTON 1656

HAMPTON

The last will & testament . . . . The County of northfolke, being sick & . . . bequeath my soule unto God who gave itt & Jesus . . . . :

It I Doe give unto Dorety Dalton my loving wife my . . . a two yeerling heffer Called Chery: Itt one Swine & two she . . beed in the beed Chamber wth the furniture thear of as itt stands . . Chests & the trunke with the apparrill thearin<sup>g</sup> with the bras & . . & yron potes; wth the mortar pessell wth the speete & basting . . peuter viz Six platters & a Salt seller & Skillet & for bookes: viz one of mr Burrows Called Gospell worship During terme of her life & the third of all my lands and one of

the Dweling housen as my sonn & shee shall agree During the tearme of her life & the apples of the fouer trees next the Common in the orchard

Itt I Doe give unto my Sonn Samuell Dalton all the rest of . . . and housenrom ; with my fouer oxen wth the Cart & furni- ture . . . with all my books wch are not otherwise Dispose of: . . . give unto my Daughter mehetabell Dalton one . . . -owes Concerning Earthly mindedness . . . . .

Ittum I give unto Hannah Dalton . . . . . heffer Called hart : & I Doe give unto my wife . . . . . of the last Crop both Indian & English : and barne . . . & hay and rome to sett her Cattell in the leantow During term . her life and the Hake : and for the Confermation of this my last will & testament I have hereunto sett my hand & seale having apointed my sonn Sameuell & my wife as my lawfull Excequetors to this my last will, whearunt I have sett my hand the leaventh of Novem- ber one thousand Six hundred & fifty Six

Signed and Sealed in his  
the  $\text{P}$ sents of us Philemon Dalton X mark  
Abraham Perkins [Seal] & Seele  
Timothie Dalton.

[Proved Oct. 14, 1662.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Inventory of the estate of Philemon Dalton of Hampton, taken by Robert Page, William Godfrey, and Thomas Marston July 1, 1662 ; amount, £261.16.4.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

## GEORGE BRONSON 1657

[Administration on the estate of George Bronson, who was killed by a bull July 2, 1657, granted to John Ault and Richard York July 2, 1657.]

[Court Records, July 2, 1657, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 16 b.]

## HENRY THORNER 1657 WAPPING ENG.

[Administration on the estate of Henry Thorner, of Wapping, Eng., ship-carpenter, accidentally killed by a rolling mast, granted to James Garrett and Edward Thorner Aug. 26, 1657.]

[Court Records, Aug. 26, 1657, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 20.]

[Inventory was presented Sept. 12, 1657; amount, £171.1.6½; taken by Brian Pendleton and Richard Waldron.]

[Court Records, Sept. 12, 1657, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 20 b.]

## WILLIAM SWAINE JR. 1657 HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of William Swaine, Jr., of Hampton, taken by Robert Tuck, John Sanborn, Samuel Dalton, and William Marston Nov. 10, 1657; amount, £136.4.0; sworn to by Prudence Swaine, the widow, April 12, 1658.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 76.]

## EMMANUEL HILLIARD 1657 HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Emmanuel Hilliard of Hampton, appraised Nov. 19, 1657, by Robert Tuck, John Sanborn, and Henry Dow; affirmed by the widow, Elizabeth Hilliard; amount, £177.13.6.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 74.]

[Francis Page of Hampton acknowledges the receipt from Joseph Merry of Hampton of £53.6.8, in behalf of Benjamin Hilliard and Elizabeth Hilliard, children of Emmanuel Hilliard, it being their share of their father's estate; dated June 23, 1669; witness, Nathaniel Batcheller.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 151.]

[Timothy Hilliard acknowledges the receipt from his father-in-law, Joseph Merry, of £53.6.4, it being his share in the estate of

his father, Emmanuel Hilliard, dated Oct. 13, 1669; witnesses, Samuel Dalton and Jeremy Jewett.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 151.]

TIMOTHY DALTON

1657/8

HAMPTON

The Laste will and Tistament of m<sup>r</sup> Timothie Dalton Teacher to the Church att Hampton

Being in Reasonable Helth of body and of Sound and perfect memorie lauded bee God: ffirst I Give and Bequeth unto Ruth Dalton my Beloved wife, the House and land latly purched of Thomas Moulton with all the priveledges therunto belonging to Her and Her Heires for Ever Item I Give and Bequeth unto Her my loving wife a certaine P<sup>ar</sup>cell of medow or march Called or knowne by the name of Burchin Iland to Her and Her Heires for Ever: Ittem I Doe Give unto the sd Ruth Dalton my loving wife all my moveable Goods and Houseold stuf and Cattle: to Her and Her Heirs for Ever

Item I Give and Bequeth unto my loving Brother Philemon Dalton and to my loving Cossen Samuell Dalton His Sonn the Some of two Hundred pounds wch is to bee payd to my Assignes from the Church & Towne of Hampton paying to Ruth my wife During Her naturall life ten pounds P<sup>er</sup> annum: & I Doe by these P<sup>re</sup>sents make my wife ruth Dalton my sole Excequetor to this my last will and Testament wittnes my Hand and seale the Eight of March one thousand Six Hundred and fifty Seaven or fifty Eight

Signed Sealed and  
Delivered in the P<sup>re</sup>sents  
of us

Henrye dow  
John Cleford

Timothie Dalton  
[Seal]

I Timothie Dalton being sicke & weake of body but sound in understanding praised be God Have & doe by these p<sup>re</sup>sents Give



& bequeath unto my love[in]g Cossen Bar<sup>th</sup> Dalton fiftie acres of land which I purchased of william Eastow which lieth att the Head of my farme above saggamour Hill wittnes my Hand & Seale the one & twentieth of December one thousand Six Hundred & Sixty one

Signed & sealed in the  
p'sence of us

Henery Moulton  
Joseph X Huchins  
His marke

[Proved April 8, 1662.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

Timothie Dalton  
[Seal]

JEFFREY MINGY

1658

HAMPTON

June y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 58

Goodman Mingy sick gave Eliakim wardell that peece of land w<sup>ch</sup> lyeth one the left hand of the bridg as wee goe to Exeter

It ten Ackers of upland in the great Lot one the other side of the way one the right hand one the other side of the bridg

and the fresh Medow in the great Medow

and the salt Marash that lyeth by M<sup>r</sup> Stanells

and one Cow Coman, and one oxe Coman &  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Swamp then saed goodwife Mingy Hussband give him what [you] will he shall have it to a farthing, then sayed goodman Mingy hee will stand in need of a yoake of beastes but I will leave it to your libertie whether he shall have the young ones or the ould ones.

and all the rest I give to my wife

then Jonathan Thing sayed who should have it but shee that hath wrought for it

This was attested by Anthony Tayler & Phillip his wyfe upon their oathe. in y<sup>e</sup> court held att Hampton y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> : 58 :

Tho : Bradbury rec<sup>d</sup>

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 76.]

[Inventory of the estate of Jeffrey Mingy of Hampton, taken by Samuel Dalton, Thomas Coleman, and Anthony Taylor July 2, 1658; amount, £318.5.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 76.]

HENRY DOW

1659

HAMPTON

The Last will & testament of Henery Dow Sen<sup>r</sup> of Hampton Being Sick & weeke of Body butt firme of understanding and memory Itt I Give and bequeth unto margrett my loving wife my House lott being by Estamation ten Acres more or less & Six acres of fresh meddow att the springs & one sheare of the lower Cowes Comon; Three of my Cowes: & the Dwelling House upon the lott above sd: and att my Househould stuff Excepting whatt shall bee other waies Disposed of Itt I Give and bequeath unto my sonn Henry Dow all the planting Ground thatt is in my Hands in the East field, and my seaventeen acres of Salt marsh and . . . one sheare of the Cow comon and a sheare of the ox Comon and all my Cattell Excepting the three Cowes abovesd

Itt to my Sonn Henery, one fether bed wch Hee useth to ly upon and all the Bed Cloathes thereunto Belonging and the middelmost Iron Pott: and I Due by these ¶sents make and appoint my sonn Henery my sole Exequetor to this last will and testament Itt I Doe Give and Bequeath unto my sonn Joseph the some of thirty pounds to bee payd when Hee shall Arive to the age of twenty and one yeers. Itt I Doe Give and Bequeath unto my sonn Danill and to my Daughters mary and Hannah five pounds apeece to be payd to them when they shall Arive to the age of twenty and one years Itt: I Give unto my sonn Thomas & my sonn Jeremiah five pounds a peece to bee payd to them att the age of one & twenty yeeres And after my wives Decease the House & House lott and the six acres of medow to Returne Into the Hands of my Excequetors; In Cause thatt Hee please to Resigne up the House and fifty Rods of ground which was sometime posed by Thomas Sleeper Into the Hands of my sonn Joseph

and Pay unto my five yongest Children above sayd five and twenty pounds thatt is to say five pounds a peece : to bee Payd five pounds to the eldest the yeere after my wives Decease and so five pounds a yeere to the next yonger untill the some of five pounds bee payd to the . . . fter and still with this ¶viso thatt in Cause my sone Henery bee nott willing to leave the place wheare Thomas Sleeper lived & to take the lands above sayd After my wives Decease upon the Conditions above named then the sd House & House lot with the Six acres of medow are to Returne to my sonn Joseph who upon the takeing possession of them is to undertake for the paying of the twenty five pounds above sd to my five yongest Children according to the times above mentioned : Itt I Give unto my wife two of the best of my swine & so much of the Corne in the House as may maintaine Her & my Children untill Harvest & all the Crop on the House lott att Harvest & the Corne till Harvest to bee twenty bushels To this my last will & testament I sett my Hand & Seale y<sup>e</sup> 16 : 2 mo 1659

Wittnes :

Henrye dow

Robert Page

His X marke

Sam<sup>l</sup> Dalton

[Proved Oct. 4, 1659.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 85.]

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Dow, Sr., "latt desesed upon the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Aprill 1659"; taken by Robert Page, William Godfrey, and Henry Roby May 19, 1659; amount, £193.4.6.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 1, p. 86.]

[Joseph Dow acknowledges the receipt from Henry Dow of £30 left to him in the will of his father; dated Nov. 28, 1666; witnesses, Thomas Nudd and Francis Page.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 46.]

[Jonas Gregory of Ipswich, Mass., acknowledges the receipt from his brother, Henry Dow of Hampton, of £5 left to his wife,

Hannah Gregory, in the will of her father, Henry Dow; dated June 30, 1670.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 46.]

[Thomas Dow acknowledges the receipt from his brother, Henry Dow, of £5 left to him in the will of his father, Henry Dow; dated April 29, 1674.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 46.]

[Daniel Dow of Hampton acknowledges the receipt from his brother, Henry Dow, executor, of £10 left to him in the will of his father, Henry Dow; dated Nov. 10, 1676; witnesses, Thomas Nudd and Joseph Dow.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 46.]

HERCULES HUNKING 1659

STAR ISLAND

A Envatoring of what goodes and botes I Harkles Hunking hath as foletth to three botes with fowar meinsails and three Roads three graplers with oares and all things be longen tow them and house and stage and mouren and Inker and land belongen tow the house and stage uppon the Iles of sholes star Iland named which I have in Joyed this tenn year follin with hose and hoses and land which I have hear tow the moan with upland mash & Cattell as folleth fowar melch Coues and fower Oxen and a lesen yearelans and Cafes and tow and twenty shep and nine honks of all this that I have hear manufested herar and all that I am onar of with in doar and a thout I will give on thered tow my wife and the hose and land tow lef in as long as she shall lef and after her deth tow Reteren to my Eares and the othar tow thirds tow my Daftar Ann Hunking and her Cheldren

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the marke

of Cester X Lor wetnes

this the 21<sup>th</sup> of Agost 1659

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

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of Harkles X Hunkings

["An trew Invytary of the Goods of Harculus Hunckine that is uppon the Ile of shoales," taken by Peter Twisden; amount £127.13.0.

"An Inventory of the estate of Hercules Hunkins Deceased: of the tone of Portsmouth," taken by Elias Stileman and Richard Tucker Sept. 6, 1659; amount, £342.1.3, sworn to by Benton Hunking Nov. 8, 1659.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

JAMES WALL .

1659

HAMPTON

The last will & testament of James Wall of Hampton in the County of norfolke I James Wall being very weake of Body but of Good understanding & memory Due by these p'sents Comend unto all unto whome they shall Come the true Intent of my mind Concerning the setteling of my Estate after my Decease viz Concerning the Deeds formerly made to my two Eldest Daughters (Elizabeth & Sarah Wall) of my farme which lyeth westward of Robert Pages Land & bounded with the River Called Taylors River towards the South & Likewise Six Acres of Salt marsh lying on the south side of the falls River being bounded with the marsh of will Marston now in the Hands of John Cram towards the south the which lands above mentioned I Doe Conferme unto them my two Eldest Daughters Having made and appointed Henery Roby as a feffer in trust for what I Have Given unto my two Eldest Daughters & to whatt is already Given them the Land is to bee Eaqually Devided between them two: & I Doe farther Give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Wall A Horse Coltt of two yeer & the vantage old: & I Give unto my Daughter Sarah A Horse Coltt of this yeere & A peese of stuffe between them to make Each of them a Goune the stuffe is a peese of mixt stuff of a sad Culler of a boutt twenty-five yards: & I Have Given them a fether bed with a fether bolster with a payer of blankets & a Red Rugges Itum to my Daughter Elizabeth my best Hatt & a Carsey westcot to Each of them =

Ittum I Give and bequeath unto mary Wall my Loving wife &

to my two Children which I Had by Her viz Mary & Hannah Wall my Dweling House & the House lott lying between the lott of Robert Tuck towards the south and the lott of Thomas webstur somtimes will Howards towards the north and Six acres of Salt mursh lying on the north sid of the falles River bounded with the marsh of Gilles fuller towards the north Ittum I Give my wife & Her two Children my fower oxen & fouer Cowes & my mare and all the moveable Goods Excepting whatt is a bove mentioned & Given to my two Eldest Daughters Itt a Debt of fifty pounds Due unto mee from mr Samuell Dudly & Humphrey willson & thirty pounds Due from John Godward & a bill of twenty two pounds from nicolas Smith : & these lands & moveables Given to wife & my yongest Children are to bee Improved by my Excequetor for the maintinance of my wife & the bringing up of my two Children and att my wives Death or mariage whatt is left is to Returne to my two yongest Children mary & Hanna wall and I appoint Henery Robey as a feffer in trust to take noties of what Estate is left & in Cause my wife should marrie or dy whilest the Children are under Age Henery Robey is to take Care of the Estate which shall bee left to settell itt to the Children when they shall a Rive to the Age of Eighteen yeers & for the Cearfull bringing of them up in Cause God should take a way my wife by Death sooner : & I Doe make & appoint mary wall my loving wife to bee my lawfull Excequetor to this my last will & tesment which I Doe Conferme with my Hand & seale thearunto affixed the twentieth of september Ann<sup>o</sup> Dm one thousand Six Hundred & fifty nine

Signed Sealed & Confermed

James [Seal] wall

in the p'sents of

Samuell Dalton

John X Cass

His marke

[Proved Oct. 4, 1659.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Inventory of the estate, taken by William Godfrey and Samuel Dalton in 1659; amount, £373.16.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Guardianship of Mary Wall and Hannah Wall granted to their uncle, Thomas Philbrick of Hampton, Oct. 8, 1672.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records, Oct. 8, 1672, and Deeds, vol. 4, p. 5.]

JEREMIAH WALFORD 1660 PORTSMOUTH

The last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> of Jeremiah Walford of Portsmouth  
16. Aprill, 1660

Being visited by y<sup>e</sup> hand of god w<sup>th</sup> sicknes & n<sup>t</sup> knowing how  
hee may please to deale with mee, I have thought meet to make  
y<sup>e</sup> as my last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> as followes

Imp<sup>t</sup>: I com'end my soule into y<sup>e</sup> hands of him y<sup>t</sup> hath made  
it, & I hope hath redeemed it, as being able to keepe it untill y<sup>t</sup> day

My worldly goods I thus dispose of.

I will y<sup>t</sup> my beloved wife shall have y<sup>e</sup> use of my house lands  
Cattell, & my whole estate as long as shee lives unmarried, if  
shee marryes y<sup>n</sup> my estate to fall to my Children in y<sup>e</sup> mann<sup>r</sup>  
Twenty Acres of land lying on y<sup>e</sup> East side of my house to bee  
divided between my two sonn<sup>s</sup> equally, together with three Acres  
of Marsh lying in y<sup>e</sup> middle of y<sup>e</sup> Great Island.

Another ¶cell of land about ten Acres more or lesse lying  
North-ward fro<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> house, I will to bee equally divided between  
my two daughters

My Cattell also being nine in Number shall bee equally divided  
amongst my children, provided y<sup>t</sup> my wife when shee marryes  
shall have her thirds of y<sup>e</sup> whole estate, abovementioned.

This I will & appoint, having y<sup>e</sup> full use of my reason as for-  
merly, determining y<sup>t</sup> it shall stand as my last Will

as witnesseth my hand

Jeremiah X Walford

I shall intreate my hon<sup>rd</sup> ffather

his marke

Tho: Walford & M<sup>r</sup> Henry  
sherburn to bee my Executors<sup>t</sup>

Wittnesse

Henrie Sherburne

Henry X Savage his marke.

[Proved June 27, 1660.]

[Inventory of the estate of Jeremiah Walford, who died April 21, 1660; taken by Michael Rowe and William Powell July 10, 1660; amount, £95.11.6.]

JOANNA FERNALD 1660

The Last Will & Testament of Johanna Fernald Widow Made the Twentie third day of April one thousa<sup>d</sup> six hundred & Sixtie

I Johanna fernald being Weake of body but in perfect memory doe make & ordaine this my last Will & Testament

Imp<sup>ts</sup> I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth my best feather bead boulder & beading belonging unto it.

It I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary my second best feather bed boulder & bedding belonging to it. /

It I give & bequeath unto my s<sup>d</sup> daughters Elizabeth & Mary my now dwelling house betweene them & it is my will that Elizabeth my daughter shall have y<sup>e</sup> first choice of w<sup>ch</sup> ¶ she shall Like best of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> house & if it shall hapen that my daughter Mary shall marry first that then the husband of my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter shall build for my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter Elizabeth as good a house on y<sup>e</sup> Ilands her father gave her or allow the vallow thereof as shalbe apprized by two Indifferent men & the Like is my will concerning my daughter Elizabeth if she mary first & that they shall not mollest or disturbe one the other before the p<sup>r</sup>missess be ¶formed & in meanwhile Live quietly together

It I give & bequeath unto my Sonn Samuell & my Sonn John the third feather bed & bedding belonging to it to be betweene them

It I give & bequeath unto my Sonn John all the surgery bookes & Instrum<sup>ts</sup> that were his fathers w<sup>th</sup> his chest

It I give & bequeath unto my Sonn Samuell a sute & cloke that was his fathers.

It I give & bequeath unto my son William fortie shillings

It I give & bequeath unto my Son Thomas one musket & a barrell of a foulling peece & all the Carpenters and Joyners tooles.



It I give & bequeath unto my three daughters all my waring clothes woollin & Linning w<sup>th</sup> all my household stuff equally to be devided betweene y<sup>m</sup>, my daughter Sarah to have the first choice & for the better p<sup>r</sup>formance of this my will I make my Sonn Thomas & my daughter Elizabeth my Executors & Appoynt m<sup>r</sup> Richard Cutt & Elias Stileman my over seers in witness wereof have hereunto put my hand y<sup>e</sup> day & year first above written. /

witness

Johanna fernall

Anthony Ellins

John Deamant

Elias Stileman

proved in Court at portsmouth the 28 Jun 60

p<sup>r</sup> Elias Stileman Cleric

[Inventory, June 5, 1660; amount, £118.9.6, and £3.3.0 added later; signed by George Walton and Elias Stileman.]

### WILLIAM LEMON

1660

That whereas W<sup>m</sup> Lemon deceaseing & Leaving No written will behind him concerning his estate, And M<sup>r</sup> Antipas Mavick Exhibiting to this Court testimony that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Lemon gave him his estate before witness, This Court accordingly doth allow thereof, provided the s<sup>d</sup> Maverick doth enter into 20 bonds to be respon-sall for y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> estate to any other that shall make proove of a better title to y<sup>e</sup> same & is hereby enjoyned to bring in an Inventory of the estate to y<sup>e</sup> next Countie Court at dover or portsmouth

[Antipas Maverick of Kittery gives bond as required above.]

[Court Records, June 26, 1660, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 42 b.]

[Order of court Oct. 14, 1662, that William Furber and Richard Otis, administrators to the estate of William Lemon, bring in an inventory.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

## CATHERINE JOHNS 1660

[Administration on the estate of Catherine Johns, widow, granted to John Fabyan June 26, 1660.]

[Court Records, June 26, 1660, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 41.]

[Inventory; amount, £35.7.0; signed by John Hunking and Peter Twisden; brought into court July 10, 1660.]

## ALEXANDER BATCHELDER 1660

[Administration on the estate of Alexander Batchelder granted to his widow, Ann Batchelder, June 26, 1660.]

[Court Records, June 26, 1660, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 41.]

## MARKER HINGER 1660

[Administration on the estate of Marker Hinger granted to William Follett June 26, 1660.]

[Court Records, June 26, 1660, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 41 b.]

## JOHN JACKSON 1660 PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Jackson, who died at the Isles of Shoals, granted to John Cutt July 12, 1660.]

[Court Records, July 12, 1660, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 43.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Jackson of Portsmouth, Dec. 6, 1666; amount, £234.15.0; signed by Henry Sherburne and Elias Stileman.]

This Court grants unto Widdow Joane Jackson & Rich. Jackson pow<sup>r</sup> of Administrac'on unto y<sup>e</sup> estate of John Jackson deceased with out will, the s<sup>d</sup> Joane & Richard Jackson brought in an Inventory of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> estate into this Court at y<sup>e</sup> same time amounting unto 234<sup>l</sup>:15<sup>s</sup> Concerning w<sup>ch</sup> estate the Court ord<sup>m</sup> with y<sup>e</sup> Consent of Ric Jackson & Tho: Jackson then p<sup>r</sup>sent that the

Widow shall have the whole estate in her hand during her Life excepting 4 acres of marsh to be equally betweene Tho. Jackson & John Jackson w<sup>th</sup> they are to have at p'sent & after s<sup>d</sup> Widows decease Richard Jackson to have the house & Land at home & to allow his Bro: Thomas: 20 shillings & his brother John Jackson eleven pownds; & the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Jackson to have one halfe y<sup>e</sup> Land in y<sup>e</sup> plaine & John Jackson y<sup>e</sup> other halfe & w<sup>t</sup> the estate that is in moveables shall be wasted the 3 brothers aforesd to beare their proportions of it & w<sup>t</sup> debts y<sup>e</sup> estate oweth to pay according to proportion and w<sup>t</sup> is due to y<sup>e</sup> estate to have their proportions the Eldest to beare & have a double portion as the estate may increase or decrease in debts & moveables / .

[Court Records, June 25, 1667, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 130 b.]

December the 24<sup>th</sup> 1681 This day by the ffree consent & app of my Brother, Richard Jackson; M<sup>r</sup> Elias Stileman came and laid out for me tenn acres of land joyneing to the Lands I now possess beginneng from the Creek or Well, running 44 Pole, to Richard Saurtridges Land from that 48 Pole S. W. to a black Pine Stump on the West side of Rowes Land and from W: or W. N. W. 40 Pole to a Pine small Tree of Peter Balls bounds from that to the brook or well or stone where Peter Balls land begins the course being nighest N East Easterly :76: Pole, at which time I paid said Stileman for his labour, in my Brother Richards presence three shillings in money in my own house

John Jackson

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 363.]

ROGER SHAW

1660

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen The 25th day of August 1660 I Roger Shawe of Hampton in the County of Norfolk being sick and weake in body \* \* \*

ffirst I give unto my son Joseph Shawe my ffarme, that is to say one hundred Ackers of upland bounded as followeth from the Towne bridge & goodman Levitt in p<sup>t</sup>, and Comon Contry way

in part, & the Comon in part one the south east: ffifteene Ackers of Land of my owne on the South west and mr Dalton's ffarme northwest medowes belonging to the ffarme north east And ffive and Twenty Ackers of fresh medow surrounded with [t]he Taylors River and the upland of the ffarme, the medow lying north East, And all my Salt Marsh (Excepting) ffive Ackers of that marsh to lye adjoining to Thomas wards marsh on the south side of Taylors River with all preveledges belonging to the ffarme.

Item I give unto my son Benjamin Shaw my dwellying howse howses, Orchard Garden and all the land I have on the northside Taylors River, medow, upland or swamp wth all Comonages and prveledges thereunto belonging wth ffifteene Ackers of upland or Swamp lying att y<sup>e</sup> South west end of the ffarme, with ffive Ackers of salt marsh on that side my marsh towards Taylors River adjoining to Thomas wards

Item I give to Margarett ward my Daughter ffive shillings

Item I give to my Daughter Ann ffogg thirteene pounds

Item I give to my Daughter Hester Thirteene pounds

Item I give to my Daughter Marie Twenty pounds.

Item I give unto my son Daniell Tilton ffive pounds

Item I give to my son Benjamin one horse Coult, Three yearelings one Ewe Lamb the bed he lyeth on two puter Dishes, one of ev'ye Iron thing in the howse if there be two (or els not) A third part of all husbandry ware halfe of all Carpenters Tooles I have: six bushels of wheat and ffowerteene of Indian Corne but hee must be att cost of all labo<sup>r</sup> to itt: Also I appoint Benjamin to have for his use my howse and Land on the southeast side the Country high way now for his use. Excepting halfe of the Orchard wch I give to my son Joseph for Two yeares and the peece of medow on this side the Towne Bridge, And for all these goods I give unto Benjamin my will is that he shall pay unto Daniell Tilton [t]he sum of Twenty five pounds when hee comes to the aige of 21 yeares: The wch sum is xxth pt of itt wch I was to pay by Covent & 5<sup>l</sup> I give him more as is above expressed in my will And for want of paym<sup>t</sup> of his 25<sup>l</sup> I do bind over my

sons Benjamins Lands for the securitye of itt to be paid out of the rents of the Lands untill itt be fully paid: Also I Do appoint Samwell flogg & my son Joseph as trustees to order & direct my son Benjamin untill hee come to ye age of 21 yeares according to Law in all thinges.

Item I give all the rest of my goods both moveable & unmoveable wth the use of all the ffeild on the oth<sup>r</sup> side on the high way (but two Ackers on the nerer side one yeare) I give unto my son Joseph And my will is that hee is sole Executo<sup>r</sup> of this my last will and Testamt and I appoint him to pay all my Debts Legacies that are or shall appeare to be Due according to Law Excepting what is appointed to be paid other wayes. And if my Executo<sup>r</sup> fails to make paymt I appoint his Lands shall pay them (not by saile) but by [t]he Rent of itt untill they be paid or any pt thereof. And my will further is that if my son Joseph and Benjamin Dye without issue then [t]he Lands to goe my other Daughters Ann, Hester, & Marye & to their Heires for ever Considering a Competencye for there wifes att the Discretion of my supviso<sup>r</sup> John Leveritt & samuell flogg whome I appoint as trustees to see this my will  $\text{P}$ formed

And renounce my all other former wills either by words or writings I make this my last will & Testament In witnes whereof I have here unto sett my hand & seale the day and yeare above written.

Roger [Seal] Shawe

Signed sealed in the  
presence of us:

John Cleford

Samwell Hall Ser.

The twentieth of march one thousand Six Hundred and Sixty I Roger Shaw being yett in the land of the living & in sound memory & Sence: Doe thinke meett to aDe to this my last will as ffolloweth viz that whearas thear are two of the Children which Have thirteen pound a peece Given them I doe appoint thatt they shall have butt five apeece: and whearas I have Given one Child five shillings I doe appoint thatt itt shall have five pound all which

somes are to bee payd within a yeere after my decease & whearas I did bequeath fourteen bushils of indian Corne to my son Benjamin & Six bushils of wheatt I doe now appoint thatt Hee shall Have none : & whereas I did appoint y<sup>t</sup> benjamin should Sow two acres of y<sup>t</sup> lott on the other sid of the way the next yeere I doe now appoint that Joseph shall Have the  $\frac{1}{2}$  fitt thereof the next yeere and whearas I did appoint Benjamin to pay his brothr Daniell Tilton twenty five pownd when hee Cam to age I Doe now appoint Him to pay His Sister Mary twenty pounds att the time appointed her to pay five pound to His brother Joseph when Daniell Comes to Age & I Doe appoint my son Joseph to pay Abraham & Daniell Tilton their portions according to Covenant when they shall Come to Age and to this my last addition I Doe sett my Hand & seale the Day & yeere a bove written

Signed Sealed in  
the p'sents of us

Roger [Seal] Shawe

Samuell Dalton

John Cliford

[Proved Oct. 10, 1661.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Inventory of the estate, taken by John Sanborn and William Moulton June, 1661; amount, £369.1.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

ANN BATCHELDER

1660

PORTSMOUTH

The last Will & Testament of Anne Batchelor widow of Portsmouth in Pascataq River made y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1660.

I Ann Bachelor being weake of Body, but in  $\frac{1}{2}$ fect memory doe ordaine this as my last Will & Testament, heereby revokeing all former Wills, Legacyes & bequests w<sup>e</sup>ver.

Imp<sup>r</sup> My debts & funerall charges being paid out of my whole estate I give & bequeath unto my Sonn Jn<sup>o</sup> Bachelor y<sup>e</sup> true sum<sup>e</sup> of thirtye pounds, my son being alive at my death, if hee bee not

alive at my Death then I will y<sup>e</sup> said Sum'e unto his widdow & theyr joynt Children equally to bee divided among them.

I give unto James Leech twenty shillings, unto his wife twenty shillings, & unto theyr foure children ten shillings a peice

I give unto Jane ffurzen my best hatt & blue pettycoate

I give unto Mary Walford Widdow my best pettycoate & twenty shillings & unto her foure Cheldren ten shillings a peice

If in Case I dye before my Servant Richard Peirce his time bee out w<sup>t</sup> time remaines I give him, w<sup>th</sup> an Axe, handsaw, Adze Augre a calking Iron or two together w<sup>th</sup> two suits of Apparell & three shirts

I give more unto my said servant Rich : Peirce forty shillings.

I give unto Tho : Paine w<sup>n</sup> his time is expired forty shillings & Executours for y<sup>e</sup> better performance of this my will I make Joshua Moodey & M<sup>r</sup> Elias Stileman & desire M<sup>r</sup> James Pendleton to bee my overseer.

In wittnes w<sup>of</sup> I have heere unto set my hand in y<sup>e</sup> day and yeare above written

Witnesse

The marke of

Ann X Batchelour

The Marke of

Mary X Walford

The marke of

Ann X Hart.

[Proved June 26, 1661.]

[Inventory, Nov. 27, 1660; amount, £96.1.0; signed by William Seavey, James Leach, and Samuel Haines.]

THOMAS JOHNSON 1661

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Johnson granted to William Furber and William Follett June 27, 1661.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1661, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 57.]

[Inventory, July 1, 1661; amount, £200.6.6; signed by John Davis and William Roberts.]

[Settlement of the accounts, brought into court by William Follert and William Furber, administrators, June 30, 1663. One item is "diett for the Childd."]

This Court ord<sup>rs</sup> that the child of Thomas Johnson shall live with goodman Layton if he consent untill she be ten yeeres of age, & he to be allowed out of her estate 5<sup>l</sup> a yeere, & from the age of ten yeeres untill she be fourteene yeeres he is to Keepe & maintaine her at his owne pro<sup>pp</sup> cost & charge & then she is to make choice of her guardian, unto this agreem<sup>t</sup> goodman Layton did consent

[Court Records, June 30, 1663, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 76 b.]

The Estate of Thomas Johnson of Oyster River deceased not having any heire making claime thereunto is Comitted to the use of the Towne of Dover according unto the Law title eschates pa: 28, & this Court further orders that the Administrato<sup>rs</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> estate deliver it up unto the select men of the s<sup>d</sup> Towne & a Com<sup>'</sup>ittee be appoynted to audit y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Administrato<sup>rs</sup> acco<sup>t</sup>

The Com<sup>'</sup>itte agreed upon & then chosen were Capt Rich: Waldern: Deacon Jn<sup>o</sup> Hall: & m<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> Coffin

[Court Records, June 27, 1665, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 109.]

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## WILLIAM STORY 1661

[Administration on the estate of William Story granted to Samuel Austin June 27, 1661.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1661, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 57 b.]

[Inventory, Oct. 8, 1660; amount, £130.5.0; signed by William Pomfret, Hatevil Nutter, and Job Clements; sworn to by Sarah Austin, "sometimes the wife of W<sup>m</sup> Story deceased," June 27, 1661.]

The s<sup>d</sup> Austin brought into Court an Inventory of the Said estate amounting to: 130<sup>l</sup>. 5<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup>. the Widow of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Story now wife to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Austin is allowed her thirds out of the whole w<sup>ch</sup> is 43<sup>l</sup>. 6<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup>; & the remaind<sup>r</sup> 86<sup>l</sup>: 16<sup>s</sup> 4 to be devidd among the



fower children the Eldest to have a double portion Viz 34<sup>l</sup>. 14<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup> & the other three 17<sup>l</sup>. 7<sup>s</sup> a peece when they com to y<sup>e</sup> age of 21 yeeres. the whole estate to remane in y<sup>e</sup> hands of s<sup>d</sup> Samuell Austin the father in Law [step-father] to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> children for there bringing up or shall chuse there Gardian before provided he give double bonds unto this Court that it shalbe p<sup>d</sup> to the children accordingly, & is granted Libertie to sell any of the houses & Lands or to lett the Same provided he brings in good securite to next Court at yorke for paym<sup>t</sup> of the Childrens portions

[Court Records, June 27, 1661, in Deeds, p. 57 b.]

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PALMER

1661

[Guardianship of Joseph Palmer granted to his brother, Christopher Palmer of Hampton, and Walter Roper of Ipswich, Mass., Oct. 8, 1661.]

[Quarterly Court Files, Salem, Mass., vol. 7, p. 53.]

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TIMOTHY DALTON JR. 1662

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Timothy Dalton, Jr., sometime of Hampton, granted to Samuel Dalton April 8, 1662.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Inventory of the lands of Timothy Dalton, Jr., of Hampton, May, 1663; 55 acres of land in all, value not stated; signed by Samuel Dalton, and presented to the Hampton court Oct. 13, 1663.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

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WILLIAM COLE

1662

HAMPTON

The last will of william Coule of Hampton in the County of norfolke,

I william Cole being very Aged & now taken very sicke and nott like longe to Continue in this world & yett by Gods mercy.

retaining my perfect sence & understanding Doe Declare itt, to bee my last will as followeth viz thatt unice Coule my wife shall have all Her Cloathes which she left with mee both Her wollin Clothes & Her linin & Her small linin y<sup>t</sup> is to say Hancherchers neckclothes & Head linen thatt is made for Her; & for my Housen & lands that is free & nott Ingaged I Doe Give & bequeath the same unto Thomas Webstar of Hampton upon Good Considerations & my Cattell & Houshold stuff & twoles & whatt Ever Else Remaines free after Ingagements Discharged all to Remaine unto the sole & proper use of the sd Thomas Webster his Heires & Assignes for Ever upon Condition of his keeping of mee Comfortably Duering the time of my naturall life & I doe appoint my loving freinds Deacon Willi<sup>a</sup> Godfrey & Thomas webstar to bee my lowfull Exequetors to this my last will & Testament the which I Conferme with my hand & seale the twenty sixt of may one thousand six Hundred & sixty two

Sealed & Confermed in y<sup>e</sup>

William [Seal] Coule

Witnesses of us

His marke & Seale

William Godrey

His X marke

Samuell Dalton

[Proved April 14, 1663.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Court Files, vol. 1, p. 35.]

[Inventory of the estate; amount, £59.1.0; attested by Thomas Webster, executor.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Court Files, vol. 1, p. 35.]

[Order of court April 14, 1663, that Thomas Webster, executor of the will of "old Cole" of Hampton, pay the widow one half of the balance after paying the debts.

Amount, £59.14.0

Debts, 18.13.7

£41. 0.5

The one half payable to the widow, Eunice Cole, was ordered to be paid to the selectmen of Hampton for her use.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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THOMAS WILSON 1662

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Wilson granted to Nathaniel Fryer June 24, 1662.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1662, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 67 b.]

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JOHN WEBSTER 1662 PORTSMOUTH

[Rachel Webster, widow, renounced administration on the estate of her husband, John Webster, and Capt. Waldron and Elias Stileman were appointed temporary administrators June 24, 1662.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1662, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 69 b.]

[Administration on the estate of John Webster of Portsmouth granted to Capt. Richard Waldron June 30, 1663.]

[Court Records, June 30, 1663, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 75.]

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JOHN BICKFORD 1662 ISLES OF SHOALS

[Administration on the estate of John Bickford of the Isles of Shoals granted to Philip Tucker June 24, 1662.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1662, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 67 b.]

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VALENTINE HILL 1662

[Writ of dower granted to Mary Hill for one third of the real estate of her late husband, Valentine Hill; and Lieut. Ralph Hall, Ensign Davis, and Robert Davis are empowered to set it off.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1662, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 67 b.]

[Inventory of "A parsell of Land formerly granted unto m<sup>r</sup> vollentine hill deseced by the towne of dover as <sup>9</sup> Copy shoon by

Leff<sup>t</sup> Nathaniell hill Administrator to sd wallentine hill which Land is Lying & being at the head of oster river in the provnece afore said containg about 500 acers as allso A parsell of medoe at wheelrights pond," June 30, 1699; amount, £45.0.0; signed by John Pickering, Stephen Jones, and Joseph Jones; attested by Nathaniel Hill July 4, 1699.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 161.]

[Additional inventory, June 7, 1721; amount, £75.0.0; signed by Stephen Jones and Joseph Jones.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 185.]

JOSHUA KENDRICK 1662

[Administration on the estate of Joshua Kendrick granted to Nathaniel Fryer June 24, 1662.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1662, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 67 b.]

JOSEPH AUSTIN 1662/3 DOVER

I Joseph Austin of dover in perscataque beinge sike of body  
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ase for my estate when all my just and honist debtes are pead and satisfied I doe give and bequeath onto my wife the one therd part of my holle estate wich ise left and tow therd peartes to bee devided amongst my Children : only I doe give onto my sonne Thomas Austin a doubell portion : and ase for my Children and that wich I have given them : I doe leave them with my wife : and Capt walldon : and Ellder winford and my Brother peter Coffin : to order and dispose of them ase meay bee most for the glory of god and ther Comfort till the Com to yeares of discription to guid themselves and what I leave them : and given : and this beinge my last will and testament I doe intreat and desire my lovinge frinds Capt Richerd walldon and Ellder william winford and my Brother

peter Coffin to see ite fullfilld in wittnes hearofe I have heare onto set to my hand and seall this twenty fith deay of January on thousand sixe hundred sixty and tow :

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the words interlined wich ise  
left was before the seillinge  
hearofe :

Joseph X Austin [seal]  
his marke

John Robeards  
mary hanson

This will being brought into Court held at Dover the 1<sup>t</sup> of July 1663 & the Court conceiving it to be Imperfect for want of Nomy-nation of execut<sup>o</sup> doe appoynt the Widdow of the deceased Adminstratrix to the estate of y<sup>e</sup> deceased & order that the Adminstratrix shall not order & dispose of the estate with out the Concurrance of the overseers menc'oned in this will or any two of them whoe have pow<sup>r</sup> according to y<sup>e</sup> will of y<sup>e</sup> deceased to see that it accordingly be  $\text{P}$ formed

$\text{P}$  ord<sup>r</sup> of Court

Elias Stileman Cler

[Inventory, Jan. 29, 1662/3; amount, £470.0.0; signed by Hatevil Nutter, John Hall, Ralph Hall, and John Heard; attested by Sarah Austin July 3, 1663.]

RICHARD SEWARD 1662/3

ffbruary 21 1662

In the nam of god amen; I Richard Seaward being weeke of body yett in sound and parffit memmory doe ordaine this to bee my last will and testament

Itam I give drake point to my grane Child John Jackson; Item the next point I give Richard Jackson Item the rocke point to Mary Seaward; Itam the rest of the land equally to be devied betwxt Richard Seaward; and Richard Jackson; Item my housells goods equally to be devied betwxt Richard Seaward; and Richard Jackson; Item my hole parte of the Visell and Car-

goe equily to be divid betwext Richard Seaward Chirdron and Richard Jaickson Chillardron; Item fortene pound of mony which my brother Rogger Seaward is in deted to mee I give to my sonn Richard Seaward; my detes bing first payed; I doe heere apoint the saied Richard Seaward and Richard Jackson my over seeres wittnes my hand and seale the yeare and day aboufe ritten for the land which my brother Rogger doth live in hee is quietly to enjoy it for his life time; with out any mullisattion

wittnes

Richard X Seaward his marke

Nichleus Winkleey

[seal]

Thomas Bransell

Tho: Besson

Will Atwood

Nikolas: winklye & Tho Bransell Came before mee & made oath that this will was the akt & deed of Richard saword senier a little before his death

Before mee

Brian Pendleton

Comisioner

[Proved July 1, 1663.]

[Inventory presented June 30, 1663, amounting to £141.10.0.]

[Court Records, June 30, 1663, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 75 b.]

ROBERT DRAKE

1663

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen: the fifth of May in year of our lord one thousand six hundred & sixty three; I Robert Drake in the Town of Hampton in New-England in Norfolk Searge-Maker \* \* \*

Item: my goods I give & bequeath as followeth: To my son Nathaniell Drake I Will & bequeath six pound; & to my son Abraham Drakes eldest son Abraham Drake I give twelve pounds To my Daughter Susanna Drake twelve pounds to my Grand-

child Rachell Drake twelve pound; to Jean Drake twelve pounds y<sup>e</sup> which are my son Nathaniels two Daughters; to my Grandchildren Susanna Drake, Sarah Drake, Mary Drake, Elisabeth & Hannah, to each of them twelve pounds, being y<sup>e</sup> Children of my son Abraham Drake; & to my son Abraham Drake I will & bequeath the remainder of my estate being my house & house lot with my Medowes salt marsh & fresh with six shares, fower of Cow Commons & two of ox Commons with all rights privileges & appertenances thereunto belonging my upland & whatsoever lands; as also my Cattell; three steres two of seaven yeares of age & one of fouer; two Cows, one yearling, Item my household stuff bed & bedding Brasse & puter Iron & Lead whatsoever; all which my mentioned estate I will & bequeath to my son Abraham Drake; my sayd son to pay y<sup>e</sup> aforespesified legacies to the severall parties as before given; at one & twenty yeares of age; none to make any demand till a year after my decease; Item if any of my Grandchildren dye before they be of age, there portion to be devided equally amongst my Grandchildren yet living; It: I Will & give to my son Abraham Drake all Debts, Dues, bills; bonds whatsoever belonging to me.

Item I ordain & Constitute my son Abram Drake my sole executour to this my last will & testament revoking all other former wills by me made; in witesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the eighteenth of May one thousand six hundred & sixty three

Testes

John Barsham  
Giles fuller

[Seal] Robert X Drake  
his Marke

[Proved April 14, 1668.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Court Files, vol. 1, p. 106.]

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Drake, yeoman, "who deceased the 14<sup>th</sup> of Jeneuary, 1667"; taken by Samuel Dalton and Abraham Perkins Jan. 28, 1667; amount, £184.10.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

## ROBERT MARSHALL 1663

[Administration on the estate of Robert Marshall granted to Capt. Brian Pendleton and Lieut. Richard Cutt June 30, 1663.]

[Court Records, June 30, 1663, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 76 b.]

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## EDWARD LLOYD 1663

[Administration on the estate of Edward Lloyd granted to Edward Rishworth, Samuel Maverick, and Richard Stileman June 30, 1663.]

[Court Records, June 30, 1663, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 75.]

This Court being informed that there is a failing of y<sup>e</sup> Administra<sup>on</sup> to m<sup>r</sup> Edw. Lyds Estate by Reason of the death of one of them & the neglect of another doe se it meet that m<sup>r</sup> Richard Stileman that was one of them should & may act from time to time in & aboute the s<sup>d</sup> Estate by himselfe alone as all or any two of them might have done untill the Court shall take further ord<sup>r</sup> thereaboute.

[Court Records, June 27, 1665, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 109.]

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## HENRY HALLWELL 1663 DÜRHAM

[Administration on the estate of Henry Hallwell of Oyster River granted to his widow, Rebecca Hallwell, June 30, 1663, who presented an inventory amounting to £16.9.10.]

[Court Records, June 30, 1663, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 75.]

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## JOHN TUTTLE 1663 DOVER

Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuttle of Dover dying Intestate, this Court empowers his Widdow Dorothy Tuttle as Administratrix to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> estate who brought into Court an Inventory of his estate amounting to 85<sup>ll</sup> : 19<sup>s</sup> : 6<sup>d</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> the Court ord<sup>r</sup> as followeth : viz<sup>t</sup> It appearing to this Court y<sup>t</sup> the Eldest daughter of the deceased is married & hath



had her portion already ord<sup>d</sup> that his Son Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuttle shall have 10<sup>l</sup> when he comes to 21 yeeres of age & y<sup>e</sup> youngest daughter to have 15<sup>l</sup> when she comes to the age of 18 yeeres, or be disposed of in marriag & the remainder of y<sup>e</sup> estate shall be to y<sup>e</sup> Widdow during her Life or Widdowhood estate & if in Case she shall marry then to have the thirds according unto Law ; & after y<sup>e</sup> widows decease or marriage the Son to have the Lands. /

[Court Records, June 30, 1663, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 75 b.]

[Inventory, July 3, 1663 ; amount, £85.19.6 ; signed by Hatevil Nutter, Thomas Leighton, and John Hall.]

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ROBERT MUSSELL      1663/4

In the Name of God Amen

I Robert Mussell being in perfect health & Memory doe here by make & declare this to be my last Will & testament : as followeth. ffirst I bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me ; and my body to the earth at the time of my dissolution when it shall please God to call me, to be devoutly buried in a Christian manner, at the discession of daughter Audery Lux, whome I doe hereby make my sole heire & executrix and to whose Issue I freely intend & bequeath, after my decease, my now dwelling house & Lands adjoneing to it, for ever—

2<sup>d</sup> I doe give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Jeffery, Ten shillings. & unto hir Sonne Richard Roe Ten shillings. And to the two daughters of my daughter Audrey, Twenty shillings a peece. to be paid Unto them by my executrix, onely the grand children specifide in this will are not to have their legacies delivered to them untill they come to the age of eightene yeares, and what may be omitted of me towards them further I shall & doe leave it to the discession of my daughter Audery to doe as she shall see good, by their behaviour & dutifull obedience to deserve., thirdly I give alsoe to my sonne Lux my daughters husband ten shillings. and lastly I give Unto the now Minister of Kittery five

shillings as a remembrance of my love & thankfulnes to him for his paines in the Ministry, his name is m<sup>r</sup> Belcher. All w<sup>ch</sup> legasies, excepting that to my Grand children my heire is to pay presently after my decease, & the Grandchildrens as is above exprest, at the age of eighteene yeares All w<sup>ch</sup> legasies being paid I give all the rest of my estate what soever Unto my said daughter Audery & doe declare hir to be the whole & sole heire of all. Witnes my hand & seale this first of March: in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixtie & three.

Signed & sealed in Robart Mussell [seal]  
the presents of us.

John Adams

Richard: Tucker.

[Proved June 30, 1674.]

[Inventory, Nov. 28, 1673; taken at the request of William Lux and his wife; amount, £7.10.6; signed by Nathaniel Fryer and Abel Porter.]

Articles of agreem<sup>t</sup> made and concluded on this tenth day of April in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sove<sup>r</sup> Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain & Ireland King An<sup>o</sup>q Dom. 1718 That whereas Sundry tracts or ¶cels of Land within the Township of New Castle in New Hamp<sup>r</sup> as ¶ the draft hereunto annexed and also a tract or ¶cel of Land within the Township of Kittery in the County of Yourk & Pro of the Massa. bay in N. England did belong & a ¶taine unto Robert Mussell our Grand father late of S<sup>d</sup> New Castle formerly Portsm<sup>o</sup> des'd all w<sup>ch</sup> Land do now of right belong unto us y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers John Crunch & Francis Crunch his wife Tho<sup>s</sup> Cosen & Eliz<sup>a</sup> Cossen his wife Tho<sup>s</sup> Marshall Jun<sup>r</sup> Chrustopher Fedrick and Mary Fedrick his wife Tho<sup>s</sup> Pierce and Eliz<sup>a</sup> Pearce his wife all of New Castle aboves<sup>d</sup> and all the Surviving heirs to the S<sup>d</sup> ¶cels or tracts of Land &c<sup>a</sup> Now Know y<sup>e</sup> that we the S<sup>d</sup> John and Frances Cronch Tho<sup>s</sup> & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Cosen Tho<sup>s</sup> Marshal Jun<sup>r</sup> Chrustopher Fedrick and Mary Fedrick his wife Tho<sup>s</sup> & Eliz<sup>a</sup> Pearce for each of us our

Selves or our heirs exec<sup>rs</sup> and adm<sup>rs</sup> or any of them for Ever by these p'sents Have given & granted and by these p'sents have released and do for Ever quit claim to any part or portion of the S<sup>d</sup> Lands except what falls to our Share as hereafter is expressed and Sett forth and is in the Plott or figure hereunto annexed (Viz<sup>l</sup>) 1<sup>st</sup> To John Crunch & Frances his wife and to their heirs exec<sup>rs</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> & assigns all that tract of Land in the Township of Kittery on the Creek that runs to Broadbut Harbour and is what Sam<sup>l</sup> Ford now possesses and also all that lott of Land in New Castle whereon his house now Stands together w<sup>th</sup> all the Garden land round it and water Side thereunto belonging and abutting begining at a Stake N<sup>o</sup> forty two degrees west distance fifty two foot from the N. W. Corner of Tho<sup>s</sup> Marshals Sen<sup>rs</sup> old house & So from that Stake on a north Course to the Land late Nath<sup>l</sup> Fryer dec<sup>ed</sup> and is now in the possession of John Frost being about Ninety foot and So down East South east by the S<sup>d</sup> Frosts land across the high way over the Bank into the River aboute 190 foot to low Water mark and then along by the River side to a stake on the flats and from that Stake up on a west eight degrees north Course over aCross the Bank & highway again aboute one hundred & ninety foot to the first Stake up on the Garden side north 42 deg. west and 52 foot from the said Marshals Corner to have & to hold all the S<sup>d</sup> parts or division of the S<sup>d</sup> premisses w<sup>th</sup> all the appurtenances northard of that and thereunto belonging or any ways a<sup>p</sup>taining to them the S<sup>d</sup> John & Frances Cronch and every of their heirs exec<sup>rs</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> or assigns for Ever—2<sup>nd</sup> To Tho<sup>s</sup> Cosen and Eliz<sup>th</sup> his wife and their heirs exec<sup>rs</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> and assigns for ever all that tract or plott of Land that lyes in N. Castle by the Sea Side on the South Side of the Sandy beech and is bounded by the Land formerly James Pendleton on the north side thereof and is aboute two acres w<sup>th</sup> all the priveledges & appurtenances thereof and that for Ever—3<sup>dly</sup> To Tho<sup>s</sup> Marshal Jun<sup>r</sup> all y<sup>t</sup> South and east part of his fathers old possession begining from low water mark adjoining to John Cronch on the north Side and So to run up from the River by the Said Crunches Lott aCross the high way

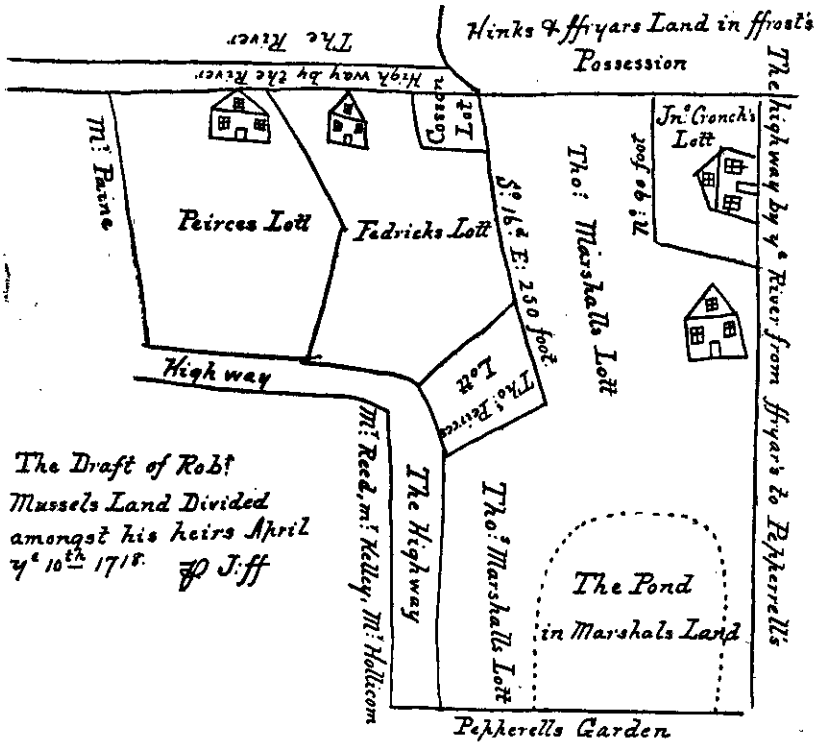
about 190 foot to y<sup>o</sup> S<sup>o</sup> west part or Corner Stake of the S<sup>d</sup> Cronchis Lott and then along by the west Side of the Same on a north Course to y<sup>o</sup> Land now in the possession of John Frost and So along westerly by s<sup>d</sup> Frosts Land & M<sup>r</sup> Hinck's till it coms to a bryer bush and from that bryer bush South Sixteen degrees East over the Rocks two hundred & fifty foot to a stake and from that Stake on a south fifty degrees west Course Seaventy Six foot or thereabouts to y<sup>o</sup> high way that leads along by m<sup>r</sup> Reeds Door and so Southard by the high way to y<sup>o</sup> Land late of Andrew Pepperills De'd and So by S<sup>d</sup> Pepperells Gardin through the pond & over across the high way into y<sup>o</sup> River and then along by the River northard to John Crunchis bounds To have & to hold to him the S<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>o</sup> Marshall and his heirs exec<sup>rn</sup> adm<sup>rn</sup> & assigns for Ever w<sup>th</sup> all the priviledges thereunto belonging — 4<sup>th</sup> to Christopher and Mary Fedrick all that part or plott of Land whereon his house now Stands begining at the water Side next & adjoining to y<sup>o</sup> lott formerly belonging unto black Esses alias Cosso and So to run up Southerly by the side of the S<sup>d</sup> Cosso's lott to y<sup>o</sup> S. W. Corner and then Easterly by the Same lott until it com's to y<sup>o</sup> bryer bush & bounds of the afores<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>o</sup> Marshal Jun<sup>r</sup> lot and so along by that line South 16<sup>d</sup> East one hundred & Seaventy three foot to a stake & from that Stake through y<sup>o</sup> Croch of an aple tree on a South forty three degrees west Course ninety nine foot or thereabouts to a Stake w<sup>th</sup>in the fence on the highway and So along westerly as the high way runs Eighty five foot to a stake w<sup>th</sup>in the fence & from that Stake on a north Sixteen degrees East Course Eighty nine foot to an other Stake in the field and So down on a north twenty Seaven degrees west course into the River a Cross the high way leaving Tho<sup>o</sup> Pearces house two foot & a halfe to y<sup>o</sup> Westward of the line all w<sup>th</sup> piece or plot of ground is y<sup>o</sup> Said Fedricks portion or Share to them and their heirs exec<sup>rn</sup> adm<sup>rn</sup> and assigns for Ever To have & to hold w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>o</sup> priviledges and Apurtenances thereunto belonging — 5<sup>th</sup> to Tho<sup>o</sup> Pearce & Eliz<sup>a</sup> his wife all that Land that Lyes to the westard of s<sup>d</sup> Fedricks from the high way down northward to y<sup>o</sup> high way by the

water Side and So across the way over the Bank into the River and is bounded by Henry Paine on the west and S<sup>d</sup> Fedrick on y<sup>e</sup> East together w<sup>th</sup> all that Lott that the Graves is contained in and is what lyes between the S<sup>d</sup> Fedrick and Tho<sup>s</sup> Marshal Jun<sup>r</sup> as by their bounds before expressed as is Sixty Eight foot fronting on the high way y<sup>e</sup> runs by Reeds & Kelly's houses w<sup>th</sup> all the priviledges thereunto belonging To have & to hold the S<sup>d</sup> two Lotts to them the S<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Pearce and their heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> & assigns for Ever In Wittness we the partyes as aboves<sup>d</sup> do mutually together agree to Stand & abide by the foregoing division and do bind & oblidge our Selves & our heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> and adm<sup>rs</sup> each one to y<sup>e</sup> other in the penal Sume of fifty pound to be recovered from him that any way offers to disturb the quiet possession amongst our Selves or to act contrary to y<sup>e</sup> true Intent & meaning of these p<sup>r</sup>sents As Wittness our hands & Seales the day and year as afores<sup>d</sup>

signed sealed & D D in the  
 p<sup>r</sup>sence of us  
 John ffrost  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> hite  
 Henry Payn

John Cronch [Seal]  
 Frances Cronch [Seal]  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Cosen [Seal]  
 Eliz<sup>th</sup> Cosen [Seal]  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Marshal Ju<sup>r</sup> [Seal]  
 Christop<sup>r</sup> ffredrick [Seal]  
 Mary ffredrick [Seal]  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Pearce [Seal]  
 Eliz<sup>a</sup> Pearce [Seal]

[Deeds, vol. 10, p. 491.]



[Deeds, vol. 12, p. 207.]

WILLIAM MOULTON 1663/4 HAMPTON

The Last will & Testament of william moulton of Hampton in the County of norfolke in new England :

I william moulton being sick & weak of body butt sound in my understanding & memory Doe by this my last will & testament settle my Estate as followeth

Imp I Give & bequeath unto margritt my Loving wife my new House being the west partt of my Dwelling House with the Chambers belonging thearunto and the use of the leanto and the one Halfe of the orchyard as itt is Divided by a parth Goeing

through itt she haveing liberty to Choose which pt she pleaseth the which shée is to Injoy Duering [the terme]<sup>1</sup> of Her life or to her Day of marriage Item I Give unto margritt my wife the bed which standeth in my new Room with all furniture theirunto belonging with the Rest of my Beding and the moveables in the house Excepting whatt is other waise Disposed of as shalbee after Expressed Itte I Give unto margritt my wife my warmeing pan & smoothing Iron and fier shovell & tonges, and the Rest of the Iron Brass and peuter is to bee Devided into two partts by one of my Exequeters and my sones and then my wife to Choose her partt & my two Elderst sones to hav the othe partt: Ittem I Give unto margritt my Loveing wife my whole stocke of neatt Cattle Horse & Swine towards the bringing up of my Children Excepting the Horse which only is to Returne unto my Eldest sones att the Day of my wives marriage or death: only my Childeren are to Injoy those Cattle which are now accounted theirs viz: my sone Joseph three my son Benjamin two & Hanna one & mary one:

Ittem I Give unto my son Joseph moulton my Dwelling House & Barne with all my outt Houseing and my House lott being by Estimation ten acres more or less as it is and ten acres of planting land in the north plaine lying by Henery Robies land the which was Granted to mee by the Towne and five acres more or lesse lying in the East field adjoyning to the land of will Samborn & Samuell ffoge: and nine acres of fresh medow lying near to the Great bores Head between the medow of John Browne and Gilles fullers: Ittem two acres of Salt marsh lying in a place Called the severals between the marsh of william fuller and Christopher Palmer: Ittem five acres of Salt marsh on the other sid of the fales, lying betwee[n] the marsh of will ffield & Phillip Lewes: Ittem I Give unto my son Joseph three shares of Comonedg two shares of the Cow Comon & one share of the ox Comon: Ittem I Give & Bequeth unto my sonn Benjamin Moulton ten acres of Planting land Adjoyning to my House lott: and ten acres of Planting land in y<sup>e</sup> north Plaine Adjoyning to y<sup>e</sup> lott of Thomas

<sup>1</sup> Words in brackets are supplied from the recorded copy.

marston y<sup>o</sup>. which was first Granted to Robert marston: Ittem fower Acres of medow in the Greatt medow lying between the medow of will ffuller & Henery Robey: Ittem thre: acres in the Greatt Bores Head medow Adjoyning to the medow somtimes Thomas Chases: Item five acres of Salt marsh lying on the other side of the River by the landing place Ittem one share of the Cows Comon and one share of y<sup>o</sup> ox Comon: Item I Give unto my Son Robertt Moulton six acres of Planting land in the East feild Adjoyning to the lott of John Redman

And further itt is my will and Determination thatt when my sone Joseph shall Come to the Age of twenty one yeers hee shall Enter upon & posses the land which I have here Given and Appointed for him and them thatt hee shall yeerly  $\text{p}^{\text{d}}$ vide and lay in for his mother fower loads of Hay: and shall likewise pay unto his mother Every yeere fifteen Bushiles of Indian Corne and Eight Bushiles of wheatt and five Bushiles of malt all merchantable and thatt my son Joseph shall afford and Allow His mother Convenient House Room for her Hay and Cattell Duering the terme of her life or to her Day of marriage

and further thatt my son Benjamin shall  $\text{p}^{\text{d}}$ vide for his mother three load of Hay yeerly to bee putt into the Barne and to pay her ten bushilles of indian Corne & Six bushiles of wheat yerly Duering the time above sayd: the which Corne is by both my sons to bee Delivered as their mother shall stand in need

Itt I Give & Bequeth unto my daughter Hanna moulton the some of ten pounds to be payd out of my stock when shee shall Com to the Age of sixteen yeers the which is to bee Improved by my Exequetor for her untill shee shall Com to the Age of twenty yeer or att her day of marriage which shall fall out first

Itt I Give unto my Daughter mary the some of ten pounds to bee payd by my sonn Joseph five pounds when [she] shall Come to the Age of sixteen yeers and five pounds the yeer following

Itt I Give unto my Daughter Sarah the some of ten pounds to bee payd by my sonn Benjamin five pounds when shee Come to the Age of sixteen yeers and five pounds the yeere followin



Item I Give unto my Daughter Ruth the some of ten pounds to bee payd by my son Josuph moulton five pounds when she shall Arive to the Age of sixteen yeers and five pounds the yeere following

Item I Doe appoint Conserving my Child which is yett un Borne thatt if God Give itt life untill itt Come to the age of four-teen yeeres itt shall Chose a gardian and shall then my two sones Joseph & Benjamin shall pay unto the sd Child the some of five pounds to bee Improved in the Hands of the sd Gardian for the ¶fitt of the Child untill itt shall Come to Age : and itt is Alwaies ¶vided thatt att my wives marriage the paymentt of the Corne & Hay by my sons above mentioned shall seace : and thatt when my wife leave the house the sd new Room is to Remaine to my sonn Joseph and y<sup>t</sup> all her Removeing the bedstead & the Greatt Table and other Lumber shall Remaine in the house by lumber I Intend tubes & troughs & such like : and thatt when my sones Come to Age my plowes Cartes yoaks & Chaines and such Imple-ments of Husbandry shalbe Devided between my two sons Joseph & benjamin : and thatt my two sones Joseph & Benjamin shall ¶vid & bring home for their mot[h]er twenty loads of wood ¶ annum thirteene loads to bee ¶vided by Joseph & seaven loads by Benjamin Duering the terme of her life or untill the Day of her marriage & they are to begin their time of ¶viding of this wood when Benjamin shall Come to the Age of twenty one ; and my will and Intent is thatt If my sone Joseph Depart this life before hee Com of Age thatt then my sonn Benjamin shall Injoy his lige-sey and thatt my sone Robertt shall Injoy the legesay appointed to Benjamin

And farther I Doe will and Determin thatt if thear bee any of the stocke left att my wives Desease thatt itt shalbee Devided amongst my Children by my Exequetors or so much of itt as they shall Judge meett my two Eldest Exeqter and I Doe make Co[n]-stitute and appoint my Loving father in law Robert Page yeoman and my Loving Brother in law Henery Dow to bee my Lawfull Exequetors to this my last will and testament who are to Administer

[uppon my estate] and to settele itt according to this last will after my Disease and I Doe appoint y<sup>t</sup> att my sones Reseiving their p<sup>o</sup>tions they shall allow unto their mother Comonedg for to keepe her Cattle Duering the time above sparcified and this my last will and testament I Doe Conferme with my hand & seale the Eight Day of march Anno D one thousand six Hundred and sixty & three: p<sup>o</sup>vided thatt if att my wives marriage the thirds of my land should bee Claimed from my sones then y<sup>t</sup> the Exequetors shall Devid the stock to my Children or so much of it as they shall see meett

Wittnes my Hand & seale

Will [Seal] moulton

Signed Sealed and Confermed

in the p<sup>r</sup>sents of

Robertt X Page

His mark

Samuel Dalton

Thomas Page

[Proved Oct. 11, 1664.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 9.]

[Inventory of the estate of "William Moulton of Hampton: late Deceased: upon the Eighteenth day of Aprill: Anno: 1664"; taken by William Godfrey and John Sanborn May 14, 1664; amount, £470; attested by Robert Page and Henry Dow, executors.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 12.]

[Sarah Moulton acknowledges the receipt, April 28, 1674, from her brother, Benjamin Moulton, of £10 left her in the will of her father, William Moulton; witnesses, Henry Dow and John Moulton.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 341.]

THOMAS PHILBRICK 1663/4

HAMPTON

The Last will and testament of Thomas Philbrick Sun' of Hampton in the County of norfolke in new England=

I Thomas Philbrick being very Aged and weak in body Butt sound in understanding senc & memory Doe settle my Estate according to this my last will here under written

Impri I Give and Bequeth unto my son James Philbrick and to my Grand Child John Philbrick my fresh medow lying near to the Beach being by Estimation six acres more or less as itt is the which to bee Equally Devided between them att such time as shall be . after mentioned: Ittem I Give unto my son James Philbrick . . Dwelling House and my House lott with the orchyard and all . . . priveledges and appertinances thear unto belonging to him . . His Heiers for Ever: Ittem I Give & bquith unto my son . . and to my Grand Child John Philbrick my . . . of Thomas Sleeper lying towards the Clambancks in that . . of marsh Comonly Called the Little ox Comon to bee Devided . . them att such time as is hereafter mentioned

Ittem I Give unto my sonn Thomas Philbrick the some or . . pounds to bee payd by my Exequetor after my disease Ittem I Give unto my sonn Thomas Philbrick the land which was sometimes Daniell Hendrakes Called the Hop Ground to bee wholly att His Disposall at this p'sent time: Ittem I Give unto my sonn James one bed with all the furnituer thearunto belonging and a payer of Cob Irons and a payer of tongues: Ittem I Give unto my Grand Child John Philbrick thatt Bed which hee useth to ly upon with the Bedding Belonging to It. and my Beetle and [fower]<sup>1</sup> wedges and one of my Hakes: and a weanable Cow Calfe within a yeer after my Diseace to bee payd by my Exequetor and like wise I Give to my Grand Daughter Hanna Philbrick one weanable Cow Calfe the next yeer to bee payd by my Exequetor

Ittem I Give unto my son James Philbrick my mare and hee

<sup>1</sup> Words in brackets are supplied from the recorded copy.

is to pay or deliver unto my sonn Thomas Philbrick the first Colt which she shall bring when itt is weanable Item I Give my fower Cowes to my fower Daughters to my Daughter Elizabeth one to my Daughter Hanna one to my Daughter mary [one] and to my Daughter martha one to bee Delivered by my Executo<sup>r</sup> after my Deseace and the moveables in the House which [are] not Expressed above are to bee Equally Devided between [my four] Daughters after my Desease, and I Doe appoint my sonn [James] Philbrick to bee my lawfull Exequetor to this my Last [will] and Testament and I Doe Declare itt to bee my Intent thatt [when] my Grand Child John Philbrick shall Come to the age of twenty one yeeres thatt then hee shall Enter upon & posses whatt I have Given him by this last will : and thatt att the Deseace of my Daughter Elizabeth Garland her son James Chase shall have one Cow in lew of the Cow which I have Given my daughter Elizabeth & thatt the Cow Given to my Daughter Cass shalbee for the use and  $\frac{2}{3}$  fitt of her daughter martha : & for the Confermation Hereof I have sett to my hand & Seale the twelft of march 166 : 64 :

Signed & Sealed in y<sup>e</sup> p'sents of Thomas [Seal] Philbrick  
Samuell Dalton X

Mehetabel Dalton his mark

[Proved Oct. 8, 1667.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 99.]

[Inventory, taken by Thomas Marston and John Redman ; amount, £124 ; sworn to by James Philbrick.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

JOHN MARTIN

1664

The last Will & Testament of John Martyn made this 5<sup>th</sup> April 1664. / .

I will that what estate I have may bee distributed as followeth vz: One third part of my whole estate I give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Sarah Martyn. —

The other two thirds I will that it bee equally divided between my five Children Sarah Mary Mehitabeel Hanna & Abraham Saving only that I give unto my servant William Peirce all my Toolles

Further I will that my Wife & my Brother Larefet shall bee my Executors.—

Also I request Capt<sup>n</sup> Brian Pendleton & M<sup>r</sup> Richard Cutt to bee Overseers for the performance of this my Will according to the true Intent of the same. As witnes my hand & seale.

Witnesse

John Martin [seal]

Joshua Moodey

Richard Martyn

[Proved June 30, 1664.]

[Court Papers, 1674-1677, p. 217.]

ROBERT READ

1664

HAMPTON

[Account of the administrator; Robert Smith, against the estate of Robert Read of Hampton, showing a balance of £7.2.6 due him from the estate. This the court, April 12, 1664, ordered to be paid out of the rent of a house in Boston belonging to the estate.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

WILLIAM URIN

1664

STAR ISLAND

[Administration on the estate of William Urin of Star Island granted to Jonathan Wade, Capt. Brian Pendleton, Richard Cutt, and Nathaniel Fryer May 13, 1664.]

[Court Records, May 13, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 85.]

[“A trew Invoice of the goods of William Uren deceased the last of Apperill 1664”; amount, £433.12.8; signed by Jo<sup>n</sup> Hunking, John Fabes, and Christopher Joce; brought into court July 11, 1664, by Capt. Pendleton.]

under written do attest & affirm, That Capt: Richard Cutt & Capt James Pendleton, & my self & Jonathan Wade, were all appointed Administrators of the Goods & chattels of William Urin of Star Island, who died intestate, as by the Records of the Town of Portsmouth related thereunto as at large appeareth, in the year of our Lord God One thousand Six hundred Seventy one or Seventy two; as appeareth also by bond given the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1672, under y<sup>e</sup> hand and seal of Richard Woolcomb, that married said Urins widow to the abovesaid Administrac'on of One hundred & ffifteen pounds in money, to bear them harmless in what they acted about sd Urins Estate which Bond is now with me Nathaniel ffryer Sen<sup>r</sup>. So we y<sup>e</sup> abovesaid Administrators acted in that Power, and by the desire of the said Urins Widow, gave & consented that the said Widow should have y<sup>e</sup> House, and all the Land that was her deceased Husbands William Urin's, that lyeth on the Great Island at Pascataqua, for & in her Thirds, clear of all Debts heirships or incumbrances whatsoever of the sd Urins Estate.

Nathaniel ffryer

Taken upon oath the 11<sup>th</sup> }  
November 1685, before me }  
R Chamberlain Just P.

[Deeds, vol. 3, p. 182 b.]

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OTHO TUCKERMAN 1664 PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Otho Tuckerman of Portsmouth granted to his widow, "Eme" Tuckerman, May 24, 1664.]

[Court Records, May 24, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 85.]

[Administration on the estate of Otho Tuckerman granted to his widow, "Eme" Tuckerman, "& Leaves it in her hands until she shall marry againe, & then bond is to be given unto this Court for the securing the childrens portions out of it."]

[Court Records, June 28, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 90.]

[Inventory, 1664; amount, £84.19.3; signed by Pheasant Eastwick.]

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**WILLIAM KING**                      1664                      **ISLES OF SHOALS**

[Inventory of the estate of William King who died at the Isles of Shoals; taken May 28, 1664; amount, £21.2.0; signed by John Hunking and John Marden.]

[Administration on the estate of William King of the Isles of Shoals granted to his son, William King.

William King, the administrator, being under age, chose John Hunking as his guardian.]

[Court Records, June 28, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 88 b.]

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**MRS. LUDECAS**                      1664                      **DOVER**

[Inventory of the estate of Mrs. Ludecas, taken by Thomas Willey and John Meader June 2, 1664; amount, £11.6.0.]

[Account of her debts to Thomas Humphrey; amount, £11.6.½; sworn to by Thomas Humphrey June 3, 1664. She is credited with £2.2.0.]

[Administration on the estate of Mrs. Ludecas of Dover granted to James Middleton June 28, 1664.]

[Court Records, June 28, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 89 b.]

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**THOMAS HINKSON**                      1664                      **PORTSMOUTH**

The will of thomas Hinkson June the 3<sup>th</sup> 1664

Item I give to my wife the one halfe of my Estate As long as shee shall lieve & no longer & the other halfe to my Childe & the mother to have the desposing of it till shee shall Come to sixting yeares of Age & then shee shall have it to her owne desposing & Aftar her desase the hole & All so intrust my well bee loving frends John Shurburne & william brooking to see that nothing

shall be wasted nor sold which shall bee hort full to my Childe  
As witnis my hand X

in the prasence

of these witnases

the marke X of thomas Walver

the marke X of thomas Peverell

Walter Rodes

Tho : Walford tooke his oath hereunto the 29 June 1664

Elias Stileman Cleric

[Inventory, June 20, 1664; amount, £87.9.3: signed by Richard Tucker and Richard Sloper.]

There being brought into this Court an Imperfect Will of Thomas Hinckson of portsmouth deceased This Court grants unto Martha Hinckson his Widow pow<sup>r</sup> of Administrac'on to his estate, & enjoynes her to ~~ph~~ form the will though Im~~ph~~fect according to y<sup>e</sup> mind of the deceased, and if in case she marries againe to give sufficient securitie to the Court for the Childs p<sup>t</sup> menc'oned in the sayd Will

brought into Court at the same time by the s<sup>d</sup> Widdow, an Inventory of the estate amounting unto 84<sup>li</sup>. 09<sup>s</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup> unto w<sup>ch</sup> she tooke her oath debts 6<sup>l</sup>: 7<sup>s</sup>: Star<sup>l</sup> owing

[Court Records, June 28, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 88 b.]

[Mary Hinkson made choice of Sergt. John Sherburne for her guardian June 25, 1678.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 27.]

OLIVER WINGATE 1664

ENGLAND

[Administration on the estate of Oliver Wingate "of Bridg-towne In the Countie of Devon in Old-England, being lately cast away at y<sup>e</sup> Isles of Sholes," granted to Edward Holland, "his Kinsman," June 13, 1664.]

[Court Records, June 13, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 85 b.]



[Administration on the estate of Oliver Wingate of the Isles of Shoals granted to Edward Holland in behalf of the widow, and Edward Holland and John Sanborn of Hampton give bonds of £120.

Inventory presented by Edward Holland, amounting to £60. 11.2.]

[Court Records, June 28, 1664, in Deeds. vol. 2, p. 89 b.]

[Inventory of the estate of Oliver Wingate, who died the last of April, 1664; amount, £60.11.2; brought into court June 30, 1664.]

THOMAS WIGGIN

1664

EXETER

I Thomas Wiggin of Quamscott being Sensible of the infermyties & decaye of old age & not Knowing how soon it may please god to take me out of this transitory Life Being in ꝑfict memory doe ordayne this as my Last will & testam<sup>t</sup>

Imp<sup>s</sup> I give & bequeath unto my Lo: wife Katherin Two feather beds boulsters Ruggs blanketts bedsteeds & all y<sup>e</sup> furniture belonging thereunto to be at her sole dispose

It: I give unto my Loving wife afores<sup>d</sup>: a scarlett sute & Cote, provided that if my Sonn Andrew wiggins doe pay or cause to be p<sup>d</sup> unto his mother the some of five pownds or a good Cow of Like vallu he to have the sd sute otherwise my s<sup>d</sup> wife to have & Enjoy the same as afores<sup>d</sup>:

It: I give unto my s<sup>d</sup> wife my Gelding to be at her sole dispose.

It I give & bequeath unto my Son Thomas wiggins one flaggon & voider: & great coate & wearing clothes.

It I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary one Cubbard with drawers, w<sup>ch</sup> I formerly promysed her

It I give unto my s<sup>d</sup> wife one peece of broad cloth & w<sup>ev</sup>er debts are owing or shalbe owing & due unto me together with any other goods w<sup>so</sup>ever not fformerly given Nor abov menconed

having already Give unto my two sons Andrew & Thomas there portion, & for the better execution of this my will: I make my Loving wife Katherin afores<sup>d</sup> my Executrix, & desire my Loving friends Sam: Haines, & Elias Stileman to be my overseers, hereby Revokeing all former will or wills In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale the 16: of June 1664

Testes:

Tho: Wiggin [Seal]

Joshua Moodey.

Elias Stileman

Samuell Haines

[Proved 1666.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

PHILIP FOGGETT

1664

L<sup>t</sup> Ralfe Hall desireing that he might have pow<sup>r</sup> of administra-  
c'on to the estate of phillip ffoget is granted him

[Court Records, June 28, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 89.]

NATHANIEL HOCKADAY 1664 ISLES OF SHOALS

[Administration on the estate of Nathaniel Hockaday of the Isles of Shoals granted to John Fabyan of Star Island June 28, 1664, for the use of the widow and child.]

[Court Records, June 28, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 89.]

THOMAS STEVENSON 1664

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Stevenson of Oyster River granted to his son, Joseph Stevenson, June 28, 1664.

Joseph Stevenson, being a minor, chose William Follett for his guardian, who accepted and gave bonds of £100 "for paym<sup>t</sup> of the portions to rest of s<sup>d</sup> Joseph his brothers & sisters, when it is knowne w<sup>t</sup> it comes to."]

[Court Records, June 28, 1664, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 89.]

[Inventory, taken by William Follett, John Davis, and William Dow; amount, £107.1.3; attested by Joseph Stevenson, administrator, June 29, 1664.]

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ROBERT TUCK 1664

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Tuck, appraised by Robert Page and Thomas Ward Nov. 17, 1664. Amount, £385.17.2.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Files, vol. 1, p. 39.]

[Administration on the estate was granted to "Johannah Tucke widow & John Samborn her son in law," Oct. 11, 1664.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Files, vol. 1, p. 39, and Court Records, Oct. 11, 1664.]

[Order of court, April 11, 1665, that the estate of Robert Tuck, intestate, be left in the hands of the administrator for the use of the widow during her life, and then to be divided among the three children, Robert Tuck, Elizabeth Sherburne, and Mary Sanborn, and the grandchild, John Tuck, son of Edward Tuck.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Order of court, Oct. 9, 1666, authorizing Ensign John Sanborn to sell lands to the value of £40, with consent of the widow.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

Articles of agreem<sup>t</sup> made & concluded upon by & between m<sup>r</sup> John Samborn on y<sup>e</sup> one p<sup>te</sup> & Johannah Tuck on y<sup>e</sup> other p<sup>t</sup> both residing at Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> County of Norfolk & Administrato<sup>r</sup> & Administratrix to y<sup>e</sup> estate of Robert Tuck deceased: Imp: It is agreed upon y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> sd widdow Johannah Tuck shall deliver up power of Administ<sup>r</sup> in this p<sup>re</sup>sent Court unto y<sup>e</sup> aforesd m<sup>r</sup> John Samborn concerning y<sup>e</sup> aforesd Estate of Robert Tuck deceased: In Consideration wherof y<sup>e</sup> aforesd John Samborn doe engage to pay unto y<sup>e</sup> aforesd widdow Johanna Tuck the full sum of fiveteen pounds <sup>pp</sup> yeare duering y<sup>e</sup> terme of her naturall life & y<sup>t</sup> she

hall enjoy out of y<sup>e</sup> aforesd Estate y<sup>e</sup> use of two Cowes & three acres of meadow duering her life as aforesd w<sup>ch</sup> meadow is intended to bee y<sup>e</sup> Same w<sup>ch</sup> is now in her possession bee it more or less & other necessary things for her house keeping as shalbee upon y<sup>e</sup> mature Consideracon of Jonathan Thing & Thomas Mastin thought convenient they both being made choyce of by her for that purpose w<sup>ch</sup> parties are to receive y<sup>e</sup> afore mentioned fiveteen pounds annually for her use

This was ownd by both parties, above named (i e) John Samborn & Joanna Tuck to bee their act & deed: And w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Consent of both parties y<sup>e</sup> Court orders it to bee Recorded:

as attests

Tho: Bradbury rec<sup>d</sup>

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 124.]

upon y<sup>e</sup> Complaint of y<sup>e</sup> aged widow Tuck y<sup>t</sup> she wanteth necessary Comferts & that John Samborn Administrato<sup>r</sup> to her late husbands estate doth not take due care for her though there bee sufficient estate to due it: It is therefore ordered by this Court: y<sup>e</sup> Select men of Hampton or a Committee of two or three of them whom the rest shall choose & appoint for y<sup>t</sup> end; Are hereby required & impowered from time to time to take due care y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said widdow Tuck bee supplied with all necessary comforts for her livelyhood sutable to her condicon; And John Samborne Administrato<sup>r</sup> is ordered, & requiered by y<sup>e</sup> authority of this Court to make payment for y<sup>e</sup> same out of y<sup>e</sup> estate of Robert Tuck Deceased, & w<sup>t</sup> ever hee shall Disburse to keep a faithfull accomp<sup>t</sup> therof & it is to bee allowed in his account as Administrato<sup>r</sup>: And y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> sd Samborn shall have power to make sale of land belonging to y<sup>e</sup> sd Tucks estate to supply y<sup>e</sup> necessity of y<sup>e</sup> sd widdow Tuck: Ordered by the court at Hampton 14:8:1673.

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 22.]

[Inventory of the estate of widdow Joanna Tuck of Hampton "deceased upon the 14 day of february 1673"; presented by John Sanborn, administrato<sup>r</sup> to the estate of Robert Tuck; amount, £33.10.0; attested by John Sanborn April 14, 1674.

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Tuck, April 11, 1674; amount, £244.9.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 320.]

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TOBIAS LANGDON                      1664                      PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Tobias Langdon, who died July 27, 1664; taken Nov. 30, 1664; amount, £369.2.0; signed by Henry Langstaffe and John Sherburne; attested by the widow, Elizabeth Langdon, June 28, 1665.]

At a County Court held at Dov<sup>r</sup> 27 Jun<sup>—</sup> 65 Tobias Langdon of portsm<sup>o</sup> dying intestate this Court grants pow<sup>r</sup> of Administrac<sup>o</sup>n unto his Widdow Elizabeth Langdon unto his estate who at y<sup>e</sup> same time brought into Court an Inventory of the Estate amounting unto 383<sup>l</sup>:9<sup>s</sup>. The w<sup>ch</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Sum<sup>r</sup> the Court ord<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Widow shall have  $\frac{1}{3}$  p<sup>t</sup> of the house & Land during her Life & y<sup>e</sup> other  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>ds</sup> the Eldest of Sayd Langdons sonn<sup>s</sup> to have a double porc<sup>o</sup>n out of it at y<sup>e</sup> age of 21 yeeres w<sup>ch</sup> is to be apprized, the remainder to be distributed among the rest of y<sup>e</sup> children at y<sup>e</sup> age of 18 yeeres & all the moveables to remain in the hands of the Widow for y<sup>e</sup> bringing up of his s<sup>d</sup> children & after the decease of the s<sup>d</sup> widow her  $\frac{1}{3}$  p<sup>t</sup> of house & Land in the vallue thereof to be devidid among all his s<sup>d</sup> children the Eldest son paying y<sup>e</sup> rest their parts out of it & So to have y<sup>e</sup>  $\frac{1}{3}$  of hous & Land: upon further considerac<sup>o</sup>n the Court respitts this as their determynation untill they take further ord<sup>r</sup> aboute the better settlement thereof: Afterwards this is refered to y<sup>e</sup> Court of associats to ord<sup>r</sup>

This is a true Coppie taken out of the Court Records as attests  
Elias Stileman Cleric

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JOHN HART                              1664/5                      PORTSMOUTH

The Last Will of Jn<sup>o</sup> Hart of portsm<sup>o</sup> in piscattage River shipwright

I John Hart aboves<sup>d</sup> being weake of Bodie but in perfect memory, doe ordaine this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills and bequests w<sup>t</sup> soever,

My Just debts being payd & my funerall Expences discharged I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Judeth during her naturall Life the house & ground on which it standeth w<sup>ch</sup> I have in Boston & wherein she now Liveth provided & it is my Will it be Kept in good repaire at her & her husbands proper cost & charge. & after my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter her decease then the S<sup>d</sup> house & grownd to be to the only use & behoofe of the three daughters the s<sup>d</sup> Judith had by Robert Rachell her former husband. & if it shall happen that any of the three shall dye before they shall have any Issue then my will is that it shalbe to the survivor or survivors & their heires for ever.

*I give & bequeath unto my Grandchild Mary Rachell that peece of Land Scituate & being betweene the S<sup>d</sup> house & Land & the house & Land of m<sup>r</sup> Allexsand<sup>r</sup> Addams in Boston to be to the only use & behoofe of her y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Mary & her heires for ever:*

*I give & bequeath unto y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Mary my Granchild a peece of black Stuff to make her clothing w<sup>th</sup> all*

*I give & bequeath unto Ann Rochell & Temperance Rochell my grandchildren my black coate to cloth them with all:*

*The remainder of my Estate my Will is that the one half thereof be to the only use & behoofe of my wife & the other halfe I give unto my daughter Judeth & her Three children she had by Rob<sup>t</sup> Rachell Equally to be divided between them my overseers taking sufficient securitie for the childrens part\**

& for the better p<sup>r</sup>formance of this my Will I make my Loving wife Ann my Executrix, & desire and appoynt m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moody & Elias Stileman to be my overseers, giving them as a token of my Love Thirtie shillings a peece, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale the 2<sup>d</sup> day of march 1688

Signed sealed &  
delivered in p<sup>r</sup>nts of  
witis Phillip Wick [?]  
signe of X Thomas Enion

John hart [seal]

\*[The above section in Italics is cancelled, and the following appears in the margin:]

All y<sup>e</sup> rest of my estate except w<sup>t</sup> is heereafter excepted I will my wife shall have the use of it while shee lives & w<sup>t</sup> shee leaves w<sup>n</sup> shee dyes shalbe divided betweene my Daught<sup>r</sup> & her 3 child<sup>n</sup> by Rachell, to each an equall share ~~¶~~ provided y<sup>t</sup> if shee Marry shee shall have  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>d</sup> forever & y<sup>e</sup> oth<sup>r</sup> two 3<sup>d</sup>s betw: y<sup>e</sup> ~~¶~~ sons aforesd ~~¶~~ provided also that shee shall not unnecessarily wast or imbezzle any of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> estate 5. 7. 67

[Proved Sept. 18, 1667.]

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THOMAS WIGHT                      1665                      EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Wight of Exeter granted to Israel Wight April 11, 1665.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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FRANCIS SWAINE                      1665

[Administration on the estate of Francis Swaine granted to Nathaniel Weare April 11, 1665.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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JOHN LEGGETT                      1665

[Administration on the estate of John Leggett granted to John Huggins April 11, 1665.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

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WILLIAM BROAD                      1665                      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of William Broad of Portsmouth granted to his son, William Broad, June 27, 1665.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1665, in Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 108 b.]

RUTH DALTON

1665

HAMPTON

The Last Will and Testament of M<sup>rs</sup> Ruth Dalton of Hampton Widow : Excectrix to the last Will and Testament of M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Dalton deceased: being sick and weake of body but firme of understanding and memory. Item wheras I have formerly Bargained and sold unto my Loving Kinsman Nathaniel Bachelor all my Houses and Lands as is specified in his bill of sale bareing Date The Twenty second day of March Anno 1663 or 64 I now Ratify and confirme to him and his heirs forever. It. my will is that the severall legacies mentioned in the aforesaide bill of sale be paide to the respective persons according as it is ther mentioned.

Item wheras I have formerly given to my Cousen Nathanell Batcheler fower oxen, & five Cows; I doe now by will Ratify and Confirme to him. Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Cousen Nath: Batcheler; A feather bed & bedsted, fower blankets, A bolster, two pillows, two chaires, three Cushions, A paire of Andirons, A little Table, he paying unto my Cousen John Smith Junior the Summe of Ten pound. Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Cousen Deborah Batcheler wife to Nathanell Batcheler; Inprim: two brass kettle, two pots, two platters, two saucers, one scummer, one spit, A basting spoon, A flock bed, and blankets; all which goods she doth Already possesse for her use.

Item to M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Carter wife to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Carter of Oburne; I doe give and bequeath my best bed and bolster, fower blankets and two pillows.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my cousen Samuel Daltons son Timothy, one trunk marked T and D.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Cousen Nathanell Batcheler: one warming pan, one case of Bottles.

Item: for the remainder of my goods I give and bequeath them to my cousen Deborah Smith:

And I doe by these presents make and Appoint my Cousen Nathanell Batcheler, and my cousen Deborah smith sole exce-



quitors : to this my last will and Testament, and therunto I set  
my hand and seal, the eight day of the tenth month 1665

Signed and Sealed in the presence of us witnesses  
Seaborne Cotton

Ruth X Dalton  
Her marke

X

Robert Smith.

[Proved Dec. 8, 1665.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 73.]

[Inventory of the estate of Ruth Dalton, "Deceased : upon the 12 day of may Anno : 1666 : " taken by John Sanborn, Samuel Fogg, and Henry Dow May 24, 1666 ; amount, £57.5.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 73.]

THOMAS HANSON 1666

These presents witnesseth that I Thomas Hanson Being in perfect mind & memory though weak in Body doe make this my Last Will & testament, ffirst I Bequeath my soul to God that gave itt & my body to y<sup>e</sup> Earth to bee decently Buried. My Will is thatt after my debts are paid with my funerall Charge I doe give To my Loving Wife (duering her Naturall liffe or soe long as shee keeps herselfe a Widdow) all My housing with the Improved Ground thereunto Belonging at Cutchecho with all my Cattell and moveables withall my . . . . stufte, she paying to my two daughters when they Come to the age off eighteen years old twenty pound a peece. But in case shee shall marry again then my will is that she shall have Butt one third off houses & improved Lands with all moveables and the other two thirds I give to my son' Tobias with all y<sup>e</sup> Rest off that threscore acres off Land lying in Com'on & nott improved given mee in two grants ffrom y<sup>e</sup> Town one off fforty acres another off twenty acres all which after my decease I Give to my son' Tobias, except whatt is Before

given to my wife Likewise I Give to my son' Thomas thatt thirty  
 acres off Land I Bought off William Hackett & thatt fifty . . .  
 off Land thatt I Bought off Cap' Bearfoott with ffive pounds in  
 Cattell. also I Give to my two youngest son's Isaac & Timothy  
 ten' pounds a peece When they Come off age withe thatt six score  
 acres of land Granted me By y<sup>e</sup> town & laid outt to mee Between  
 ffrsh Creek and Nechowoneck River Be equally devided Between  
 them and doe apoint my Loving Wiffe Mary Hanson my soule  
 Exequetrix to see all this my Last will to Be performed and to pay  
 outt all these Legacies when my Children Come off age : outt off  
 y<sup>e</sup> Chattells and if there is more in any Goods or Chattels or  
 any bills Bonds or amounts due to mee ffrrom any man after my  
 debts are paid and all y<sup>e</sup> aboves<sup>d</sup> Legacies. I Give & Bequeatth  
 to my Wife with third off houses & lands to Bestow upon any off  
 her Children that shall Be most Obedient as shee shall see Cause.  
 in Wittnesse heroff I have putt to my hand & seale

signed seleid and deliverd

I Thomas hanson (seal)

in the presence of us

Richard Walderne

Samuell hale

[Proved June 27, 1666.]

RICHARD BRAY

1666

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Richard Bray of Exeter granted  
 to his widow, Mary Bray, April 10, 1666.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

[Order of court, Oct. 9, 1666, that the estate be divided as fol-  
 lows: to the widow, Mary Bray, besides one third of the house  
 and land during her life, one third of the remainder for her use,  
 and the use of the other two thirds for the maintenance of the two  
 children, John Bray and Mary Bray, until he is twenty-one years  
 old and she eighteen. The estate is placed in the hands of John  
 Gilman, Moses Gilman, and Jonathan Thing, all of Exeter.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records.]

## THOMAS WALFORD 1666 PORTSMOUTH

The last will & testament of Thomas Walford senio<sup>r</sup>, being in perfect Memory though very sick & weake of Body: as followeth—

Imprimis I bequeath my Soule into the hands of Jesus Christ my redeemer from whome I Received it; and my body to be buried in the burying place neare mr Henry Shirburns; and my estate as followeth: vizt.

ffirst I give unto my Grand child Thomas Walford: my now dwelling house, with all the out housing, orchard, garden & tillage ground now in use, with as much upland to it & next adjoining as will make up the whole one hundred acres with ten acres of Meadow or marsh grounds, and my old mare—

It: I give to my Grand child his brother Jeremiah Walford: ffifty acres of upland & foure acres of Marsh land—

It: I: give to John Peverly, a point of Marsh about halfe an acre, lying before his ffathers dore on the norther side of the Creek—

It. I give to my Grand child John Westbrook: twenty acres of upland, but not to come over the Creeke—

It. I give to Mary Hingson my Grand child, all my upland lying at the head of the Marsh formerly possess by my sonne in lawe Thomas Hingson, soe farr that way as my land containeth—

It. I give to my Grand child Mary Homes all my upland lying to, or neare the meadow or marsh that hir husband John Homes possesseth, not coming over the freshett—

It: I give to my daughter Peverly my Mare Colt—

It. I having Nine Cattell as steers Cowes & others I dispose of them thus, vizt. my wife Jane walford to have hir thirds out of them, & then to pay my Debts, & the remainder to be implويد towards the bringing up of my Grandchild Thomas Walford in learning at scoole—

It: Nine Swine I thus dispose of: I give one of the yongest Sowes to Martha Walford my Grand child—

one yong Sowe to Sara Jones my Grand child—

one yong Sowe to Mary Savidg my grandchild—  
 one Sowe & one barrow to my daughter westbrook—  
 one ould Sowe to my daughter Peverly—  
 one yong one to my Grandchild Samuell Jones—  
 one yong one to my Grandchild Hester Savidg—  
 one Swine towards my buriall—  
 one yong one to John Homes—

It: my Corne about fifty bushells I allow towards my debts, & the remainder to be at the disposing of my executors for the benefit of the children—

It: my Servant: John Read, I dispose of him to my sonne in law John Westbrook for the time he hath to serve—

It. The rest of my goods, as household stuffe, clothing bedding, pewter, potts, yron work, tooles or any thing els I leave to my executors to be disposed of by them for the use & good of my children as they shall see meete & convenient

It: I doe herein except out of all my estate, soe disposed of by leagases, The one third part of all to my wife Jane Walford, & where it cannot be equally Divided in the same Kinde or specie, then to be valued & the full thirde thereof to be delivered to hir—

It: I doe appoint mr Henry Shirburne & Richard Tucker both of this towne of portsmouth to be my executors & to see this my will performed witnes my hand this fifteenth day of November, one thousand six hundred sixty & six.—memorandum: will Performed in the next line save one above is allowed before the siging hereof—

witnes.

Richard sloper  
 Nicolás X Doe  
 by his marke

Thomas X Walford  
 by his mark

[Proved June 27, 1667.]

[Inventory Nov. 21, 1666; amount, £75.6.11; signed by John Sherburne, Richard Sloper, and William Seavey.]

The Deposition of Jane Walford Widdow aged 69 yeeres or there aboutes Testifie & Say that her husband Thomas Walford did give to Elizabeth Savidg his daughter a peece of marsh Lying between W<sup>m</sup> Brookins & Mary Hincksons, & he gave it aboute 9 yeares before he dyed & it was com'only Called Bess Savidges Marsh & further I my selfe gave my consent, & further Saith not  
Taken upon oath 27<sup>th</sup> June 67 before me

Elias Stileman Com'iss<sup>r</sup>

Vera Copia as attests

Elias Stileman Record<sup>r</sup>

[Court Records, June 25, 1667, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 132 b.]

The Deposition of Jn<sup>o</sup> Homes aged 26 yeares or there aboute Testifieth & Saith that I heard my Granfather Tho: Walford say that he had given y<sup>e</sup> peece of marsh between W<sup>m</sup> Brookins his marsh & Mary Hinckson her marsh unto Elizabeth Savidg for her Life & after her death to her daughter Mary & tooke a stone or a boult & putt up by y<sup>e</sup> marke tree & Said so far it should com, & I heard y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Walford say that he had given it as fores<sup>d</sup> severall times, & further Saith Not:

Taken upon oath 27 June 67 before me

Elias Stileman Com'is<sup>r</sup>

vera Copia according to y<sup>e</sup> originall as attests

Elias Stileman Record<sup>r</sup>

[Court Records, June 25, 1667, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 132 b.]

The Deposition of Mary Brooken aged 32 yeares or there aboutes testifieth & Sayth that she heard her father Walford Give Unto Elizabeth Savidg a peece of marsh Lying between Will: Brookins & Mary Hincksons, & after y<sup>e</sup> decease of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth Savidg unto Mary Savidg her daughter & further Saith Not

Taken upon oath 27 June 1667

before me Elias Stileman Com'iss<sup>r</sup>

This is a true Coppie according to y<sup>e</sup> Originall as attests

Elias Stileman Record<sup>r</sup>

[Court Records, June 25, 1667, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 132 b.]

The Deposition of Martha Westbrook aged 22 yeares or there aboutes

Testifieth and Saith that she heard her ffather Walford Say that he Would give unto Elizabeth Savidg a peece of marsh lying between Will Brookings & Mary Hincksons and further Saith not Sworne y<sup>e</sup> 27 June 1667

before me Elias Stileman Com'iss<sup>r</sup>

Veria Copia as attests

Elias Stileman Record<sup>r</sup>

[Court Records, June 25, 1667, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 132 b.]

In answer to y<sup>e</sup> petition of Widdow Walford The Court orders that her thirds of the Land of her deceased husbands be Layd out unto her according to Law & the will of her s<sup>d</sup> husband & that John Sherburne Phillip Lewis & W<sup>m</sup> Cotten have hereby power or any two of them to Lay it out as abovs<sup>d</sup>

[Court Records, July 1, 1671, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 181.]

The Humble Petic'on of Jeremiah Walford to the Honoured Councel now sitting at Portsmouth in the Province of New-Hampshir March y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1680,

Humbly craveth yo<sup>r</sup> Honours, to take into considerations, and yield him redress in his present exigency. your Petic'oners Grandfather Thomas Walford left him & his brother Thomas Walford deceased a bequeath of land, & made M<sup>r</sup> Henry Sherborn & M<sup>r</sup> Richard Tucker exec'ts, to see the performing of his will, the greatest part of which estate hath bin ever since in said Execut<sup>rs</sup> hands, and not made use on to the benefit of them, to whom it was bequeathed. yo<sup>r</sup> Peticon's father in law John Amazeen being his guardian, hath moved from Court to Court for redress therein: which is not yet accomplished. Therefore yo<sup>r</sup> Peticon<sup>r</sup> being of age, hath essayed to supplicate this Honoured Councel, to take cognisance of y<sup>e</sup> same, & grant him relief for the recovery of y<sup>e</sup> said estate; Namely yo<sup>r</sup> Peticon's and Thomas Walford his brother deceased, to whose estate yo<sup>r</sup> Peticon<sup>r</sup> apprehends him-

selfe to be the right heir, ffor which your humble Peticon<sup>r</sup> shal be yet farther obliged to pray for Your Honours prosperity.

Yo<sup>r</sup> humble Peticon<sup>r</sup>

Jerem: Walford

Vera copia from y<sup>e</sup> Councel book Teste

Ric<sup>d</sup> Chamberlayn Secr<sup>lo</sup>.

[Misc. Provincial Papers, mss., vol. 1, p. 4.]

The humble Petic'ons of Mary Musset & Martha More the Grandchildren of Thomas Walford Sen<sup>r</sup> deceased, to y<sup>e</sup> Honoured Councel now sitting at Portsmouth in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New-Hampshire, this 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1680.

Humbly sheweth, That your Honours would please to take into yo<sup>r</sup> considerac'on and give Order for y<sup>e</sup> disposing of y<sup>e</sup> estate of abovesaid Thomas Walford Sen<sup>r</sup>; which was given by him to his Grandchild Thomas Walford Jun<sup>r</sup> our brother, who was suddenly taken away by death, not disposing y<sup>e</sup> same. In which estate we conceiv ourselves to have a share, but know not how to acquire y<sup>e</sup> same. Therefore do humbly fly to your fatherly Patronage, that your Honours would please to yield us relief therin & p'scribe a way for the obtaining of the same. We your Petitioners heard our Grandfather Walford say in time of his life, that he gave above said estate to our brother Walford, as desirous that he should bear up his name; and therefore conceiv, that he bearing such fatherly love to our brother, was not unwilling, that when our brother should leav y<sup>e</sup> estate his nearest kinred should succeed in it. We again & again therefore humbly sue to your Honours, to mind us in our streights, and redress what wrong may oppress us with all. Wherein we shal be yet farther obliged to pray for Yo<sup>r</sup> Honours prosperity, who remain

Yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> humble Petic'oners

Mary Musset.

Martha More.

[Misc. Provincial Papers, mss., vol. 1, p. 4.]

To the honoured President & Council now assembled at Portsm<sup>o</sup>. in the Province of Newhampshire the humble Petitions of Jean Goss Hanna Jones Mary Brookin Elisab: Savage, Sept: 7<sup>th</sup> 1681.

Are, that whereas yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioners father Thomas Walford deceased did in his will bequeath to Thomas Walford his Grandchilde ten acres of Marsh & four acres of Marsh more to Jeremiah Walford his Brother being part of a peice of Marsh belonging to Sagomore Creek. Now there yet remaining an overplus of Marsh besides what was given to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Brothers. Yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioners humbly conceive the overplus to belong to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Walfords our fathers children. He himself likewise in his will ordering y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>t</sup> was overplus y<sup>t</sup> should be divided among his children; ffurther our ffather Thomas Walford in his Will did give the thirds of his estate to our mother his wife without any Limitation, which estate we likewise conceive to belong to her children, she deceasing & leaving no other order. The ten acres also beforementioned given by our father to afores<sup>d</sup> Tho: Walford, he dying without Will, we conceive to fall to our fathers children ourselves. We therefore humbly Petition this hono<sup>r</sup>ed Council seriously to weigh & Consider of this our Case in all it circumstances that by yo<sup>r</sup> aid & assistance our just due and rights in y<sup>e</sup> above things themselves as also in regard of w<sup>t</sup> damages we have sustained in being kept from them so long may be obtained. Herein you will yet farther engage y<sup>r</sup> humble Petitioners to pray for yo<sup>r</sup> honours Prosperity & so remains your honors humble Petition's

Jean Goss  
Hanna Jones  
Mary Brookin  
Eliza Savage



THOMAS KING

1666/7

EXETER

In y<sup>e</sup> name of God amen

I Thomas King of Exetur upon the River of Pascataqua in New England being of sound and ꝑfect senc & memory butt very weak of Body . . .

1<sup>st</sup> I Give & Bequeth unto Miriam King my Beloved wife for the terme of Her Naturall life my Dwelling House & barne and all the Houses being and standing upon my lott with all my lands and medows in the Towne of Exeter Excepting whatt I shall by this my last will otherwaies Dispose of and the same to bee and R[e]maine unto her Duering her Naturall life or her marring to som other man & if shee shall Dispose of her selfe in marring that then shee shall Injoy onely one third partt of my houses & lands

2<sup>dth</sup> thatt after my wives Decease my sayd Houses and Lands in the Towne of Exetur medows & marshes & other priveledges & appurtinances I Doe by these p'sents Give & bequeath unto Jonathan Thing of Exetur & my Cossen Henery Moulton of Hampton for the use & benefitt of his second son thatt shall live & Arive unto y<sup>e</sup> Age of twenty one years the one halfe of all above written to him & his Heires & Assignes for Ever & the other Halfe unto Jonathan thing as is above sd his heires and Assignes for Ever

3<sup>th</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my Cossen Christian Dolhott twenty Akers of Land in the towne of Exetur outt of thirty Ac[r]es lying from Henery Magoons land over Rockay hill to the bridg ward and two acres of the Swamp over the little River which is now Clered & made medow after my wives Decease or marriage

4<sup>th</sup> I Doe Give unto william willy my servantt fifty Acres of land which I formerly ꝑmised him & I Doe also Give him whatt further time I have in him by Covenantt

And for my Cattle & Houshold Goods & Debts and other movables my Just Debts being first payd, I comitt the same to my wife Duering her naturall life or marring and in Case of mariage she

to Enjoy only one third partt of the same of which Debts my will is that John Moulton shall have ten pounds after my Deceasse towards his building a house & Christian Dolhort ten pounds when hee shall settle & build

And my will is thatt after her Decease the sd Estate of moveables bee Devided into three parts or In Cause thatt my wife should Dispose of her selfe in marriag that then the two thirds shall bee Divided Acordingly viz one third  $\frac{1}{3}$  unto my Coson Henery Moulton & one third partt to Jonathan Thinge and one third partt to my Cossen Christian Dolhortt if the sd Jonathan & Henery shall see thatt hee settle him selfe In some provable way of Good husbandry and the sd third partt together with the twenty Acres of land formerly mentioned to bee & Remain unto the first Child which hee the sd Christian shall have by my Cosson Rachell his p'sentt wife

And I Doe by these p'sents Nominatt & Appoint my loveing Cosson Henry Moulton & my Neighbor & Countrey Man Jonathan Thing to bee my law full Exequetors to this last will & testamentt who are to take Efectuall Care of my estate after my Decease and to see thatt whatt I leave to my wife may bee so mannaged & Improved as thatt my wife may live comfortably and thatt the sayd estate may nott bee wasted & Imbaseled and Itt is Intended thatt y<sup>e</sup> twenty Acres of land Given to Christian Dolhortt & y<sup>e</sup> fifty acres of land Given to william willy to bee to their use & Improvementt Emediately after my Decease and for the Confirmation of this my last will and testamentt I the sd Thomas King have hereunto sett my hand & seale the Eleventh Day of March one thousand Six hundred & sixty & Six : 6 : 7

Signed Sealled & Confermed  
in the p'sents of us as witnesses

Thomas [seal] King  
His marke & Seal.

Seaborne Cotton

Samuell Dalton

[Proved April 9, 1667.]

[Inventory, taken by Samuel Dalton, Andrew Wiggin, and Richard Oliver April 4, 1667; amount, £396.18.10; signed and attested by Jonathan Thing and Henry Moulton April 9, 1667.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

HENRY ELKINS

1667

HAMPTON

I Henry Elkins of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> County of Norfolk in new england being very aged weake & infirme of body but of sound & p<sup>er</sup>fect sence & understanding: doe make this my last will & Testament as followeth

1<sup>st</sup>: I give & bequeathe unto my loveing Sone: Gershom Elkins my dwelling house & out howsing being & standing, on my house Lott

It: I give unto my sone Gershom my house lott being p<sup>er</sup> estimacon five acres more or less as it is liing between y<sup>e</sup> lott of Godfrey dearborn towards y<sup>e</sup> East & y<sup>e</sup> land of m<sup>r</sup> Hussey sometimes Jefferie Mingays towards y<sup>e</sup> west to him & his heires for ever

It: I give unto my Sone Gershom Elkins two acres & an halfe of planting land liing between y<sup>e</sup> land of Tho: Levitt towards y<sup>e</sup> East & y<sup>e</sup> land of Henry Dearborn towards y<sup>e</sup> west more or less as it is

It: I give to my Sone Gersom, one share of y<sup>e</sup> Cows com'on according to y<sup>e</sup> true estimacon thereof as y<sup>e</sup> Com'ons are divided by y<sup>e</sup> towne

It: I give unto my Sone Gershom Elkins y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of my land of y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> division at y<sup>e</sup> west end of y<sup>e</sup> towne called y<sup>e</sup> new plantacon being by estimacon forty acres more or less as it is

It: I give to my Sone Gershom my two Oxen & my Cowe & one calfe & my horse & all y<sup>e</sup> moveables in y<sup>e</sup> house & feild & he is to take care to im<sup>pr</sup>ove y<sup>e</sup> same & to p<sup>ro</sup>vide for my comfortable livelihood whllst I am in this world

It: I give to my sone Eliezer Elkins my youngest sone five pound to be payd by mine Executo<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ith</sup>in a yeare after my decease

It: I give to my Sone Eliezar, y<sup>e</sup> other halfe of my land att y<sup>e</sup> new plantacon being by estimacon forty acres more or less as it is

It: I give to my sone Eliezar y<sup>e</sup> two acres of marsh w<sup>ch</sup> was purchased of Benjamin shaw as it is made sure to him by deed

And I doe make & appoint my Sone Gershom Elkins, to bee my lawfull Executo<sup>r</sup> to this my last will & Testam<sup>t</sup>: who is to take care for my comfortable subsistance whilst I live & for my decent buriall att my death in a Christian manner & Costome: And for y<sup>e</sup> confirmacon of this my last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> I have herunto set my hand & seale y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1667

Signed Sealed & confirmed Henry Elkins w<sup>th</sup> a seale  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>s</sup>ence of us to it

Sam: Dalton:

Mehetable Dalton

[Proved April 9 and 13, 1669.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 135.]

[Inventory of the estate, appraised March 27, 1669, by Godfrey Dearborn and Giles Fuller; amount, £45.7.10.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 136.]

WALTER ABBOTT

1667

May the 15. 1667. The last will & testament of Walther Abbot Senior, being very sick & weak in body but in perfect memory, declareth as followeth

Imprimis I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my creator from whome I Receaved it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian & decent manner after my decease—

secondly I doe wholly give & bequeath unto my welbeloved wife Sara Abbott all my whole estate, as houseing lands, uplands & meadow, Cattell of what kinde soever, all my debts whether by bookes, bills, bonds or any other waies due to me, with all my goods of what Nature or condition soever to me belonging, both

within dores & without, to be freely enjoyed by hir dureing hir naturall life, she paying all my just debts & paying the legasies after satisfaction of my Debts wch is as followeth—

It. I allow & give to my sonne Peter Abbott a double portion of my lands to him & his heirs at their disposing—

To my daughter Wills five pounds to be paid in land—

To my Sonne William five pounds to be paid in land—

To my Sonne Walther five pounds to be paid in land—

To my daughter Mary five pounds to be paid in land—

To my sonne John five pounds to be paid in land—

To my daughter Elizabeth five pounds to be paid in land—

To my Grandchild Thomas Abbott forty shillings

To my Grandchild Joseph Abbott forty shillings

To my Grandchild Sara Wills forty shillings

And these three legasies to my grandchildren I doe appoint my to pay out of my Just estate, & And soe doe leave my said wife Sara Abbott my whole & sole executrix to see this my will & testament performed

witnes my hand this : 16 : may : 1667

Signed in presents of us                      the mark of X walther Abbott

John Sherburne

francis X Rand by his mark

william X Cotten

by his marke

Richard Tucker

[Proved June 26, 1667.]

[Inventory, June 18, 1667; amount, £1433.3.8; signed by Elias Stileman and Philip Davis.]

CLEMENT RALPH                      1667

DURHAM

Oyster Riv<sup>e</sup> att . . . . Follets house this 2<sup>d</sup> day of June:  
1667

This my last will and testament of Clement Ralfe: first I beeqeath my body to y<sup>e</sup> dust and my soule to god that give it;

now lying sick; yet in my perfect sence and memory; it is my free will and desire to make william follet my sole and only executor; and doe leave all my goods and depts that are or Shall be due unto the said Clement Ralf unto and with the said william follet this witness my hand the day above mentioned in presents of:  
the X mark of Clemet Ralfe

teste John Parnell

William Roberds

Jn<sup>o</sup> Parnell depo: in Court of associates y<sup>t</sup> this is y<sup>e</sup> will of Clement Ralfe. / .

The Will of Clemont Ralfe brought into Court & Lies on y<sup>e</sup> file being not fully proved there being butt one Wittness that would take oath:

[Court Records, Sept. 17, 1667, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 135.]

THOMAS HARRIS

1667

ENGLAND

I Thomas Harris late of Dittesonn, neare Dartmouth in the Countie of Devon in Ould England Marriner, and now bound out Boateswaine of a Katch James of Pascataquay River, in Newe-England, on M<sup>r</sup> Edward Cowle Comannder on a Voyage to ffall, being blessed bee God in very good health of bodie, and of sound, and perfect memorie, not knoweing how it may please God to deale w<sup>th</sup> mee in this my p<sup>nt</sup> Voyage, leaving out the formall words of a will, and hereby makeing void, and null all other, and former wills doe hereby make, and Declare this my last will, and Teastament as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup>

I give and bequeath unto my Eldest daughter Mary Harris Sixe pounds to bee paid unto her at the age of Eighteene yeares; or at the day of her marriage, which shall first happen:

Alsoe I will, give, and bequeath unto my Sonn Gabriel Harris ffive pounds, to bee paid unto him by my Executrix when hee shall attain to the age of Twentie one yeares,

Alsoe I will, give, and bequeath unto my daughter Dewnes Harris ffiftie shillings, to bee paid unto her, when she shall

ataine to the age of Eighteene yeares or bee married, which first happeneth :

Alsoe I will, give, and bequeath unto my Daughter Annis Harris, fiftie shillings, to bee paid unto her, when shee shall ataine to the age of Eighteene yeares, or bee married w<sup>th</sup> first happeneth

Alsoe I will, give, and bequeath unto my Daughter Joanna Harris, fiftie shillings to bee paid unto her, when shee shall ataine to the age of Eighteene yeares, or bee married, which first happeneth ;

Alsoe I will give, and bequeath unto my loveing wife Dewnes Harris of Dittisonn aforesaid, my house ; ground, Moveables debts, goods, and whatsoever else I have either in Ould England, or in Newe-England, or in the Katch wherein I now am, with my Wages therein, whome I doe also Declare to bee full & Sole Executrix of this my last Will, and Teastament, whome I also enjoyne to pay the above said Legacies, and I doe alsoe desire my loveing friends M<sup>r</sup> Huddey of Connari and William Harris of Chesson to bee Overseers hereof to see this my Will performed :

And further my will, and intent is that if any of my aboves<sup>d</sup> children depart this life before they ataine the ages above specified then the said Legacie, or Legacies, of the deceased shalbe equally divided among those that survive ; this I declare to bee my last Will, and Teastament, dated in Portsmouth, in Pascataquay River this Nineteenth day of June Anno Domini One Thousand sixe hundred sixtie seaven : And in the Nineteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second, King of England, Scotland, ffrance, and Ireland, defender of the faith &c 1667 :

Signed, sealed, and  
declared in P<sup>r</sup>nce of us :

ffrancis X Jen'ings  
his mark

Mary Stilman

Ric: Stileman Ser: / :

[Proved July 1, 1668.]

Tho: Harris [seal]

[Inventory of bills and debts due to Thomas Harris, who died in 1667; amount, £75.0.4; attested by Edward Melcher July 1, 1668.]

[Letter, March 13, 1667/8, from Duens Harris, widow of Thomas Harris, to Thomas Jackson and Edward Melcher, acknowledging receipt of news of her husband's death, and directing the disposal of his estate; also power of attorney to Jackson and Melcher, dated March 14, 1667/8, and witnessed by John Cutt, George Bagster, and Nicholas Trust.]

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THOMAS NOCK 1667

[Administration in trust on the estate of Thomas Nock granted to Lieut. Coffin, John Roberts, and Widow Nock, June 25, 1667; and Capt. Waldron, Lieut. Coffin, and John Roberts appointed to audit the accounts of the creditors.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1667, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 123.]

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JOHN GODDARD 1667

[Administration on the estate of John Goddard granted to his widow, Welthen Goddard, and John Goddard June 25, 1667, and Ensign Davis and Robert Burnham joined with them to present an inventory.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Goddard, who died Nov. 12, 1666, dated Sept. 16, 1667; amount, £554.2.0; signed by Robert Burnham, William Williams, John Folsom, and Jonathan Thing.]

[Order of court, Sept. 17, 1667, that the widow and her son, John Goddard, with Ensign Davis and Robert Burnham, bring in to the next court a list of the liabilities of the estate.]

Luberland the : 10<sup>d</sup> : of May 1670

This Witnesseth that: Ensign Jn<sup>o</sup> Daves & Robert Burman: by Order of Courte beeing Trustesse & William ffurber An Asistant to them : have this day made An Agrement with Welthen Simons



and her Children: and made A Satisfactory Devision of the wholle Cleare Estate of her Deseaised Husband John Godward all Depts and Leagese paide As ffolloeweth—

The Said Wethen Simons is to have ninty pownds  
 Her Sone Jn<sup>o</sup> Godward is to have one hundred pownds  
 Her Sone In Law Jn<sup>o</sup> Gillman ffouerty pownds  
 Her Sone In Law Arthur Benicke, ffouerty pownds  
 Her Sone In Law James Thomas ffouerty pownds  
 Her Sone Benjamin Godward ffouerty pownds  
 Wittnes owre hands the day & yeare Above written

the marke of  
 Welthin X Simons  
 John godward  
 the marke of  
 Arthur X Benicke  
 the marke of  
 James X Thomas

[Approved by the court June 29, 1670, and Ensign John Davis, William Furber, and Robert Burnham were appointed to make the division.]

[Report of the division of the estate as above, June 12, 1678, by John Davis and Robert Burnham; mentions Mary Bennick, wife of Arthur Bennick and "her Children," and Benjamin Goddard, youngest son of John Goddard, deceased. Confirmed by the court June 25, 1678.]

## MATTHEW GILES

1667

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Matthew Giles granted to Matthew Williams, and John Bickford and William Follett were joined with him to take an inventory.]

[ Court Records, June 25, 1667, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 130.]

[Inventory of the estate of Matthew Giles, who died Jan. 21, 1666/7; amount, £165.13.0; signed by Thomas Willey and William Roberts; attested by Matthew Williams Sept 17, 1667.]

[Order of court June 30, 1668, on the estate of Matthew Giles of Oyster River, that the debts be paid and the remainder of the estate be equally divided between Richard Knight and Matthew Williams, and Ensign John Davis is appointed administrator.]

[Agreement, July 6, 1668, between Richard Knight and Matthew Williams, binding over the estate to the county treasurer of Portsmouth and Dover until they pay the debts due from the estate.]

MARK HUNKING

1667

PORTSMOUTH

Pascataway River 1 July 1667

The last will & testam<sup>t</sup> of mee Marke Hunkins: I being in perfect memory yet not knowing how God may deale w<sup>th</sup> mee thought good to settle my house & busines in as good an order as I can: to see—1 I bequeath my Soule to god y<sup>t</sup> gave itt. 2 I make my welbeloved wife my Sole Executo<sup>r</sup> after my just debts ar paid I do bequeath to my wyfe my now dwelling house and all y<sup>e</sup> lands y<sup>t</sup> doth belong to itt on this neck w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> marsh to y<sup>e</sup> 3 acres & all my household goods: to see w<sup>th</sup>in dores & w<sup>th</sup>out only one Cowe com'only called by y<sup>e</sup> name of Brown, & one great brass pott w<sup>ch</sup> I give unto my Daughter Mary as her portion from mee 3 My will is y<sup>t</sup> if my wyfe doth Marry duering her Naturall life then my said house & lands shall returne to my Eldest sonne Marke Hunkins, butt if she live & die a widdow then to keep: said house & goods duering her Naturall life, & afterwards said house & lands shalbe my Eldest sonnes as above if hee bee alive if not then to my next Sone & as for my household goods & cattells my will is y<sup>t</sup> after my wifes decease or if she marry that then said goods shall [be] equally divided amongst all my childeren except one long fowling peece & one fire lock gunn & a sword I give to my Sonne Marke, & my great fowling peece I give to Tho: ffurnell: & two small gunnes & a sword to my sone Archelaus Hunkins: My will is y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> track of land of about twenty acres that lie neare will: Seves & y<sup>e</sup> fower acres of Marsh w<sup>ch</sup> I bought

of Jn<sup>o</sup> Partridg y<sup>t</sup> I give to my Sonne Archelaus Hunkins: 5 My will is y<sup>t</sup> after my decease my Sone Marke shall have all my waring clothes & tooles: 6 My will is y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> shipp now on y<sup>e</sup> stocks & all y<sup>e</sup> planks boards & tymber belonging to her shalbe equally divided amongst my Childeren Mary excepted

So I com'itt my Soule to god & to y<sup>e</sup> good word of his grace to bee kept & guided by him as witness my hand & seale this day & yeare above written

witness us: Nath: ffryer      The marke X of Mark Hunkings  
John Hunkings.

[Proved Oct. 4, 1667.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 95.]

[Inventory of the estate, appraised Sept. 27, 1667, by Elias Stileman, Nathaniel Fryer, Theophilus Lyne, and John Seward; amount, £372.19.0; due to estate, £50.4.3; due from estate, £64.13.5; attested by Mrs. Ann Hunkins, executrix.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 96.]

RICHARD SEWARD

1667

PORTSMOUTH

In y<sup>e</sup> name of God Amen. /

I Richard Seaward of Portsmouth in Pascactoque River in New England beinge sick & weake in body but p<sup>r</sup>fect in mind & memory doe make & Appoynt this to be my Last will & testament, as followeth (Viz<sup>t</sup>

Imp<sup>t</sup> My will is that the Land belonginge to mee and Richard Jackson on y<sup>e</sup> Ragged Neck be Equally divided betweene us. And that part w<sup>ch</sup> is to be my share I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Seaward and my Children to be Equally divided amongst them/ The dividend (between me & y<sup>e</sup> said Rich: Jackson to begin at a great Elme stump at y<sup>e</sup> head of a branch, & from thence to Rich: Jacksons fence on y<sup>e</sup> top of a hill and soe into y<sup>e</sup> woods to o<sup>r</sup> bounded tree lying North-Easterlie

It: my will is that y<sup>e</sup> twenty six acres of Land adjoyninge to y<sup>e</sup> former, (w<sup>ch</sup> land was layd out by men appoynted by y<sup>e</sup> towne) be also Equally divided betweene my said wife & Children. /

It: My will is that thirteene Acres of Land w<sup>ch</sup> lyes to y<sup>e</sup> Norward of y<sup>e</sup> Ragged Neck w<sup>ch</sup> is betweene Richard Jackson & my selfe and bought by us both of Roger Knight to be divided betweene us; And that halfe w<sup>ch</sup> falls to my share my will is that it be likewise divided betweene my wife & children, But if Richard Jackson doe make sale of it, then y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of y<sup>e</sup> produce w<sup>ch</sup> falls to my share to be divided as aforesaid betweene my wife and children. /

It: my will is that Knight Island be likewise Equally divided betweene me & Richard Jackson. And the halfe that falls to my share to be likewise divided between my wife & children, And my will is that there be noe sale made of w<sup>t</sup> my part is in y<sup>e</sup> said Island on noe Acc<sup>t</sup> whatever. /

It: My will is y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>t</sup> Tobacco I have in y<sup>e</sup> vessell called y<sup>e</sup> Prosperouse, And likewise what is due from m<sup>r</sup> Richard Cutt & m<sup>r</sup> ffryer to me w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> tobacco due to me in y<sup>e</sup> province of Mary Land to be sold for y<sup>e</sup> satisfyng of my debts, And w<sup>t</sup> is above y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> will sattisfie my said debts to be put to use for y<sup>e</sup> maintenance of my wife & Children, And for y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Estate in w<sup>t</sup> nature kind or quallatie soever it be I give & bequeath to my wife & Children to be Equally divided betweene them, and doe hereby appoynt my Loveing friends Major Nicholas Shapley & m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> ffryer to be y<sup>e</sup> Overseers of this my will untill my children be of Age.

In Wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1667. /

Testes.

Richard Seaward

Testt by me Thomas Miller

Arthur X Roper. /

[Proved April 25, 1668.]

[Inventory, April 22, 1668; amount, £144.11.0; signed by Elias Stileman, Sr., and Huybrech — ( ? )]

[Debts due from the estate ; amount, £48.10.0 ; signed by Mary Seward.]

[Administration granted to Mary Seward, the widow, June 30, 1668. The will was declared imperfect, and was not allowed.]

THOMAS FOOTMAN 1667

made the 14<sup>th</sup> of Agust 1667

the Last will and testament of Thomas ffootman beeing in sense and good memery I doe be quith my boody to the dust and my soule to god that gave it I doe bequith all my hole Estat to my wife Cattren Excepting one fether beed which I be quith to my dafter Abigall and a roufe that be longeth to the said beed and a boolster to it with one Cowe ; as Longe as my wife doth retaine in her widdowhood I doe leave all my hole estate with her but in case that shee shall marrie I doe give her on third part of my Estate and the rest to be Equally defed. amongst my Children and furth<sup>r</sup> I shall desier my brother Bengemin Mathews and william ffollett to Assist my wife and to helpe her and assister her in her bisnes which hear unto I have sett my hand and seail this daye about menshened

witnes

Thomas footman [seal]

the marke of

Bengemin X Mathews

William ffollett

witnes the marke of

John X. Bickford

Robert Burnum

Nicholas Harrisson

Thomas Drew

[Indorsed] Imperfect will of Tho: ffootman brought into Court held 30 June 1668

[Inventory ; amount, £234.14.0 ; signed by John Bickford, John Davis, and Anthony Nutter ; attested by the widow, Catherine Footman, March 30, 1669.]

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Footman granted to his widow, Catherine Footman, the will being imperfect.]

[Court Records, June 30, 1668, in Deeds, vol 2, p. 151.]

W<sup>m</sup> Durgin making a motion to this Court y<sup>t</sup> he having married y<sup>e</sup> Relict of Thomas footman, & the children being maintained by him, as alsoe there being 74<sup>ll</sup>: 1<sup>s</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup>. to be p<sup>d</sup> unto severall men w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said ffootman owed, Desires this Court soe to ord<sup>r</sup> & Settle the estate soe as y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> children might have their portions sett out unto them, & y<sup>t</sup> he might Know & have a Libertie to dispose of what the Court should thinke fitt for y<sup>e</sup> bringing up the children & paying y<sup>e</sup> debts & s<sup>d</sup> relicts proportion of s<sup>d</sup> estate that soe he might not be called any further acco<sup>t</sup> or Question about y<sup>e</sup> same.

In Answ<sup>r</sup> hereunto the Court orders that y<sup>e</sup> one hundred acres of Land menconed in y<sup>e</sup> Inventory at y<sup>e</sup> North west of W<sup>m</sup> Beards Creeke neere Jn<sup>o</sup> Bickfords Lott & y<sup>e</sup> six acres of marsh & sixtie acres of Land adjoining to it neere Rob<sup>t</sup> Burnams Lott & Willia<sup>m</sup> ffolletts Lott neere Lam<sup>psill</sup> River & two Acres of marsh Joyning to Anthony Nutters together with an Island Lying at y<sup>e</sup> house to be seperated & Sett a part & shalbe too & for y<sup>e</sup> children of said footman for y<sup>r</sup> portions when they come of age according as y<sup>e</sup> Associate Court 28<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1669 did ord<sup>r</sup>. And the Remainder of all goods Lands houses chattles & cattle menc'oned in s<sup>d</sup> Inventory to be the s<sup>d</sup> Relict Katherin ffootman now wife to s<sup>d</sup> Durgin, & to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Durgin for ever for bringing up s<sup>d</sup> ffootmans children untill they come to age & paym<sup>t</sup> of all Just debts due from the s<sup>d</sup> ffootmans estate.

[Court Records, June 25, 1672, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 190.]

John Footman allow'd administration on Thomas Footmans Estate De bonis non.

[Probate Minutes, March 4, 1723/4.]

JOHN JONES

1667

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name Of God Amen ; the second day of septtember in the Eighteenth Yeare of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland King defender of the faith &c: I John Jones of Portesmouth in the Riv<sup>r</sup> of Piscataqua Blaksmith being sicke in body  
\* \* \*

I give and bequeath Unto my welbeloved Children ffrancis Jones Mary Drew Nathanaell Jones, James Jones and John Jones the sum'e of One shilling a peece to be paid them in lawfull mony of New England w<sup>th</sup>in one yeare next aft<sup>r</sup> my decease and as for my lands and other goods not before disposed I give and bequeath Unto my welbeloved wife Anne Jones to be disposed of by her for satisfacon of my debts and other Expences about my funerall at her will and pleasure and I doe hereby make and ordeyne my said wife to be my full and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> In Wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this day and year first above written

Signed sealed & published  
in p<sup>r</sup>sence of

the m<sup>k</sup> of  
John X Jones [seal]

the m<sup>k</sup> of  
James X Drew  
Abra: Corbett

the m<sup>k</sup> of  
Roger X Knight

[Proved Sept. 17, 1667.]

[Account of disbursements out of the estate by the executrix, April 30, 1667; amount, £42.17.0.]

[By the court records, Sept. 17, 1667, the inventory amounted to £52.0.0.]

WILLIAM GODFREY 1667

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen

I William Godfrey of Hampton in the County of Norfolk in New England being very sick & weak of Body butt sound of mind & understanding: Doe make this my last will as followeth

Concerning such Estate as God hath Given mee in this world I Doe will & bequeth as followeth

Imp I Give and bequeth unto Margery My Loveing wife all my stock of Cattle Duering the terme of her naturall life and whatt stock of Cattle shall Ramane att her Decease to Return to my sonn Isaac Godfrey: Itt I Give unto Margery Godfrey my wife my Dwelling House Duering the terme of Her naturall life

Itt I Give unto Margery Godfrey my wife all my Household Goods . . . her & her heires for Ever

Item I Give unto Margery my wife and Isaack Godfrey my sonn all my land both of upland medow & marsh pastors orchyard or Gardens or other Inclosure (Excepting whatt shall bee hereafter mentioned) to bee and Remain to them Duering y<sup>e</sup> terme of my wives naturall life & att my wives Decease to bee & Remain the sole ꝑpriety & possetion of my son Isaac Godfrey to him hes Heires for Ever, Item my will & pleasure is thatt my sone in law webester shall have & Injoy that peece [of]<sup>1</sup> the land last purchased of Nath Boulter y<sup>t</sup> Remaines in [y<sup>e</sup>] Hands of my son Isaac or else thatt my son [Isaac] pay him the some of five pound & keep the s<sup>a</sup> [land] Himselfe

Itt I Give and Bequeth unto my son John Godfrey so much [of] my planting lott as will make up y<sup>t</sup> p<sup>l</sup> whearon hes House standeth fower trees which is so to bee layd outt to him as y<sup>t</sup> itt may take in all the unbroke up land to the [Swamp]

Item I Give & bequeth unto my Daughter sarah Godfrey the some of Six pounds to bee payd by my son Isaac y<sup>e</sup> year after my wives Decease:

Itt I Doe Give unto my Daughter Deborah Godfrey the some of

<sup>1</sup> The words in brackets are supplied from the recorded copy.



Six pound to bee payd to her the second year after my wives Decease: & my wife & my son Isack to have & Injoy all my Comonedg & other towne privledg which is to Remain to my son Isaac after my wives Decease And I Doe make my loveing wife & my sone Isaack my law full Executor to this my last will & testament to see the same performed & I appointt my loving freinds Robertt Page & Samuell Dalton to bee as over seeres to all Intents & Constructions herin Contained witness my hand & seale y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1667

Wittnes  
Abraham Perkins  
Samuell Dalton

William Godfrey  
X  
His mark [seal] & Seale

[Proved April 11, 1671.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 212.]

[Inventory of the estate of Deacon William Godfrey, taken April 10, 1671, by Samuel Dalton and Abraham Perkins; amount, £267.7.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 213.]

EDMUND GREEN

1668

[Administration on the estate of Edmund Green granted to Nathaniel Fryer and the widow, Lydia Green, June 30, 1668.]

[Administration granted to Lydia Green and Isaac Trickey July 3, 1669, the former administration to be void, being illegal.]

[Court Records, July 3, 1669, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 158.]

[Inventory, May 2, 1668, taken at the request of the widow; amount, £50.16.9; signed by Nathaniel Fryer and Joachim Harvey.]

## RICHARD LEADER 1668

[Administration on the estate of Richard Leader granted to John Hole and Samuel —, June 30, 1668, "they having married y<sup>e</sup> daughters of s<sup>d</sup> Lead<sup>r</sup>."

[Court Records, June 30, 1668, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 149 b.]

## JOHN LOVERING 1668 DOVER

[Inventory of the estate of John Lovering of Newichwannock, who died July 27, 1668; taken August 11, 1668; amount, £232.7.0; signed by John Wincoll, Roger Plaisted, and Andrew Searle; brought into court Sept. 30, 1668.]

This Court confirms the Administrac'on granted Hester Lovering & Cap<sup>t</sup> Waldren to y<sup>e</sup> estate of Jo<sup>n</sup> Lovering at y<sup>e</sup> Court of Associates held at Dover y<sup>e</sup> 29: septemb: 1668, & orders concerning y<sup>e</sup> estate that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Hester have one third part of all the housen & Land during her naturall life, & one third part of other the estate for Ever, & the rest of y<sup>e</sup> estate to be divided among y<sup>e</sup> children the eldest Son: to have a double portion, & further this Court appoynts m<sup>r</sup> John Wincoll & m<sup>r</sup> Ezekieil Knight to be guardians to y<sup>e</sup> children untill they be of age to chuse for themselves or till y<sup>e</sup> Court take farther ord<sup>r</sup> & that y<sup>e</sup> Administra<sup>r</sup> make a returne of w<sup>t</sup> they doe herein at y<sup>e</sup> Next Countie Court at portsm<sup>o</sup>

[Court Records, July 3, 1669, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 158.]

M<sup>r</sup> Ezekieil Knight brought into Court an acco<sup>t</sup> of w<sup>t</sup> charge he hath been at aboute maintaing & the bringing up John Loverins children from y<sup>e</sup> time of his marrying Hester Loverin his widdow untill y<sup>e</sup> time they weere putt out, In Considerac'on whereof this Court allows him all the movables menc'oned in y<sup>e</sup> Inventory of s<sup>d</sup> Loverens estate, & to rechave & pay all s<sup>d</sup> Loverings debts, but they reserve the house & Land menc'oned in y<sup>e</sup> said Inventory to be for y<sup>e</sup> children according as this Court shall see Cause to ord<sup>r</sup> together w<sup>th</sup> the rents thereof from y<sup>e</sup> time of y<sup>e</sup> death of s<sup>d</sup> Knights

wife relict of s<sup>d</sup> Loverin, ffurther ord<sup>r</sup> & Impower Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Wincoll gardian to y<sup>o</sup> children that he Looke after & gather in the rents of s<sup>d</sup> house & Land for y<sup>o</sup> use of the children, & to Lett & set y<sup>o</sup> same from time to time till this Court take further order, & y<sup>t</sup> he dispose of y<sup>o</sup> eldest daughter either by putting her out or Continewing of her w<sup>th</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Knight as may be best for y<sup>o</sup> childs Good : /

[Court Records, June 29, 1675, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 11.]

JOHN PICKERING

1668

PORTSMOUTH

The 11 Day of y<sup>o</sup> 11 month 1668

In the name of god Amen: I John Pickern Senir beeing in pifect Memory do give & bequeth my body to the dust & my Spirit to god that gave it

Likewise I give unto My Deere sonne Thomas Pickrin my dwelling housse and land Ajoyning to the great beay with all the portinances belonging to it

likewise I give My Horse to my sonn Thomas together with all the Houseall goods & tools belonging there too: Likwise I give to my soon Thomas Pickrin too stere Calves: together with the keeping of Sixe Cowes as Long as Antony Stanell of Hamton shall live: Likwise to My too doghters Rebecah and Abigall I give that fifty Pounds due by bill to be paid by M<sup>r</sup> Antony Stanell together with an ocks Equally to be divided to them too together with fore swinee Equally to be divided between them too

Likwiss I give to my too doghters Mary & Sarah fore ocken: sixk Cowes sixk swine to be Equally divided be tweene them too

witness

Phillip Swaddon

Joseph Hall

The Mark of  
John X Pickrin

[Inventory of the estate of John Pickering of Portsmouth, Jan. 29, 1668/9; amount, £303.4.6; signed by Elias Stileman and John Sherburne.]

[Administration on the estate of John Pickering granted to his son, John Pickering, June 29, 1669, the will being imperfect.]

[Court Records, June 29, 1669, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 155 b.]

JOHN TANNER

1669

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Tanner, carpenter, granted to John Fletcher "At a meeting of Cap<sup>t</sup> Ric: Waldren m<sup>r</sup> Ric: Cutt & Elias Stileman y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of march 1669 by Vertue of Mages-tratticall pow<sup>r</sup> Granted them by the gen<sup>l</sup> Court."]

[Court Records, March 30, 1669, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 153.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Tanner of Portsmouth, June 26, 1669; amount, £7.9.0; signed by Nathaniel Fryer and Elias Stileman.]

JOHN REYNER

1669

DOVER

In the name and fear of god amen:—

Know all men to whom these presents shall come, that I John Reyner of Dover in New-England, \* \* \*

After my just debts which I shall ow to anie person be truly payed, and necessary funerall expences satisfied, That of my dear love, and tender affection to my wife, and desire of her comfortable subsisting; and being confident of her care, of and motherly affection to, her children: I will and bequeath to her my whole estate; in New-England; in or out of this jurisdiction, houses, lands, chattels moveables rents debts and what ever else is or may be, anie part of or belonging to the same, (Excepting such legacies as hereafter in this my will shall by me be disposed otherways) to be by her injoyed, and improved, to her own use, and benefit, together with the rents of my land in Old-England, lying, and being in the Countie of Yorke, in Town of Gildersome, in the Parish of Batly, either already due, or that hereafter shall be, during the terme of hir naturall life, (she remaining my widdow)

but in case she shall see good to change her condition, and enter into marriage; then my will is that my whole estate immediately before such change of her condition, be equally divided into parts, and that she enjoy one halfe of this estate in Newengland, as afforesaid: together with one third of the rents of that in Old England, as above the other halfe of my estate here in Newengland, with the other two thirds of the rents of the abovesaid lands in Old England, upon her so entering into married estate, as also that halfe left in her hands, with the one third of the rents of that in old England as afforesaid, at her decease; Or the whole (in case she marie not) at her decease be so disposed and equally divided that my five Children John, Elizabeth, Dorothe, Abigail, and Judith Reyner my natural son and daughters, by this my last wife may have each one equall benefit by and portions out of the said estate, both in Newengland and old yet that the particular parts, or parcels of the said estate, here, or there, or elsewhere (if anie be) be settled upon the persons, to whom hereafter bequeathed to my son Jachin Reiner of Rowley, and daughter Hanna Lane, wife to Job Lane of Billerica; to each of which I have given their full portions as my estate will reach, I will and bequeath the old silver beer bowle, and so much monie as shall be ten shillings more than the worth of the cup, one of them to have the cup, the other the monie, Jachin to have his choise; the cup is that which I had with their mother; to my son John Reyner I will and bequeath by these presents my Librarie, books and manuscripts (except such English books as his mother shall make choise of for her use) this besides an equall proportion with anie of his sisters as afforsaid. Item I doe by these presents will and bequeath my land in Old England in the Countie of yorke as abovesaid, to my son John his heirs and assignees to have and hold forever in fee simple and do hereby ingage him to dispose of the rents according as is above specified, during my wife his mothers life; and so long after as my afformentioned four Daughters Elizabeth, Dorothe, Abigail and Judith or anie of them shall leave their part of the principall in his hands, not exceeding the terme of

twentie years they standing to the losse or gain of the said estate according to interest therein; and being at equall charges for recoverie of the same, if attended with anie difficulties, my will also is that my son John, injoy my housing and land on Dover neck, and my foure daughters Elizabeth, Dorothe, Abigail, Judith, my land lying in the woods near Cachecha; being equally devided among them a due respect being had by the deviders to the qualitie as well as quantitie of the said land or anie part or share thereof, yet not contradicting the premises viz that everie and each of my above named five Children, my son John, and Daughters Elizabeth, Dorothe, Abigail, and Judith have equall shares in, benefit by, and portions of my whole estate; in New-England and Old, and elsewhere if anie (excepting the above mentioned legacies bequeathed to my sons Jachin and John and Daughter Hanna viz cup monie, and Librarie, as also ten pounds which I give my wife to dispose of at her decease as she shall see good) all which estate of myn in what place soever as aforesaid I doe by this my last will and testament bequeath to my above-named five children John Elizabeth Dorothe Abygal and Judith according to the premises what anie have received, (not herin excepted), to be considered as part of their share, my will is also that if anie my foure children yet unmarried, shall by gods providence be so diseposed, as to enter upon mariage, during the time the estate according to this my will remaneth in their mothers hands, or possession, there be some sutable encouragment, as the estate will afford (hir own need duly first considered) given to each one as the case shall require, I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Francis Reyner sole executrix of this my last will and testament and intreat my worthie friends; mr Richard Waldern, and mr Joshua Moodie, to be helpfull to my wife, and children, by their faithfull counsel, and advice, or otherwayes as god shall inable; in signe of all and everie the premises, I hereto set my hand and seal this nintenth day of April in the year of our lord on thousand six hundred sixtie and nine. if anie of the above-

said five children decease before actual possession they shall have libertie to dispose of their right being of age

the word (named) between line                      John Reyner [seal]  
third and fourth (nie) line fifth  
(make) line twentie second interlined  
with some other letters befor signing  
and sealing and part of fortie first  
and second line.—

signed sealed and delivered in  
presence of us

Testes Hatevill Nutter

John Hall

[Proved June 30, 1669.]

[Inventory, June 15, 1669; amount, £657.2.7; signed by Peter Coffin, Job Clements, and John Roberts.]

WILLIAM DREW

1669

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of William Drew of Oyster River granted to his widow, Elizabeth Drew, June 29, 1669.]

[Court Records, June 29, 1669, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 155.]

SAMUEL DREW

1669

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Drew granted to Anthony Ellins of Portsmouth July 3, 1669.]

[Court Records, July 3, 1669, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 158.]

THOMAS PEVERLY

1670

PORTSMOUTH

The last will & testament of Thomas Peverly, being very weake & sick in body, but in perfect memory.—

Inprimis I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God

from whome I Received it, and my body to the earth after my decease to be buried in a Christian manner.

It: I doe bequeath & give unto my beloved wife Jane Peverly all my whole estate, of houseing, lands both upland & meadows, with all my Cattell of every sorte & kinde, with all my household stuffe & goods of what nature soever both within dores & without dureing the tearme of hir Naturall life, in case she keepe hir selfe a widow, but if she shall dispose of hir selfe in mariage, then to have onely the thirds of all dureing hir life, the debts that I owe being first satisfide.—

It: I doe further declare my will thus: that in case my wife shall dispose of hir selfe in Mariage, that then the whole estate shall be & belong to my sonne John Peverly, he paying to his mother the thirds of the whole estate as it shalbe adjudged to be worth betweene two indifferent men eaqually chosen, & the debts first paid out of the whole: And the said John Peverly is afterwards to pay five pounds a peece to the Rest of my children, that is to say to Thomas Peverly five pounds, to Lazaras Peverly five pounds, to Samuell Peverly five pounds, to Jeremiah Peverly five pounds & to Sarah Peverly five pounds, and alsoe to give unto my Daughter Martha Noble five acres of upland on the wester side of the path belowe my now Corne feild—

It: I doe further declare my will, that if my wife Jane Peverly shall not dispose of hir selfe in Mariage, but shall live Upon the estate dureing hir life, that then after hir decease the whole estate then left shall fall to my sonne John Peverly, he paying the Legases above exprest when the Children come to age, he maintaineing the Children till they be capeable to be disposed of abroad.

It: I doe make my beloved wife Jane Peverly my executrix to this my will, & doe alsoe intreate & apoint my loving freinds & Neighbours John Shirburne senior & Richard Sloper to be my Overseers & assistants to my executrix to see this my will performed: In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this nineteenth day of Aprill: one thousand six hundred and seaventy. 1670



It is further by me declared that I doe give unto my daughter Holmes seaven acres of upland out of lands that is given me by this towne not yet laid out in any place convenient for hir—

Sealed signed & delivered in                    Thomas X Peverly [seal]  
the presents of us./    by his marke & seale  
this subscription Really  
intended to the will.

John X wesbrook  
by his marke  
Richard Tucker  
[Proved June 30, 1670.]

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Peverly of Portsmouth, May 26, 1670; amount, £191.5.9; signed by Richard Tucker, John Westbrook, and John Sherburne.]

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HEZEKIAH SWAINE                    1670                    HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Hezekiah Swaine of Hampton, taken by Thomas Marston and Nathaniel Batchelder May 2, 1670; amount, £142.18.0; attested by William Swaine, administrator.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 191.]

Hezekiah Swaine of hampton in y<sup>e</sup> County of [Norfolke lately]<sup>1</sup> Deses [&] having mad no will, & levinge an [estate and also] some [debts] to bee payed: His Brother willam [Swaine] mad adminstrator to y<sup>e</sup> estate may y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1670 & and 3 sisters Hanath, bethia and prudence Swaine [being heires to] the estat left for y<sup>e</sup> Devidinge of y<sup>e</sup> estate they agre [as followeth] if y<sup>e</sup> Court see Cause to Confirme it

y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> land & Chatils as it is prised in y<sup>e</sup> inventory presented [to y<sup>e</sup> Court] shall bee Devided into five parts y<sup>e</sup> brother willam [Swaine to have two] parts & y<sup>e</sup> sisters ech: of them one part wilam Swaine [to have] his two parts out of y<sup>e</sup> land & what

<sup>1</sup> Words in brackets are supplied from the recorded copy.

remaine [y<sup>e</sup>. s<sup>d</sup> william to] have & to bee acounteable to y<sup>e</sup> rest of his sisters for [as much pay] acordinge as it is prised in y<sup>e</sup> inventory, & y<sup>e</sup> [three parts to bee] equily Devided amonge y<sup>e</sup> sisters, also what [debts is due to y<sup>e</sup>] estat to [bee] devided acordinge to thayer proportion [y<sup>e</sup> said william] two [parts & y<sup>e</sup> three] sisters an equill part one as much [as y<sup>e</sup> other] & also [all debts] Due to eney from y<sup>e</sup> estat to pay [according to that rule] & to this wee y<sup>e</sup> sd william Hanah bethia & pru [dence Swaine] doe freely & willingly agree to if y<sup>e</sup> Court see m[eet] & with y<sup>e</sup> Consent of our mother prudence Cox: as wittnes our

Nathan <sup>ll</sup> weare	[William Swaine]
William [ffifeild]	y <sup>e</sup> marke of [ffrancis Jenis]
this 4 <sup>th</sup> of october 1670	y <sup>e</sup> husband [of Hana Swaine]
	y <sup>e</sup> marke of [Bethia Swaine]

[Approved Oct. 11, 1670.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 190.]

JOHN HUGGINS

1670

HAMPTON

The last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> of John Hugins sen. aged about 61: years being made & signed this 31<sup>st</sup>: of May 1670 \* \* \*

I John Huggins of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> County of Norfolk in new-england doe make & declare this my last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> \* \* \*

as for y<sup>e</sup> outward estate w<sup>ch</sup> god hath given mee as it is y<sup>e</sup> will of god so my will is y<sup>t</sup> out of it my debts be first payd & then my wyfe & Childeren should live of y<sup>e</sup> rest I doe therefore for y<sup>e</sup> Christian Educacon of my younger children give to my deare & beloved wyfe Bridget y<sup>e</sup> imprvm<sup>t</sup> of my now dwelling house & land adjoyning, together w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> meadow Com'onages, & any other rights & privildges ap<sup>pt</sup>eyning therunto as also two oxen, two coves, & one heifer two years old w<sup>th</sup> sixteen sheepe & lambs duering y<sup>e</sup> terme of her naturall life after w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>ro</sup>prietie of y<sup>e</sup> abovsd lands to be disposed of to my Childeren who have not yet received their portions according to y<sup>e</sup> reasonable will of my said wyfe

Item I give to my Sone John six acres of land more or less in

y<sup>e</sup> east feild as it is lay'd out w<sup>th</sup> a cow Com'onage and all other rights belonging therunto, as also my right in some land in y<sup>e</sup> woods com'only called m<sup>r</sup> Legatts, besides w<sup>t</sup> other guifts & portion hee hath received of mee already in cattle or otherwise to his owne ~~pp~~ use & behoofe for ever, I doe also appoint my dearly beloved wyfe Bridgett & my loveing sone John Executo<sup>r</sup> & Executrix of this my last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> & have accordingly herto set my hand & seale this May 31 : 1670

Signed & Sealed in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>s</sup>ence      John hugin w<sup>th</sup> a seale to it  
of us Seaborne Cotton

Will: fuller

[Proved Oct. 11, 1670.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 192.]

[Inventory of the estate of "John Huggins, Sener of Hampton Late deceased upon The Seaventh day of June 1670;" taken by William Fuller, John Sanborn, and Henry Dow June 30, 1670; amount, £177.1.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

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JOHN WYATT

1670

PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of John Wyatt of Portsmouth, June 5, 1670; amount, £94.13.4; signed by Richard Shortridge and Robert Purington.]

[Administration on the estate of John Wyatt granted to his widow, Salome Wyatt, June 28, 1670.]

[Court Records, June 28, 1670, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 168.]

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JOHN WOODIS

1670

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Woodis granted to his father Richard Woodis of Boston, June 28, 1670, who presented an inventory amounting to £26.8.6.]

[Court Records, June 28, 1670, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 166.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Woodis of Portsmouth, May 30, 1670; amount, £26.0.6; signed by Richard Stileman and Thomas Parker; attested by Ruth Woodis June 28, 1670.]

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OLIVER KENT

1670

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Oliver Kent of Oyster River granted to his widow, Dorothy Kent, and John Bickford June 28, 1670.]

[Court Records, June 28, 1670, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 166.]

[Inventory, June 26, 1670; amount, £113.12.0; signed by Thomas Edgerly and John Bickford.]

[Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 92.]

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HENRY JENKINS

1670

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Jenkins, June 30, 1670; amount, £3.0.0; signed by William Furber; brought into court July 1, 1670.]

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JOHN SEELEY

1670

[Petition of William Seeley, June 30, 1670, for administration on the estate of his brother, Capt. John Seeley; mentions wife and children of the deceased. William Seeley and Elias Stileman were appointed administrators.]

M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henderson as Attorney to William Tapping & Johannah Tapping of London Administra<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> housen & Land of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sealy deceased in y<sup>e</sup> hand of Elias Stileman who had granted him Administrac'on to y<sup>e</sup> same by the County Court some yeares since to Looke after y<sup>e</sup> same till a right claim should be made by his y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Sealys heires or adminis<sup>r</sup> out of England should appeare This Court upon examynac'on of s<sup>d</sup> Henderson Ler<sup>t</sup> of Attorney & other writings exhibited to this Court now on

file doe ord<sup>r</sup> that the s<sup>d</sup> Housen & Land w<sup>ch</sup> are on Docters Island be forth with deliv<sup>ed</sup> up unto s<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henderson for the Use of s<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Tapping & Johannah, & to Stand responsible two yeares in case a better title & claime should appear y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> stileman to be p<sup>d</sup> for his time & trouble Looking after y<sup>e</sup> same, & ord<sup>r</sup> y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> clarke take a coppie of his s<sup>d</sup> Hend<sup>r</sup>'sons Lr<sup>r</sup> of atturny & returne y<sup>e</sup> originall

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 16.]

JOHN TUCKER

1670

STAR ISLAND

Know all men by these P<sup>r</sup>sents that I John Tucker fisherman of the Yles of shoales, vidz<sup>t</sup> Starr Yland In the County of Portsmouth being by gods providence at the house of John Amerideth of the Town of Kittery In the County of Yorke, very sicke & weake of body, yett at P<sup>r</sup>sent of Indifferent firme memory and understanding, doe make this my last will & Testament/

1 Inp<sup>t</sup> I Comitt my spirit unto god that gave Itt, & my body unto the dust from whence It came, to bee decently buried at the Charge of my executors, whom I shall name & appoynt/

2: I dispose of my outward estate In manner as followeth, vidz<sup>t</sup> my will is that all my debts bee duly & truely payd by my executors/

3: I give & bequeath unto Thomas Wells Minister of the Town of Kittery the full & Just some of one pound tenn shillings, to bee payd by my executors after my decease, the one halfe In money & the other halfe In fish/

4: I give & bequeath all the rest of my estate whatsoever unto my very Loveing freind John Amerideth, & Johanna his wife, & my will is, that all those y<sup>t</sup> have any estate of mine in their Custody, or y<sup>t</sup> doe ow any debt unto mee, do deliver & pay the same unto the s<sup>d</sup> Amerideth or his wife after my decease, upon y<sup>r</sup> demand or either of them their heyres, executors administrators or Assignes, in speties, as the same is to bee delivered or payd unto mee/

5: I doe Nominate & appoynt the aboves<sup>d</sup> John Amerideth senior of the Town of Kittery in the County of Yorke, to bee the executor unto this my last will & testament, & do here by Injoyne him faithfully to p̄forme all & every of the p̄misses above mentioned/ In witness w<sup>o</sup>f I have here unto sett my hand & seale Dated y<sup>e</sup> last vidz<sup>t</sup> the Thyrtty one day of October, In the Twenty second yeare of the Reign of o<sup>r</sup> Sovereigne Ld King Charles the second, by the Grace of god King of Great Brittain, France & Ireland, & In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred & seaventy/ 31: 8: Anno: Dom: 1670:

Subscribed & sealed in the  
p̄sence of us/

William Rawling  
the marke of X  
Thomas sharpan

The X marke of  
John Tucker [his seal]

[Proved Jan. 3, 1670/1.]

[York County, Me., Court Records, vol. B, p. 97.]

[Inventory, amounting to £74.1.10½; attested by John Amerideth April 26, 1671.]

[York County, Me., Court Records, vol. B, p. 97.]

The Deposition of Thomas Wells aged 24 yeares, sayth y<sup>t</sup> when hee wrott John Tuckers Will hee could not p̄rceive nor discerne but at that tyme Jo<sup>n</sup> Tucker was of good and p̄rfect Memory & understanding, & y<sup>t</sup> the will that hee wrotte was as to the substance of it the same that him selfe related unto this Deponent, as alsoe an accompt of some debts due unto the sayd Tucker, & some debts that the sd Tucker owed unto some men/ This Deponent further sayth, that w<sup>a</sup>s hee expressed In the will (of Indifferent memory & understanding, It was not from any Imp<sup>r</sup>fection that hee could p̄rceive in his memory or understanding, at that tyme, but because y<sup>t</sup> hee thought, that y<sup>t</sup> bodily sickness & Infirmity in any one might debilitate & weaken memory & understanding, & further sayth y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>n</sup> John Tucker made his marke to his

will that hee sayd I intended it for J. T but my hand shakes, I know not whither It bee well done or to y<sup>t</sup> affect, & further sayth not/ Taken upon oath this 26 : of Aprill 1671 : ☽

Edw: Rishworth ReCor:

[York County, Me., Court Records, vol. B, p. 97.]

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GREGORY CHURCHWOOD 1670/1

[Inventory of the estate of Gregory Churchwood, Feb. 7, 1670/1; amount, £11.0.11; signed by Richard — and Thomas Bartlett.]

[Administration on the estate of Gregory Churchwood granted to John Fabyan, who presented an inventory amounting to £11. 11.0, to which £2.10.0 was afterwards added.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1671, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 175.]

The deposition of William Weekes aged about 35 y<sup>r</sup> & of Sam'uell Streeke aged about 28 years

These depolant Sworne Saith that this Hum'phery Churchwood is brother to Grigorie Churchwood that was drowned in the boat w<sup>th</sup> Edward Carter: & weare both of them borne at kingsware neare Dartmoth in England & weare the Reputed sons of Hum'pery Churchwood their ffather & brought up by him & further they say not://

William Weekes & Sam'uell Streeke made oath to these depositions this 29<sup>th</sup> of Aperell 1675 before mee:/

Peter Twisden Com'isho<sup>r</sup>

[Order of court, June 29, 1675, that John Fabyan, administrator, deliver the balance of the estate to Humphrey Churchwood, it appearing to the court that he is the brother of Gregory Churchwood and the next heir.]

[Court Records, June 29, 1675, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 11.]

## EDWARD HILTON 1670/1

[Administration on the estate of Edward Hilton granted to Edward Hilton, William Hilton, Samuel Hilton and Charles Hilton, March 6, 1670/1.]

[Inventory, March 9 and 10, 1670/1; amount, £2204.c.o; signed by Samuel Dalton, Antipas Maverick, Robert Burnham, William Follett, and William Moore; Christopher Palmer, at the same time, made claim to a part of the estate in behalf of two sisters to the administrators, who were daughters of the deceased.]

## EDWARD CATOR 1670/1

[Administration on the estate of Edward Cator granted by the commissioners, to John Fabyan and James Blagdon March 7, 1670/1.]

[Court Records, March 7, 1670/1, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 170.]

[Administration on the estate of Edward Cator granted to John Fabyan July 1, 1671, "the former Administra<sup>r</sup> Viz<sup>t</sup> James Blagdon & s<sup>d</sup> ffabins refusing to hold together."]

[Court Records, July 1, 1671, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 180.]

[Order of court, Oct. 31, 1667, that John Fabyan, administrator of the estate of Edward Cator, send £20 to the widow, she being in England and in distress, and that he deliver the rest of the estate to James Blagdon, attorney for Cator's daughter.]

[Court Records, Oct. 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 21.]

[Division of the estate is presented and placed on file June 24, 1679.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1679, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 30.]



[Petition of John Fabyan, James Blagdon, and Robert Townsend, attornies, for a division by the court of the estate of Edward Cator to the widow and two daughters; dated June 26, 1679.]

[Account of the estate, and order of the court for the division of the estate equally among the widow and two daughters in accordance with the petition.]

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JOHN HUNKITT                      1670/1                      HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of John Hunkitt of Hampton, taken by Samuel Dalton and John Sanborn March 22, 1670/1; amount, £14.19.3.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

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PHILIP BABB                      1671                      ISLES OF SHOALS

[Administration on the estate of Philip Babb of the Isles of Shoals granted to Nathaniel Fryer April 24, 1671.]

[Court Records, April 24, 1671, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 170.]

[Joseph Hall petitioning the court for recompense for maintaining for two years Peter Babb, son of Philip Babb, the father and mother both being dead, and the child five years old next Michaelmas, the court, June 27, 1676, binds Peter Babb as an apprentice to Joseph Hall until he reaches the age of twenty-one years.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 15.]

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DANIEL MOULTON                      1671

[Inventory of the estate of Daniel Moulton June 22, 1671; amount, £180.17.6; debts due to the estate, £30.18.11; debts due from the estate, £18.0.0; signed by Elias Stileman and Joseph Morse.]

## THOMAS JAMES 1671

[Administration on the estate of Thomas James granted to James Blagdon June 27, 1671.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1671, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 175.]

## THOMAS LEIGHTON 1671 DOVER

In y<sup>e</sup> name and feare of God Amen I Thomas Layton seni<sup>r</sup> of Dov<sup>r</sup> in New England Aged sixty seven yeares or there aboutes, beinge exercised with great infirmity of body, \* \* \*

As for my outward Estate my Will is that my p<sup>r</sup>sent Wife Joanna do enjoy (during her naturall life if she continue in the estate of widdowhood, or duringe her widdowhood if she marry) my whole Estate both personall and Reall to be improved for her comfortable maintenance, and at her marriage one third part of y<sup>e</sup> whole, after that her marriage to be improved by or for her till her deceace. That my onely son and heire Thomas Layton shall have (besides what he hath or shall receive before my deceace) All my housinge Landes Orchard Marshes flats, with their priviledges or appurtenances either within or out of this Town to be had and held by him his heires or assignes forev<sup>r</sup> After they fall from his mother by marriage or her decease as abovesaid, To him also I Give one quarter part of the movables which shall be Left undisposed of by my wife for her comfortable supply as abovesaid, He y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas Layton my sonne payinge To my Daughter Mary y<sup>e</sup> wife of Thomas Roberts juni<sup>r</sup> To y<sup>e</sup> value of tenne poundes To my Daughter Elizabeth wife of Phillip Cromwell to y<sup>e</sup> value of forty poundes To my Daughter Sarah (unmarried at p<sup>r</sup>sent) to the value of forty poundes; which he is to pay to them or their heires or assignes within the space or terme of two yeares after y<sup>e</sup> decease of his Mother Joanna if they shall demand it, which I by these p<sup>r</sup>sents Assig'e to them out of the said Estate together with a quarter part of the movables to each of them which may be Left by my wife Joanna. He y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas my sonne also set-

tinge John my Indian Servant free and painge him to y<sup>e</sup> value of five poundes at y<sup>e</sup> decease of y<sup>e</sup> said Joanna. Moreover I doe hereby constitute and appoint my sonne and heire Thomas above-said Executor and my wife Joanna Executrix jointly whilst they are both livinge and severally after the Deceace of either of them In wittness of the p<sup>m</sup>ises I doe here unto set my hand and seale this one & twentyeth day of september Anno Domini 1671

Test Thomas X Layton seni<sup>r</sup> [seal]  
(to each of them) interlined his mark

Jn<sup>o</sup> Reyn<sup>r</sup>

X Thomas Roberts juni<sup>r</sup> his mark

[Proved June 25, 1672.]

[Inventory, Feb. 15, 1671/2; taken at the request of the widow and her son, Thomas Leighton; amount, £475.5.0; signed by Job Clements, John Dam, and John Hall.]

## JOHN GARLAND

1671

HAMPTON

The last will and teastiment of John Garland senior: aged about fivety yeares of Hampton in the countie of norfolke: in nue england Being made and signed: this 15<sup>th</sup> day of november 1671:

In the name of Jesus christ who is Lord of quick and dead: who hath [taught]<sup>1</sup> uss to doe the will of our Heavenly father And yet hath in his word Ratified the will of the teastatour when he is dead: I John Garland sick in body \* \* \*

As for my outward Estate which god have [gratiously] given me As it is the will of god so my will Is that out of It [my debts] being first paide that then my wife and childreng: should live of [y<sup>e</sup>] Rest: I doe thearfore give and Bequeath unto Elizabeth my loving wife the north End of my dwelling House the lower Rome & the bed in the Rome & all: furniture to itt: and ten: pound a

<sup>1</sup>Words in brackets are supplied from the recorded copy, Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 249.

yeare to be payd as followeth & nesary Housold stufe that shall be nedfull for a single woman & a Hors to be found Her by my Excectatour : & wood brought to Her dore fitt for the fire : so long ass she live in the House if she Remove from the House or marry then the wood & Hors & the House & five pound of the former ten to cease : she only to Have five pound a yeare paid Her : and to Have the bed and furniture away with Her : & I give unto Her the milke of a cow so Long as she live in the House : aforesd :

tt I give & bequith unto my son John garland : my Dwelling House and barn & all my out Housing and all the land : a bout the House & the medow : all that I bought of phillip lewes : & 5 ackes : more or less of salt marsh lieng in the Littill oxe comon : which wase formerly Tho: chaces : and a mare colt : which I formerly gave him Likewise I give unto my son John garland : all my stock of cattell Horses & swine : And Impliments of Husbandry : that are about my House att Home : and all my Housold stufe : & beding Excepting what shall be after mentioned : He paying : the former pay to His mother which is formerly mentioned untill : His brother Jacob garland & peter garland shall come to the age of twentie one yeares : and then that : pay to be Equally : devided & thay all to pay there mother : one ass much ass the other :

tt I give unto my son : Jacob : garland & peter garland the [one] Half : of that land that I bought of m<sup>r</sup> Seaborn cotten that is in the woods with the plows & Impliments of Husbandry that is there : the land and them to be equally : devided between them : which is att the Hog pen plaine : thay to Have it [ass] thay come to the age of twentie one years : : ase also each [of] them a bed and the furnature to itt : when : thay come to [y<sup>e</sup> age] of twentie one years : to be paid to them by my Excecteur

And I doe hearby apoint my deare and loving wife Elizabeth Garland : & my son John garland to be my lawfull Exceto<sup>r</sup> & Excectetour : she untill : my son John come to the age of [one] and twentie yeare : and then : my son John garland to be my Excectetour to this my last will and teastiment and for the confer-



Halfe of Eight Acres of planting Land in the East feild viz thatt partt thatt which lieth towards william Sambornes land towards the north (and so much as will make up her thirds of the upland) att the South End of my Howse Lott

Itt I Give unto mary my wife the west End of my Dwelling House Duering the terme of Her widowhood & no longer, butt if shee shall Remove Her Dweling from thence in the time of her widowhood then the whole Howse to bee leatt with the lands by my Exequetors untill my Eldest sonn shall Come to the Age of twenty one years, and then my Eldest sonn is to posses itt and pay unto mary my wife Her thirds of the Rentt

Ittem I Give unto Mary my wife two Cows & the whitt Rone mar and whatt Howsehold stuff she brought into the Howse with her or whatt beding or other Household stuff she hath Else whear to bee & Remain to Her & Her Heirs for Ever

Ittem I Give & bequeth unto my Eldest sonn Samuell fog the other two thirds of my land marshes & medows & Comonage the which he is to Enter upon & posses when he shall Come to the Age of twenty & one years, butt shall nott Have full power in selling or disposeing of his Estate withoutt the Consentt of my Exequetors untill hee shall come to the Age of twenty fower years.

Itt I Give unto my son Samuell ffoge all my Howseing & barne & out Howseing the which he is to Enter upon & posses att the Age of twenty one years paying the thirds of the Rentt for the Howse to my wife Duering the time of Her widowhood and for my stock of Cattle & other moveables & twoles and Implements of Husbandry nott otherwayes Disposed of by this my Last will they are to bee improved & Renewed att the Discretion of my Exequetors so as thatt the stock may bee maintained & nott wasted & Imbeseled untill my sone shall Come to the Age of twenty one years and then to be and Remaine to him & att his Disposall payeing these following legacies

Itt I Give & bequeth unto my son Daniell ffog the some of fifteen pound to bee payd by my son Sam<sup>n</sup> fog when Daniel shall Arive to the Age of twenty one years

Itt I Give unto my Daughter mary fog one fetherbed & one fether boulster & one pillow & two Blankits one of them a Red blanket and two payer of sheets which were her mothers

Itt to my Daughter mary and Brass pan & three puter platters and Som other puter & Earthin Dishies which were hir mothers, and these Goods being prized to my Daughter Mary my son Samuel is to make up the some of fifteen pound to Her when she shall Come to the Age of twenty one years or att Her marring which shall Happen first

Itt I Doe Give unto my son Daniell fog the other third partt of my land, which he is to Enter upon & posses att my wives Decease & within one year after to pay the some of fifteen pounds back againe unto my son Samuel if hee hath Received itt before the Land fall to him

Item I Give unto my son Daniell fog my two new puter platters & a puter Bason

Item I Give unto my son Samuell ffog my two Tables & one bed stead & one Greatt Chayer & three Chests and one new Greene Rug and a Sute of Curtains, and one fowleing peece and all thé Rest of my Howsehold stuff I Give & bequeath unto mary my wife & to the three Children which I have by Her

Itt I Give unto my Son Seath ffoge the some of Six pound to bee payd to him by my son Sam<sup>n</sup> when he shall Come to the Age of twenty one year

Item I Give unto my Son James ffog the some of Six pound to bee payd when he shall Com to the Age of twenty one years to bee payd by my son Samuel

Itt I Doe Give unto my youngest Daughter Hanna ffog the some of Six pound to bee payd by my son Samuell when she shall Come to the Age of twenty one years and if her mariag shall Happen forst then to be payd att her Day of marring

and my will is thatt my Eldest Son should Die withoutt Heire of his ownte body thatt then His portion of Land to Desend to my next son, and if any of my other Children should Die without Issue, thatt then their portion shall bee Devided amongst the Rest of my Children that shall Survive

And I Doe by these p'sents Appointt my Loveing ffather in Law Deacon Robertt Page and my loving ffreinds william fuller & Nathaniell Bachelder to bee my lawfull Exequetors to this my last will & testament: to see thatt the same be performed according to the tru Intentt & meaning herof and if God shall take away any of them thatt if god ꝑmitt they shall Have power & liberty to make Choyce of whom shall suply in his or their place in point of Exequetorship and I Doe appoint my Loveing Brother Thomas ward & my loveing ffreind Samuell Dalton to bee as overseers to this my will who Have the like power to make Choyce of suply in their places in Cause of Death or Removall

and my will is thatt my three Eldest Children shall bee Settled by my Exequetors viz my Son Samuell & Daniell to som Good trade which they shall most Desire and to be placed in such famelyes as may bee for their Comfortt & Advantag both for soule & body as much as Can bee Attained and I Appoint thatt such wearing Cloathes as I shall leave att my Death shall bee Improved by my Exequetors to fitt outt my two sons Samuell & Daniell to service and to make such further supply as they in Descretion shall Judg meett.

And my will is thatt my Executors shall take such Care both in the time of my wives widowhood & att all times thatt my Estate may bee p'formed and y<sup>t</sup> the Howseing Due nott Goe to Decay without Repayeration and thatt the fences and other things Doe nott suffer strip & wast in the time whilst itt is outt of my sons Hands

And my will is Conserving my Daughter Mary bee Desposed of to the tuission of my loving ffreinds william fuller & frances His wife, and if God should take away Goodwiffe fuller whilst my Daughter mary is in Her minority I will & Comitt her tuition unto my Brother Benjamin —— & to Goodwif Bachelder) and my will is thatt my Howseing & lands & stock of Cattle & other moveables & Improved by the Discretion of my Exequetors for the subsistance of my wife & my three youngest Children untill my son Samuel shall Arive to the Age of twenty one years and



to this I Affix my Hand & Seale as my last will this ninth Day  
of Janewary 1671

Signed & sealed in Samuell [seal] fogge  
the p'sents of us  
will fuller

Samuell Dalton

Frances fuller

[Proved Oct. 8, 1672.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2,  
p. 264.]

[Inventory of the estate of Samuel Fogg of Hampton "late  
Deceased upon the 15 day of Aprill 1672;" taken by Thomas  
Marston and William Sanborn May 3, 1672; amount, £249.19.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2,  
p. 265.]

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**JOHN LARRIFORD** 1672

[Administration on the estate of John Larriford granted to  
Thomas Jackson of Portsmouth, March 26, 1672.]

[Administration was confirmed by the court June 25, 1672, and  
Thomas Jackson was required to give security for the estate as  
inventoried "for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> next heire that shall appeare to chal-  
leng y<sup>e</sup> same."]

[Court Records, June 25, 1672, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 186.]

[Inventory; amount, £16.12.5; signed by Elias Stileman and  
William Cotton; attested by the administrator June 25, 1672.]

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**PETER ADAMS** 1672

[Administration on the estate of Peter Adams granted by the  
commissioners to Thomas Jackson of Portsmouth, March 26, 1672.]

[Court Records, March 26, 1672, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 181.]

[Administration confirmed by the court June 25, 1672, and Thomas Jackson, presenting an inventory, "is enjoyned to give securitie to y<sup>e</sup> clarke to respond y<sup>e</sup> estate that it may be forth coming to y<sup>e</sup> right heire."]

[Court Records, June 25, 1672, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 186.]

["An Invoice of what Petter Adams ; Deceased the first of November 1671 left in the Custody of Thomas Jackson ; of Porchm<sup>o</sup> Cupp<sup>r</sup> ; amount, £9.15.8 ; witnessed by John Fletcher and William Irish ; attested by Thomas Jackson June 25, 1672.]

RICHARD YORK

1672

DOVER

In the Name of god Amen the later will and testament of Ritchard yorke whoe being well stricken in years but ripe in memory this 23 daye of appriell one thousand six hundred seventie and tow viz I doe leave and bequeath to my sonne John Yorke that I now live in my farme the dwelling howses and owtt howses with all & . . . privelidges and y<sup>e</sup> Apertinantes thereunto belonging together with y<sup>e</sup> stock whitch shall . . . upone y<sup>e</sup> farme after my deseas and y<sup>e</sup> legeses here mentioned to be payd and what stocke . . . and sheepe and swine shall be left after y<sup>e</sup> legeses be payed shall be equally devied between . . . sonne John yorke and daughter Elizabeth C—tie and my sonne . . . daughter grace yorke and like wise allso I doe leave and be queave to my wife . . . yorke duering here life time one third part of y<sup>e</sup> estate and one Cowe only my sonne John yorke paying y<sup>e</sup> just debts to any parson or parsons that can be made Justly appeare allso I doe leave and bequeath to my sonne Samuell yorke five pounds allso i doe leave and bequeath to my daughter Ratchell Halle five pounds and all so I doe leave and bequeath to my sonne Bengeman yorke that tractet of land which I hold by towne grant situate ling and being neare the second fale of Lamplriver adjoining unto that which wase latelye John Martaines lott together with one yoke of oxen and all so doe leave and bequeat to my

daughter grace yorke tenne pounds all soe leave and bequeath unto my tow grandchildren Richard yorke and Bengieman yorke fiftie shillings apeice all so my daughter grace yorke leges is to be payd at her day of marage or eightene yeres of age now I Richard living and being ripe in memorye doe now acknowledge this to be my last will and testament sined sealed and acknoled in y<sup>e</sup> pesence of us to be his act and deede dated y<sup>e</sup> 23 of apperell 1672

wittnesse us :)

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y<sup>e</sup> marke of X nicholous Doe :)

ffrancis Thorne :)

An Imp<sup>r</sup>fit will of Ric: Yorke brought in to the County Court held in portsm<sup>o</sup> 30 June 1674

this Court Appoynts his wid Eliza: york & Jo<sup>n</sup> york Administra<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> estate & ord<sup>r</sup> y<sup>t</sup> the estate be devied according to this im<sup>p</sup>fit will & give securty that they will ~~per~~form y<sup>e</sup> same accordingly

Elias Stileman Cleric

Eliza: yorke & Jn<sup>o</sup> yorke

[Inventory, March 27, 1674; amount, £264.13.0; signed by William Roberts, John Rand, Benjamin Matthews, and Thomas Willey.]

[Administration on the estate of Richard York of Dover was granted to his widow, Elizabeth York, and John York June 30, 1674, and they were ordered to divide the estate according to the terms of the will, which was imperfect; amount of inventory, £264.13.0. They gave bond for double the amount of the inventory, with Nicholas Doe and Samuel Willey as sureties.]

[Court Records, June 30, 1674, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 3.]

It is agreed betwixt William Graves on the one part, and John York his Son in law [step son] on y<sup>e</sup> other part; That what the sd William Graves hath received of Richard Yorks Estate deceased, It shall be to y<sup>e</sup> use of William & Elizabeth Graves The sometimes Widow of sd Richard York deceased, during the lives

of the sd William & Elizabeth Graves; which are, One feather bed and Boulster, with Blankets & Covering to it. 2<sup>ly</sup> That whereas Elizabeth Graves & John York her son jointly administered on sd Richard Yorks estate deceased, That the sd John York only shall be liable to pay all his deceased ffather Richard Yorks debts. 3<sup>ly</sup> That one third of all the sd Richard Yorks land deceased, whether in tillage, or meadow, or orchard, in being during the sd Richard Yorks life, shall be laid out on a com'on charge betwixt y<sup>e</sup> Parties beforesaid, & afterwards shall be to y<sup>e</sup> use of the sd Elizabeth Graves during her life, but after her decease to be to y<sup>e</sup> use of the sd John York & his heirs for ever. ffourthly, That the sd John York shall deliver to the sd Willia<sup>m</sup> Graves, One Cow, & ffive pounds in staves, and shall bear y<sup>e</sup> charge of the present Court at Dover. On the true performance of all the before said Articles these shall acquit from all difference w<sup>h</sup>soever betwixt the sd William Graves & John York to the day of the date hereof. In witness to the Articles above, We the Parties above articling, have mutually set to our hands this 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1681

Signed & delivered  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of  
Thomas Broughton  
John X shore  
his mark

The mark X of  
William Graves

Owned by William Graves & John York in Court held at Dover 7<sup>th</sup> June 1681, to be their act & deed.

Elias Stileman Record<sup>r</sup>

[Deeds, vol. 3, p. 182.]

WILLIAM JACKSON

1672

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of William Jackson of Portsmouth granted by the commissioners to Thomas Daniell May 8, 1672.]

[Court Records, May 8, 1672, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 181.]

[Inventory, July 5, 1672; amount, £8.15.3; sworn to by Thomas Daniell June 27, 1673.]

## ONESIPHOROUS HARVEY 1672 ISLES OF SHOALS

[Administration on the estate of Onesiphorous Harvey of the Isles of Shoals granted by the commissioners to Thomas Daniell May 8, 1672.]

[Court Records, May 8, 1672, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 181.]

## ALLEN LLOYD 1672 PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Allen Lloyd of Portsmouth, June 24, 1672; amount, £201.15.6; signed by Elias Stileman, John Fletcher, and John Pickering, appraisers.]

[Administration on the estate of Allen Lloyd of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Sarah Lloyd, who presented an inventory amounting to £202.15.6, and a list of liabilities amounting to £39.10.6.

“ffor y<sup>e</sup> settleing of y<sup>e</sup> estate y<sup>e</sup> Court ord<sup>d</sup> that the house & Land on w<sup>ch</sup> it standeth be to y<sup>e</sup> son of s<sup>d</sup> Lyde when he shalbe of age & y<sup>e</sup> thirteene acres at y<sup>e</sup> pulpet & y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> estate be to y<sup>e</sup> widow for paying of y<sup>e</sup> debts & bringing up y<sup>e</sup> child & the whole to remaine in her hand untill y<sup>e</sup> child be of age, & the thirds thereof during her life.”

[Court Records, June 25, 1672, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 187.]

## JOHN GODDARD 1672

In th<sup>e</sup> name of god Amen, th<sup>e</sup> Second of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred and Seventy Second being but Sickly in body Item I give and bequeath my whole Estate as above Said unto my very loving brother Brother Benjamin Godward always provided th<sup>t</sup> So long as my mother wealthin Simmons liveth th<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Estate Shall remain in the hands of my S<sup>d</sup> mother and brother as now it is in the hands of my S<sup>d</sup> mother and myne own and after my S<sup>d</sup> Mothers decease to be totally and Soly to the right and to behoof of my S<sup>d</sup> Brother Benjamin godward forever; Ex-

cept thirty pounds w<sup>ch</sup> I will and bequeath to the three Sons of my three Sisters ; viz John Gilman ten pounds John Bennet ten pounds James Thomas Jun<sup>r</sup> ten pounds to be paid to them when they come of age ; and I do Constitute and ordain Robert Burnam and John Davis to be Executors of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and Seall

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John Simmons X

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[Proved June 4, 1694.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 91.]

JOSEPH BAKER

1672

ISLES OF SHOALS

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Baker, "who dyed intestate on Iles of sholes," granted by the commissioners to Edward Beale Nov. 2, 1672.]

[Court Records, Nov. 2, 1672, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 195.]

[Inventory of the estate of Joseph Baker, who died Oct. 16, 1672 ; dated Nov. 19, 1672 ; amount, £39.11.2 ; signed by James Blagdon, Edward Soule, Peter Twisden, Elias Stileman, Nathaniel Fryer, and James Rendell.]

[Administration confirmed by the court, and inventory presented, amounting to £39.11.2.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1673, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 202.]

The Deposition of Mary Twisden aged about 41 years :

This depolant Sworne Saith that Joseph backer when he lay one his death beed in the house of her husbands the Said backer

did wish that Edward Beale was com shee asked of him what he would have of the said Beale he the Said Backer said he would willingly speake w<sup>th</sup> him for he did owe to him the greatest debt that he did owe in the world & that the Said Beale should take his house & land & all that he had and pay his debts for he had enough to pay his debts & to burie him like a man & ferther saith not :

Taken upon oath by m<sup>rs</sup> Mary Twisden y<sup>e</sup> 10 July 1673

before me Elias Stileman Com<sup>'is</sup>

The deposition of Phillipe Hatch Aboute 22 years

This depolant Sworne Saith that Joseph Backer did goe to sea w<sup>th</sup> him in a shollope of Peter Twisdens & that Sum'er before the Said Backer died & he hard the Said Backer say that Sum'er manie times that he did owe Edward Beale eightene pounds w<sup>th</sup> was more than he did ow to all the world besids & furthe saith not :

10 July 1673 taken upon oath by phillip Hatch

before me Elias Stileman Com<sup>'is</sup>

The deposition of Peter Twisden aged about 45 years

This depolant Sworne Saith that Joseph Backer lying one his death bed at his house he desird him to Set his busines in order for he was in a very Sicke Condishon & the Said Backer anserd him he had done that allredie for Edward Beale should take all & pay all if he died for he was most In debt to him & further saith not

Taken upon oath y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1673 by m<sup>r</sup> peter Twisden before me \

Elias Stileman Com<sup>'is</sup>

The deposition of John Windsland aged about 41 years

This depolant sworne Saith that he was in the house of Peter Twisden Watching w<sup>th</sup> Joseph Backer when the Said Backer lay one his death bed & Edward Bale being their w<sup>th</sup> him he hard the Said Backer Say that Edward Beale should take his house & pay himselfe & further saith not.

10 : July 1673 taken upon oath by Jn<sup>o</sup> Winsland before me

Elias Stileman Comis<sup>'</sup>

WILLIAM HAM

1672

PORTSMOUTH

The Last Will and Testament of Willyam Ham S<sup>en</sup> of Portsmouth in The River of piscatque \* \* \*

I<sup>t</sup> I Give To my Grandchild Willyam Ham all That My now dwelling House & houseing with all The Lands Thereto belonging fensed and unfensced Soe far as The Spring That wee use To fetch water att In The Som'er Time Commonly Called The furthe Spring and Soe to th North weste ward as my bounds doth Runn with all my whole estate both of household Goods of w<sup>t</sup> kind Soever with all my Cattell of w<sup>t</sup> sorte soever xcepting one red Cow—

I<sup>t</sup> I Give To my other too Grand Children Thomas Ham And John Ham To be divided equally betweene Them All The Reste of my Lands to me belonging begin'ing at The further spring where my Grand Child willyam Ham endeth and so To Take itt as itt is Laid out and Recorded In The Towns Records In portsmouth with all The priviledges theire unto belonging—

I<sup>t</sup> I Give to my daughter Elizabeth Cotten my Red Cow and all her Children Liveing twellpense apeese In The Name of a Legasy—

And further I doe hereby Make my said Grand Child willy<sup>m</sup> Ham my full and whole Executor and To se This my Will performed :: and doe appointe John Hunkinge and Richard Jackson to be my overseers of This my Will accordin to The true intente Thereof In wittnees hereof i have here unto sett my hand and Seale This twenty one day of December Annoe Dominy 1672—

Sealed Singned And Delivered willyam ham [seal]

In The presense of us

Richard Cutt

The marke of

Willyam X king

John Stanley

[Proved June 27, 1673.]

[Inventory of the estate of William Ham, who died Jan. 26, 1672/3; taken Jan. 27, 1672/3: amount, £122.17.0; signed by John Hunking and Richard Jackson.]



WILLIAM MARSTON 1672

HAMPTON

the last will & testament of william marston sen<sup>r</sup> of hamton who being through the mercy of god of perfit & sound memory & understanding as followeth I bequeath my soull to him that gave it & my boddi to the earthe I give to my Eldest Sonn Thomas marston five shillines & to my son william marston five shillings & to my sonn John marston five shillings & to my dawt<sup>r</sup> preudenc Coxes five shillings to be paid with . . . twelf month after my deces all the Reast of my estat goodes Chattelles Debtes moveables & what elsed is any maner of wayes appertaining or belonging unto me I give unto my Dawter Trifana & I dooe make my beloved wife Sabina my Sole Excekketor unto this my last will & Teastament for the Confirmation hear of I have here unto sett my hand & seall the 25 of Jauen on thousand six hundred seventy & twoe

witness Nathanel Drak

Jane Drak

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william Marston senior

[Proved Oct. 8, 1672.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 263.]

[Inventory of the estate; personal, taken by Nathaniel Drake and Thomas Marston, 1672; amount, £73.10.0; real, taken by Nathaniel Drake and John Locke; amount, £50.0.0; total amount, £123.10.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 263.]

STEPHEN BATCHELDER 1673

[Administration on the estate of Stephen Batchelder granted to William Richards, husband of Mary Richards, daughter of the deceased, March 26, 1673.]

[Court Records, March 26, 1673, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 194.]

GILES FULLER                      1673                      HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Giles Fuller of Hampton granted to Thomas Ward of Hampton and Richard Currier of Amesbury, Mass., April 8, 1673.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 13.]

[Inventory, taken by Thomas Marston, Abraham Perkins, and William Marston April 8, 1673; amount, £153.5.3.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 284.]

— TRUEWORTHY                      1673

[Guardianship of James Trueworthy was granted to Nicholas Shapleigh June 24, 1673, this choice being made by the ward.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1673, in Deeds, vol. 2, p. 199.]

JASPER BLAKE                      1673                      HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen—

I Jasper Blake of Hampton in the County of Norfolk in the Collony of the Massachusits being sicke & weake and Languishing under a sore Desease which in the Judgment of man will bring my fraile body to the Dust from whence itt was taken, doe make this my Last will as followeth \* \* \*

And for whatt Estate God Hath Given mee in this world my will is that my Just Debts being payd my whole Estate (Excepting whatt is otherways disposed of) shall bee & Remaine in the Hands of Deborah my Beloved wife Dureing the terme of Her life for her subsistans & the Releife of those Children which are yett to bee Brought up

And my further will is thatt my sone Timothie shall Injoy of my third partt of the farme for his p'sentt Improvementt twenty

Acres of upland & fower Acres of medow for the which he shall Afford such Helpe & Assistance to my wife as they shall Agree upon, and att my wives Decease the sd  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the farme being one Hundred Acres as Appears by a deed of Gift from m<sup>r</sup> Timothy Dalton of Hampton Deceased thatt my sones Timothie & Israell shall Injoy the sd Hundred Acres of land betwixt them to bee Equally Devided both upland & medow and when my wife shall appoint they the sd Timothie & Israell and to pay legacyes to my other Children which Have no land so as itt Exceed nott ten pound for Either of them

Item I doe Give unto my Daughter Deborah Blake one of my Cowes to be Delivered to Her by my Exequetor att Her marriag or att the Age of twenty two yers: and five pound more to bee payd within a year after Her mothers Decease if she bee then living

It I Give & Bequeth unto my son John Blake my lott wher I now live Containing aboutt Eigh[t] Acres more or less as itt is and one share of the Cowes Comon and Six Acres of Salt marsh the which he is to Enter upon and possesse att my wives Decease, paying to my other Children such legacyes as my wife shall appointt nott Exceeding ten pound

Item I Give unto my sone Jasper Blake my Grant of land at the west end of Hampton bounds Called Hampton New plantation being Eighty Acres as Appears by the towne Records the which he is to Enter upon and possesse after my wives Decease

and my will is that all the land & moveables shall Remaine att my wives Dispose the land for Improvementt & the Movables to Her dispose to Her & Her Heires for Ever, and for whatt land my sons Timothie Israell or John shall Improve in the life time of my wife I leave itt to Her & my overseere to treatt with them & Conclude whatt allowanc they or Either of them shall make to my wife for her subsistans & for the Releife of my small Children; and I doe Apoint Deborah my Beloved wife to bee my Sole Exceqatrex this my last will and testamentt, and I doe Desire & Request my Cossen m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dalton to bee as an oveveere and to

Have the desiding of any Differanc that any time may Arise betwixt my wife and any other Person Conserved in this my last will and for the Confermation of this as my last will and testamentt I have Herunto sett my Hand & Seale this Eighteenth Day of July in the year of o' lord one thousand Six Hundred & Seaventy and three

Signed Sealed and Confermed  
in the p'sents of us

Jasper X Blake [Seal]  
His marke & Seale

Christopher Hussey  
Samuell Dalton

[Proved April 14, 1674.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 324.]

[Inventory, taken by Samuel Dalton and Christopher Hussey Jan. 21, 1673/4; amount, £265.10.0; sworn to by Deborah Blake, executrix, April 14, 1674.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 2, p. 324.]

It is agreed Between Timothie Blake & John Blake adminestrators to the Estate of Jasper Blake and thet six Children of the sayd Jasper blake as followeth viz thatt Deborah the wife of Elieasor Elkins hath her partt as appears by a Receiptt under the Hand of the sd Eliazor Elkins, and for the other five Children itt is agreed by the sd Timothie & John Blake thatt they shall Receive the some of fiftie pounds thatt is to say ten pound a peece as they Come to age and for the paymentt of the sd fifty pound to the sd five Children we the sd Timothie and John Blake Doe hereby Ingage thatt the Land of the sd Jasper Blake shall ly Responsible for the paymentt of the sd legacies and Hereto wee sett our Hands this tenth Day of november 1679

wittnes  
mehetabel Dalton  
Elizabeth Dalton

timothy blake  
John X Blake his mark

Timothie Blake and John Blake signed and owned this wrighting the 10<sup>th</sup> 9 mo 1679 Before mee

Samuell Dalton Comissoner

[Allowed Nov. 11, 1679.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

THOMAS ROBERTS 1673

DOVER

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Robearts Sen<sup>r</sup> of the Towne of Dover in Piscattaqua River, in New England yeoman beeing weake of Body \* \* \*

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sone John Robearts, of Dover, aforesaid, the sume of Twenty shill<sup>s</sup> in Currant money of New England, to be paid, by my Executo<sup>r</sup>, three monethes, after my discease

Item I give and bequeath, unto my Sone, Thomas Robearts, the sum'e of five shillings, in money to be paid at or within the Space of three monethes, after my disease, by my Executo<sup>r</sup>

Item I give, and bequeath, unto my Daughter, Hester (now the wife of John Martyn, of New Jarze) the sume of five shillings in money, to be paid, by my Executo<sup>r</sup>, three monethes, after my discease, if demanded,—

Item I give, and bequeath unto my Daughter Anne (now the wife of James Philbrooke, of Hampton) the sum'e of five shill<sup>s</sup>, in money to be paid, by my Executo<sup>r</sup>, at or within the Space, of three monethes, after my discease, as is above men'coned.—

Item I give, and bequeath, unto my daughter Elizabeth, now the wife, of Benjamin Heard, of Cochechock, the sume of five shillings, in money to be paid, at, or within, the Space, of three monethes, after my discease by my Executo<sup>r</sup>.

Item I give, and bequeath, unto my Sone, in Law Richard Rich, the husband, of my dearly beloved daughter Sarah, and to his heires, Lawfully begotten (or to bee begotten) on the Body of my said Daughter (be it Either Males, or females) the Males, to bee Ever p<sup>r</sup>ferred, before the females, and the elder, before

the younger, and to his, and their assignes forever, my dwelling house, where in, I now dwell, Lieing and Scituate, in Dover aforesaid, to gether also, with all, and Singular, the Out houseing, Orchards, planting Land, and pastures, within fence, or Laying, in Common priviledge, of Commons, proffitts, of Commodities, Advantages, hereditam<sup>ts</sup>, and appurtenances, whatsoever, thereunto belonging, or in any wise, appertaining, and now in my owne Tenure, and occupac'on, and also, a Lott of fouer Acres, of planting Land, lieing and Scituate, in Dover aforesaid, neare my Said dwelling house, and Likewise three Acres, of marsh, by Estimac'on, bee it more or Lesse, Lieing, and Scituate, at the mouth of Winnycott River, neare Greenland, in Piscattaqua River, aforesaid, which I doe now possess, and Enjoy, and also, I doe nominate, make choice of, and appoint, my s<sup>d</sup> Sone in Law Rich<sup>d</sup> Rich to bee my whole and Sole Executo<sup>r</sup>, (& in Case of Mortallity, my Daught<sup>r</sup> Sarah above menc'on'd) to Execute, or see Executed, this my Last will, and Testament, according to the purport, true Intent, and meaning thereof, and in Testimony, that this is my Last will, and Testament, Irrevocably, I have hereunto, putt my hand and seale Dated in Dover, aforemenc'on'd, this Twenty Seaventh day of Septemb<sup>r</sup>, One Thousand Six hundred Seaventy & three. 1673.

Signed Sealed and Deliv<sup>d</sup>  
in the p'sents of us.

Thomas Roberts [seal]

Job Clements Sener  
Job Clements Ju witnesseth  
Richard Allexander  
[Proved June 30, 1674.]

NICHOLAS SMITH 1673

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Nicholas Smith of Exeter was granted to his widow, Mary Smith, Oct. 14, 1673.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records, Oct. 14, 1673, and Deeds, vol. 4, p. 22.]

[Inventory of the estate of Nicholas Smith, "died June 22<sup>th</sup>, 1673"; taken by John Clark and Jonathan Thing July 1, 1673; amount, £129.5.6.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

JOHN CASS

1674

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen

The last will and Testament of John Cass of Hampton in the County of Norfolk in New England being sick & weake of Body

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Imp: I Give and Bequeath unto Martha Cass my Beloved Wife all my whole stock of Cattle Both of one kind and other and all my other moveables both within dores and without to hir heires and Assignes for Ever. Also I Give unto Martha Cass my wife all my Houseing and Lands in Hampton Both Upland and medows Dureing the time of hir widdowhood And at her Deceas or Day of marriage

itt I Give and Bequeath unto my two sons Joseph and Samuell all my upland Belonging to the farme with all my Housses orchard and the Lot which my House standeth upon and the Comonage belonging to my part of the farme as also all my medow and marsh of the uper Devision downe to the Great Crick Below the Dame (my meaning is that Part of the Crick Below the Dam wher the water Ebbeth Northerly shall be their easterly bonds so far as that Part of the Crick Runs in my marsh the said Houses, Barne, Lands, medows to be equally devided Between them my intent is that Samuell shall devide the Land and medows and Joseph shall Chuse which Part he will have and likewise that Samuell shall sett the price of houseing and Barne and if Joseph shall have his Choyce to take the houses and Barne and to pay unto samuell one halfe of the price so set upon them and if Joseph shall Refuse the Houses and Barne Samuell shall have them Paying unto Joseph one halfe of the price so set by samuell all which Land and medows & Houses they shall Enter upon and

injoy mediately after my wifes Deceas or at the Day of her Mariage alwaies provided that they shall have no power to make sale of any of their Land till they shall arive to the age of twenty and eight yeares if they should enter upon it before

itt I Give unto my Daughter Abigall the sum of twenty pounds to be paid to hir by my Wife

itt I Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth twenty pounds to be paid by my two sons Joseph and Samuell in Corne & neat Cattle ten pounds to be paid within one yeare after they enter upon their Lands and the other ten pounds the Next year after to be payd in the same specie

itt I give unto my Daughter Mercy twenty pounds to be paid to her by Joseph and Samuell in Corne and neat Cattle ten pounds to be paid within three yeares after they enter upon their Lands and the other ten pounds within one yeare after my intent is that Joseph and Samuell shall pay equall shares of the forty pounds to Elizabeth & Mercy

itt I Give unto my two sons Jonathan And Ebenezer all the Rest of my marsh from the abovesd Great Crick to the Maine River by sandy point all my land at the New plantation and my out Land of the North Devision and one share of the Cow Comon all to be equally devided : between them accor[d]ing to the Goodnes or Worth of itt and they shall enter upon the said Lands and marshes imediatly after my wifes Deceas or at the day of her Mariage but my intent and meaning is that if any of my Children be under age when their inheritance is due to them by this my will that it shalbe improved by my executors for their Benifitt till they are of age neither shall my two yongest sons Jonathan and Ebenezer have power to make sale of any Land given them by this my will till they shall arive at the age of twenty eight years if they shall enter upon it before : and I do apoint my beloved Wife martha Cass and my Loveing Brothers Philip Lews and Thomas Philbrick executrix & executors to this my will and testiment which I doe confirme by seting to my hand and seale

itt I ad before the signeing and sealeing that My Daughter Mar-



tha hath alReady had thirty pounds and My Daughter Mary Hath had Cows & other things which my intent is shall be their Portions In Confirmation of all the Abovesd premisses I have set my hand & seale this fourth of the third month in the yeare of our Lord 1674

Read Signed & sealed in the  
preassents of

Thomas Philbrick

Joseph Dow

Samuel philbrick

[Proved April 13, 1675.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 3.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Cass who died April 7, 1675; taken by Edward Gove and Joseph Dow; amount, £1,037.8.6.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 4.]

Wheras by the Last will and Testament of my Honoured father John Cass Late of hampton Deceased the Land Given to his two Eldest sons Viz Joseph Cass and Samuell Cass, as by the sd will is more att large to bee seen and Understood, and the sd Samuell Cass Being appointed to Divide the said Land into two parts Both Upland and medow and then Joseph Case to make Choyce of his partt, these p'sents wittneseth that the sayd Land hath been Divided by my Brother Samuell Cass Acording to my fathers Last will and the Dividing bounds hath Been shewed to mee the sd Joseph Cass this 26 Day of July 1680 and I the sd Joseph Cass have this Day made Choyce of the north Division of all the Upland and medows on the East side of the Country way According to the Bounds fixed by my Brother Samuell and on the westerly side of the Country way I the sd Joseph have made Choyce of the south Division bounded with the land of Thomas Chase towards the south and the Country way East: Com'on land west and a way into the Com'ons towards the north and my partt as is above

mentioned I Doe by these p'sents owne my selfe fully Satiesfied & Contented with and to this Choyce and Agreement I have Subscribed my hand and Seale, and my Brother Samuell Cass is to have the other partt, and all the houses and Buildings standing there Upon: for the which I Have taken bill Under his hand for my partt & p<sup>r</sup>portion of all the houses which my father Left as they are now in being: wittness my hand & seale this 5 of November 1680

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Joseph Cass [seal]  
 the p'sents of Us  
 Samuell Sherburn  
 Philemon Dalton

[Deeds, vol. A, p. 58.]

whereas by the Last will and testament of my Honoured father John Cass Late of Hampton Deceased the Lands Given by the sd will Unto His two Eldest sons Viz Joseph Cass and Samuell Cass was by the sd Samuell Cass to be Divided into two parts and after Division the sayd Joseph Cass was to make Choyce of his partt of both Upland and medow

These p'sents wittnesseth that the sd Land Haveing Been Divided according to the sd will and the Dividing Bounds shewed Unto the sd Joseph Cass the 26 Day of July in the year of our Lord 1680 and the sd Joseph haveing made Choyce of his partt as appears by a wrighting Under his hand & Seale Bearing Even Date with these p'sents & I the sd Samuell Case Doe by these p'sents Declare my selfe well Satiesfied with his Choyce and Doe Accept of the other partt of the Land Vize the South partt of all the Upland & medow thatt lyeth on the East side of the Country way and with the north Division on the west side of the Country way and have taken into my partt all the houseing thatt are now in being into my partt: and have Given to my brother Joseph security Under my hand for his partt of all the houses as they are now in being and thatt my Brother Joseph Shall peacably Injoy his partt & thatt I Doe Rest Satiesfied with the other partt: I

have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this 5 of November 1680 :  
with this p̄viso thatt my Brother Joseph Cass shall have the use  
of all the Houseing both Dwelling house & out houses this winter  
and the Easterly End of the house Untill the 24 Day of June next  
Insueing

Signed Sealed & Delivered in                      Samuell Cass [seal]  
the p̄sents of Us  
    Samuell Sherburn  
    Philemon Dalton  
[Deeds, vol. A, p. 59.]

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THOMAS SIMONDS                      1674

The Last will and Testament of Thomas Simons as ffolloweth  
Inp<sup>rt̄</sup> I aforesaid do Comemend my Soule in to the hands of  
Almighty God my Maker & Christ Jesus my Saviour & Redeemer,  
and my Body to Christian Buriall.

It I doe Constute & ordaine My wife to bee my True & Law-  
full Executrix to demaund & Receive all such moneyes as is due  
to mee & alsoe to pay all such debts as is lawfully due from mee  
as shall appeare

It. I doe in my Executrix place & steed Constute & ordaine  
my trusty and well beloved ffreind & Neighbour to bee my Execu-  
tr intrust to demaund lawfully what money is due to mee & to pay  
w<sup>t</sup> is due ffrom mee here in New England, that is to say Henry  
Maine; here of the Isles of Sholes and this I doe make as my  
Last will as aforesd this seaventh day of May Anno Domini 1674

Sealed & signed    the signe of  
in y<sup>e</sup> p̄sents of    Thomas X Symons [seal]  
    Michaell Endell  
    Arthur Clapham.  
[Proved June 16, 1674. Allowed July 2, 1674.]

JOHN DEW

1674

In y<sup>e</sup> name of God Amen : I John Dew of Piscataway river seaman beinge : sick In body : yet In Perficet memory Praysed : be God I doe : as my Last will & Testment. Constiute ordayne & apointe my well beloved frind Robart : Rowsley : to be my hole & Sole Exceutor & adminstratr : of all y<sup>e</sup> Goods & money y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> sayed John Dew : hath : Lefte according to Inventory Tacken : at y<sup>e</sup> macking of this my Last will & Testament. & w<sup>t</sup> I shall have Left : after : my departur all things discharged : I doe bequeth unto y<sup>e</sup> Above sayed Robart : Rowsley. & for y<sup>e</sup> Performance of this my Last : accte & deed I doe desire my Loving frind Samuell Keais as one to se y<sup>e</sup> Above sayed Premises Efeceted : as wittness my hand this thirteyeth of May 1674

Seald & Delivered  
in the p<sup>r</sup>sence of us :  
John ffletcher  
ffran. Morgan

The marke of  
John X Due [seal]

[Presented in court June 30, 1674. See Court Records.]

JOSEPH POMEROY

1674

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Pomeroy granted to his widow, Elizabeth Pomeroy, June 30, 1674, who presented an inventory of £82.7.0.]

[Court Records, June 30, 1674, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 6.]

[Administration on the estates of Joseph Pomeroy and his wife, Elizabeth Pomeroy, granted to John Hunking Dec. 30, 1674, and he was ordered to care for the children until the meeting of the county court.]

[Court Records, Dec. 30, 1674, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 6.]

[Inventory of the estate of Joseph Pomeroy, "taken after his wiffs desec october the Last 1674"; amount, £77.15.0; signed by John Barsham and William Cotton; attested by John Pickering Jan. 27, 1674/5.]

[Administration granted to John Pickering June 29, 1675, and the court ordered "that he doe not dispose of any of y<sup>e</sup> estate without y<sup>e</sup> consent & approbacion of m<sup>r</sup> John Hunking & Elias Stileman w<sup>th</sup> whose consent the whole estate shalbe disposed & Sold to pay his debts & maintaine that child of his putt to goodm: Bowmans of portsm<sup>o</sup> to Nurse & Keepe, & if there be any thing to spare to be for the other child w<sup>th</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hunking hath taken to Keepe as his owne."]

[Court Records, June 29, 1675, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 9.]

[John Hunking petitioning the court for compensation for main-  
ing John Pomeroy, son of Joseph Pomeroy, the court, June 27,  
1676, bound the child to John Hunking as an apprentice until he  
should reach the age of twenty-two years, being aged five years  
Jan. 20, 1675/6.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 16.]

[John Bowman, having taken Abigail Pomeroy, a young child  
of Joseph Pomeroy, and asking the court for her apprenticeship,  
the court, June 27, 1676, binds her to him until she is nineteen  
years old.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 16.]

[Inventory of the estate was presented to the court June 27,  
1676, by John Pickering, administrator, and the court ordered that  
John Bowman have £12 out of the movables.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 18.]

## JOHN LINES

1674

## ISLES OF SHOALS

The Last Will, and Testament of John Lines now resident upon  
y<sup>e</sup> Ile of Shoales ffisherman, and being of perfect memory, made  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1674 :

Imprimis: I do give, and bequeath unto my loveing Sister  
Mary Johns, threescore pounds

2: I do give, and bequeath unto my loveing sister Wilmot  
Williams, threescore pounds :—

3: I do also give, and bequeath unto my brother in law Nicholas Johns, ten pounds, if liveing, if not, I give it to my Sister, mary Johns;

4: I do also give unto my Brother in law, Edward Williams, ten pounds, if liveing, if not, I give it to my Sister, Wilmot Williams:—

5: I give, and bequeath unto my necce Ebbet Parsons, Daughter to my Sister, mary Johns, Twenty pounds:—

6 What shall, (after the paiment, of the abovesaid Legacies) remaine of my Estate, I doe give unto the godly poor, and needy, Non-Conformists ministers, or others, and the Disposeal of the same, I leave to the wisdom, and discretion, of the Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John fflavel, and m<sup>r</sup> Robert Bake merchant, of Dartmouth, whom I do hereby appoint to be the Executors, and Administrators of this my will:

And because my Estate now lieth in New England, where I now reside, I do hereby appoint my loveing friends, m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Belcher and m<sup>r</sup> John fletcher, residents in New England, Overseers of this my will, In my name, to demand, and receive into their Custody, all my Estate, whether at present in my hands, or others; and due to me by Bill, Bond, or otherwise, and to Conveigh the same, to the abovesaid Executors, they calling for it, and Convenient opportunities presenting for the sending of it, that this my will may be fulfilled:—

7: And I do hereby give unto the above named, overseers, m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Belcher minister of the Ile of shoales and m<sup>r</sup> John fletcher chirurgion, in Portsmouth in New England, Ten pounds apeice, for the labour, and paines they shall take in the premises:—This is my last will, and Testament, wittness my hand, and Seal, the day and year above written:—

Signed and sealed,  
in the presence of  
Peter Twisden &  
John ffabes

John X Lines [seal]  
his marke;

[Proved June 29, 1675.]

[Inventory, June 16, 1675; amount, £729.13.0; signed by John Fabes and Christopher Joce.]

JONATHAN THING 1674

[Inventory of the estate of "Jonathan Thing senior Late deceased the 29 of April anno 1674"; taken by John Gilman and William Moore; amount, £444.17.7; attested by Joanna Thing and Jonathan Thing, administrators, Oct. 13, 1674; addition to inventory of £137.10.0, Nov. 17, 1676.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 18.]

[List of debts due from the estate; amount, £534.7.8.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

An agreement Made and Concluded by and betweene Johanna Thing Administratrix And Jonathan Thing Administrator to y<sup>e</sup> estate of Jonathan Thing of Exetor in the County of norfolke Deceased

Impr: It is agreed by us to Manage y<sup>e</sup> estate together Joyntly as Copartners untill either -or both of us doe Chang our Conditions by Marage; and Improve the estate for our owne Lively hod and bringing up of y<sup>e</sup> Children and wee Indeaveing to give them education to our abillity and when they Come of age samuell Thing to receive: 25 pounds for his portion: and Elizabeth Thing and Marey Thing to receive: 20 pounds apeece those portions to be payed oute of y<sup>e</sup> estate part in Land and part in Moveable goods out of y<sup>e</sup> estate at such prices as it is Aprized in the Inventory: and we ingage to pay all Just debts; and desire to receive all due Debts: this is our agreem<sup>t</sup> in Case y<sup>e</sup> honoured Courtt please to Approve of it as witnes our hands this: 9<sup>th</sup> day of octob: 1676

Johana Thing

Jonathan Thing

Johannah Thing & Jonathing presenting to this Court an agreement betw: them w<sup>th</sup> relation to a settlement of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Jona-

than Thing deceased & to y<sup>e</sup> bringing up of his Children; & their portions to be paid them w<sup>n</sup> they come of age & this Court haveing seene y<sup>e</sup> Inventorie of Debt & Credit of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Estate This Court doe approve & allow of the said agreement dated October y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>: 1676, & order y<sup>e</sup> said portions to y<sup>e</sup> children mentioned, and doe farther order that y<sup>e</sup> house & land mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> Inventorre & valued at 8<sup>ll</sup> w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> six acres & half of Salt marsh valued at 19<sup>ll</sup> 10<sup>s</sup>: shall lye responsible for y<sup>e</sup> Childrens portions: And doe judge meet to release the administrators fro<sup>m</sup> their bonds given upon taking Letters of Administration

Tho: Bradbury rec<sup>r</sup>

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 19.]

JOHN SCRIBNER

1674

DOVER

The 27<sup>th</sup> of Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1674 I Jn<sup>o</sup> Scriven of Dover being Sick & weak in body \* \* \*

It I doe give unto my Wife Mary Scriven the one third part of my house & land dureing her Naturall life as also two Cowes two Swine one ffeatherbed & bolster & the bed clothes belonging to it & two sheep

It I give unto my Eldest Son John when he Comes to be of y<sup>e</sup> Age of twentie one years my house & all my land w<sup>th</sup> all the priviledges therunto belonging onely reserveing the third thereof to my Wife dureing her Naturall life as alsoe he paying unto my two younger sons Edward & Thomas ffive pounds a peece w<sup>n</sup> they come to be twentie one years of Age & ffive pound to my daughter Elizabeth when she comes to be of the Age of Eighteen Years to be paid in the Currant Pay of the place

Item I Give all the Remainder of my estate in Moveables or any debts in y<sup>e</sup> hands of any p<sup>er</sup>son into the hands of my Overseers hereafter Mentioned to be Improved ffor y<sup>e</sup> Education & bringing up of my Children in whose hands I likewise leave my Children to be disposed of w<sup>th</sup> the Advise of my Wife & doe hereby Apoint my Son Jn<sup>o</sup> to be y<sup>e</sup> sole Execut<sup>r</sup> of this my last Will



& Testament & ffor my Overseers to Manage him & the estate till he Comes to be of the Age of twenty one years And lastly I doe desire & Apoint my loveing ffrriends & Neighbours Elder W<sup>m</sup> Wentworth L<sup>t</sup> Peter Coffin to be my trustees & Overseers to See this my last will & Testament performed As Wittnesse my hand & seal the day & year beforewritten

Signed & Sealed  
in p<sup>r</sup>sence of  
Richard Waldron Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Stephen Otis  
[Proved June 27, 1676.]

the mark of  
John X Scriven [seal]

[Inventory of the estate of John Scribner, who died Oct. 2, 1675; taken Oct. 8, 1675; amount, £79.16.0; signed by John Heard, Edward Colcord, and Nathaniel Stevens.]

PETER JOHNSON

1674

HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Peter Johnson of Hampton, taken by William Sanborn and John Moulton Dec. 7, 1674; amount, £184.4.0. Some of the land (valued at £16) was claimed by James Johnson.

Ruth Johnson was appointed administratrix of the estate April 13, 1675. Sureties on her bond were William Sanborn and John Moulton.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 10.]

[Order of court, Oct. 9, 1677, that the lands belonging to the estate of Peter Johnson of Hampton be responsible for the maintenance of his four children.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records, Oct. 9, 1677, and Deeds, vol. 4, p. 55.]

HATEVIL NUTTER

1674

DOVER

I Hatevill Nutter of Dover in New England Aged about seventy one yeares at p<sup>r</sup>sent weake in body but havinge in some good meashure (by gods blessinge) the use of my understandinge and

memory, Do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme as followeth, hereby abrogatinge all former and other wills by me made, whatsoever

Com'endinge my soule to my blessed god & saviour, my body to the Dust by christian buriall in hopes of a glorious resurrection, I appoint and will my outward estate to be had and held as followeth viz: To my p'sent wife Anne. I will & bequeath (after my Debts payed and funerall expenses defrayed) the use and improvement of my p'sent Dwellinge house barne orchard & land thereunto adjoininge, with all com'ons pastures priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonginge, as also the use & benefit of that marsh which belonges to me in the great Bay, at Harwoods cove, the other halfe whereof I have formerly given to my son Anthony, this also descendinge to him at his mothers Decease, To her also I bequeath the use of two other marshes, the one of them lyinge on the easterne, the other on the western side of the back river, which both fall from her to my Daughter mary Winget To her also my said wife I bequeath the use of my houshold stuff cattle Debtes goodes & all other movables whatsoever; that is to say the above bequeathed partes of my estate I bequeath to her use Duringe her widdowhood, but if she shall see meet to marry I appoint that at or before her Marriage, halfe the movables be equally Devided amongst my three children now livinge viz: Anthony, Mary & Abigaile their heires executors administrators or assignes and that then my Daughter Mary receive the marsh on the eastern side of the back river. The other halfe of the movables, and the house & land & other marshes to continue in her handes and use duringe her life, and at her Decease to descend as followeth—

To my sonne Anthony Nutter his heires and assignes I Bequeath (besides what I have formerly made over to him) my mill-graunt at Lamprill River with all dues and Demands priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonginge to be had and held by him or them forever after my Decease. To him also I bequeath one third part of my movables as they fall from his mother at her

marriage or Decease as abovesaid. To him I also bequeath my p'sent dwelling house barne orchard and land on dover neck with my right in the ox pasture calve pasture sheep pasture on the said neck as also one quarter part of my land graunted to be in the woodes above Cuchechea, with the priviledges and appurtenances belonginge to any and every of them, to be had and held by him or them his said heires or assignes forever after the Decease of his mother. To my Daughter Abigail Roberts I Bequeath one halfe of my two hundred acres of Land granted to be in the woodes above cuchechea to be had & held by her her heires and assignes for ever after my Decease. Also to her I give one third part of my movables to be received as abovesaid when they fall fro<sup>m</sup> her mother at marriage or Decease. To my Daughter Mary Winget her heires or assignes I bequeath the other quarter of the abovesaid Land graunted to be above cuchechea to be had & held by her or them for ever after my Decease To her also I Give my marsh on the eastern side of the back river to be had & held by her her heires or assignes forever after the marriage, or Decease of her mother. To her also I give the other third part of the movables as they fall from her mother by mariage or decease as abovesaid. Lastly I Do by these p'sents Constitute and appoint, my wife Anne abovesaid and my said sonne Anthony, joint executor and executrix of this my will, duringe their lives, and the longer liver of them solely after the Decease of either of them. In wittnes of the p'mises I doe hereunto set my hand & seale this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> Anno. D. 1674

The word (mother) interlined                                  Hatevill Nutter [seal]  
betweene the 40<sup>th</sup> & 41<sup>st</sup> Line,  
before signing & sealinge

Wittness

Jn<sup>o</sup> Reyn<sup>r</sup>

John Robearts

[Proved June 29, 1675. See Court Records.]

[Inventory, June 25, 1675; amount, £398.7.4; signed by Henry Langstaff and Peter Coffin.]

JAMES DREW

1674

[Administration on the estate of James Drew granted to his widow, Mary Drew, Dec. 30, 1674; she and John Moses gave bonds of £300.]

[Inventory, June 25, 1675; amount, £151.13.0; signed by John Sherburne and John Moses; attested by John Sherburne June 26, 1675.]

[Endorsed] the wid drew brought in an Inventory of y<sup>e</sup> estate Unto w<sup>ch</sup> she tooke oath

& y<sup>e</sup> Court ord that y<sup>e</sup> widow have all the moveables to her selfe for ever & the whole estate for bringing up the children during y<sup>e</sup> Courts pleasure

Elias Stileman Cleric

THOMAS START

1674

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Start granted to Capt. Richard Cutt Dec. 30, 1674.]

[Court Records, Dec. 30, 1674, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 6.]

TOBIAS BURNELL

1674 / 5

[Administration on the estate of Tobias Burnell granted to John Clark, William Lux, and Edward Cater Jan. 16, 1674/5, who gave bond in the sum of £200.]

[Court Records, Jan. 16, 1674/5, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 6.]

[Inventory, Jan. 21, 1674/5; amount, £70.14.9; signed by John Clark, Elias Stileman, and John Harvey; list of claims against the estate, amounting to £21.0.0; John Clark and Edward Cater bind themselves in £100 to account for the estate when called for by the court.]

[Administration on the estate having been granted to Abel Porter by the court in Boston, and the administrators not agreeing, the

court, June 29, 1675; "doth Judge it is most meete & according to Law, that those persons that had administrac'on granted by authority here should have their power Continewed, & for y<sup>t</sup> the estate being wholly w<sup>th</sup>in this County."]

[Court Records, June 29, 1675, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 10.]

[Inventory was presented June 29, 1675, and attested by the administrators, who gave bond in the sum of £100.]

[Court Records, June 29, 1675, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 11.]

[Humphrey Wills of Devon, England, appearing with power of attorney from Agnes Burnell of the county of Devon, for the receipt of the estate of Tobias Burnell, who died intestate in the county of Dover and Portsmouth, the court, Oct. 31, 1677, ordered that the balance of the estate be delivered to said Wills.]

[Court Records, June-Oct., 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 20.]

RICHARD CUTT

1675

PORTSMOUTH

The Last Will & Testament of Richard Cutt

I Richard Cutt of Portsmouth in Pascatteque beinge in perfect Memory & good health, \* \* \*

1 I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Eleanor Cutt my Now dwellinge house with y<sup>e</sup> Bake house Brewhouse Barne & all housinge therunto belonginge withe Lodge warehouse & wharfinge (my stone warehouse only excepted) together with my garden orchard & all the Land in fence in the home fild adjoyninge to my house, as also my Corne mill with my house & Barnes Up at the creek with all the Upland & Meadow ther Unto belonginge so far as home Unto that Land which I bought of Hubertus Mattoon (exceptinge y<sup>e</sup> Tanyard & the buildings ther Unto belonginge & the Land on that side of the flume) All which ¶mises before mentioned (except what is excepted) I will shalbe in the hands & to the Use and behoofe of my dearly beloved wife abovesaid dureinge her Naturall Life, And after her decease I give & be-

queth the hole Estate abovesaid Unto my Grandson Cutt Vahan with all the priveledges & Appurtanances ther Unto belonginge to be to him & his Heires for Ever, & it shall com into his hands at the age of twenty one yeares, but if hee Die before that age, then I give it to the next Heire Male, & if ther be no Heire Male, then to y<sup>e</sup> next Heire y<sup>t</sup> shall survive further more I give Unto my sd wife all my plate Brase pewter Iron Bedinge Utensells belonginge to the house together w<sup>th</sup> all my stocke of Cattell to be absolutly at her Disposall when and to home or wher shee pleses, & the five neger servants

2 I give to my Beloved Dafter Margerett Vahan my stone warehouse & that  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the wood fild joyning to that w<sup>ch</sup> was John Pickerings & reaching home to william Hearles on the west, with my Bro: Jo<sup>—</sup> Cutt also on y<sup>e</sup> west the way that goes to the Creek on the North & Christopher Josse on y<sup>e</sup> Est together withe Tan-yard housinge & stock therin, & the Littell fild on the south of the flume (All wayes exceptinge & reserveinge the high way as it is now to the farme & to the other mill which is to be kept free for the Use of y<sup>e</sup> mill & the houses by itt) All which I give to my Daughter Margerett & her Children, if they faile then to my Daughter Bridgett & hers, after the decease of my Daughter Margerett

3 Unto my beloved Daughter Bridgett & her Heires forever, I give the remainder of that fild Comonly called the Great fild, to say all besids what is alreedy given to her & her Husband, & alreedy sould to severall  $\frac{1}{2}$  sons, to bee to her & her Heirs for ever. with all the priveledge & Apurtenances ther Unto belonging I give also to my Daughter Bridgett that  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the wood fild on the south of the High way Up to the Creeke as it is now fensed, the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  betwene the High way & the Creeke her mother shall have Liberty to Use Duringe her naturall Life, & that  $\frac{1}{2}$  also shalbe Bridgett after her mothers Decease, Lickwise I give to Bridgett my Land in the Longe Reach next to that w<sup>ch</sup> was Cap<sup>t</sup> Pendletons beinge thirty three poles brod front on the River, & so backe the hole depth : w<sup>ch</sup> Land aforesaid shalbe to Bridgett & her

Heires for ever, if shee Die w<sup>th</sup>out Heires then it shall fall to the Heires of her sister Margerett, after the Decease of my sd Daughter Bridgett

4 I give to my sonn william Vahan my Land on the great Iland bought of Jn<sup>o</sup> Mason & y<sup>t</sup> Acre given mee by the Towne which was Laid out w<sup>th</sup> an Acre of M<sup>r</sup> fryers, I give him also two hundred pounds out of my Estate, & also my housinge at the Iles of shoules on Star Ileland together w<sup>th</sup> that Estate boath in stocke & depts that is in P<sup>t</sup>nership w<sup>t</sup> him ther, P<sup>r</sup>vided he rest satisfied therwith Upon the acco of P<sup>t</sup>nership in tradinge betwixt Us ther, if hee be not satisfied so then that at y<sup>e</sup> Iland to be sould & the Estat ther Vallued & the ballance to be given him out of my other Estat when acc<sup>ts</sup> are made Up. And I doe by thes P<sup>r</sup>sence oblidge my son will<sup>m</sup> Vahan not to exspect any more out of my Estat for salery or for any thinge donn for mee at home or abrod besids what hee hath alredy rec<sup>d</sup>, & is above expresed

5 I give to welbeloved son Tho: Daniell two hundred pounds out of my Estat

6 further more I doe give to my Grandson Cutt Vahan one hundred pounds

7 I give to my Grandchild Elenor Vahan that house & Land I bought of M<sup>r</sup> Matone with that part of my Land that comes from the Pulpit the hole breath of Matones Land till it com to my Bro: Jo Cutt Land on the North, together with two hundred pounds, the Legacis to be pd in mony or aquivalent:

8 I give to my Grandchild Mary Vahan two hundred pounds in mony and the hundred & fivety acres of Land & the medow belonginge to it as I bought of Edward Hilton, as appeare by a bill of sale of John wedgetts

9 further I will that what remaines of my twenty pounds P<sup>r</sup> anum subscribed as a gift to the Colledge for my selfe & sonns be carfully Discharged by my executors

10 I give to my Bro: John Cutt ten pounds to buy him morneinge & tenn pounds to his wife & five pounds to ech of his Children./

11 I give to my sister Ann shipway tenn pounds to buy morne-  
 inge & five pounds to my Bro: shipway, & five pounds to his sonn  
 Jo<sup>—</sup> shipway

12 I give to my Bro: Rob: Cutt Widow five pounds & to ech  
 of her Children five pounds, as also I doe forgive the dept due on  
 my Booke:

13 I give to M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moudy thirty pounds & to his five  
 Children tenn pounds to say fourty shillings to ech of them./

14 I give to my Cozen John Hole & his wife five pounds ech  
 of them

15 I give to the Church of Porthmouth tenn pounds to buy a  
 peece of plate for the Use of the Church./

16 I make my wife Elenor and my two Daughters Margertt  
 & Bridgett my Executors to whome I give the rest of my Estate  
 as well shipinge or what else due to mee in any ¶t of the world,  
 my depts & Legacies given paid, & what remains to be Divided  
 in aqual thirds betwene my wife & daughters

17 I make my Bro: John Cutt, M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moudy, my sonn  
 william Vahan & my sonn Tho: Daniell my over seears to . . .  
 . . . my will ¶formed, to the truth of this I have heare Unto  
 . . . hand & seale this 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1675 @ Porthmouth in  
 Pascatteque

wee whose names are Underwritten ¶ mee Richard Cutt  
 doe attest that Richard Cutt did owne  
 this to Us to bee his owne voluntary  
 act and Deede./

John Wincoll

John fletcher

[Proved June 27, 1676.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 10:10: 1677— We whose names are under written  
 being Chosen & Desired to hear judge & Determine al matters of  
 Controversy Between m<sup>rs</sup> Elan<sup>t</sup> Cutt Widow m<sup>rs</sup> Margret Vaughan  
 & m<sup>rs</sup> Bridget Daniel Executrix<sup>e</sup> unto y<sup>o</sup> Will of Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Cutt  
 Dec<sup>d</sup> late of Portsm<sup>o</sup> In Piscataqua River & Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Daniel &



Maj<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan Husbands unto y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> two Gentlewomen Respecting both y<sup>e</sup> Will & Estate of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Cutt touching al Acc<sup>ts</sup> & Demands from y<sup>e</sup> Same & and the above nam<sup>d</sup> Parties having firmly Bound themselves their heirs Exe<sup>rs</sup> & Adm<sup>rs</sup> In a Bond of two thousand lawful Money of y<sup>e</sup> Massa<sup>ts</sup> Collony Bearing Date y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Instant to rest Satisfy<sup>d</sup> in & abide by our Determination therein we having accordingly heard & Consider<sup>d</sup> al Acc<sup>ts</sup> & Demands present<sup>d</sup> to us by al & Every y<sup>e</sup> aboves<sup>d</sup> partys do Award as followeth—1<sup>ly</sup> y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Leanto & Wharfe before y<sup>e</sup> Stone Warehouse & Adjoyning thereto shal be im<sup>e</sup>diately to y<sup>e</sup> use of m<sup>rs</sup> Vaughan & y<sup>e</sup> Leanto at y<sup>e</sup> North End of s<sup>d</sup> Warehouse to be used by m<sup>rs</sup> Elen<sup>t</sup> Cutt durezza her Natural life & then to be In y<sup>e</sup> Same Capacity w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Warehouse w<sup>ch</sup> being Mutually Agreed upon by al partys we Confirm & Ratifie—2<sup>dy</sup> By y<sup>e</sup> Stock In y<sup>e</sup> Tanyard Mention<sup>d</sup> In the Will (Article 2<sup>d</sup>) we say is Intend<sup>d</sup> al y<sup>e</sup> utensils Belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Tanyard w<sup>th</sup> whatever Hydes were there unfinish<sup>d</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> time of y<sup>e</sup> Deceas of y<sup>e</sup> Testator—3<sup>dy</sup> it Being a Question whose shal be y<sup>e</sup> Improvem<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>t</sup> Estate Given to Cutt Vaughan after y<sup>e</sup> Decease of m<sup>rs</sup> Elen<sup>t</sup> Cutt In Case she Dye Before he Arrive to y<sup>e</sup> Age of 21 years we Say y<sup>t</sup> not knowing whether Ever there wil be need of such a Question it is Sufficient to Refer it until y<sup>e</sup> Solution of it Appears Necessary—4<sup>thly</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Present Improvm<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> hundred pound Given Cutt Vaughan & y<sup>e</sup> Legacies of Money & lands Given to y<sup>e</sup> Children of m<sup>rs</sup> Vaughan Belongs to y<sup>e</sup> legatees til both principle & Improvem<sup>t</sup> do fal into their hands when they Come to Age—

5<sup>ly</sup> y<sup>e</sup> legacies to y<sup>e</sup> Children afores<sup>d</sup> to be forthw<sup>th</sup> Provided According to y<sup>e</sup> Will by the Exe<sup>rs</sup> viz<sup>it</sup> five hundred pound in Money to be Reserv<sup>d</sup> In m<sup>r</sup> Hubbards hands In Boston for y<sup>t</sup> End & Application to be by them made to y<sup>e</sup> next County Court that they Appoint Guardians for y<sup>e</sup> Children & take Security of them for their Responding of s<sup>d</sup> Estate Respecting both money & lands Given them by Will w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Improvm<sup>t</sup> thereof to y<sup>e</sup> Children when legally Demand<sup>d</sup> Except In y<sup>e</sup> mean time y<sup>e</sup> Exe<sup>rs</sup> shal mutually agree about it so as to Secure y<sup>e</sup> Estate to y<sup>e</sup> Children—

6<sup>ly</sup> we Determine y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>o</sup> lands In y<sup>o</sup> Great ffield & wood field are Given by y<sup>o</sup> Will to m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Absolutely w<sup>th</sup>out any Intail y<sup>o</sup> other lands in the long Reach is Entail<sup>d</sup> on y<sup>o</sup> heirs of m<sup>r</sup> Vaughan if m<sup>r</sup> Daniel hath no Child

7<sup>th</sup> we Award y<sup>t</sup> Seven hundred & thirty Pounds be pd by y<sup>o</sup> Executrixes out of y<sup>t</sup> whole Estate unto m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan in Such pay as may be Equivalent unto Money & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>o</sup> land upon y<sup>o</sup> great Island both y<sup>t</sup> Bought of m<sup>r</sup> Mason as also y<sup>t</sup> Acre of land given Cap<sup>t</sup> Cutt by y<sup>o</sup> Town both w<sup>ch</sup> are Mention<sup>d</sup> In y<sup>o</sup> Will to be to him & his heirs forever & m<sup>r</sup> Vaughan to Rest Satisfy<sup>d</sup> therew<sup>th</sup> In full of al Demands from y<sup>o</sup> Estate so far as it Refers to himselfe distinct from y<sup>o</sup> legacies given to his Wife & Children—

8<sup>ly</sup> we Order y<sup>o</sup> two hundred & Sixty pounds be pd to Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Daniel besides y<sup>o</sup> legacie given him by y<sup>o</sup> Will of y<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> is also to be pd as y<sup>o</sup> Will Declares In pay Equivolent to money & y<sup>o</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel to Rest Satisfy<sup>d</sup> therew<sup>th</sup> In full of al Demands from y<sup>o</sup> Estate Respecting himselfe ¶sonally distinct from y<sup>o</sup> legacy given to his Wife & y<sup>o</sup> Sums above Mention<sup>d</sup> Due to m<sup>r</sup> Vaughan & Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel are to be pd out of y<sup>o</sup> Estate already Divided—

9<sup>ly</sup> that al lands or other Estate not named In y<sup>o</sup> Will w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>o</sup> housing & land &c: at y<sup>o</sup> Isle<sup>s</sup> of Shoals shal be Equally Divided Betwee[n] y<sup>o</sup> Executrixes only y<sup>o</sup> whole ¶cell of marsh at little harbour & al y<sup>o</sup> land near or about y<sup>o</sup> Spring by m<sup>r</sup> Martyns to be Solely to y<sup>o</sup> use of m<sup>r</sup> Elen<sup>t</sup> Cutt dureing her Natural life afterward y<sup>o</sup> Same to be divided as afores<sup>d</sup> this we Confirme being Consent<sup>d</sup> to by al—

10<sup>ly</sup> y<sup>o</sup> paym<sup>ts</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> both of Debts & legacies being made & Reserved as afores<sup>d</sup> we do farther Award y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>o</sup> Shping being forthw<sup>th</sup> priz<sup>d</sup> by Indifferent men as Money y<sup>o</sup> Same to be Equally Divided Between y<sup>o</sup> Executrixes: m<sup>r</sup> Cutt having liberty to make y<sup>o</sup> first Choice Except they shal mutually Agree to Continue In Partnership in them or any of them—

11<sup>ly</sup> And we do further award y<sup>o</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> partyes viz<sup>ts</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel m<sup>r</sup> Vaughan & their Wives upon y<sup>o</sup> paym<sup>t</sup> of such Sums

as are before Expressed to Sign & seal legal Discharges to y<sup>e</sup> Execut<sup>rs</sup> In full for all Debts & Demands from y<sup>e</sup> Estate by Will or by any Acc<sup>ts</sup> Depending before y<sup>e</sup> Deth of y<sup>e</sup> Testator & y<sup>t</sup> this is our Award & final Determination & Issue of al matters of Difference Respecting al Acc<sup>ts</sup> & Demands Between y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Parties Referring to y<sup>e</sup> Will & Estate of Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Cutt Dec<sup>d</sup> we Testifie by Setting to our hands & Seals this 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1677

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron [seal]

Rob<sup>t</sup> Pike [seal]

Laur<sup>s</sup> Hammond [seal]

Peter Coffin [seal]

[Deeds, vol. 19, p. 492.]

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[Guardianship of Eleanor Vaughan, Mary Vaughan, and Cutt Vaughan granted to their father, William Vaughan, and Eleanor Cutt June 24, 1679.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1679, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 30.]

[Administration de bonis non of the estate of Richard Cutt of Portsmouth, merchant, granted to his son-in-law, William Vaughan of Portsmouth, merchant, Oct. 12, 1700.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 220 ]

[Bond of William Vaughan, with Samuel Penhallow and George Vaughan as sureties, in the sum of £500, Oct. 12, 1700, for the administration of the estate; witness, Richard Partridge.]

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EDWARD CLARK 1675

[Inventory of the estate of Edward Clark, June 17, 1675; amount, £257.15.6; signed by William Fernald, John Shortridge, and Elias Stileman; brought into court, March 28, 1676.]

[Administration on the estate of Edward Clark, "lately drowned," was granted to his widow, Mary Clark, and John Partridge

June 29, 1675; the widow was ordered not to dispose of any of the estate without the consent of Partridge, and bond was fixed at £200. The court ordered that John Clark, oldest son of the deceased by his first wife, be made an apprentice by Capt. Cutt and Elias Stileman, and that the oldest daughter, Sarah Clark, be bound out to her aunt, Sarah Waterhouse, until she was eighteen years old or married.]

[Court Records, June 29, 1675, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 10.]

ffor the settleing of y<sup>e</sup> estate of Edward Clarke deceased This Court ord<sup>n</sup> y<sup>t</sup> the house barne & Island whereon he Lived called Docters Island, that his widow Mary Clarke shall have y<sup>e</sup> use of untill Jn<sup>o</sup> Clarke & Sarah Clarke w<sup>ch</sup> he had by his first wife shall com to age y<sup>e</sup> son at 21 yeares & y<sup>e</sup> daughter at 18 yeares, the Son to have a double portion & as either of them com to age to receive theire parts thereof & after both are com to age the widow to have her thirds of y<sup>e</sup> whold during her Life & her thirds to be devided to y<sup>e</sup> fores<sup>d</sup> children in such proportion as aboves<sup>d</sup> after her decease And y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> estate mentioned in the Inventory to be to y<sup>e</sup> widdow for y<sup>e</sup> bringing up the three Children she has by s<sup>d</sup> Clark she receiving all y<sup>e</sup> debts due to y<sup>e</sup> estate and pay all debts due from y<sup>e</sup> estate. / the Inventory put on file of this Courts records :

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 16.]

### CALEB STEVENS

1675

[Administration on the estate of Caleb Stevens granted to his widow, Ruth Stevens, and Peter Glanfield June 29, 1675, who were bound in the sum of £150; “& whereas there is some debt or debts owing to m<sup>r</sup> Martyn and m<sup>r</sup> Hunking aboute his fishing voyage this winter past, & to prevent the Spoiling of his share of ffish ord<sup>r</sup> that y<sup>e</sup> Administrato<sup>r</sup> pay his share of fish and portledge to s<sup>d</sup> persons & make the estate deb<sup>r</sup> & Credito<sup>r</sup> for it.”]

[Court Records, June 29, 1675, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 10.]

## WALTER ABBOTT 1675

[Administration on the estate of Walter Abbott, who died in Jamaica, granted to his brother, Thomas Abbott, June 29, 1675.]

[Court Records, June 29, 1675, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 11.]

## JOHN ROBINSON 1675 EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of John Robinson of Exeter, "deceased this 10<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1675"; amount, £180.11.6: appraised by John Gilman and Robert Wadleigh.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 21.]

[Administration on the estate granted to Elizabeth Robinson and David Robinson May 30, 1676.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 42.]

[Account of debts due from the estate; signed by Elizabeth Robinson and David Robinson; dated April 6, 1677.]

[Disbursements made by David Robinson since his father's death.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 20.]

[Order of court, April 10, 1677, directing David Robinson, joint administrator with his mother, of the estate of John Robinson of Exeter, to divide the estate, after her death, among the surviving children.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records, April 10, 1677, and Deeds, vol. 4, p. 51.]

## THOMAS TRICKEY 1675

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Trickey, Dec. 3, 1675; amount, £308.0.0; signed by William Furber and Henry Langstaff; attested by the widow.]

"for y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>re</sup>sent settlement of this estate This Court Leaves the whole estate in the hand of y<sup>e</sup> administratrix to be Improved &

mannedged for her comfort & Livelyhood & this untill this Court take other order.”]

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Trickey granted to his widow, Elizabeth Trickey, June 27, 1676.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 16.]

[Inventory of the estate was presented by the widow June 25, 1678.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 26.]

WILLIAM ROBERTS 1676

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of William Roberts granted to William Follett, Richard Otis, William Williams, William Williams, Jr., and James Bunker March 29, 1676.]

[Court Records, March 29, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 243.]

[All except Richard Otis declining administration, the court, June 27, appointed him sole administrator and fixed his bond at £200. The personal property not being sufficient to pay the debts, he was authorized to sell real estate, and Job Clements, one of the selectmen of Dover, was joined with him “for y<sup>e</sup> ordering & disposing of the widdow & w<sup>t</sup> estate shall remaine after y<sup>e</sup> debts be paid, & for the putting out of the children in places sutable.”]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 19.]

[Order of court, March 27, 1677, that the selectmen of Dover bring in a list of the debts of William Roberts.]

[Richard Otis's account of the estate of William Roberts, Aug. 27, 1677; assets, £132.1.9; liabilities and expenditures, £82.0.0; allowed by the selectmen of Dover Dec. 20, 1677; signed by Richard Waldron, Job Clements, John Davis, and Anthony Nutter; brought into court Dec. 25, 1677; mentions widow and a girl.]

PHILIP BINMORE

1676

DOVER

In the Name of God amen. the Two & twentie day of May in y<sup>e</sup> Yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God one thousand Six Hundred Seaventie Six I Phillip Binmore of y<sup>e</sup> Township of Dover in y<sup>e</sup> Count of Dover & Postmoth. \* \* \*

I doe of Love & affection w<sup>ch</sup> I doe owe & bare to Rebecca my wife give Unto her the best beast which I shall be possessed of when it shall please god to call me by death & also a Rugg the beding as we doe now make Use of: and the Cubbord stoole: & y<sup>e</sup> Lamerie Cubbord: It I doe give Unto my daughter Temporaice y<sup>e</sup> greate brass Cittle: & to my daughter Hester my brass pan: & also for their better mentenance & education I doe make & ordaine them to be Equall & Coequall Heires & Executrixes of all my Lands goods & Chattels w<sup>ch</sup> is not fformely disposed & given: & to be equallie divided betweene them & I doe desire & Request my Kinsman John Evens & M<sup>r</sup> Richard Rich to be my Executors in Trust to see the p<sup>er</sup>formance of this my will as wittness my hand & seale.—

Joseph Canny } witnesses  
silvanus nocke }

Phillip Binmore [seal]

[Proved June 27, 1676.]

[Inventory, June 23, 1676; amount, £81.8.3; signed by Job Clements and John Roberts.]

JAMES PHILBRICK

1676

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of James Philbrick of Hampton granted to the widow, Ann Philbrick, and Timothy Hilliard May 30, 1676.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 43, and Court Records, May 30, 1676.]

[Guardianship of Thomas Philbrick, son of James Philbrick, granted to Thomas's brother-in-law, Timothy Hilliard, May 30, 1676.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 43, and Court Records, May 30, 1676.]

[Order of court, Nov. 14, 1676, joining James Philbrick, Jr., son of James Philbrick, with his mother in the administration of the estate, he having returned from sea, and discharging Timothy Hilliard, son-in-law of the deceased.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records, Nov. 14, 1676, and Deeds, vol. 4, p. 49.]

CATHERINE HILTON 1676

EXETER

The will & Testament of m<sup>rs</sup> Katheraine Hilten as Followeth :

m<sup>rs</sup> Katharine Hilton, being of her perfect senses and understanding doeth order and dispose of her goods and effects as followeth

Impus: shee doth comit and commend her soule to god that gave it her, shee doth comit her body to the dust from whence it was framed with a decent burial of the same.

For her estate and goods as followeth.

To James Tryworthy the son of Sam: Tryworthy a silver beaker to be kept in the hands of her Daughter Elizabeth Gilman, till he come to age.

To James Triworth the son of John Triworthy a silver cup with a fork

To Edward Hilton jnior, a silver cup with two ears.

To Sam: Gilman her Grandchild a silver spoone.

To m<sup>r</sup> Sam: Dudley towards his ministry to be paid out of her Estate to the valew of money, to the sume of forty shillings.

To her Daughter m<sup>rs</sup> meridith named by Joanna, one yron great Kettle, and a cloth gowne, and a cloth petticoat, and a greene apron.

To m<sup>rs</sup> Lucy wells, one stone ring, one mor Hayre petticoate

To her Daughter Elizabeth Gilman, her wedding ring, her serge gowne, her serge petticoat, and her stufte petticoat, and alsoe her hat.

To Johanna Meridith, her grandchilde a paire of holland sheets

To mary Gilman her Grand childe, a table cloth and napkins



and a Holland pillow beare and a towel, and a great pewter platter

To Betty Gilman, one Holland sheet & a paire of stockings.

To Abigail Gilman the wife of Edward Gilman one feather pillow and wistead rug, and pillion and pillion cloth, and hood and safeguard.

To Katharine Paul, her best skarth, and serge petticoat, being of a gray colour.

To Katharine Gilman, a black handkerchief and a black sk—

To Sarah Gilman, a black hood,

To Lydye Gilman a black hood

To Abigail Gilman, her white mantle.

To goodwife Robinson, her cloth petticoat, & her cloth wais-coate, and a paire of bodyes & a paire of stockings, and a suite of linnen.

To Remainder of her linnen, what is not disposed of above wrytten to be divided among all her grand Daughters.

To Jane Hilton her silver bodkin, and a new shift

To all these p<sup>r</sup>misses above wrytten m<sup>r</sup> Katharine Hilton, hath given, her ful consent and approbation, as appears veriefied by these witnesses have subscribed

memoranda: This the will of the said Katharine Hilton that when all her debts are discharged, in reference to her son in law Capt. John Gilman, & m<sup>r</sup> wells, & what shalbe layd out and expended about her funerall, the remainder to be divided among her Grand children.

And furthermore, that all the p<sup>r</sup>misses abovesaid, may be put in act and exequetion I doe choose and appoint my son John Gilman, Capt: for my Executor

To the p<sup>r</sup>misses abovesaid in testeffication of the truth of the same. I doe subscribe my name.

Sam: Dudley

Rebecca Sweat

[Proved May 30, 1676.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 15.]

[Inventory of the estate of Mrs. Catherine Hilton of Exeter, taken by John Folsom and Robert Wadleigh Oct. 6, 1676; amount, £78.10.6.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

ALEXANDER WALDRON 1676

NEWCASTLE

In the Name of God Amen; I Alexander Walden Sojourner On the Great Island near piscataqua River of Sound and perfect mind but weak in Body make and Ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in Manner following

first. I commend my Soul into the hands of God hoping Through Christ my Savio<sup>r</sup> to have pardon of Sinn and Life Eternall— and I make and Ordaine my executor hereafter Named to Dispose my Temporall Things as ffolloweth—

1. I make Isaack Walden of Boston my beeloved Brother my executor and Overseer of all my Concernements and for his paines I give to him and his wife in Money The Summ of Twenty pounds

2 My Temporall Estate I dispose of and Bequeath as followeth I give to Joan Barker of Coventry in the Kingdom of Old England If shee bee yet at making this my will Unmarried The Summ of One hundred pounds

3. I give my house and Land Scituate in Boston in Newe England unto the use and occupation of Abisha wife of Robert Taperell marriner during her Life and after her Decease I give and bequeath the Same hous and Land Unto my Brother william walden and my Brother George Walden equally to bee Beetween them both to have and dispose

4 All the Remaineing part of my Temporall Estate which God hath given mee. I give and bequeath To my Brother Edward Walden in the Kingdom of Old England, and To my Sister Mary and To my Brother Sammuell Walden to bee equally divided among them

5 I will that all my funerall Chardges and all the Debts that I owe to any person Bee first Dischardged and paid :

6. I give and Beequeath Two Gould Rings in my Chest in a purs to Abisha Wife of Robert Taprell above Sayd

7 I give to Alce ; Eldest Daughter of Sayd. Taprell in money the Summ of Ten pounds, to bee paid to her mother and in meane time to bee improved and with the improvement to bee paid to Alce at the Time of Mariadg or at the Age of eighteen yeares Onely if my executor first above mentioned Sees fit not otherwise That the sayd Abisha the Mother of Sayd Alce may Secure the Sayd. Tenn pounds with improvement.

8 I give Scarfs to all my Barers to the grave. Money I have in my Chest Is about sixty pounds, my executor above Said is to Take it with all the moveable Things to Dispose according to this my Last will and Testament witness my hand & seal y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> June 1676

Signed Sealed

Alexander Waldren [seal]

& d'd in p'sents of us

Elias Stileman

Nath ffryer—

[Proved June 27, 1676. See Court Records.]

[Inventory, June 14, 1676; amount, £383.13.7; signed by Francis Tucker and William Henderson; attested by Isaac Waldron June 27, 1676.]

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AMBROSE SHERBURNE 1676

[Administration on the estate of Ambrose Sherburne granted to his father, Henry Sherburne, June 27, 1676.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 14.]

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JOHN PIERCE

1676

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of John Pierce of Dover granted to Robert Burnham and Stephen Jones June 27, 1676.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 14.]

## WILLIAM BEARD 1676

[Administration on the estate of William Beard granted to his widow, Elizabeth Beard, June 27, 1676, who presented an inventory of £262.11.0.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 18.]

[Inventory of the estate of William Beard, who died about the first of November, 1675; amount, £262.—; signed by William Follett, Robert Burnham, and Stephen Jones; attested by the widow, Elizabeth Beard, June 27, 1676; administration granted to Elizabeth Beard, Robert Burnham, and Stephen Jones.]

For the settlement of the Estate containd in this Inventory it is ordered that all the moveable estate shall belong to the widdow & also the one half of the Housing & Lands to hir & Heyres for ever, the full use & improvement of the whole estate of land to be hers during hir life And at hir decease the other half of the House & Land not settled upon the widdow & hir heyres to come to Edward Leathers & to remain to him & his Heyres; unlesse the case of the widdow shall at any tyme be such as to require further supply & sale be made of any part thereof by order and approbation of the Court; And as for what Edward Leathers doth at present possesse It is confirmed to him & his Heyres for ever:

Elias Stileman Cleric

## ROBERT WILLIAMS 1676

[Administration on the estate of Robert Williams, "that wasse murdered," granted to Elias Stileman, June 27, 1676.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 15.]

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Williams, "y<sup>t</sup> was murdered in Spruce Creeke"; dated July 25, 1676; amount, £36.2.9; liabilities, £25.5.6; signed by Nathaniel Fryer and Richard Stileman.]

## GILBERT WILFORD 1676

[Inventory of the estate of Gilbert Wilford, taken July 28, 1676, by Henry Palmer and Robert Ford; amount, £75.6.6; attested by Capt. John Whipple April 10, 1677.]

To 6<sup>th</sup> w<sup>c</sup> y<sup>e</sup> widdow had for her necessarie maintenance for her selfe & children before y<sup>e</sup> Administrato<sup>r</sup> entred

To y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> part of y<sup>e</sup> lands w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> widdow challengeth w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Administrato<sup>r</sup> is not charged w<sup>th</sup> :

Tho: Bradbury rec

[Debts due from the estate, £68.15.0; to Mr. Wainwright, Capt. Saltonstall, Mr. Walker, Josiah Gage, Nathaniel Clark of Newbury, Mass., Ensign Chandler, Robert Ayers, Henry Palmer, Richard Swan, John Light, John Simonds, Deacon Goodhue, Joseph Plummer, Goodman Hazeltine, John Hazeltine, James Kingsbury, Cornet Whipple.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 23.]

## CHRISTOPHER JOCE 1676 PORTSMOUTH

The Last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> of Christopher Joice of Portsm<sup>o</sup> made this 14<sup>th</sup> Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1676

Beeing weak in Body but in p<sup>er</sup>fect Memory I doe ordain this to bee my last Will & Testament

Imp<sup>t</sup> I give unto my beloved Sonh Richard Joice all my houseing & stage, my shallops & moaring place at y<sup>e</sup> Isles of Shoales w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Chains belonging thereto, y<sup>e</sup> new moaring Cable, with what soever I have belonging to my said place of ffishing at s<sup>d</sup> Isleand, & all y<sup>e</sup> Appurtenances belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Boates—

2. Unto my son Thomas Joice I give my now dwelling house w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> houseing belonging thereunto, as also all y<sup>e</sup> land about & belonging to y<sup>e</sup> House (excepting y<sup>e</sup> ffort-ffeeld) togeth<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> my Ware house & wharfing & y<sup>t</sup> 30. foot of Land lying next to y<sup>e</sup> ware-house of Jn<sup>o</sup> Hunkins, w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> Prevededges thereunto

belonging. Provided y<sup>t</sup> his mother shall have y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> whole during her widdowhood, & if shee marry then when Thomas comes to Age shee shall have y<sup>e</sup> third both of y<sup>e</sup> houseing & land dureing her naturall life, & after her decease then y<sup>e</sup> whole shall return to my said son Thomas, he paying to my Daught<sup>r</sup> Margaret thirty pound.

3 Unto my Daught<sup>r</sup> Joanna I give my House & land on y<sup>e</sup> Great Island w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> Priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging togeth<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> three Acres of Marsh at y<sup>e</sup> little Harb<sup>r</sup> joyn<sup>s</sup> to Tho: Sevy's Corn-field, as also a ffeather-bed w<sup>th</sup> bolster, Pillowes, sheets, Blankets & Rugg

4. I give to my Daughter Margaret eight Acres of land at boyl-ing Rock on y<sup>e</sup> South-side of y<sup>e</sup> River, & y<sup>e</sup> small field com'only called y<sup>e</sup> ffort-field near to my own House-lott, being five Acres more or lesse, w<sup>th</sup> a ffeather bed, Bolster Pillowes, sheets, blankets & Rugg, & thirty Pounds before ment<sup>d</sup> fro<sup>m</sup> her Bro. Thomas.

5. Unto my Daughter Mary I give my House & land w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tucker w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> Priviledges thereunto belonging, togeth<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> shop & wharfing w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> Priviledges thereunto belonging, as also a ffeather-bed w<sup>th</sup> like furniture as unto her sisters forementioned, further obliging my Son Thomas to give to his sister Mary pasturing for one Cow dureing the naturall Life of his said sister.

6. Unto my sons John & Samuel togeth<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> my Daughter Jane I give my three Hundred Acres of land lying in y<sup>e</sup> long reach next to James Rawlins to be equally divided betwext them three, & a ffeather-bed unto Jane w<sup>th</sup> like furnit<sup>r</sup> as to y<sup>e</sup> other above mentioned, And unto Samuel I also give my other three Acres of Marsh at little Harb<sup>r</sup> joyning to y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I haye given to his sister Joanna, & two Cowes unto my son John.

7 I give unto my Couzen Tho: Joce my twelve Acres of land lying in Tho<sup>s</sup> Spinnyes Creek next adjoining to y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> was W<sup>m</sup> Palm<sup>ts</sup> land, he to possesse it p<sup>r</sup>sently on my decease

8 All my stock & Household Goods (except w<sup>t</sup> is before given away) I give to my beloved wife Jane Joce, together w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Use

& Improvem<sup>t</sup> of my whole Estate forementioned for y<sup>e</sup> brengeng up of my children tell they come to Age, & as each child comes to Age (to say y<sup>e</sup> sons at 21. yeares, y<sup>e</sup> Daughters at 18. or at y<sup>e</sup> day of marriage if before 18.) he or shee shall have y<sup>e</sup> possession of what I have here given. And at y<sup>e</sup> decease of my wife, all y<sup>e</sup> Remaind<sup>r</sup> of my stock & household Goods w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Estate whatsoever y<sup>t</sup> is not expended for her own maintenance & y<sup>e</sup> bringing up of my children shalbe equally divided amongst my childeren. If one or more of my children dye before they come to Age, or if any of my Daught<sup>rs</sup> dye without Issue, y<sup>e</sup> portion y<sup>t</sup> I have given to y<sup>m</sup> shalbe equally divided among y<sup>e</sup> Survivers. I give also a Cow to my servant Jone Knight.

9 Furthermore I give & bequeath unto my Beloved wife fifty pounds to bee absolutely her own & at her disposeall to whom & when she pleases, thirty pounds whereof shalbe paid her by my son Richard, y<sup>e</sup> other twenty she shall have out of y<sup>e</sup> Household Goods or stock w<sup>ch</sup> shee pleases.

10 finally I make my Beloved wife afores<sup>d</sup> my sole Executrix willing her as to receive w<sup>t</sup> is due to mee so carefully to pay all my Debts & funerall charges, together with three pounds w<sup>ch</sup> I give to y<sup>e</sup> church in Portsm<sup>o</sup> & three pound more w<sup>ch</sup> I give to y<sup>e</sup> Colledge.

And I request & appoint m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moodey m<sup>r</sup> Rich Martyn together w<sup>th</sup> my ffather-in law Ric<sup>d</sup> Cum<sup>ins</sup> to bee my overseers for y<sup>e</sup> bett<sup>r</sup> p<sup>er</sup>formance of y<sup>e</sup> my last Will & Testament.—In witness to all y<sup>e</sup> premises I set to my hand & seale y<sup>e</sup> day & year abovewritten

Signed & Sealed in  
presence of  
John fletcher  
Dorothy Jarman

Mark of  
Christopher Joce X [seal]

[In margin] I dispose of my three quarters of y<sup>e</sup> Ketch Providence as followeth, One quarter I give unto my wife, the remainder to my children, to each of them one Sixteenth.

[Proved June 25, 1678.]

## ABRAHAM CHASE 1676

[Thomas Chase, administrator of the estate of Abraham Chase, moved that the estate might be divided among the brothers of the deceased, Thomas Chase, Joseph Chase, James Chase, and Isaac Chase. The court at Salisbury ordered, Nov. 14, 1676, that Samuel Dalton and Ensign John Sanborn account with the administrator relative to the debts.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 49.]

## HENRY HATHERLY 1676

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Hatherly, Dec. 2, 1676; amount, £23.9.6; amount of liabilities, £19.18.10; one item is funeral charges of himself and wife; signed by Jeffry Currier and Richard Manson; attested by John Purrington March 27, 1677.]

## THOMAS NOCK 1676/7 DOVER

In the Name of God amen the ffifteene day of ffebruary in y<sup>e</sup> Yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God one thousand six hundred Seaventy Six I Thomas Nock of y<sup>e</sup> township of Dover in y<sup>e</sup> County of Dover & Portsmouth being sick & weake of body \* \* \*

It I give to my Brother Silvanus Nock twentie Acars of Land being  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>t</sup> of the Land w<sup>ch</sup> was granted to my ffather tho Nock & to Joyne Next to y<sup>e</sup> Land of Thomas Beard betweene Cochecha & the marsh com'only Called Nockes marsh—

It I give to my Sister Rebecca Nock twentie acars of Land being  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>t</sup> of the foresaid  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>t</sup> cell of Land, and to Joyne to my Brother Silvanus twentie acars before mencioned ( $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>t</sup>vided) it doe not reach to y<sup>e</sup> marsh called Nocks marsh nor to y<sup>e</sup> plaines adjoining to y<sup>e</sup> sd marsh

It I make my Brother Henrie Nock my Lawfull Heire of all my Lands (vidd<sup>r</sup>) the twentie acars of Land at Cochecha adjoining



by Thomas Downes his Lott & also all the Lands Lying at Nocks marsh which was my ffathers except the ffourtie accars before given to my Brother & Sister—

It I give to my Brother Silvanus Nock my two steares & plow chaine & my Chest & all my bedding & my wareing ap<sup>pe</sup>ll

It I give to my Sister Rebecca Nock my white faced hiffer being two yeare old—

It I give to my Unckle Jerimre Tibbits one ewe sheep—

It I give to my Bther Henrie Nock my Muskuet & my bible

It I doe make my deare & tender Mother Rebecca Binmore to be my sole Executorix of all my estate not formerly expressed & I desire my veri good frind John Roberts to be my over seer & w<sup>th</sup> my mother to see this my will <sup>pe</sup>formed

In wittnes where of I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day & yeare abovesd—

John Robearts

signe of

John Evens

Thomas X Nock [seal]

[Proved Oct. 31, 1677.]

[Inventory Feb. 26, 1676/7; amount, £81.17.0; signed by John Evens and John Wingate.]

[Silvanus Nock made choice of Lieut. Peter Coffin to be his guardian June 27, 1676.]

[Court Records, June 27, 1676, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 14.]

[Bond of Rebecca Binmore of Dover, widow, to John Roberts of Dover, in the sum of £27.0.0, to pay to Henry Nock £13.4.0 in cattle, sheep, or swine when he shall become 21 years of age. "The Condition of this p'sent obligation is such that where as the bove s<sup>d</sup> John Roberts was by the desire of Henrie Tibbits of Dover deceased & also by order of Court chosen & appointed overseer of Henrie Nock Son' of Thomas Nock deceased & where as Rebecca Binmore afore said Mother to the s<sup>d</sup> henrie Nock is contented to take the Care & tuision of the s<sup>d</sup> Henrie Nock Untill he accom-

plish the age of one & twentie yeares & hath Rec<sup>d</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> John Roberts soe much Cattle sheep & Swine as doth amount to the sum of thirteene pounds & fflower shilling."

"John Roberts came into Court held in Dov<sup>r</sup> 1 June 1680 and rendred up to y<sup>e</sup> Court this bond & estate menconed w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> court have put into y<sup>e</sup> hands of w<sup>m</sup> willy & have taken security fro<sup>m</sup> him to respond y<sup>e</sup> same when s<sup>d</sup> Hen: Nock coms to 21 years of age

Elias Stileman Sec<sup>r</sup>"]

[Guardianship of Henry Nock was granted to William Willey June 1, 1680, he being chosen by the ward. The court binds the ward to his guardian for seven years, to learn the trade of shoemaker, and at the end of that time he is to receive his legacy of £13.4.0, for which his mother is bound by bond.]

[Court Records, June 1, 1680, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 34.]

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MATTHEW MARTYN 1677

[Administration on the estate of Matthew Martyn granted to William Deamont March 28, 1677, who gave bond in the sum of £50.]

[Court Records, March 28, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 243.]

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JEREMIAH TIBBETTS 1677

DOVER

In the name of God Amen: I, Jeremiah Tippetts of Dover Upon puscatuqua: now Lyeinge Upon my sick bed but of my perfect minde & memory doe Com'ite & bequeath my soule & spirite to God that gave it & my outward estate as followeth—

first I desire that my body be decently buried & that my funerall Charges with all Lawfull debts due from me be honestly discharged & satisfied Next I ordaine & Appoint to my Sonn Jeremiah that y<sup>e</sup> Remainer of that ten Acres of land which I bought of y<sup>e</sup> towne which Lyeth now without fence with two yearlinge steeres Already

in his possession bee to him & his for ever for & on y<sup>e</sup> accompt of thirteen pounds given to my s<sup>d</sup> Sonn by his Grandfather Thomas Canny which I made use of for my owne behoofe , Thirdly I doe Appoint & ordaine to be in the hands of mary my wife for y<sup>e</sup> bringing up of our smale Children all my present Estate : Except what shall be heereafter nominated : & y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of my now dwelling house & barne to be for her owne proper use dureing her life time but the former dureing her widdowhood or as my Executors shall see Cause : it is to be understood y<sup>t</sup> I Assigne to my wife the new end of the house : 4ly I doe heerby bequeath to my Sonn Jeremiah to be delivered into his own Custody at one and twenty yeares of his age & to be for him & his for ever the other halfe of my house & barne with the one halfe of that fenced ground which is of the ten Acres I bought of the towne : 5tly I doe bequeath to my Sonn Thomas at his one & twentieth yeare of age to bee for him & his for ever, thè other halfe of the fenced ground which is of that tenn Acres which I bought of the towne and also the halfe of my dwelling house & barne now left in the Custody of my wife to be his for ever after my wifes decease : 6ly I doe heerby bequeath to my daughter mary Rawlines one Cow : 7ly I ordaine & Appoint that my Execo<sup>r</sup>s heereafter named shall pay or Cause to be paide to my daught<sup>r</sup> hanah tenn pounds for & on y<sup>e</sup> behalfe of ten pounds given to her by her Grandfather Canny & made use of by my selfe for my owne use : & behoofe : 8ly I doe heereby Apoint & ordaine that whatsoever part of my Estate shall Remaine unspent after the Raisinge & bringinge up of my Children whether moveable or unmoveable it be Just & Equally Devided Amongst my Children now following : namely Han'ah. Joseph. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Benjamine : Ephraim : martha, Elizabeth Nathaniell & henery : & for the Execution of this my Will & Testament : I doe by these presents Appoint & ordaine mary my Wife & Jeremiah my Eldest sonn to be my true & Lawfull Exec<sup>ors</sup> : & to be overseers for the Right man'agement of all & every the ~~ph~~misses Aforsd I doe heereby Appoint & ordaine my Brother Joseph Canny & my trusty & Loveing freind serjant John Roberts : to All Which I signe & seale this 5th day of may

one Thousand sixe hundred seaventy & seaven as Wittnes my hand: 1677

Teste                      The X Signe of Jeremiah Tippett [seal]

Job Clements

John Robearts

[Proved Oct. 31, 1677.]

[Inventory, June 20, 1677; amount, £272.0.0.]

[Summons, Oct. 27, 1709, to Jeremiah Tibbetts and his son, John Tibbetts, to appear before the court on the first Monday in November to administer the estate of Jeremiah Tibbetts of Dover; service signed by Edward Evans, constable of Dover.]

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JOHN MOORE, JR.                      1677

[Inventory of the estate of John Moore, Jr., May 10, 1677; amount, £70.10.0; attested by the widow, Agnes Moore, Nov. 2, 1677.]

[Administration on the estate of John Moore was granted to his widow, Agnes Moore, and Capt. Thomas Daniell June 23, 1677, and they were required to give bonds in the sum of £100.]

[Court Records, June 23, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 243.]

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LAWRENCE CARPENTER 1677

In the name of god amen

the will and Testament of Larance Carpente on his Sicke beade this Seventh Day of may 1677—

Itom first and formest I doe bequeth my Solle to god that gave it and Secondly my body to the Earth from whence it came—

Itom therdly I doe bequeath all my temprall Estate Ether moveable ore Unmveable with my Sheare and portlighe which is now in the constitey of Pette-wallish my Portlighe is to be sixe Pound

and the ministr Rate I to be free of to my yonge and tende daughte grace—

4<sup>thly</sup> I doe heare ordayne My true and well beloved frinds boath thomas Jackeson of Portchmouth and Richard Tope of Iles of Shoules to take the Care and Charge of my afore Said doughte and Estate for her Uese to deale with it for her according to the best that the for I Shall inabel them my Just debts to be paid as wittnis my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1677

wittnes

the marke of  
Ane X Harvey  
Rogr Kelly

the marke of  
Larance X Carpente

[Proved July 6, 1677.]

[Inventory of the estate of Lawrence Carpenter, who died July 4, 1677; amount, £68.0.0; attested by Thomas Jackson.]

[Order of court, Oct. 31, 1677, binding Grace Carpenter, aged three years and a half, daughter of Lawrence Carpenter, to Thomas Jackson and his wife, Hannah Jackson, until she be eighteen years old, Thomas Jackson being executor of her father's will.]

[Court Records, Oct 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 21.]

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ROBERT MANSON                      1677                      ISLES OF SHOALS

[Administration on the estate of Robert Manson of the Isles of Shoals granted to Henry Putt June 23, 1677, who gave bond in the sum of £40, with Roger Kelly as surety.]

[Court Records, June 23, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 243.]

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Manson, who died May 10, 1677; amount, £24.6.0; signed by Roger Kelly and Richard Manson; sworn to by Elizabeth Putt June 26, 1677.]

## TEAGUE ROYALL 1677

[Administration on the estate of Teague Royall granted to John Woodman and Stephen Jones June 23, 1677.]

[Court Records, June 23, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 243.]

## HECTOR DEMASHAW 1677 ISLES OF SHOALS

[Administration on the estate of Hector Demashaw, a Frenchman who died on the Isles of Shoals, was granted to Peter Shaw June 23, 1677, who gave bond in the sum of £20, with Nathaniel Fryer as surety.]

[Court Records, June 23, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 243.]

## THOMAS CANNEY, JR. 1677

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Canney granted to his widow, Sarah Canney; June 23, 1677.]

[Court Records, June 23, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 243.]

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Canney, Jr., who died May 15, 1677; amount, £311.8.0; attested by — Wingate, relict of Thomas Canney, June 25, 1678. Mentions

"6 children	{	11 years old, with her Aunt
		9 —
		8 —
		6 —
		4 boy
		1 boy

& widow—"]

for the settling of this estate This court doth order y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> admstratrix & Jn<sup>o</sup> Winget her p<sup>s</sup>ent husband paying y<sup>e</sup> debts of her above-named dec<sup>'</sup>ed husband and bringing up y<sup>e</sup> children untill of age to choose their Guardians respectively, shee shall have all the moveable estate besides y<sup>e</sup> thirds of y<sup>e</sup> Lands during her life, & y<sup>e</sup>—

of y<sup>e</sup> whole, while y<sup>e</sup> children come of age as aboves<sup>d</sup>, & y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Lands to be divided among y<sup>e</sup> children as y<sup>e</sup> law hath p<sup>r</sup>ovided, in y<sup>e</sup> meane time, not to suffer any strip or waste on y<sup>e</sup> houses & Lands  
Elias Stileman Cleric

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ABRAHAM PERKINS, JR. 1677

[Inventory of the estate of Abraham Perkins, Jr., "who was slayne by y<sup>e</sup> Indians upon y<sup>e</sup> 13: of June 1677;" taken June 28, 1677, by Samuel Dalton and Henry Roby; amount £166.2.6.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 23.]

[Administration on the estate granted to Elizabeth Perkins Oct. 9, 1677, her father, Thomas Sleeper, being her surety.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files; Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records, Oct. 2, 1677, and Deeds, vol. 4, p. 56.]

[Elizabeth Perkins, administratrix, was ordered to attend court to divide the estate Oct. 8, 1678, but, being near her time of travail, could not appear.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 64, and Court Records, Oct. 8, 1678.]

Itt is agreed by the Adminestratores and Abraham perkins and Thomas Sleeper the Grandfathers of the Children of Abraham perkins Ju<sup>r</sup> Deceased thatt Considering the three Children are young and to bee Brought up the which their mother and Alexander Denum her p<sup>r</sup>esent Husband Doth Ingage to bring up the Children and to Cause them to be taught to Read English and as they shall a Rive to the age of twenty one years or att their Days of marriage which shall falle outt first they shall be payd vize to mercie perkins twentie pound to bee payd as is above sayd

Itt to mary perkins twentie pound to be payd as above sparci-fied

Itt to Elizabeth perkins twentie pound to be payd to her att the age or time above mentioned and wee Doe Ingage our selves

our Heires Exectuers & Administrators thatt all the lands of the sd Abraham perkins Ju<sup>r</sup> shall ly Responsuble for the Education of the Children and the payment of their portions as is above mentioned Desireing the Hono<sup>d</sup> County Courtt to Conferme the same

The marke of  
Alexsand<sup>r</sup> X Denum  
Elizabeth Denum  
Her X marke

Confirmed by court at Salisbury April 8, 1679.

Thomas Sleeper is discharged from his bond of £200.

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files; Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 75, and Court Records, April 8, 1679.]

JOHN HEARD

JAMES HEARD

1677

KITTERY, ME.

[Richard Otis gives bond in the sum of £500.0.0 July 3, 1677, as guardian to John Heard, heir to John and James Heard.]

Articles of agreement made concluded and fully agreed upon, between Maj<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Shapleigh John Shapleigh Joseph Hamond and William Spencer of y<sup>e</sup> one p<sup>ar</sup>tie And Richard Otis and James Chadborn on y<sup>e</sup> other p<sup>ar</sup>tie Witnesseth, that whereas y<sup>e</sup> above named Nicholas Shapleigh John Shapleigh Joseph Hamond & William Spencer were by y<sup>e</sup> last will and Testament of John Heard of Kittery on Piscataqua River in New England Deceased bearing Date y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> day of March in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord God one thousand Six hundred Seventy & five, Nominated chosen and appointed with y<sup>e</sup> above named James Chadborn to be his overseers in trust to See y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Will p<sup>er</sup>formed/ Now we y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Nicholas Shapleigh, John Shapleigh Joseph Hamond & William Spencer above named, being y<sup>e</sup> Major part of y<sup>e</sup> overseers of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Will And Considering y<sup>e</sup> Introcacie & Mixture of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of s<sup>d</sup> John Heard,



it being Mixed with and amongst y<sup>e</sup> Estate of James Heard the Son of John Heard, who Deceased without making any Will, And Considering that many Inconveniencies might arise in y<sup>e</sup> Deviding of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Estate doe by these presents Assign and make over all y<sup>e</sup> Right and overseership of y<sup>e</sup> last will and Testament of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Heard Deceased unto y<sup>e</sup> above named Richard Otis, who being y<sup>e</sup> now husband of Shuah the Relict or Widdow of James Heard, And to y<sup>e</sup> above named James Chadborn And to both of them Joyntly And have fully for our parts have authorized Lycenced and Assigned y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Otis and James Chadborn to Act and doe all and every thing or things concerning y<sup>e</sup> Execution of the Said Will & Testament, And not Intermeddle with y<sup>e</sup> Administration of any part of y<sup>e</sup> Goods & Chattells money Debts or other Estate of y<sup>e</sup> Said Testament without y<sup>e</sup> consent of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Otis and James Chadborn their heires or Execut<sup>rs</sup>, but Shall at all times hereafter And from time to time ¶mit and suffer y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Otis and James Chadborn their heires Execut<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns to Administer all Such Goods Chattells moneys Debts and Estate, As at y<sup>e</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> Date hereof be in y<sup>e</sup> Custodie of y<sup>e</sup> said Nicholas Shapleigh and the rest of y<sup>e</sup> overseers or in y<sup>e</sup> hand of any other ¶son or ¶sons which are to be Administred According to y<sup>e</sup> Tenour and Intent of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Will and Testament, And y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Otis & James Chadborn doe for themselves their heires Execut<sup>rs</sup> Administrat<sup>rs</sup> And Assigns promise and engage that out of y<sup>e</sup> Moveables y<sup>e</sup> Estate of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> John Heard and James Heard his Son, that they will Administer And pay all y<sup>e</sup> Just and due Debts which y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Heard and James his Son did owe to any ¶son or ¶sons And alsoe to Satisfie All Such Legacies as is by y<sup>e</sup> will and Testament Expressed And alsoe to take Care for y<sup>e</sup> Comfortable Subsistence of Isbell Heard y<sup>e</sup> Relict of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Heard During her Naturall life And alsoe for y<sup>e</sup> Children of James Heard According to y<sup>e</sup> Intent of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> will and Testament, And alsoe to yeeld up y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Lands and housing unto John Heard y<sup>e</sup> Grand Child of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Heard Deceased when he Shall Accomplish & Attain to y<sup>e</sup> Age of twenty one years, Tenantable and Sufficiently

ffenced, or as now it is And in case of Mortallitie, to whomesoever it Shall belong according to y<sup>e</sup> true intent and meaning of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Will and Testament And for y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>formance hereof we y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Otis and James Chadborn doe bind our selves our heires Execut<sup>rs</sup> and Administrat<sup>rs</sup> Joyntly and Severally by these presents—In witness whereof we have hereunto set too our hands and Seales this fifth day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Seventy Seven

Signed Sealed and	Nicho: Shapleigh	[his seal]
Delivered In the pres-	John Shapleigh	[his seal]
ents of	Jos. Ham'ond	[his seal]
William Brickham	William Spencer	[his seal]
Alice Chadborn	The mark of Rich <sup>d</sup> Otis X	[his seal]
	James Chadborn	[his seal]

[Allowed Nov. 5, 1677.]

#### EDWARD COLCORD, JR. 1677

[Administration on the estate of Edward Colcord, Jr., granted to his father, Edward Colcord, July 7, 1677.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 55.]

[Relatives moving for a settlement of the estate, the court, Nov. 11, 1679, ordered Capt. John Gilman, John Sanborn, and Sergeant Joseph Dow to call the administrator to account.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 74, and Court Records, Nov. 11, 1679.]

[Order of court, Sept. 7, 1680, that the administrator bring in an account of the estate.]

[Court Records, Sept. 7, 1680, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 39.]

[Order of court, Dec. 7, 1680, settling the estate of Edward Colcord, Jr., on his brother, Samuel Colcord.]

[Court Records, Dec. 7, 1680, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 44.]

## JOHN KENNISTON 1677

[Administration on the estate of John Kenniston granted to his widow, Agnes Kenniston, Aug. 1, 1677.]

[Court Records, Aug. 1, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 242.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Kenniston "who was lately slain by y<sup>e</sup> Indians," Aug. 1, 1677; amount, £65.3.0; signed by Samuel Haines and Philip Lewis.]

## BRYAN PENDLETON 1677 PORTSMOUTH

Portsmouth 9<sup>th</sup> of August (1677)

I Bryan Pendleton sometye of Sacoe In y<sup>e</sup> County of yorke, Now resident in Portsmouth, on Pishataq<sup>e</sup> River in N: E: do make & ordaine this to bee my last will & testament, hereby re-voakeing all former wills by mee made /

1: I give unto my beloved wife Ellner Pendleton (besids what I have reserved for her in a Deed of Gyft to my Grandchild Pendleton Fletcher) all my househould goods, together with all that peece of Land belonging to mee liing between my son James & Mr Dereings, upon y<sup>e</sup> great Island which I have excepted, & reserved out of my deed of Gyft of all to my son James / Further-  
more, I give unto my wife, all my houseing & land at Cape Porpus, which Richd Palmers wife hath the use of dureing her life, together with my six hundred & fourty Acres of Land more or less liing on the East side of Wests brooke, near Saco ffalls, which I bought of John West, & Majo<sup>r</sup> William Phillips as by Deed will appeare & also Tymber Island at the little River, all which I give to my wife absolutely to bee at her disposall /

2ly unto my grandchild James Pendleton Junio<sup>r</sup>, I give my hundred acres of upland, & Tenn Acres of Meddow which I bought of Jo<sup>n</sup> Bush & lyeth with in the Townshipp of Cape Porpus ad-joyneing to princes Rocke,

3<sup>ly</sup> all my houseing & Land at Wells with all the priviledges & app'tenances I give unto my two grandchildren Mary, & Hannah Pendleton w<sup>ch</sup> my son had by his former wife to bee æqually divided between them /

4: I give to my wife all my weareing Cloaths to bee disposed off as shee shall see meete, desireing her to remember some poore /

5: Finally I make my wife my executrix & Joyne my beloved son James Pendleton executo<sup>r</sup> together with his Mother, willing my executrix to disburse what is meete for my funerall Charges & my executo<sup>r</sup> to pay all my debts, And I request Mr Josua Moodey, & Mr Ric: Martyne, to bee overseers to this my last will & testament /

In witness to all & singular the ~~pr~~misses, I have set to my hand & seale, this 9th day of August 1677 :

witnesse

Josua Moodey,  
Ann Moodey

Bryan Pendleton [his seale]

As a Sedule to this my last will & testament, I give unto my beloved son James Pendleton, all my land on the East of Wests brooke butting on the great River of Saco, six hundred Acres more or less, my farme & all my land at Cape Porpus, in all three hundred acres in the occupation of Ric: Palmer, all my severall Islands in or neare Cape Porpus, y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of my stock of Cattle of w<sup>t</sup> sort so ever upon my farme at Winter Harbour, found after mine and my wives decease, with all my weareing apparell & one third of my houseould goods (except my utensills of husbandry /

And to Mary & Hannah Pendleton daughters to my sayd son James all y<sup>e</sup> My lands In Wells, being those Plantations or Lotts bought of Mr fletcher, Ham'ond, & West Improved by Joseph Cross, & to each of them one third part of my houseould goods, after mine & my wives decease, Ite<sup>m</sup> to Bryan Pendleton my Grandson, y<sup>e</sup> remaind<sup>r</sup> of my land on Great Island, w<sup>t</sup> is Con-

tayned there in & addition to my will, any thing in the sd will not withstanding,

This Scedule signed  
& sealed In y<sup>e</sup> presence  
of us,

Bryan Pendleton [his seale]

Joseph Dudley

[Proved April 5, 1681.]

[York County, Me., Deeds, vol. 5.]

[Inventory, June 23, 1681; amount, £787.12.0. "Cap<sup>t</sup> Pendleton was not free in giving his Attest to this Inventory because hee Conceived severall goods were disposed of, before hee could have oportunity to come to looke after y<sup>m</sup>."] ]

[York County, Me., Deeds, vol. 5.]

EDWARD TYNG

1677

BOSTON, MASS.

I Edward Tyng Senior of Boston in New England being by the Gracious alwise Disposing Providence of God preserved unto Old Age & accompanied with many infirmities attending the Same & feeling Sensible decays in my Self Which Bespeak my approaching dissolution \* \* \*

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my son Edward Tyng the Sum of one hundred Pounds to Be paid out of my Estate having Given him a Considerable Estate already Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Eunice the Sum of Five hundred Pounds to be Paid her out of my Estate in Good Pay. Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Son in Law M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Dudley about Twenty Pounds which he is indebted to me by Book. Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Present grand Children Viz To Thomas Hannah & Mary Savage. To Thomas Edward Joseph & Paul Dudley to Samuel Searl & John Tyng to Each of my Said Grand Children the Sum

of one hundred Pounds to be Paid unto them out of my Estate at the Disease of my Wife & my Will is that in Case any of my Said Grand Children should Depart this Life before my Said Wife then the Legacy or Legacies hereby Given unto him her or them so Dying Shall be at the dispose of my S<sup>d</sup> Wife to Give it as She Seeth meete Item my Will is that none of my Estate be Spent or Laid out in Farmeing more than to the value of £10.0.0 in Building to Prevent the Looseing or Forfeiting of any Lots of Land and if the Providence of God by Fire or otherwise Should Lessen or Take away any Part of my Estate then my Will is that my Legatees aforementioned Shall make an abatement proportionable to Such Loss out of their Severall Legacies hereby Bequeathed unto them Proportionably Item all my Just Debts funeral Expences & the aforementioned Legacies being paid & Ordained to be Paid I Give & Bequeath the Whole Remainder of my Estate Both Real & Personal unto my Beloved Wife Mary Tyng to Dispose of the Same as She Pleaseth and in Case my Said Wife Should Want for any Comfortable Supply during her Widdowhood I do hereby Licence & fully Impower her (with the Consent of my Overseers) to make Sail of any of my Lands or other Estate for her Supply Item I do hereby appoint & Constitute my Beloved Wife Mary Tyng to be Sole Executrix of this my Last Will, and do intreat my Hon<sup>d</sup> Friend John Leveret Esq M<sup>r</sup> Anthony Stodderd & Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Brattle to be Overseers of the Same requesting their Advice & Councel to my Said Executrix in the Due Performance thereof. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Twenty fifth day of August in the Year of our Lord God. one thousand Six hundred & Seventy & seven 1677—

Signed Seal'd & published by  
the Worpp<sup>l</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Tyng Esq<sup>r</sup> to  
be his Last Will & Testament  
in Presence of us—

Edward Tyng [& a Seal]

George Monk, Is<sup>a</sup> Addington

Memorandum, the Words (Proportionable to Such Loss) was Interlined by M<sup>r</sup> Tyngs order upon the 7 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1680 at Which time he Declared that. whereas there is a Legcy of Five hundred pounds Given to his Daughter Eunice She being Since Married to M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Willard he hath Paid her the Said Sum of five hundred pounds & so the Said Legacy is Void Read to & owned by M<sup>r</sup> Tyng in Presence of us.

John Conny Is<sup>a</sup> Addington—

[Proved Jan. 19, 1681/2.]

JOHN HALL

1677

GREENLAND

Greenland in y<sup>o</sup> Townsh<sup>p</sup> of Dover The last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> of John Hall of Greenland.

29. Aug: 1677

I John Hall being of perfect Memory doe make & Constitute this to bee my last Will & Testament, hereby revokeing all Wills by mee formerly made. After my Debts and ffunerall Expences defrayed out of my Estate, I dispose of y<sup>o</sup> remaind<sup>r</sup> as followeth.

1<sup>o</sup> Unto my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth I give all y<sup>o</sup> Mony y<sup>t</sup> I leave together w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>o</sup> one halfe of y<sup>o</sup> Household stuffe belonging to or in either of y<sup>o</sup> Two houses vz: either my old house or y<sup>o</sup> new one com<sup>'</sup>only called Josephs House, y<sup>o</sup> mony to be at her absolute Disposall, y<sup>o</sup> Household goods to bee for her use dureing her life, & my Daughter Sarah to have them after or of her mother w<sup>ch</sup> her mother pleases. I give her also twenty pounds  $\text{p}.$  annu<sup>—</sup> to bee paid her by my son Joseph yearly dureing her Naturall Life y<sup>o</sup> one halfe in Provisions, y<sup>o</sup> other halfe at any Merchants in Pascataque River y<sup>t</sup> shee shall chuse. Furthermore I will y<sup>t</sup> my wife shall have her liberty to live in & make use of as her own during her naturall life either one of y<sup>o</sup> big tow Rooms in y<sup>o</sup> New house or y<sup>o</sup> whole old House w<sup>ch</sup> shee pleases as also y<sup>o</sup> Use of all y<sup>o</sup> Orchard belonging to y<sup>o</sup> old House while she lives, & likewise she shall have my Negro while she lives—

2° To my son Joseph Hall I give (upon Condition y<sup>t</sup> he doe pay as by these p<sup>r</sup>sents I order him) All my Houseing new & old w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> out houseing Orchard joyning thereunto & all my Lands w<sup>th</sup>in ffence & without on y<sup>e</sup> Eastern & western side of y<sup>e</sup> Road w<sup>th</sup> my Grant of land to bee laid out at Cochecho to have & to hold to him & his Heires for ever, provided y<sup>t</sup> if he dye w<sup>th</sup>out Heires the whole Estate before mentioned y<sup>t</sup> I have given to him shalbe equally divided between my Daught<sup>r</sup> Sarah and my Grand child Abigail Dam'e. Alwaies excepting and reserving y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>t</sup> part of them above & hereafter mentioned to my wife & Daughter, as also excepting y<sup>e</sup> propriety of that w<sup>th</sup> I have hereafter given my Daughter. I also give to my son Joseph y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of my moveables, to say my Household Goods, stock & utensills of all sorts w<sup>th</sup>in doores & without, & all my wearing clothes, except w<sup>t</sup> is hereafter excepted.

3° To my Daughter Sarah I give my thirty sixe Acres of Land more or lesse lying at Harwoods Point & sixe Acres of Marsh more or lesse adjoining thereto, to bee had & held by her & her Heires for ever, & if shee dyes without Heires I give it unto my Grandchild Abigail Dam'e. Furthermore I give my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter Sarah y<sup>e</sup> one Half of all my Stock willing y<sup>t</sup> she shall possesse s<sup>d</sup> Land & stock im'ediately upon my decease, only y<sup>e</sup> use of her Hay-Ground together w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> Hay-Ground & pasture-land upon y<sup>e</sup> Farm to bee in com'on between her & her Brother Joseph together w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> Barns & outhouseing betwext y<sup>m</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> maintaining of her stock while shee lives unmarried upon y<sup>e</sup> ffarm, allowing her to keep (if shee pleases) as much stock upon y<sup>e</sup> ffarm as Joseph, both of y<sup>m</sup> to agree y<sup>t</sup> the Farm be not over-burdened. Also I give her y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> field at red-oak hill as long as she lives unmarried, & so long also y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> Houseing & Orchard assigned to her Mother when her mother shall leave it by Death or otherwise, & one year after her Marriage if shee pleases. Further I give to my daught<sup>r</sup> Sara y<sup>e</sup> best Bed in y<sup>e</sup> Porch-chamb<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Hangings & all Furniture, 2 p<sup>r</sup> of sheets, Bolster, pillowes & y<sup>e</sup> 2 New woollen Blankets & y<sup>e</sup> Rug belonging to it w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> best



Bedstead. Also I will y<sup>t</sup> Joseph shall pay her twenty pounds more within three yeares after her Marriage, & y<sup>t</sup> shee shall have my best Cloak, Great Coat, Searge Jacket, best red wastcoat, & Joseph shall have y<sup>e</sup> rest of my wearing clothes. And both my wife & Daughter shall have free use of fireing upon y<sup>e</sup> ffarme, dureing theyr being there And Sarah is to bear her proportion of getting ffooder for her Cattle.

4<sup>o</sup> Unto my Grandchild Abigail Dam'e I give sixty pounds to be paid her by my Son Joseph in currant pay of y<sup>e</sup> River, y<sup>e</sup> one halfe when shee shalbee eighteen yeares of Age, y<sup>e</sup> other halfe foure yeares after. Also I give to s<sup>d</sup> Abigail y<sup>t</sup> bed which is next to y<sup>e</sup> best with all Appurtenances suitable for it; as also y<sup>t</sup> Heifer & hee sheep w<sup>th</sup> shee calleth hers or y<sup>e</sup> like & as good if they bee otherwise disposed of before my decease. And to prevent trouble thro misunderstand<sup>g</sup>, I will y<sup>t</sup> it bee taken notice of by my Execut<sup>rs</sup> y<sup>t</sup> I acc<sup>o</sup>. all y<sup>e</sup> Goods moveables & stock upon y<sup>e</sup> ffarm to bee<sup>n</sup> mine & y<sup>t</sup> neither shall challenge a propriety in any of them, but they shall all goe into y<sup>e</sup> division as is above exprest.

5<sup>o</sup> To y<sup>e</sup> church of Dover I give fifty shill: — to bee laid out by Joseph for the Com'union Table.

Furthermore I make my Beloved wife, son Joseph & Daughter Sarah Joynt Execut<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> my last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> willing y<sup>t</sup> they all three while they al live act as one in all matt<sup>rs</sup> ¶ ¶ly referring to Execut<sup>p</sup>: (excepting what is before appropriated to one or other of them,) & that if there bee any Question or matter referring to y<sup>e</sup> Execution of this my Will wherein they doe not all concurr, they shall consult w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Overseers by whom such matter shalbe decided by theyr best Light according to y<sup>e</sup> true Intent & meaning of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>mises.

Finally I request & appoint my Trusty ffrinds m<sup>r</sup> Josh: Moodey m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Martyn & m<sup>r</sup> Job Clemens sen<sup>r</sup> to bee Overseers to see to y<sup>e</sup> ¶formance of y<sup>e</sup> my last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> willing & appointing y<sup>t</sup> they shalbee fully satisfied by my Executo<sup>rs</sup> Joyntly for what expence of Time they may bee at thereabout.

In witnes to all y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>misses both on the other side & this I set to my hand & seale this 29<sup>th</sup> August 1677

Signed & Sealed in p<sup>r</sup>sence of us those words [& all my lands] between 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup>. Line in 2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup>tic<sup>r</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> other side, being interlined before Sealing

The Mark of  
John X Hall [seal]

Joshua Moodey

John fletcher

william ffurbur senior

[Proved Oct. 31, 1677.]

[Joseph Hall and Sarah Hall, joint executors, give bonds of £200 for the execution of the will.]

EDWARD WEST

1677

NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of Edward West, Great Island, Sept. 1, 1677; amount, £540.14.6; signed by Elias Stileman and John Harvey.]

[Administration on the estate of Edward West granted to Martha West and George Walton Oct. 31, 1677, who presented an inventory of £540.14.6.]

[Court Records, Oct. 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 21.]

[Martha West having died, administration was granted to George Walton, in behalf of the children, June 24, 1679, who presented an inventory, and pledged his homestead and all his land on Great bay for the division of the estate according to order of court.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1679, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 29.]

[Guardianship of John West granted to William Partridge June 24, 1679, he being chosen by the ward.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1679, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 31.]

[Guardianship of Edward West, Jr., infant son of Edward West, granted to Capt. Thomas Daniell Sept. 7, 1681.]

[Council Records, Sept. 7, 1681.]

BENJAMIN SWETT                      1677                      HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Capt. Benjamin Swett of Hampton granted to Hester Swett Oct. 9, 1677.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records, Oct. 9, 1677, and Deeds, vol. 4, p. 56.]

[Inventory of the estate of Capt. Benjamin Swett, "who was slayn att Black point by y<sup>e</sup> Barberas Indians the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1677"; taken by Seaborn Cotton, Samuel Dalton, Anthony Stanyan, and Stephen Greenleaf, but signed by Anthony Stanyan and Samuel Dalton only; amount, £558.19.0.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 24.]

[Seaborn Cotton and Anthony Stanyan testified that in discourse with Capt. Benjamin Swett the day before he went to Black Point, where he was slain, he manifested himself to be very solicitous concerning the settlement of his temporal estate, and declared that it was his desire that his wife should be so left that she might live comfortably and have opportunity to do good to her children for their encouragement; attested March 29, 1678.]

The widow of the deceased, Hester Swett, moved that Benjamin Swett, the eldest son have that part of the land upon the order of the last court, and a young horse; and he said that he was satisfied with that for his double portion. The other eight children are to have £30 apiece, as they come of age.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 61, and Court Records, April 9, 1678.]

BENJAMIN HILLIARD                      1677                      HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Benjamin Hilliard granted to his brother, Timothy Hilliard, at his request, Oct. 9, 1677.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Court Records, Oct. 9, 1677, and Deeds, vol. 4, p. 56.]

[Inventory of the estate of Benjamin Hilliard of Hampton, "being slaine by the enimi June the 13 1677"; taken by Anthony Stanyan and Thomas Philbrick; amount, £54.15.0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 25.]

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THOMAS LEIGHTON            1677

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Leighton, Oct. 29, 1677; amount, £515.10.0; signed by Philip Cromwell and John Tuttle; attested by Elizabeth Leighton and Philip Cromwell Oct. 31, 1677.]

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Leighton granted to Elizabeth Leighton, Philip Cromwell, and John Tuttle Oct. 31, 1677.]

[Court Records, Oct. 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 20.]

[Lieut. Anthony Nutter petitioning the court for a larger allowance for the support of the oldest son of Thomas Leighton of Dover, then in his care, the court, Oct. 31, 1677, referred the matter to Major Richard Waldron.]

[Court Records, Oct. 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 22.]

[Mr. Fryer and Lieut. Peter Coffin were appointed additional administrators June 25, 1678, on petition of Elizabeth Leighton, the widow.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 26.]

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JOHN REYNER                    1677

[Administration on the estate of John Reyner granted to Mrs. Frances Reyner Oct. 31, 1677, the executors of his will having declined to serve.]

[Court Records, Oct. 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 21.]

[Mrs. Frances Reyner petitioning the court "for the procuring of y<sup>e</sup> meanes of s<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Reyners maintainance due from y<sup>e</sup>

towne of Dover," the court, Oct. 31, 1677, ordered the selectmen of Dover to pay the amount to the administratrix within six months.]

[Court Records, Oct. 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 21.]

[Lieut. Peter Coffin is joined with Mrs. Frances Reyner to assist her in administering the estate of her son, Rev. John Reyner.]

[Council Records, April 1, 1680.]

ROBERT BRADDOCK 1677

[Administration on the estate of Robert Braddock granted to John Fletcher and Israel Phillips Oct. 31, 1677.]

[Court Records, Oct. 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 21.]

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Braddock, who died Aug. 29, 1676; taken Nov. 2, 1677; amount, £10.12.11; signed by John Hoddy and John Tucker.]

JAMES CATE 1677 PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of James Cate, who died May 15, 1677; amount, £62.15.0; signed by Richard Cummings and George —; attested by Alice Cate Oct. 31, 1677.]

[Citation, May 28, 1702, to Alice Cate, widow and administratrix of James Cate of Portsmouth, carpenter, to appear and give an account of the estate, which amounts to \$62.15.0; signed by William Partridge.]

Ports<sup>m</sup> may : 30<sup>th</sup> : 1702

The deposition of mary Partridge aged fifty nine yers or thereabouts Testifieth that Edward Catt Comonly so Called was borne about forty seven years agoe and brott up and sockled by his mother wife to James Catt decesed and the sd Edward was the first Child that she Ever had as I Ever hered of and was born in wedlock : and forther saith not

Capt et Jurat 8<sup>o</sup> June 1702 :  
Coram me

by me Mary Partridge

W<sup>m</sup> Partridge L<sup>t</sup> Govr<sup>or</sup>

Mary Walker about Seaventy two years deposeth to the full contents of the above Deposicon to her best Remembrance.

her

Mary X Walker  
mark

Capt et Jurat Octavio die Junii 1702  
Coram me

W<sup>m</sup> Partridge L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>or</sup>

[Court records:—Alice Cate, widow, appeared June 1, 1702, and asked for more time, which was granted.

June 8, 1702, Alice Cate and Edward Cate, her son, appeared and asked that the estate be settled according to law. Samuel Penhallow and Dr. Thomas Packer, both of Portsmouth, were appointed commissioners to receive claims.

Alice and Edward Cate asked for time to perfect an agreement for the settlement of the estate, which was granted.

The agreement follows in full.]

Alice Cate appears and Releases all her Right and title of Dowry unto the Estate of her form<sup>r</sup> husband James Cate dec<sup>d</sup> unto her said sonn Edward Cate; aforesaid. In Considerac'on of which the Said Edward Cate doth Obleidge & promise for himselfe his heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> and Adm<sup>rs</sup> to pay or Cause to be paid to his Said Mother Alice Cate Seaventeen shill<sup>—</sup> and Six pence in Mony: and Seaventeen shillings and Six Pence in Provisions or what else either Goods or Mony, as she shall have occasion for: to Said value dureing her Naturall Life yearely and every yeare: to Commence and beginn from y<sup>s</sup> day: the Provisions or Goods to be paid the Eight day of Nov<sup>br</sup> in every yeare and the Mony to be paid the Eight day of June every yeare: for performance of which Said Edw<sup>d</sup> Cate bindes himselfe to his Said Mother Alice Cate his heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> & Adm<sup>rs</sup> in the Sume or penaltye of one hundred pounds, Curr<sup>t</sup> mony of New England./

Acknowledged the Said 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1702 Coram

W<sup>m</sup> Partridge L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>or</sup>

Cha: Story Secretary

John Cate Sonn of Said Alice Cate ; John Urin husband to Rebecca Cate daughter alsoe of Said Alice Cate ; Peter Babb husband to Sarah Cate Sister to Said Rebecca ; appears and Releases all y<sup>r</sup> Right and Title to any part or portion of Said Estate of James Cates dec<sup>d</sup> unto Edward Cate sonn of the said James Cate dec<sup>d</sup> aforesaid And Alice Cate and the said John Cate John Urin and peter Babb doth obleidge themselves in the Sum'e of one hundred pounds Joyntly and Severally their heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> and Adm<sup>rs</sup> unto the Said Edw<sup>d</sup> Cate his Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> or Assignes neither they or any of them or Sam<sup>l</sup> Whidden or Mary his wife ; or Elizabeth Cate (which Said Mary and Elizabeth are alsoe daughters to Said James Cate dec<sup>d</sup>) or the heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> or Assignes of the said Sam<sup>l</sup> Whidden and Mary his wife, or the Said Eliz<sup>a</sup> Cate shall or will for the future ever Claime or bring any Acc'on Suite in Law or Equitye ag<sup>t</sup> the Said Edw<sup>d</sup> Cate his heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> or Adm<sup>rs</sup> for any part or portion of Said James Cate dec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>r</sup> fathers Estate as aforesaid/

Acknowledged the Said 8<sup>th</sup> day of June Coram

W<sup>m</sup> Partridge L<sup>t</sup> Govr<sup>or</sup>

[Court Records, June 1, 1702.]

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EDWARD COWELL

1677

[Administration on the estate of Edward Cowell granted to his widow, Agnes Cowell, in behalf of herself and children, Oct. 31, 1677, and she presented an inventory.]

[Court Records, Oct. 31, 1677, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 21.]

[Inventory of the estate ; amount, £167.20 ; signed by John Hunking, Thomas Harvey, and Israel Phillips ; attested Oct. 31, 1677.]

Whereas Adm'nstr<sup>n</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Edward Cowel deceased, at a County Court held at Dover in June 1677, & adjorn'd to y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> of/Octob<sup>r</sup> was granted to Agnes Cowel Relict of y<sup>e</sup> sd Edw<sup>d</sup> Cowel ; And an Inventory of the sd Estate upon oath brought into Court ; And there being no further proceeding in y<sup>e</sup> management

of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>misses by reason of y<sup>e</sup> death of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Agnes : The Council Grants Adm'nstr<sup>n</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Cowels unadministred Estate to Jethro ffurber, who Married Annie y<sup>e</sup> sd Edward & Agnes Cowels daughter. Who is hereby Ordered (& doth ingage) to make further Adm'nstr<sup>n</sup> according to Law of y<sup>e</sup> sd Intestate Edw<sup>d</sup> Cowel sd unadministred Estate.

The Council do assign y<sup>e</sup> sd Jethro ffurber Gardian to Samuel Cowel yongest son of y<sup>e</sup> sd Intestate Edw<sup>d</sup> Cowel ; And allows him for y<sup>e</sup> maintenance & education of y<sup>e</sup> sd Samuel til his age of 14 years, after y<sup>e</sup> rate of 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> an<sup>o</sup> 45<sup>l</sup>, to which by computation it amounts to. Out of which the sd Adm'nstr<sup>r</sup> Jethro ffurber shall be abated proportionably to y<sup>e</sup> years and time y<sup>e</sup> sd Samuel shall want of the sd 14 years, if he shal happen to dye before ; And one moiety of y<sup>e</sup> sd Estate, after deduction of the s<sup>d</sup> 45<sup>l</sup> shall remain to Edw<sup>d</sup> the eldest son of y<sup>e</sup> sd Edw<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Intestate ; and y<sup>e</sup> other moiety to y<sup>e</sup> sd wife of y<sup>e</sup> sd Jethro & y<sup>e</sup> younger son y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Samuel, to be equally devided between them. And y<sup>e</sup> sd Adm'nstr<sup>r</sup> is to have the management of y<sup>e</sup> sd Estate til further Order. And y<sup>e</sup> wearing cloathes rings, & other things shal go as disposed of by y<sup>e</sup> sd Agnes.

[Council Records, May 2, 1682.]

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WILLIAM TAYLOR                      1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of William Taylor, who died Dec. 30, 1677; taken Jan. 2, 1677/8; amount, £7.6.8; signed by Peter Twisden and James Blagdon.]

[Administration on the estate of William Taylor granted to John Hunking June 25, 1678, who presented an inventory of £7.5.8.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 26.]

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TOBIAS LEAR                              1677/8

The last will & testament of Tobias Leare being very sick and weake in body but through Gods mercy, in perfect memory—



Inprimis, I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God from whom I Receavd it, & my body to the earth after my de- cease to be buried in a decent & Christian Maner—

It: I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth all that my dwelling house erected & finished soe far as it is with all the Lands, & privilidges whatsoever to it belonging, lying & being nere & next adjoining to my father in Law M<sup>r</sup> Henry Shirburn, to be all at hir ordering & disposing, & to act & doe as she shall see meet, & doe alsoe make hir my sole executor or executrix of all my whole estate, both of housing, Lands, debts, goods, Chat- tells, or what soever to me belonging in any Just right or claime whatsoever. And to pay unto my two daughters Elizabeth & Joane Leare & to my son Tobias Lear such proporsionable por- sions & leagases, when they come to age, as the estate will then bear, still reserving a suficient maintenance to hir self, I referring to hir discession all the legasies that I herin bequeath to doe therein what she shall see meet & convenient & as the estate will bear it.—

And soe having herin fully declared my mind & will, I doe Com- end my self to the disposing of my gracious Lord God to doe with me as he shall see good in his good pleasure for my dissolution or recovery, & my wife & children to his guidance; And for con- firmation of this my will to be my act & deed I doe hereunto set my hand & seale this five & twentieth day of January Anno Domi, one thousand six hundred seaventy & seaven. 1677.—

Sealed signed & delivered & sub- scribed as it was taken from his own mouth in presents of us.	Tobias X Lear [seal] by his mark & seale.—
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Hugh Leer  
samuell sshurburne  
John Davies—  
Richard Tucker./  
John : X : Peverly  
by his mark.

[Proved Dec. 5 and 6, 1681.]

[Inventory, Dec. 28, 1681; amount, £196.19.0; signed by Elias Stileman and Samuel Sherburne.]

**RICHARD HILL** 1677/8

[Inventory of the goods of Richard Hill, who died Jan. 30, 1677/8; taken Feb. 12, 1677/8; amount, £5.13.0; signed by James Blagdon, Richard Wilcomb, and Edward Gould.]

[Administration on the estate of Richard Hill, "lost at sea in y<sup>e</sup> late storme," was granted to Richard Wilcomb of the Isles of Shoals March 2, 1677/8.]

[Court Records, March 2, 1677/8, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 244.]

[Inventory of the estate, amounting to £5.13.0, was presented by the administrator June 25, 1678.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 27.]

**NOAH GRESHAM** 1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of Noah Gresham, who died Jan. 30, 1677/8; taken Feb. 12, 1677/8; amount, £6.0.0; signed by James Blagdon, Edward Gould, and Richard Wilcomb.]

[Administration on the estate of Noah Gresham, "Lost at sea in y<sup>e</sup> Late Storme," was granted to Richard Wilcomb of the Isles of Shoals March 2, 1677/8.]

[Court Records, March 2, 1677/8, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 244.]

[Inventory of the estate, amounting to £6.0.0, was presented by the administrator June 25, 1678.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 27.]

**RICHARD BOYES** 1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of Richard Boyes, who died Jan. 30, 1677/8; taken Feb. 12, 1677/8; amount, £8.11.2; signed by James Blagdon, Edward Gould, and Richard Wilcomb.]

[Administration on the estate of Richard Boyes, "Lost at sea in y<sup>e</sup> Late Storme," was granted to Richard Wilcomb of the Isles of Shoals March 2, 1677/8.]

[Court Records, March 2, 1677/8, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 244.]

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HENRY LIGHT 1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Light, who died Jan. 30, 1677/8; taken Feb. 15, 1677/8; amount, £11.17.0; signed by John Fabes and James Blagdon.]

[Administration on the estate of Henry Light, "Lost in y<sup>e</sup> Late Storme," was granted to Henry Main March 15, 1677/8.]

[Court Records, March 15, 1677/8, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 244.]

[Inventory of the estate was presented by the administrator June 25, 1678.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 27.]

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ROGER HOLLAND 1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of Roger Holland, who died Jan. 30, 1677/8; taken Feb. 15, 1677/8; amount, £57.9.3; signed by James Blagdon and John Fabes.]

[Administration on the estate of Roger Holland, "Lost in y<sup>e</sup> Late Storme," granted to his brother, Edward Holland, March 5, 1677/8.]

[Court Records, March 5, 1677/8, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 244.]

[Inventory of the estate was presented by the administrator June 25, 1678.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 26.]

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EDWARD PERRYMAN 1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of Edward Perryman, who died Jan. 30, 1677/8; taken Feb. 16, 1677/8; amount, £13.9.6; signed by John Fabes, James Blagdon, and Henry Main.]

[Administration on the estate of Edward Perryman, "Lost in y<sup>e</sup> Late storme at Sea," granted to Henry Main March 15, 1677/8.]

[Court Records, March 15, 1677/8, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 244.]

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NATHAN QUICK            1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of Nathan Quick, Feb. 25, 1677/8; amount, £2.8.0; signed by John Hunking and John Fabes.]

[Administration on the estate of Nathan Quick, "Lost at sea in a storme the Last winter," was granted to Roger Kelly June 25, 1678, who presented an inventory of £2.8.0.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 24.]

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ROBERT GOODWIN        1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Goodwin, Feb. 25, 1677/8; amount, £2.1.0; signed by John Hunking and John Fabes.]

[Administration on the estate of Robert Goodwin, "Lost at sea in a storme the Last winter," was granted to Roger Kelly June 25, 1678, who presented an inventory of £2.1.0.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 24.]

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GABRIEL GRUBB            1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of Gabriel Grubb, Feb. 28, 1677/8; amount, £21.13.6; signed by John Fabes and John Moore; attested by Roger Kelly June 26, 1678. Frances Grubb, widow, asks that Mr. Kelly may administer the estate of her husband, Gabriel Grubb, "lost in The late Storme"; dated March 19, 1677/8.]

[Administration on the estate of Gabriel Grubb, "Lost at sea in a storme the Last winter," was granted to Roger Kelly June 25, 1678, who presented an inventory of £21.13.6.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 24.]

## WILLIAM BROAD 1677/8

[Inventory of the estate of William Broad, March 2, 1677/8; amount, £161.1.0; signed by Elias Stileman and Robert Elliot. List of liabilities annexed; amount, £39.1.0.]

[Administration on the estate of William Broad, "Lost at Sea in y<sup>e</sup> Late Storme," was granted to his widow, Judith Broad, in behalf of herself and children, March 5, 1677/8.]

[Court Records, March 5, 1677/8, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 244.]

[Inventory of the estate amounting to £161.1.0 was presented by Judith Broad, alias Webster, June 25, 1678, and the court joined her husband, Stephen Webster, with her in the administration.]

ffor the settleing of y<sup>e</sup> estate of W<sup>m</sup> Broad deceased This Court doth ord<sup>r</sup> that Judeth his relict widdow the now wife of Steven Webster shall have  $\frac{1}{3}$  p<sup>te</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> reall profit of y<sup>e</sup> house & land during her life & all y<sup>e</sup> movable estate to her owne use when all Just debts are p<sup>d</sup> together w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> benefit of y<sup>e</sup> reall estate during y<sup>e</sup> childrens minoritie the s<sup>d</sup> Judeth & Steven standing bound to pay to y<sup>e</sup> Children of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Broad, To his son W<sup>m</sup> 20<sup>ll</sup> ster<sup>l</sup> & to Abigal Broad 10<sup>ll</sup> Ster<sup>l</sup> & to take care for y<sup>e</sup> educac'on & dispose of the s<sup>d</sup> Children to service, the Boy untill 21 yeares of age & y<sup>e</sup> girle till 18, w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> consent of any two of the associates of this Court. /

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 26.]

## JAMES WEYMOUTH 1678 ISLES OF SHOALS

The last Will & teastament of James Waymoth now one the Ile of shoales very sick and weake but yet of p<sup>er</sup>fet memory this 10th of Aperell 1678 I give and bequeath my soule to Almighty god and my bodie to be buried one Star Iland :

1 I give to my son William Waymoth thirty pounds in Silver to be payd by Mary waymoth my wife whom I make my soale ex-  
cutres : when my son cometh in age of 21 yeares

2<sup>ly</sup> I give to my son George Waymoth thirty pounds in Silver to be payd when he comes to age of 21 yeare

3<sup>ly</sup> I give to my son James Waymoth thirty pounds to be payd in Silver when he comes to age of 21 yeares

4<sup>ly</sup> I give to my Daughter Elizabeth waymoth thirty pounds in Silver to be payd one her Marriage day

last I give the rest of my whol estate to mary my wife after my legaces above written be payd by her according to this my will for the discharge of my debts & my Childrens and her maintainance In wittnes wheare unto I have heare Unto Interchangably set my hand this tenth day of Aperell one thoasan Six hundred Seaventy eight :||

Sealed & delivered  
in the p'sents of us  
Peter Twisden &  
John ffabes

[Proved June 25, 1678.]

the mark of  
James X Waymoth  
[seal]

[Inventory, July 30, 1678; amount, £597.17.6; signed by Peter Twisden and John Fabes.]

Newcastle Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1703 /

My father James Weymouth deceased gave me on his last will and Testament thirty pounds Currant Mony of New England to be paid when I was In age the receipt of which Mony I doe acknowledge that I have received of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Diamond who Married my father Weymouths widdow for which this my receipt is a sufficient discharge I doe alsoe acknowledge to have received of the Said Diamond tenn pounds of Currant Mony of New England being his free Gift to me In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand

wittnesse  
Eliz<sup>a</sup> X Leden  
her Mark  
W<sup>m</sup> Kelly

James X weymouth  
his Mark

[Probate Records, vol. 5, p. 86.]

Isles Shoales May the 11<sup>th</sup> 1703 /

My father James weymouth deceased gave me on his Last will and Testament thirty pounds Currant Mony of New England to be paid at my Marriage day the Receipt of which Mony I do acknowledge that I have received of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Diamond who married my father Weymouths widdow for which this my receipt is a sufficient discharge I doe alsoe acknowledge to have Received of the Said m<sup>r</sup> Diamond tenn pounds Currant Mony of New England being his free Gift to me In wittnesse whereof I hear to sett my hand /

Wittnesse

Elizabeth Currier [seal]

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her mark

Richard Gumer

[Probate Records, vol. 5, p. 87.]

WALTER MATTHEWS 1678

The last will, and Testament of Walter Matthews revokeing all other, made this 15<sup>th</sup> of April: 1678:—

Inprinus : 1 : I doe hereby give, and bequeath unto my dearely beloved wife, mary matthews, all my houses, lands, goods, and Chattles, moveables, and Immoveables, To have, hould, and possess, dureing the terme of hir life, and after hir decease I doe give, and bequeath To my Son Samuel matthews : All my houses, lands, neck of land lying, and being upon oyster river, and upon or near the little Bay, which was formerly, my fathers m<sup>r</sup> ffrancis matthews, with all my right Title, Interest Therein, as also all other Tracts, or parcels, of uplands, and marshes, lying, or bordering upon the s<sup>d</sup> oyster river, or elsewhere belonging unto me ;

farther I doe give unto my Son Samuel Matthews, my now new dwelling house w<sup>th</sup> the garden on Smuttinose Iland, One of the Ilands of Shoales ; my storehouse, oyle house, and all my part of my Stages mooreing places, and mooreings, my new boat, with

the furniture, and tackling, thereunto belonging; also Eleaven long flakes, with the laying roome, lying between my dwelling house, and my Storehouse, Towards the south;—

2: I doe give unto my nephew; matthews Young, my old dwelling house w<sup>th</sup> the leantoe, my old boat, if in being, w<sup>th</sup> a mainsaile, and other furniture, after the aforementioned boat is furnished; with fowre flakes, lying att the End of the former mentioned w<sup>th</sup> the priviledge of spreading fish, thereunto belonging; the Second best feather bed, with the furniture, if not sould by my wife; the Second best gun; the Second best peice of plate, att my wives discretion; One best Chest;

3: I doe give to my daughter Susanna young, Ten pounds, to be paid my son Sam<sup>l</sup> matthews, in Currant pay, within Twelve months after the abovesaid Estate is Come into his hands, if demanded;—

4: I doe give to my daughter mary Senter, Ten pounds to be paid by my son Sam<sup>l</sup> matthews, in Currant pay within twelve months after the abovesaid Estate is come into his hands, if demanded;

5: I doe give to my neece, Susanna Senter, the Eldest daughter of mary senter, to be paid by my son Sam<sup>l</sup> matthews, in Currant pay, within twelve months, after the above mentioned Estate is come into his hands, if demanded, five pounds;—

6: I doe give to my daughter Susanna's youngs, Eldest Son by name Joseph young, five shillings, to hir daughter mary young, five shillings; To my daughter mary Senters Son, nicholas Senter, five shillings, to be paid by my Son Sam<sup>l</sup> matthews, in Currant pay, within twelve months after the abovesaid Estate is come into his hands, if demanded;

7: In Case my Son Sam<sup>l</sup> matthews dy without Issue my will is, that the aformentioned Estate given him, be divided in manner following, viz: two parts to my Eldest daughter Susanna young, and hir heires, and the third part to my daughter mary Senter, and hir heires;—

8: In Consideration of the aformentioned Legacies to be paid



by my son Sam<sup>l</sup> matthews, I doe give him all my houshold stuff, furniture, plate, Clothing, whatsoever ;

9: I doe give, and bequeath unto Thomas Snell, The Son of my Sister Martha Browne, The dwelling house, she now lives in, and after foure years to have the rent due for The Same To be Improved to his use, and behoofe

10: It is to be understood my will is, That In Case my Estate be found, and Continue in like Condition, as it is att The making hereof, Then The aforesaid articles, and legacies, be faithfully, and punctually performed, and paied, but In Case it be any waies diminished, Then It is to be understood, they are To be paid according To proportion of the Estate remaineing,—

11: I doe Constitute, and appoint my beloved wife, mary matthews, my Executrix, and Administratrix, and my loveing friends, Samuel Belcher, and Andrew Deamont Overseers, whose advice, and Counsil she is To Take in all the premises, and not To act, or doe any thing, without the Consent of one, or both of them ;

This is my last will, and Testament made the day and year abovesaid, wittness my hand, and Seal ;—

Signed, Sealed, in  
presence of us ;—

Walter Mathews  
[seal]

Michael Endell

Martha X Browne

hir Signe ;—

Samuel Belcher

The X Signe of Andrew Deamont

[Proved June 25, 1678.]

[Inventory, May 29, 1678; amount, £310.18.6; signed by Samuel Belcher and Andrew Deamont.]

JAMES JOHNSON

1678

NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of James Johnson, Great Island, June 8, 1678; amount, £265.6.0; signed by James Robertson, John Lock, and Nicholas Haskins; attested by the widow, Mary

Johnson, June 25, 1678; "for the settlem<sup>t</sup> of the estate with in menc<sup>o</sup>ned the Court Leaves the whole estate in her hand to Improve & Live upon during her life or untill this Court shall take further ord<sup>r</sup>:"]

[Administration on the estate of James Johnson granted to his widow, Mary Johnson, June 25, 1678.]

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 26.]

To all Christian People to whom these presents Shall Come ; Know ye that whereas James Jn<sup>o</sup>son & Mary his Wife both of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> deceased Leaving only two Daughters leiving (Viz) Mary the wife of Jn<sup>o</sup> Odiorn, & Han'ah the Wife of Th<sup>o</sup> Jackson all of the Same place, and Whereas their deceased father & Mother died Intestate, the debts & funerall Charges being already Defrayd : the S<sup>d</sup> Mary & Hannah by & w<sup>th</sup> the consent & aprobat<sup>n</sup> & allowance of their afores<sup>d</sup> Husbands, have finaly agreed, Concluded & devided all our deceased parents Estate in manner & formes as followeth : All the movebles each parte hath her Equall proportion, & for the Housing Land, Orchard & marish devided as followeth : Mary Odiorns part of all the Land housing marish & orchard, is of the housing land & orchard, is the West End of the dwelling house w<sup>th</sup> half of the Leantoo belonging to the whole house, togeather w<sup>th</sup> the west part of the Orchard Land & flatts thereto adjoining ; and bounded as Followeth beginning at a Stake drove down by the fence side on the S side of the way that goes between the house & orchard into the Island ; w<sup>ch</sup> s<sup>d</sup> highway is continually to be to the use of both Parties to pass & repass withoute Interruption of each Other and that for ever and from the s<sup>d</sup> Stake through the Orchard right over to the Land now in the posession of one James Leach Southw<sup>da</sup> as S<sup>d</sup> Leaches land now Runneth down into the Water and flatts as also the Southermost Barne, w<sup>th</sup> the Land from a Stake & heap of Stones Northerly of y<sup>e</sup> Other Barne and so to the high way aforesd : that Same breadth down to the water & flatts thereunto belonging & adjoynes to an Acre of Land gieven to Jn<sup>o</sup> Odiorn

by the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> s<sup>d</sup> acre is Eight Rods in breadth & Runs Esterly twentie Rods or more on the North of s<sup>d</sup> Acre & Adjoyning to it is a third divission for s<sup>d</sup> Mary: & is twenty rods in breadth from s<sup>d</sup> Acre Northerly & carries the same breadth through the land to the Outside Fence Easterly; together w<sup>th</sup> the Esterly half of three Acres of Salt Marish in Little Harbour, as alsoe the Westerly half of the Seventy three Acres of Land in the plains, begining at a Small w<sup>t</sup> Oak Tree Standing by Benj<sup>a</sup> Cottens line & thence w<sup>st</sup> to the Old bound Tree being a Pine also; thence S S E: a little South<sup>ly</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> old bound tree being a pine alsoe, thence Esterly to meet w<sup>th</sup> the Other S S E: line that comes from y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Oake where it first begun, Every of the before Me'cyoned & Bownded House, Barn, Orchard, Lands, & Marish is the s<sup>d</sup> Odiornes proportion and so accepted: Secondly the s<sup>d</sup> Hannah Jacksons proportion is the East End of the House & Orchard w<sup>th</sup> the Nothermost Barne, w<sup>th</sup> the Est part of both parcells of Land from s<sup>d</sup> Marys: bounds afors<sup>d</sup> to the outmost Bounds E w<sup>th</sup> the W: halfe of the three Acres of Salt Marsh as allso all that part of Land being about twenty rods in breadth adjoyning on the N of s<sup>d</sup> Marys twentie Rods, & so Runns Notherly towards that house where m<sup>r</sup> Bickam now liveth, and Run's as S<sup>d</sup> Marys Line now Runneth & Contains all the Land N of s<sup>d</sup> Marys, within Fence or withoute of any that belongeth to the s<sup>d</sup> Jackson together w<sup>th</sup> that half, the seventy three acres of Land in the plains lying next & Adjoyning to Jn<sup>o</sup> & Hen: Sherbournes on the Est, & s<sup>d</sup> Odiorns on the West this Second Devission is Hannah Jacksons Proportion: It is Farther Agreed & Concluded upon between both parties that there Shall be & is now allotted Out a conveniency of Land both about the barns and alsoe at the Est end of the Dwelling house of ten foott in breadth at least from s<sup>d</sup> house at the Est End thereof to the path, & So much round Each barne w<sup>ch</sup> shall continually ly Common for both parties use, Either for layein of Wood or Improveing & houseing their Cattle and that for ever w<sup>th</sup>out the least Interruption of either Partie or any person by their ord<sup>r</sup> means or procurem<sup>t</sup>: It is also farther

agreed that the Oven & the Celler Shall be for the use of both parties till there shall be another Oven & Celler built in the West End of s<sup>d</sup> house, & till that is done the oven & Celler that now is Shall be to the use of Both: Lastly it is mutually agreed that if Either party their Heires, Exect<sup>rs</sup> Administ<sup>rs</sup> &c. Shall at any time be disposed to sell all or any part of any of each proportion he or she shall give the Other the Refusall thereof, without w<sup>ch</sup> it shall not be sould, set or let for term of Years, for Confirmation of w<sup>ch</sup> we the above named Jn<sup>o</sup> Odiorn, & Th<sup>o</sup> Jackson doe, hereby acknowledge our Selves to be fully Satisfied w<sup>th</sup> the above Divissions & Agreements, and doe binde our Selves our Heires, Execut<sup>rs</sup> & Administ<sup>rs</sup> & Every of them each to the other firmly by these presents to allow of & for ever to hold good & Vallid to Each other every perticular proportion in this Instrument mentioned & made, & that according to the bounds there sett, & that withoute the least let or molestation of Either of us, or Either of Ours as Afores<sup>d</sup> and that for ever according to the tennure & true meaning of all above written, In Confirmation whereof we the S<sup>d</sup> John Odiorn, & Th<sup>o</sup> Jackson together w<sup>th</sup> Each of our Wives above Named have hereunto Sett our hands & Seals this 16<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1694

Signd: Seald & d'd  
in presence of  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Pickring Sen<sup>r</sup>  
John Pickring Jun<sup>r</sup>  
John Odiorn Jun<sup>r</sup>  
[Deeds, vol. 6, p. 59.]

John Odiorn: [seal]  
Mary Odiorn: [seal]  
Tho: Jackson: [seal]  
Hannah Jackson [sele]

### RICHARD HARVEY 1678

[Administration on the estate of Richard Harvey granted to Robert Ellett June 14, 1678.]

[Court Records, June 14, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 242.]

[Inventory, June 14, 1678; amount, £18.1.9; signed by John Phillips, William Partridge, Francis Tucker, and James Robertson.]

THOMAS WARD

1678

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas ward of Hampton in the County of norfolke in New England being sick and weak of Body butt sound in Understanding and of a Disposeing mind Doe make this my last will & Testament as followeth

first I Com'itt my soule Unto Almighty God the father of spirits who Gave mee life and being: and my weak body to the Earth from whence itt was taken thatt after my Desolution to be buried in Hampton Burieing place in a Christian and Deacent maner as my Exectour shall appoint, and for whatt wordly Goods God hath Given mee my will is as followeth

first I Give and bequeath Unto margritt my Beloved wife my house and Barne and outt Houseing and all my land and medows about home with my Salt Marsh Untill my son Thomas Ward shall Come to the Age of twenty one years: and my wife is to have all my stock of Cattle not otherwayes Disposed of and the Movables within Dores and without for her subsistanc and for the maintainanc of my son Thomas and my Daughter Hannah so long as she liveth with Her, and my wife is to Doe her Indeavour to p'serve the stock and keepe things in Repayer for Her Comfortable subsistanc & for the Bringing Up of her son, and when my son Thomas Comes to Age Hee is to Injoy the one halfe Unless his mother & he Doe agree to Improve together

Itt I Doe Give Unto my son Thomas ward all my housing and land and medows att home and my Salt Marsh wch he is to posseesse Intire after his mothers Decease and att my wives Decease the Stock and moveables to Returne to my son Thomas: all that I Doe nott other wayes Dispose of: I Doe Give my son Thomas my Carved Cubbord & one Joyned Chaire & one pot and one kittle and my Horse: and m<sup>r</sup> Calvens Great Book

Itt I Doe Give Unto my Daughter Elizabeth the wife of John mason thatt twentie Acres of land whereon she now Dwelleth and the Rest of my Land on thatt side of y<sup>e</sup> medow to Remaine in the

hands of my Exector for the use and Releif of my Daughter Elizabeth & her Children only Reserveing wood and timber of thatt other land for my selfe and my Heires as wee shall have occasion

Itt I Give Unto my Daughter Elizabeth thatt nooke of fresh medow which was Goodman Robeys the River beyond the way to bee the south Bounds of itt and so to Extend north ward so far as itt may bee Cleared provided thatt John mason shall nott have liberty to fall or Dispose of one stick of timber on thatt other land thatt will serve Either for Building or fenceing or any other Use

Itt I Doe Give Unto my Daughter mary the wife of John Dearborne thatt peece of land of my north Division Containing about fowerscore Acres more or Lesse as itt is lying northward from ashe Brook

Itt I Doe Give Unto my sone in law John Dearbarn & my Daughter Hanah ward all my land in the north plaine Containing twelve Acres which I Bought of John Casse

Itt I Doe Give Unto my Daughter hanah ward two Good Cowes to bee Delivered to her att her Day of Mariag or when she shall Come to the Age of twenty one years which shall fall outt first: also to my Daughter Hannah all my land att the falles River being about twenty Acres and is bounded with the land of John Sanborn west, and the land of m<sup>r</sup> Stanyen in partt and the land of william Swaine in partt towards the East, also I Give her a peece of Salt marsh Joyning the s<sup>d</sup> land and bounded with the falls River towards the south

Itt to my Daughter Hannah Six sheepe: and one Brasse pott and two puter Dishes and the Bed which she Useth and all the Beding belonging to itt

Itt I Doe Give Unto margritt my wife my best bed as itt stands Duering the terme of her life & then to Returne to my son Thomas and my wife to have the Disposeing of thatt Bed which my son Thomas now lieth Upon

Itt I Doe Give to my Daughter hannah ward one Chest and one Joyned Chayer

Itt I Doe Give Unto my sone Thomas ward all my Implements

of Husbandry and my weaveing Gears to my wife and my sone  
Thomas

Itt I Doe Give Unto my sone Thomas all my land att the new  
plantation and my three shares of the Cow Com'on I lay to my  
house and homeseat

Itt I Doe Give Unto my sone Thomas all my Armes and Am-  
munition

Itt I Doe Give to my Daughter Elizabeth one share of the ox  
Com'on and to my Daughter Mary one share

And I Doe Constitute and Appoint John Dearbarn and margritt  
my wife to bee Executur & Execquetrex to this my last will and  
Testament

the which I Conferme with my hand & seale Affixed Here Unto  
this Eighteenth Day of June in the year of our lord one thousand  
six Hundred and Seventy Eight

Signed and sealed

Thomas ward [seal]

in the p'sents of

Samuell Dalton sen<sup>r</sup>

Benjamin Shaw

[Proved Sept. 7, 1680.]

[Deeds, vol. A, p. 47.]

[Inventory, July 27, 1680; amount, £533.14.0; signed by Sam-  
uel Dalton, John Sanborn, and Abraham Perkins.]

[Deeds, vol. A, p. 51.]

RICHARD CUMMINGS 1678

PORTSMOUTH

The last Will & Testament of Richard Cum'ins of Portsm<sup>o</sup> made  
this 19. June 1678

I Richard Cum'ins being aged & infirm in Body but in perfect  
Memory doe make & constitute this for my last Will & Testament,  
hereby revokeing all former Wills whatsoever by mee made.

Imp<sup>r</sup>./ I will that my beloved Daughter Jane Joce shall have  
y<sup>o</sup> use of halfe my housing & land belonging to it, dureing her

naturall life, or else such a sum'e yearly as [y<sup>e</sup>]<sup>1</sup> Overseers & shee & Richard Joce shall agree, which s<sup>d</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Joce shall pay her such yearly sum'e as shalbe determined among them.

2. I make my beloved Gran-son Richard Joce mine Heire, & give & bequeath to [him] in Fee-Simple my dwelling House, Barn & all my out-houses with all my uplands & Meadow belonging thereunto, together w<sup>th</sup> all my Fresh-Marsh, & all y<sup>e</sup> [fencing] Timber, Wood or Under-wood, Gardens, Orchard, & all y<sup>e</sup> Priviledges, Im'unities [&] Appurtenances y<sup>t</sup> either now doe, or hereafter any way may belong the[reunto] to bee to him y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Rich. Joce his Heires & Assignes for ever. Except what is aft[er] excepted] Furthermore I give to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Joce y<sup>e</sup> best bed in y<sup>e</sup> House with all [y<sup>e</sup>] Furniture thereto belonging, with y<sup>e</sup> Table-Board & Joyn-stooles in y<sup>e</sup> new house with y<sup>e</sup> Chaires & what else is there, Sixe Silver spoones, one Silver wine cup, y<sup>e</sup> Silver Bowle, Sixe Pewter dishes one w<sup>th</sup> another, Sixe pottengers, three Plates, y<sup>e</sup> best Brasse Kettle, one Iron Kettle & Iron pott & two brasse skilletts, two oxen, [three] Cowes, Sixe Ewes & a Ram'e, One Horse & Mare, my Fouling-piece, Musket, Bandeleers & backsword & best Cuttleaxe, with all my wearing Clothes li[nen] & woollen whatsoever. Also I give him my Plough, yoakes, Bowes, Harrow, [dung] pott, new Cart & steades w<sup>th</sup> all my chaines. All y<sup>e</sup> Debts y<sup>t</sup> are lying out [I] will y<sup>t</sup> Ric: Joce shall gather in & have for himselfe y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of what is ga[thered] in by him, & y<sup>e</sup> other halfe shalbe equally divided between my Daughter & [her] children. Also I will y<sup>t</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my stock, household Goods, linen & woollen shalbe equally divided between my Daughter & her children, & Richard Joce [to have] only his share of y<sup>e</sup> linnen, Saveing y<sup>t</sup> Sam: Joce & my Gran-child Jane Joce [shall] have each of y<sup>m</sup> a Bed, & my Daughter y<sup>e</sup> other Bed with [furneture to] each of them. And that twenty pounds in Silver & so [much in fish that my] Daughter Jane had lately of mee, I will shee shall have [y<sup>e</sup> use of it dureing] her naturall life,

<sup>1</sup> Sections in brackets are worn from the margin of the original, and are supplied from a copy on file, dated Aug. 21, 1690, and attested by John Pickering, recorder.



& at her decease, both s<sup>d</sup> sum'es shalbe [payed to Rich: Joce &] hee shall give to his Brother Sam<sup>l</sup> & his Sister Jane ten pounds [apeice of it]

3 Unto my Gran-son Tho: Joce I give my Acre of land upon y<sup>e</sup> [great lland,]

To John Joce I give my land up in y<sup>e</sup> plaines w<sup>th</sup> wood & Timber [& all that] belongs thereunto.

To Samuel Joce I give all my land lying by that w<sup>ch</sup> is com'only called Walfords [path] And I will y<sup>t</sup> Richard Joce shall erect & finish for y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Sam: an house upon w<sup>ch</sup> he shall lay out Seventy pounds in good, currant pay, & shall set it up either upon y<sup>t</sup> land aforesaid, or if Sam: shall desire it hee shall [set up] said house upon my land somewhere between y<sup>e</sup> School-house and y<sup>e</sup> Corn-field [buting] upon y<sup>e</sup> street, & I will y<sup>t</sup> he shall have one full Acre land adjoining thereunto to bee laid out as y<sup>e</sup> two Brothers shall agree or y<sup>e</sup> Overseers order.

Unto Joanna Joce I give two Cowes, foure sheep & a sow & tenn pounds Silver

Unto Margaret, Jane & Mary Joce the other three Sisters I give tenn pounds apiece in money to bee paid by my Executo<sup>rs</sup> w<sup>h</sup> they come to age or Marry & to each of my foure Grandaughters I give a gold ring apiece

4 Unto y<sup>e</sup> Town for y<sup>e</sup> Use of y<sup>e</sup> School-house I give that parcell of land w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> house stands on, w<sup>ch</sup> I have left out of my ffield.

Finally I make my Daughter & Rich<sup>d</sup> Joce my Executo<sup>rs</sup> & request & [appoint] my beloved ffriends Cap<sup>t</sup> Elias Stileman & m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moodye Overseers, giving to my s<sup>d</sup> Overseers that two Thousand of w<sup>t</sup> oak Pipestaves in y<sup>e</sup> [hands] of C. Elias Stileman to bee equally divided between y<sup>---</sup>. And I doe hereby desire & impower my said Overseers y<sup>t</sup> if anything be forgotten in my will or not [fully] exprest they shall explain & determine it, & to prevent any Difference between any y<sup>t</sup> are concerned in my Will abovesaid, I will y<sup>t</sup> in any Case of Difficulty they shall repair to y<sup>e</sup> Overseers for Advice, & if theyr Advice please them not [they] shall have liberty to chuse each of y<sup>---</sup> a man to joyn w<sup>th</sup>

y<sup>o</sup> Overseers by whose determination they shall Sitt down in all such matters.

In Testimony to all & singular y<sup>o</sup> p<sup>r</sup>misses I set to my hand & seale

Signed & Sealed before us  
 Mark of Philip Jourdan X  
 Mark of Jone Knight. X  
 [Proved June 24, 1679.]

Richard X Cumins  
 his Mark

[Inventory, Jan. 29, 1678/9; amount, £1227.6.2; signed by Richard Martyn, William Vaughan, and John Hunking.]

THOMAS WALFORD 1678

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Walford was granted to John Amazeen, guardian of Jeremiah Walford, brother of the deceased, June 25, 1678.]

There being com<sup>e</sup>ended to this Court by the Court of Associates the petition of Jn<sup>o</sup> Amenseem as being out of their capacity viz<sup>t</sup> the disposing or ordering of y<sup>o</sup> estate of Tho: Walford deceased given by his Last will unto Tho: & Jer: Walford his grandchildren now in y<sup>o</sup> hands of m<sup>r</sup> Henry Sherburne & m<sup>r</sup> Richard Tucker executo<sup>r</sup>s to said will, This Court advised partys concerned to chuse either of them a friend & y<sup>o</sup> Court to ad a third to Audit the acco<sup>ts</sup> of the execu<sup>r</sup>s & to make such propositions as they should thinke fitt referring to a settlem<sup>t</sup> of the same, & p<sup>r</sup>sent w<sup>t</sup> they should doe herein to y<sup>o</sup> next County Court

M<sup>r</sup> Martyn Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel & L<sup>t</sup> Vaughan are y<sup>o</sup> ¶ties agreed on, who are to appoynt time & place & all persons concerned are then to attend./

[Court Records, June 25, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 25.]

There being Exhibited to this Court y<sup>o</sup> case of Old Walfords estate given to his grand children which hath much difficulty in it concerning y<sup>o</sup> right heireship to a person dying intestate desending by gift from y<sup>o</sup> Grandfather unto two grandsons y<sup>t</sup> are brothers,

the Eld<sup>r</sup> of w<sup>ch</sup> dying without will the bro<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Intestate claiming heireship to his intestate brothers estate the sisters to both these bro<sup>r</sup>s they claime a  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>te</sup> of s<sup>d</sup> intestates bro<sup>r</sup>s estate, & the children of the doner y<sup>t</sup> first gave it they claime a  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>te</sup>— This Court therefore untill a decition of this case can be resolved (w<sup>ch</sup> they will as Speedily doe as may be) Grants Administrac'on To John Amenseen: and Jeremiah Walford bro<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Intestate Tho: Walford deceased upon y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Tho: estate they giving bond to administer according to Law & bring in an Inventory of the estate (with all rents received & due) unto the Court of Adjornm<sup>t</sup> held in portsm<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> first wensday in Sep' next—The court accepts y<sup>r</sup> own bond, & they acknowledged themselves to stand bownd in a bond of 200<sup>l</sup> so to doe

[Court Records, June 7, 1681, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 47.]

John Amanzeene & Jeremy Walford as administrat<sup>rs</sup> to the estate of Thomas Walford deceased (grand child to Thomas Walford of Saggamore Creeke deceased) by Vertue of an order of this hono<sup>r</sup><sup>ble</sup> court bearing date the seaventh day of June last doe give in this acp<sup>t</sup> this seaventh day of September 1681

1 That ye said Jn<sup>o</sup> Amazeene and Jeremy Walford have demanded of m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Sherbourne Jun<sup>r</sup> as heire to m<sup>r</sup> Henery Sherbourne deceased one of the Executors of ye last will & testament of Thomas Walford Grandfather deceased what papers, wrightings, or other things belonged to the estate of Walford deceased, but the said m<sup>r</sup> Sherbourne refused to deliver any w<sup>th</sup>out order of court

2 The said Jn<sup>o</sup> Amazeene & Jeremy Walford have recd possession of a parcell of land & Meddow that was given by Will to Thomas Walford deceased by his Grandfather Thomas Walford as aforesaid

3 m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Sherbourne Jun<sup>r</sup> & Jn<sup>o</sup> Westbrooke doe acknowledge to be due and have promised payment of eightene pounds four shil & three pence whereof two thirds belong to the estate of Thomas Walford Jun<sup>r</sup> deceased w<sup>ch</sup> is 12<sup>l</sup>. 2<sup>s</sup>. 10<sup>d</sup>. the other third being 6<sup>l</sup>. 1<sup>s</sup>. 5<sup>d</sup> is the propper estate of ye said Jeremy Walford

4 The said Jn<sup>o</sup> & Jeremy have recd of Thomas Walford Jun<sup>r</sup> deceased his estate one old stufte suit & a small box vallued at 25<sup>s</sup>.

5 The said Jn<sup>o</sup> & Jeremy have recd one third part of twenty acres of land and one acre of Mash being on the great Island being that part of the estate of Thomas Walford deceased w<sup>ch</sup> was given him by his father Jeremy Walford deceased

6 The said Jn<sup>o</sup> & Jeremy have paid to Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan five pounds nine shils for a debt w<sup>ch</sup> was due to the said Cap<sup>t</sup> Vaughan from Thomas Walford deceased and for the funerall charges.

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John X Amazeen

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Jeremy X Walford

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Upon full Hearing & Debate of y<sup>e</sup> Cause depending between y<sup>e</sup> Daughters of Thomas Walford Sen<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>'s</sup>d, and his Grandson Jeremy Walford; And upon considerac<sup>'o</sup>n had of y<sup>e</sup> Last wil & testam<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> sd Tho: Walford Sen<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Grandfather; & especially of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>t</sup> wherein he bequeaths a certain house & land, whereof he was seised in fee, to his Grandson Tho: Walford (since deceas'd) in general words only, without words of inheritance, or any intent appearing to give him more then a freehold (or estate for life:) It was agreed by y<sup>e</sup> Council, That y<sup>e</sup> reversion of y<sup>e</sup> sd particular estate rev<sup>'t</sup>s to y<sup>e</sup> Right heirs of y<sup>e</sup> Devisor (or donor,) which falls out to be y<sup>e</sup> said Daughters of y<sup>e</sup> sd Grandfather Tho: Walford: And They do Give Judgment for them to enter, & have possession of y<sup>e</sup> land & p<sup>r</sup>misses in Question: And that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Estate be equally divided among y<sup>e</sup> sd Daughters, viz: Jane Goss, Hanna Jones, Mary Brooking & Elizabeth Savage. And do likewise Order, ffive pound to be paid (for costs in mony, or y<sup>e</sup> value) by y<sup>e</sup> sd Daughters to y<sup>e</sup> Treas<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Province, for defraying y<sup>e</sup> charge of y<sup>e</sup> several Hearings of y<sup>e</sup> Cause.

[Council Records, Sept. 6, 1681, in State Papers, vol. 19, p. 680.]

## ARTHUR CLAPHAM 1678

[Inventory of the estate of Arthur Clapham, who died in May, 1676; amount, £23.3.6; signed by John Clark and Andrew Deamont; presented in court June 25, 1678, by John Hunking.]

## THOMAS DUSTON 1678

The Deposition of Luce Wills & Sarah Lidden y<sup>e</sup> foremenc'ond Wills aged aboute forty Six yeares or thereabouts & y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Litten thirty eight yeares or thereabouts Testifieth & saith

The Depon<sup>ts</sup> being Sworne saith that y<sup>e</sup> Relict of Thomas Duston by name Elizabeth being in Company w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> depon<sup>ts</sup> said that after the said Thomas Dustons house was burned that her husband & she were forced to take up Twenty pownds for their Necessitie in beding & goods of m<sup>r</sup> John Cutt sen<sup>r</sup> of piscattaq for w<sup>ch</sup> they mortgaged their house & Land Now in y<sup>e</sup> possession of John Amerideth, & farther added that after y<sup>e</sup> decease of her husband Thomas Durston she was Inforced to comply w<sup>th</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Cutts afores<sup>d</sup> to pay to Nathaniel ffryer ten pounds w<sup>ch</sup> her husband was Indebted to said ffryer before deceased, & then she also declaired y<sup>t</sup> being by Necessity constreined for herselfe & children, did make sale of y<sup>e</sup> afore menc'oned house & Land unto y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Cutt w<sup>ch</sup> was mortgaged to s<sup>d</sup> Cutt as abovesaid, & also said y<sup>t</sup> her second husband by Name Button at his decease bequeathed to her selfe one hundred acres of Land, whereof Thirty acres she gave to her son Thomas Durston for quietness sake that he might not trouble the s<sup>d</sup> Amerideth afterward aboute y<sup>e</sup> house & Land above menconed w<sup>ch</sup> she said that y<sup>e</sup> said Cutt honestly paid her for & that concerning y<sup>e</sup> abovesaid Land she Knew how things were better than any body, & therefore gave him the abovsaid Thirty acres of Land & farther saith not

Dat<sup>d</sup> June y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> June 1678 In portsm<sup>o</sup>

[Deeds, vol. 3, p. 137.]

ANTIPAS MAVERICK      1678      EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Antipas Maverick of Exeter granted to Edward Gilman and his wife, Abigail Gilman, daughter of the deceased, July 15, 1678.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 4, p. 62.]

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ISRAEL PHILLIPS      1678

[Administration on the estate of Israel Phillips granted to his widow, Elizabeth Phillips, Sept. 24, 1678.]

[Court Records, Sept. 24, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 242.]

[Inventory of the estate; amount, £156.15.6; signed by Samuel Keais and Obadiah Morse; attested by the administratrix June 24, 1679.]

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JOACHIM HARVEY      1678

[Administration on the estate of Joachim Harvey was granted to Mrs. Elea Harvey and Benjamin Dole, in behalf of his wife, Elizabeth Dole, daughter of the deceased, Sept. 24, 1678.]

[Court Records, Sept. 24, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 242.]

[Inventory, Sept. 26, 1678; amount, £529.12.0; signed by Elias Stileman.]

ffor a Settlem<sup>t</sup> & Division of the Estate of Joachim Harvey between Elea his relict widow & Elizabeth Dole his only Daughter & heir the Court doth order that the sd widow & Administratrix pay to her sd Daughter one Hundred pounds out of the Moveable estate Indifferently as the Judgm<sup>t</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Stileman & M<sup>r</sup> fryer & that ye sd widow then possess the remaynder paying the Debts & Maintayning the house & warehouse in repayr during Her Life & then that the sd Houses & Land revert to sd Elizabeth & her heirs for ever.

Elias Stileman Cleric

## JOSEPH ATKINSON 1678

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Atkinson was granted to Philip Lewis and Lieut. Neal Sept. 24, 1678, administration not having been before granted "whereby y<sup>e</sup> estate is Like to be Imbezled & his children & Creditors wronged," and the administrators were ordered to secure the estate for the benefit of the children and creditors.]

[Court Records, Sept. 24, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 242.]

## HENRY MANSFIELD 1678

[Administration on the estate of Henry Mansfield granted to his father-in-law, James Leach, Oct. 9, 1678.]

[Court Records, Oct. 9, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 242.]

## JAMES LIBBY 1678

[Administration on the estate of James Libby granted to his brother, Anthony Libby, Nov. 14, 1678.]

[Court Records, Nov. 14, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 242.]

## THOMAS BEARD 1678

DOVER

In the name of God amen, the Sixteene day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God one Thousand Six hundred Seaventy Eaight I Thomas Beard of the towne ship of Dover in y<sup>e</sup> County of Dov<sup>r</sup> & Postmouth being sick & weake of body \* \* \*

It my will is that all my debts w<sup>ch</sup> I doe in Conscience & equitie Justly owe Unto any p<sup>er</sup>son or p<sup>er</sup>sons be honestly & truely paid & satisfied out of two thirds of my whole estate Excepting the hundred acars of Land w<sup>ch</sup> was granted me by the towne Scituate & Lying Neare Cochecha shall be wholly to my Executor towards the payment of the debt & after my debts being paid & my ffunurall Charges being defraid my will is—

It that for Naturall Love & affection w<sup>ch</sup> I doe owe & beare to Marie Beard my wife that shee shall enjoy the third  $\text{p}^t$  of all my Lands excepting the hundred acars at or neare Cochecha (before excepted) for & Dureng her naturall life & the third  $\text{p}^t$  of all my moveable estate to be to her disposing after my decease & all such monies as I shall be possed of at my decease: & such debts as is dew from Major Walden for service done on publick occasions wch is not upon my book

It I give to my daughter Marie Beard Thirteene pounds to be paid w<sup>thin</sup> two Years affter my decease

It I give to my daughter Martha Brimhor ffourty shillings to be paid w<sup>thin</sup> two years affter my decease

It I give to my daughter Elizabeth Watson Ten' pounds to be paid w<sup>thin</sup> two years affter my decease

It I give to my Son' Thomas Beard the three Acar Lott Scituate & Lying neare Deacon John Dams house on Dover neck & the halfe of the ten' acars w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of the towne Lying & being neare Littell Johns Creeke & the feather bed w<sup>th</sup> blanckets sheets bolster & pilloes & Rugg there unto belonging w<sup>ch</sup> is in the parlor & my Little muskuet & my Cloake & my best sute of aparell & ffive pounds to be paid w<sup>thin</sup> two yeares affter my decease (& a mare colt, which he is to have when he doth attaine to the age of one & twentie yeares)

It for the Confidence w<sup>ch</sup> I have & doe put in my Son' Joseph Beard to see this my will to be Justly & truely  $\text{p}^r$ formed & for his better Liveing I doe make him my Lawfull heire & Executor of all my Lands goods & Chattles moveable & Unmoveable not formerly given w<sup>th</sup> all debts owing & dew to me either by bills bonds or specitalties or books of accoumpt from any  $\text{p}^r$ son or  $\text{p}^r$ sons whatsoever) And also doe by this my Last will Ratifie & Conferme Unto him all & every act & thing mencioned & expressed in one paire of writings Indented made & Don by & betweene me & my said son beareing Date the Twentie day of Septemb<sup>r</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God one thousand Six hundred Seaventy & Eight In



witness whereof I have set my hand & seale the day and yeare abovesaid

Seald Signd  
& Deliv<sup>d</sup> in P<sup>r</sup>esence

signe of  
Thomas X [seal] Beard

Job Clements

John Evens

[Proved March 25, 1679.]

[Inventory, Dec. 24, 1678; amount, £222.3.0; signed by Job Clements and John Tuttle; attested by Joseph Beard June 24, 1679.]

WILLIAM COTTON 1678

[Inventory of the estate of William Cotton, Dec. 19, 1678; amount, £998.5.6½; signed by Anthony Nutter and Philip Seavey.]

[Administration on the estate of William Cotton granted to Elizabeth Cotton, John Cotton, and William Cotton Dec. 31, 1678.]

[Court Records, Dec. 31, 1678, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 242.]

[Administration on the estate of William Cotton granted to his widow, Elizabeth Cotton, and John Cotton, June 24, 1679, his son, William Cotton, declining to act.

[Court Records, June 24, 1679, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 30.]

Leiu<sup>t</sup> Antho: Nutter is appoynted gardian to Thomas Cotton

Leiu<sup>t</sup> Neall Guardian for Joseph }  
M<sup>r</sup> John Hunkins for Benjamin } Cotton.

Sayd Guardians taking Care to dispose the s<sup>d</sup> Children to good services.

for a Settlem<sup>t</sup> of the estate of W<sup>m</sup> Cotton this Court doth order that the widow have the Money & plate of the vallue of two Hundred pounds and so much of y<sup>e</sup> Household goods as are necessary at the Judgm<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Martin, for her Comfortable Subsistance with

liberty to use such part of the House as She pleaseth the remaynder of sd Money if any at her death to be proportioned amongst the surviving children

that John Have a Double portion of the whole remayneng estate in Such Lands or goods, as he shall chose except the Homestead.

that w<sup>m</sup> have the House & Homestead & Marsh at Litle Harbour amounting to Somthing more then two Hundred pounds paying thereout to his brother Joseph one Hundred pounds with two per Cent untill it be paid.

The other three Children Thomas Benjamin & Sarah to have one Hundred pounds in Lands goods & Chattells equally as it will arise out of the remaynder M<sup>r</sup> Richard Martin & Cp<sup>t</sup> Thomas Daniell are entreated & Impoured to see this division performed.

there is further provided & reserved for John one Acre out of the Homestead convenient for building paying w<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Inventory price

if the estate fall short to pay the severall proportions mentioned the eldest is ordered to Compleat it, not exceeding five pounds a peice

Elias Stileman Cleric

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ABISHA TAPRILL 1678/9

The testimony of W<sup>m</sup> Bickham & Rich: paine consarning y<sup>e</sup> estate of Abisha Taprill

These depon<sup>ts</sup> testifie & say that they both being at y<sup>e</sup> house of aforesaide Abisha & seing her very Ill of body & unlikely long to Live did propose to her to make her will, The said Abisha Answered that she had no will to make, for the house & household stuff was her ffathers & the goods he was obleiged, for the debts, therefore he must take them into his Custodie to make money & if anything remained as overpluss it was his ¶ ¶ Stock, & as for y<sup>e</sup> goods coming aboute from Boston ¶ ffox she desired her father to receive & to pay M<sup>r</sup> Tappin what she owed for them, as for her children she desired her ffather that as shee had ev<sup>r</sup> been a true

& faithfull servant to him so he would not suffer them to want or sustaine pennury, this she spake y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of January at night being in perfect mind & memory in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord 1678

Gr<sup>t</sup> Island y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>th</sup> of January 1678 m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bickham & m<sup>r</sup> Richard paine made oath to y<sup>e</sup> above written before me

Elias Stileman Com<sup>'is</sup>r

[Deeds, vol. 3, p. 147.]

ROBERT JORDAN                      1678/9                      NEWCASTLE

In the name of god Amen, I Robert Jordan Senior Gentlem<sup>n</sup> formerly of Spurwinke, & now resident on the Great Island in the Townshipe of Portsmouth, In New England, being weake of body

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Item I do hereby ratify allow, & Confirme two deeds or writings which formerly I made & gave under my hand & Seale, one to my Eldest sonn John Jordan, & another to my second sonn Robert Jordan, according to the Contents y<sup>e</sup>in exprest

Item I give & grant to my wife Saraih Jordan now Liveing, the ould Plantation at Spurwinke, Contayneing one thousand Acres bee It more or less, begining w<sup>r</sup> the Grant belonging to my sonn John Jordan doth end, & ending where the Lott bequeathed by this my will to my 3<sup>d</sup> sonn Dominicus Jordan doth begine, & soe along the high way untill you come to the greate pond, for & dureing the Tearme of her naturall life The reversion & Inheritance y<sup>r</sup> of, to bee & remaine unto my youngest sonn Jeremiah Jordan, his heyres & successors for ever; as his part & portion /

Item I give & bequeath unto my sayd wife Saraih Jordan, one other farme Called Nonsuch, Contayneing two thousand Acres bee It more or less, for & dureing her naturall life, & for y<sup>e</sup> more strict obleighing my childrens duty to her, my will is that shee wholly & absolutely dispose the succession thereof, to either or any of my sonns they, or their or any of their heyres or Issew Lawfully by them or any of them begotten for ever /

Item I give & bequeath unto my sonn Dominicus Jordan one

thousand Acres of Land, at Spurwinke to begine where the above sd ould Plantation Endeth, as hee shall make Choyce of, to bee layd out by the overseers hereafter Nominated /

Item I Give & bequeath unto my sonn Jedediah Jordan, one thousand Acres of my Land at Spurwinke aforesayd, to bee chosen by him out of my Land not disposed before, to bee to the use of him & his heyres for ever /

Item I give & bequeath unto my sonn Samuell Jordan by Reason of his posterity, Choyse of Eleaven hundred Acres of Land of my sayd Land at Spurwinke, to bee to the use of him. & his heyres for ever, & whatsoever part or ¶rcell of Land remains not bequeathed nor given of my sayd Lands, at Spurwinke by any or all of the above rescited & expressed articles, I do hereby give, & bequeath the same, being upland, unto my sonns above named, to bee devided & æqually allotted amongst them /

Item My will is that my Meddow bordering along by the River Spurwinke bee æqually devided to each portion of the above given Land nearest & most Conveniently Adjoyneing, to each ¶rcell or portion as is above disposed /

Item I give & bequeath unto my foure youngest sonns, Namly Dominicus Jedediah Samuell & Jeremiah Jordan to each of them one feather bedd, & bouldsters /

Item I make & ordayne my sayd wife Saraih, & my two sonns, John & Robert Jordan, to bee my Joynt executors

Item I make & hereby ordayne Major Nicho: Shapleigh of Kittery Mr Nath<sup>l</sup> ffryer, & Mr William Bickham Merchants to bee overseers & to end all differences in any matters ariseing, by means of my not fully expressing my selfe in this my last will & testament between My Legatees, & the executors hereof, & to settle all things according to their best Judgments, & nearest Intent of this my will, that noe further or future differences may arise /

Lastly, My will & Intent is, that each & ever of my afore mentioned sonns, there heyres & Successors, shall have & Injoy, all & Singular the aforesayd specifd Grants, Gyfts, & Legacys,

& If any or either of them want Naturall Issew, that then that Legacy shall redown & bee æqually devided amongst the rest /

[Acknowledged at Great Island Jan. 28, 1678/9; exhibited in court and allowed July 1, 1679.]

[York County, Me.. Deeds, vol. 3, p. 44.]

MARTHA WEST

1678/9

NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of Martha West, Great Island, Jan. 29, 1678/9; amount, £762.19.0; signed by Henry Roby, Francis Tucker, and William Roby.

“Gran<sup>t</sup> Administr<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>o</sup> esta of Ed West & Martha his wife deceased to George Walton in behalfe of y<sup>o</sup> children of y<sup>o</sup> s<sup>d</sup> West.”]

SAMUEL WILLEY

1679

[Order, May 21, 1679, to Deacon John Hall, clerk of the writs, to return an inventory of the estate of Samuel Willey; signed by Richard Waldron and Elias Stileman, commissioners.

Endorsed, “I John Hall having been ordered by Authority as may apere by y<sup>o</sup> order within writen to goe to oyster River to look after y<sup>o</sup> estate of Samuel willy who dyed Itestate and in obedience to y<sup>o</sup> aforesd order I went to y<sup>o</sup> house of the father of y<sup>o</sup> sd Deceaed samuel wily in order to y<sup>o</sup> service specifye in y<sup>o</sup> within writen order and received answer from Thomas wily y<sup>o</sup> father of the Deceaced person afoere named in whos hand y<sup>o</sup> estate of y<sup>o</sup> deceacd persen aforesed was left remaining when sd Deceaced person dyed as aperead by information of Neighbors and what I hard from them and having Told him my business his answer was y<sup>t</sup> he would Administer and pay y<sup>o</sup> debts

John Hall Clerk of y<sup>o</sup> writs for dover”]

[Inventory, May 23, 1679; amount, £54.2.0; signed by Benjamin Matthews and Thomas Edgerly.]

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Willey granted to his father, Thomas Willey, June 24, 1679, who presented an inventory and his bond. Deacon John Hall was allowed five shillings for caring for the estate until administration was granted.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1679, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 29.]

[Bond of Thomas Willey and William Willey of Dover to satisfy the creditors of Samuel Willey; amount, £100; dated June 30, 1679; witnesses, Peter Duncan and John Barsham.]

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RICHARD STILEMAN 1679

[Inventory of the estate of Richard Stileman, June 23, 1679; amount, £672.3.0; signed by Nathaniel Fryer, Francis Tucker, and George Jaffrey.]

[Administration on the estate of Richard Stileman granted to his widow, Mary Stileman, in behalf of herself and four children, June 24, 1679.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1679, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 30.]

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— BISHOP 1679

[Guardianship of Job Bishop of Ipswich, Mass., was granted to Major Robert Pike June 24, 1679, he being chosen by the ward.]

[Court Records, June 24, 1679, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 31.]

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BRIDGET CLIFFORD 1679 HAMPTON

The last will & Testament of Bridgett Clifford Relict to Jn<sup>o</sup> Huggins sen: of Hampton deceased, being made & signed Sep-tem<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1: 1679

In y<sup>e</sup> name of god Amen: I Bridget Cleford y<sup>e</sup> Relict of Jn<sup>o</sup> Huggins sen: of Hampton deceased, being by y<sup>e</sup> providence of god & last will of my sd Husband left Executrix to y<sup>e</sup> sd will;

being at p'sent sound in body & minde but knowing I must shortly depart hence & not knowing how soone; doe herby comend my Soule to god y<sup>t</sup> made & redeemed it, my body to y<sup>e</sup> earth to bee decently buried in hope of a blessed resurrecon as also my debts (if any appeare) being pay'd: I doe in faithfullness to my former husbands will give & bequeath unto my sone nathaniell all y<sup>t</sup> Tenem<sup>t</sup> or messuage wheron wee some times lived neare y<sup>e</sup> landing place in Hampton To have & to hold to him & his heires for ever viz: all y<sup>t</sup> land upland & meadow, Arable or pasture ground, together w<sup>th</sup> one share of cow com'onage & one share of y<sup>e</sup> Oxe com'ons, together w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> priviledges y<sup>t</sup> doe or may belong hereunto; all wayes p<sup>ro</sup>vided y<sup>t</sup> with in three years after my decease the sd Nath<sup>l</sup> shall pay or cause to be pay'd in Hampton to my sone Jn<sup>o</sup> Huggins thirty pound in corne & cattle att y<sup>e</sup> currant prices they shall usually then goe for between man & man in Hampton, & also y<sup>e</sup> sd Nath<sup>l</sup>: after my decease is requiered to pay five pound in specye as abovsd to my daughter Bridgitt at y<sup>e</sup> time of her mariage; as also to pay or cause to bee payd to my grandchild mary mattoone three pound at her mariage or when shee shalbe of ye age of twenty one years w<sup>o</sup> shall first happen after my death. I also requier my sd sone to pay to my use, duering y<sup>e</sup> terme of my naturall life three pound yearly if I see cause in any yeare to demand it w<sup>th</sup>in y<sup>e</sup> yeare for my necessary releife; & my will is y<sup>t</sup> all my moveables that I shall leave at death be equally divided among my daughters then surviveing: And I do hereby appoint my sone nathaniel sole Executo<sup>r</sup> to this my last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> & do request my good freinds Ensigne Jn<sup>o</sup> Samborn, & John Smith Cooper both now of Hampton to be, overseers to my sons true p<sup>er</sup>formance, And have accordingly sett to my hand & seale y<sup>e</sup> yeare & day above written

Signed & sealed in y<sup>e</sup> p'sence of us  
 Philemon Dalton  
 Elizabeth Dalton

Bridgit Clifford  
 her X mark & Seale

[Recorded Aug. 26, 1680.]

[Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 28.]

ROBERT PAGE

1679

HAMPTON

In the name and fear of God Amen

I Rober Page of Hampton in the County of Norfolke in New England being aged and weak of Body butt sound of understanding and of a Disposing mind doe make this my last will as followeth Haveing Comitted my selfe unto the almighty and shortly to lay of this Earthly tabernacle do Comitt my fraile body to the Earth to bee buried in Hampton burieing place in a Cristian and Decent manner as my Children shall order & Appoynt And for whatt Estate God Hath bestowed upon mee in this world my will is thatt all my Just Debts bee first satiesfied and payd and my Estate to bee Disposed of as followeth

1st I Give unto ffrancis page my Eldest son all my pastuer & upland which I bought of Leiu<sup>t</sup> will Howard Containing Sixty Acres more or less besides a Certaine tracte which I Reserve for my Grand Child Robertt page the which is bounded with the land of Abr Drake and natt Boulter to a payer of barres Goeing into the Comons and from thence aboutt ten Rod in bredth to a bridg Goeing over the Swamp next Ed Colcords medow with two Acres Adjoining to boulders which parte of land so bounded I Doe Reserve to Robertt page and all the Rest I Doe Give and Conferme to my son ffrancis page being aboutt sixty Rod more or lesse

2ly I Doe Give unto my sone ffrancis page one share of the Cowes Comon According to the vallue thereof

3ly I Doe Give unto m<sup>r</sup> Seaborn Cotton our Reverend pastor the some of five pound to be payd to him in Good merchantable pay as itt Comanly Goeth att Strabrey Bank within Halfe a year after my Decease if he Continow an officer in this Church till then

4ly I Doe Give unto my Daughter mary fogs two yongest Children the some of ten pound vizz to James fog five pound and to Hannah ffog five pound to bee payd to them by my son ffrancis page when they shall Attaine to the Age of Sixteen years

5ly I Doe Give unto my Daughter Margritt Samborn and to Her Seaven Children the some of fortie pounds to Bee payd by



my son Thomas page viz to my Daughter margritt five pound to Josuph moulton five pound to Benjmin moulton five pound to Hannah moulton five pound to bee payd within a year after my Decease and to the Rest viz to Sarah moulton now Sarah Haines the some of five pound to Ruth moulton now Ruth Samborn the sume of five pound to william moulton five pound, and to Jonathan Samborn five pound which is also to bee payd by my son Thomas page the fist year after my Decease & to william moulton my best weaning Calfe of this year

6ly. I Doe Give unto the Children of my Daughter Rebecah and of my son in law william marston the some of fortie pound whereof ten pound is already payd the Rest to bee payd as followeth, five pound to Rebecah now the wife of John Smith and five pound to Hannah now the wife of Samuell foge, and five pound to Samuell Marston to bee payd by my Son Thomas page within two years after my Decease

Itt I Doe Give to my Grand Daughter Lucie marston the some of ten pound to bee payd to Her by my son ffrancis page within six years after my Decease: and five pounds to Meriah Marston the same year to bee payd by my son Thomas

7ly. I Doe Give and bequeth unto my Daughter Hannah the wife of Henry Dow and to Her three Children the some of fortie pound viz to my Daughter Hannah the some of twentie five pound to bee payd to Her by my son Thomas page within three years after my Decease

Item I Doe Give unto Joseph Dow my Daughter Hannahs Eldest son the some of five pound

Itt to Symon Dow Her third son the some of five pound

Itt to Jabez Dow fourth son the some of five pound to bee payd to them by my son Thomas page the fourth year after my Decease

8ly: I Doe Give unto Samuell Dow my Daughter Hannahs second son my planting lott in the north plaine Containing thirteē Acres according as it is Granted and layd outt

9ly I Doe Give unto my Daughter mary ffog: the Houses

which I have built upon my House lott whear she now Dwelleth Sixty Rod of Ground Adjacentt as itt is now layd outt mor or lesse Duering the terme of her naturall life

Itt I Doe Give unto my Daughter mary fog five Acres of planting land more or less Adjoy[n]ing to the land of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dalton towards the north west & the land of william Marston towards the south East, & two Swine & 3 of y<sup>e</sup> biggest shots & that wch is up a fatting

Itt I Doe Give unto my Daughter mary fog three Acres and halfe of pastur land which I Bought of Nathaniel Bachelder Adjoyning to william fullers Swamp : and one share of the ox Comon, and thatt Iland of Salt marsh by the landing place all Dureing Her naturall life and then to bee and Remaine to Her Eldest son Seath ffog after his mother Decease and my Daughters boyes to Helpe to Carrie the Dung outt this year & to have 12 load to lay on y<sup>t</sup> 5 acres bought of John Smith

roly : I Doe Give and Bequeath unto my Grand Child Robertt moulton one share of the Cowes Comon and three Acres and Halfe more or less of Salt marsh which I bought of James philbrick which is bounded with marsh of William Samborn on the one side and the marsh of Robertt Smith on the other side

Itt I Doe Give unto the sd Robertt moulton my Iland of fresh medow that lieth above my planting land or pa[s]tuer by taylors River being by Estimation one Acre more or less as itt is with free Egres and Regres through my land to the same, and in Case the sd Robertt moulton Die without Issue then the sd lands and Commonage to bee and Remaine to his Brother Benjamin moulton

Itt i Doe Give unto my Son ffrancis page the one Halfe of all my fresh medow which I Bought of Leiu<sup>t</sup> Howard the whole being by Estimation Sixteen Acres Adjoy[n]ing to my Greatt lott, the which Sixteen Acres is to be Equally Devided betwixt my two sons my son ffrancis to Devide and my son Thomas to Choose after Devision the Stock yard to bee for both their use and thatt both of them their Heires and Assignes shall have free

Egres and Regres to the sd stok yard and to their land According to their Devision from time to time for Ever

12ly: I Doe Give and Bequeth unto my Grand Child Robertt page my Son Thomas Eldest sone thatt tractt of land Reserved from my son frances his land Adjoyni[n]g to the land of Abra Drake and nath boulter and so to the Barrs thatt Goeth into the Comons towards John Garlands land with the two Acres Adjoin-[in]g to Boulters fence and ten Rod more in bredth to the Bridg thatt Goeth over the Swamp by Ed Colcords meadow

Itt I Doe Give unto my Grand son Robertt page Eightt Acres of fresh meadow by my son francies his meadow the which he is to Enter upon and posesse att the Age of twenti fower years and his father to posesse and Injoy the same in the mean time

13 I Doe Give and Bequeth unto my two Grand Children Robertt page and Samuelt page twentie Acres of upland att the Saw mill the which is to bee Equally Devided betwixt them, and they are to Enter upon itt att their fathers Decease and their fathers to Have the use of itt Duering the terme of their lives

14ly: I Doe Give unto my Grand Child John page one Hundred Acres of land Granted to mee in the west partt of Hampton bound, Called the new plantation

15 I Doe Give unto my two sones ffrancis page & Thomas page my Quarter partt of the old Saw mill built upon taylors River, with all the priveledge and appertinances thereunto belonging: and my son ffrancis page is to pay unto my Grand Child mary page the some of five pound: and to m<sup>r</sup> Samuelt Dalton the some of twentie shillings as a Gratuity for his paines which is to bee payd by my sone francis page

16ly: I Doe Give unto my Grand Child Lucie page the Daughter of my son ffrancis page the some of ten pound to bee payd by my son Thomas page within seaven years after my Decease

17 I Doe Give unto my Grand son Benjamin Moulton After my Decease one young Bull of two year old and upwards

18 I Doe Give unto my Daughter mary fog one fether bed with all the bedden bedstead and furnituer thereunto belonging and also

my Greatt Brass Kittle and my Daughter mary fog is to Have all the Crop of y<sup>t</sup> Ground Given to her both English and Indian Exept Halfe the oats, and to Have barne Rome for Corne and Hay Duering her life if she Remaine a widow and for such Cattle as are Robertt moultons and my Daughter fogs Childrens they are to Have a meett  $\frac{1}{2}$  portion of the Hay thatt is made for the year following untill winter be over and my Daughter fog to Have Comonag to keep two Cows Duering the terme of her life and my Cloaths I Give to Her Children and one steer of a yer & vantag

19: I Doe Give unto my Grandson Robertt moulton one fether bed with the bolster Coverlett and Appertinances thereunto belonging and my Sarg Coatt

20 I Doe Give unto my Grand Daughter mary page my son Thomas Daughter five pound as is mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> 15 Article and to my Daughter fog thatt bed which her Children lies upon

21: I Doe Give to my Gran son Robertt page that Chest which I brought outt of old England and my Copper Kittle

22: finally I Give and Bequeath unto my son Thomas page my Dwelling House barnes Stables and all other buildings being and standing upon my land not otherwayes Disposed of with all my land marsh and medow Comonage and all Rights priveledges and Appertinances to mee belonging in the towne of Hampton with all my tooles and Implements of Husbandry my stock of Cattle and all moveables both within Dores and withoutt that are nott other wayes Disposed of by this my last will

And I Doe make Constitute and Appointt my Son Thomas page to bee my sole Exectuer to this my last will and testementt and my son in law Henry Dow to bee my overseer to see thatt the same bee performed in Evry part thereof as itt is Declared and if my Execters faile in the  $\frac{1}{2}$ formance of any parte thereof itt shall bee in the power of my over seers to pay any part or Legacy outt of the stock or other Estate and I Doe by these p'sents Nullifie and make voyd all former wills made by mee and for the Confermation of this my last will and testament I have Hereunto sett my

Hand and Seale the Ninth Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred and Seaventy nine Enterlined in the fifteenth Article and one line Rased in the 17th and one in the twentieth before the Sealing Herof

Deacon page Signed Sealed and Declared this to bee His last will in the p'sents of us

Samuell Dalton

John Smborne

Jonathan Wedgwood

[Proved Nov. 11, 1679.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 26.]

[Inventory of the estate of Deacon Robert Page, taken by Thomas Marston, Nathaniel Weare, and Samuel Dalton Oct. 10, 1679; amount, £579.4 0.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Norfolk County, Mass., Deeds, vol. 3, p. 28.]

RICHARD TUCKER 1679

[Administration on the estate of Richard Tucker granted to Mrs. Margaret Tucker Sept. 30, 1679.]

[Inventory, Sept. 19, 1679; amount, £28.2.3; signed by Nathaniel Drake and William Seavey; attested by the widow Sept. 30, 1679.]

REBECCA BINMORE 1680

[Inventory of the estate of Rebecca Binmore, widow, April 2, 1680: amount. £33.2.0. A female child is mentioned, whom Silvanus Roake takes as an apprentice until she is eighteen years of age or married.]

[Administration granted to William Willey June 1, 1680, who presented an inventory of £33.2.0, out of which he was ordered to pay £13.4.0 to Henry Nock at the age of twenty-one, and the balance of the estate, after payment of debts, to Henry Nock, Temperance Binmore, and Hester Binmore in equal parts when they are of age.]

[Court Records, June 1, 1680, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 34.]

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JOSEPH AUSTIN                      1680

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Austin granted to Lieut. Peter Coffin June 1, 1680, who gave a bond in the sum of £40.]

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MOSES SLEEPER                      1680

[Administration on the estate of Moses Sleeper granted to his father, Thomas Sleeper, Sept. 7, 1680.]

[Court Records, Sept. 7, 1680, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 39.]

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JAMES HOBBS                      1680

[Administration on the estate of James Hobbs granted to William Fifield and Sarah Hobbs Sept. 7, 1680.]

[Court Records, Sept. 7, 1680, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 40.]

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JOHN BOONE                      1680

[Administration on the estate of John Boone granted to Peter Twisden of the Isles of Shoals Oct. 12, 1680.]

[Council Records, Oct. 12, 1680, in State Papers, vol. 19, p. 672.]

GODFREY DEARBORN 1680

HAMPTON

I Godfrey Dearbarne of Hampton in the ꝑvenc of New Hampshier in New England Being aged and Inferme of Body

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I Give and Bequeath Unto Dorothy Dearbarn my loveing wife for the terme of her life my Dwelling House & Barne & orchyard and the Use and Improvementt of all my land both Areable land pastuer & marsh land for her Comfortable subsistenc Duering the terme of Her life, and the use and Improvementt of all my moveables within Dores and withoutt Duering the terme of her life

Itt I Doe Give and bequeath Unto my Grand Child Ann Shatredg that now liveth with mee one two year old Heffer which she is to Receive att the End of Her time y<sup>t</sup> she is to live with mee

Itt I Doe Give Unto my sone Thomas Dearbarne my Dark Browne horse which I Use to Rid on

Itt I Doe Give Unto my son Thomas and Henry Dearbarn all the Rest of my Cattle thatt shall Remaine att the Decease of the longest liver of mee or my wife Exepting Sheep and swine which are other wayes Disposed of

Itt my will and pleasure is thatt all the Sheepe and swine that shall Remaine att my wives Decease shall bee Equally Divided betwixt all my Grand Children y<sup>t</sup> shall bee then living : and the Division to be made by my Executors & over seers

Itt I Doe Give and Bequeath Unto my Son John Dearbarn my House barne and house lott and all my land both Areable land pastuers medows & marshes and all Towne Rights and priveledges thereunto belonging and all my tooles and Carts & other Implements of Husbandry : and I Doe appointt my son John Dearbarne to bee my Exectuer to this my will and the Estate the which he is to Enter Upon and possesse att my wives Decease and to bee and Remaine to him and his Heires for Ever

Itt I Doe ordaine and Appointt my two Eldest sons Thomas Dearbarne & henry Dearbarne to bee my over seers to this my last will and testamentt whom I appointt to see to the managment

of my Estate thatt my wife may have a Comfortable living outt of itt Duering the terme of her life

And for whatt Houshold stuff I shall leave thatt my wife shall have the use and Improvement thereof Duering the terme of her life, and then to bee Equally Devided Between my three Daughters only leaving itt to my wives liberty to Dispose of whatt was her owne before I married Her viz one fether Bed & boulster & Rug & Coverlett and her Greatt Bible & her Red flannell petticoate to y<sup>e</sup> wife of John morse

And this my last will and testamentt I Conferme with my Hand & Seale Affixed therto this fourteenth Day of December in the year of our lord one thousand Six hundred & Eighty

Signed Sealed & Declared	His
to bee y <sup>e</sup> last will of Godfrey Dearbarn in p'sents of	Godfrey Dearbarn X [seale]
Samuell Dalton sen <sup>r</sup>	Mark & Seale
Mehetable Dalton	

This was sworn to y<sup>e</sup> 26 of agust : 86 by mehetable Dalton alice [alias] Simins befor mee

Henry green Justis Peace

Province of New Hampshire June 7<sup>th</sup> 1711

Philemon Dalton personally appearing before the Honourable Richard Waldron Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration within the said province made oath that he was present when his Mother Mehitabell appeared before Justice Green, and made oath as a Witness to this Will as is incerted in the Margin thereof. /

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron

And further by the Comparing of Several hand writings of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Dalton a witness to this will I am Satisfied that the Said Will is Legally Signed & Sealed And therefor it is proved Approved and Allowed off

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron



[Inventory, Feb. 13, 1685/6; amount, £138.12.0; signed by Henry Dow and John Smith.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 255.]

To his Excellency y<sup>e</sup> Governour & Councell sitting at portsmouth may 10<sup>th</sup> 1711 the petition of John Dearborn of Hampton in said province humbly sheweth—

that your pitioners father Godfree Dearborn of Hampton Deceased about 26 years since, the witnesses to his Will & testament the one of them Dyed before y<sup>e</sup> testater by Reason of which the Will above said Will not be accounted well proved before the Judge of probats, your pitisioner humbly prays your Excellency & Councill Would Receive the testimonys to prove, the deceased Witnesses hand, which is Generell known he being for many years a Justice of peace, & Clerke of y<sup>e</sup> town and so to order that y<sup>e</sup> said testament may be Executed, by the Executor otherwise there will be a foundation for Controversy here after

Which your pitisioner humbly prays

John Dearborn

philemon Dalton was p<sup>r</sup>sent when his Mother Mehitabell appeared before m<sup>r</sup> Justice Green made oath as a Wittness to this will as incerted in the Margin

And further by the Comparaing of Several hand writeings of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dalton a wittness to this will, the Judge of the Probates is Satisfied that the Said will is Legall signed & sealed and therefore Allows and Approves

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 253, 254.]

JOHN CUTT

1680/1

PORTSMOUTH

. . . . . last will & testament of Jn<sup>o</sup> Cutt Sen<sup>r</sup> of . . . . .  
sm<sup>o</sup> in Piscataq river in the Province of New . . . . . mpshire  
in N: E made this 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1680

. . . . . ing in perfect memory but Crazy and Infirm in  
. . . . . weaknesses by reason of age & otherwise do ordain

. . . . this to be my last will & Testament hereby revoke-  
ing all other Wills by me formerly Made—

1<sup>o</sup>—I Com'itt my Soul into the hands of God in Christ Jesus trusting that it shall be kept by him untill that day & my body unto a decent burial in my Orchard Where I buried my wife & Children that are deceased & I will that there be a wall of lime & Stone made about my Grave & the rest there already buried w<sup>th</sup> room Convenient for a burying place for the residue of my family relations

2<sup>o</sup>—I Give unto my beloved Son John Cutt my house & land where I now live w<sup>th</sup> the orchard Gardens wharfeing windmill Warehouses & other houseing (except what is hereafter Excepted w<sup>ch</sup> I Give unto my daughter Hannah) w<sup>th</sup> all the priviledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging together w<sup>th</sup> my wood ffeild lying upon the Creek behind my house & adjoyning to the land of Jn<sup>o</sup> Hunkin & all my fresh Marsh at the head of the Creek next to Rich: Cum'ings miarsh w<sup>th</sup> my share of that Land bought of Maj<sup>r</sup> Waldron and Cap<sup>t</sup> Lake near Greenland as alsoe all the land I bought of m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Wiggin being 160 pole by the Water Side more or lesse according to Bill of Sale & three mile back into the woods together w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Marsh or meadow abrest of it & my ten acres of land on the great Iland Excepting out of it what is hereafter Excepted for my daughter Mary & my Warehouse on Starr Iland

3<sup>o</sup>—I Give unto my beloved Son Samuel Cutt my house com'-only called the great house w<sup>th</sup> the Orchard & feild adjoyning (Except what is hereafter given to his Sister Mary) w<sup>th</sup> all the priviledges thereunto belonging together w<sup>th</sup> my land near the Pulpit being 70 pole in breadth by the water Side & run'ing up the whole Length into the Woods according to agreem<sup>t</sup> between mee & Br<sup>o</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Cutt together w<sup>th</sup> that halfe of w<sup>m</sup> William's Plantation in Oysteriver w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of him & the farm lying near it w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of Tho: Doughty w<sup>th</sup> the fresh & Salt Marsh belonging to it & all my land at Spruce Creek bought of M<sup>r</sup> Morgain & his wife & Ephraim Lynn being 160 acres more or lesse & that

part w<sup>th</sup> is mine of the house & land y<sup>t</sup> was m<sup>r</sup> Corbet's lying at Kittery Point & my one acre of land Lying on the great Iland w<sup>th</sup> my Warehouse upon Smutty nose Iland as also a <sup>¶</sup>cell of land purchased of Richard Abbott lying near M<sup>r</sup> Wills's at Nechowonoq

4<sup>o</sup>—I give unto my beloved daughter Hannah Cutt my New warehouse w<sup>th</sup> the wharfing belonging to it the land & wharfe soe farr as the Smith's Shop w<sup>th</sup> the Smith's Shop & Soe farr as the high way w<sup>th</sup> halfe an acre of Land out of the windmill feild at the Corner next Br<sup>o</sup> Richards Barn Fronting upon the high way between that & . . . . between Br<sup>o</sup> Richards land & mine for the . . . . Soe wide as that the double of the ffront . . . . the Said halfe acre & the little feild by . . . . beyond W<sup>m</sup> Hearl's bounded by the land of . . . . land in the long reach to Say fifty pole . . . . addition afterward laid to it & the land I had . . . Execution & the land I had in dover of Phillip Crom . . . . w<sup>th</sup> was Sometime belonging to Joseph Austen to Say eleven acres w<sup>th</sup> the freehold or Com'onage belonging to it as alsoe my farm at Wells both upland & Meadow w<sup>th</sup> the houseing & all priviledges belonging thereunto & that hundred acres of land w<sup>th</sup> I had of Joseph Beard of Dover lying in or near Cochecho—

5<sup>o</sup>—I give to my beloved daughter Mary Cutt the little feild being part of that Com'only called the great feild lying next to y<sup>t</sup> high way going to the meeting house w<sup>th</sup> halfe an acre of land butting upon y<sup>e</sup> River on the one Side & the Creek that goes up by the great house on the other to take in the point Over & above & Soe up toward the great house w<sup>th</sup> free passage to it Between the great house & the river & a parcel of land out of y<sup>t</sup> ten acres I gave to my Son Jn<sup>o</sup> upon the great Iland to Say that where my frame now lies or formerly did lie from the house that was Cap<sup>t</sup> Pendleton's to that w<sup>th</sup> was Otho Tuckerman's & all below the rock & Soe down to y<sup>e</sup> River & the land I bought of Jn<sup>o</sup> Alt & the land I bought of W<sup>m</sup> Williams lying in the woods at the head of Oysteriver & the 13 acres at boyling rock bought of Jeffery Cur-

rier & further I will that her Brother John shall sum'er two Cowes for her in his pasture at home freely dureing her Natural life & because her proportion of land is Smaller y<sup>n</sup> what the rest of my Children have I will that She pay nothing towards what I hereafter give to her mother out of her proportion of moveables

6<sup>o</sup>—As to y<sup>o</sup> remainder of my estate lying in Moneys plate household goods wares of any Sort Stock Shipping debts or any estate whatsoever any wise of right appertaining to mee & not already disposed off I doe dispose of it as ffolloweth Viz<sup>t</sup> one third part of the whole to my Eldest Son Jn<sup>o</sup> Cutt the other two thirds shall be divided into ffour parts of w<sup>ch</sup> my Son Sam<sup>l</sup> Cutt shall have the one halfe the other halfe to be equally divided Betwixt my two daughters Hanna & Mary Cutt unto each of w<sup>ch</sup> daughters I give besides their portion a Silver plate Marked T S

7<sup>o</sup> Provided alwaies that I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Ursula Cutt the full Sum'e of five hundred pounds to be taken out of y<sup>t</sup> portion w<sup>ch</sup> I have given to my Son's Jn<sup>o</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup> & to my daughter Hanna each of them to pay their proportion of the Said ffive hundred pounds according to y<sup>o</sup> Quantity of Goods that fall's to their Share when the whole is Summ'd up & divided to them & they shall pay it in each Species that they receive their portion in whether money Goods Shipping or otherwise according to y<sup>o</sup> Value of what they Receive, the Moveables to be Apprized at price Curr<sup>t</sup> Moreover I will that my beloved wife shall have liberty to dwell in my house till my Son John come to age or Marry if She continue a widdow whome I request to have respect to my Children & be a mother to them, if my Son Jn<sup>o</sup> Marry while my wife Continues a Widdow She shall have the use of a Couple of rooms in the house such as shall be Judged most convenient by my Execut<sup>rs</sup> & Overseers together & may be comfortable for her accommodation Or she shall have liberty to build an house upon that peice of land w<sup>ch</sup> she hath lately taken in as an addition to y<sup>o</sup> Orchard & may therein dwel dureing her Widdowhood & when she leaves it my Son John shall have it w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>t</sup> is built upon it Or she shall have liberty to Dwell in the New Warehouse w<sup>ch</sup> shall

be fitted up for her till my daughter Hanna comes to make use of it Moreover she shall have the use of that land at the Pulpitt w<sup>ch</sup> I have given to my Son Samuel till he Come to age & may Improve Soe much of of it as she See's meet & build upon it if She pleases & Shall have the benefit of it dureing her natural life & then both the land & all the Improvem<sup>t</sup> & building Shall return unto my Son Samuell Cutt

8° Furthermore I will that if any of my Children die before they come to age or marry the portion I have given them shall be equally divided between those of them that Survive & if any of my Children die w<sup>thout</sup> Issue after marriage I will that the houseing & Lands I have given them shall goe to the next heir & w<sup>th</sup> these proviso's it is to be understood that I give the abovemention'd houses & lands to my Children & their heires for ever, Provided also y<sup>t</sup> if it be Judged meet for the Peopling of the place to Sell any part of the great house feild into house lot's & my Overseers & Execut<sup>rs</sup> approve of it it may be done & y<sup>e</sup> money for y<sup>e</sup> land so Sold to redound to y<sup>e</sup> behoof of the person to whome I have given the land & if it may be done for the good of the whole I advise that by the Consent of my Execut<sup>rs</sup> & Overseers y<sup>e</sup> Shipping or part of them may be sold assoon as may be

9° For the good of the Town where I dwell I give & bequeath one hundred pounds towards the erecting of a free school provided the town shall Set it up w<sup>th</sup>in Seven Years after my decease & nto y<sup>e</sup> Church in Portsm<sup>o</sup> to w<sup>ch</sup> I belong I give fifteen pounds and thirty pounds to y<sup>e</sup> poor of the Town w<sup>ch</sup> S<sup>d</sup> 30<sup>l</sup> shall be disposed of at y<sup>e</sup> discretion of my Overseers, unto y<sup>e</sup> Children of my Br<sup>o</sup> Robert Cutt I give what was Oweing to mee from their father to be equally divided among y<sup>m</sup> unto my Coz<sup>n</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Shipway I give ten pounds & to my Servant Bathiah Furbur ffivety Shillings

10° Finaly I make my beloved Son John & my daughter Hanna Execut<sup>rs</sup> to this my last will & testam<sup>t</sup> & I request & appoint my good freinds M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moodey M<sup>r</sup> Richard Martin & m<sup>r</sup> Reuben Hull of Portsm<sup>o</sup> & Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho: Brattle of Boston to be my Overseers & unto y<sup>e</sup> Said Moodey I give as a legacy fifty Pounds

& to the other three Overseers thirty pounds a peice whome I doe earnestly desire to be carefull for y<sup>e</sup> Concern of my Children & to order matters Soe for y<sup>m</sup> as may be to their best behooffe & for the mantaining & promoteing Love between y<sup>m</sup> & if there happen any difference among my wife & Children about the Interpretation of the will or about any matter referring to their Concernm<sup>ts</sup> therein my will is that the party or party's concern'd shall chuse each of y<sup>m</sup> a man to Joyn w<sup>th</sup> the Overseers for the decision of any Such Controversy & what they or the Major part of them shall determine I will shall be the finall Issue of any Such matter.

The managem<sup>t</sup> of my burial I leave to y<sup>e</sup> prudence of my beloved wife & my Overseers & doe obleidge my Execut<sup>rs</sup> w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> advice of my Overseers to See to y<sup>e</sup> paying of the legacies abovemention'd & discharging of all my Just debts & funerall Charges out of my estate.

In testimony to all & Singular the premisses I Set to my hand & Seal this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord 1680 by the premises I mean w<sup>t</sup> is written on the side above & on the other side.

Wee whose names are underwritten saw m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Cutt Sen<sup>r</sup> sett his hand & Seal to this Instrum<sup>t</sup> & heard him declare it to be his last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> this 6 may 1680

John ffletcher  
Samuel Keais

John Cutt— [a seal]

Vera Copia of the originall Will on file of y<sup>e</sup> quart<sup>r</sup> Court of portsm<sup>o</sup> in N— Hampsh<sup>r</sup>: attests—

Elias Stileman Record<sup>r</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1680/81

As an explication w<sup>th</sup> Some alteration of the Seventh article in my aforementioned last will & Testament in the foregoeing folio bearing date the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1680 I annexe what hereafter follows

to Say that whereas I have in s<sup>d</sup> article given five hundred pounds to my beloved wife Ursula Cutt upon Consideration of the great wasting of my Estate by reason of long Sicknesse & other late providences attending mee I doe hereby will that the Sum'e w<sup>ch</sup> I bequeath unto her my wife afores<sup>d</sup>. shall be but four hundred pounds payable in manner as is in Said Article Express'd & w<sup>th</sup>all I give this as my meaning in S<sup>d</sup> article that the said Sum'e of four hundred pounds is in lieu of w<sup>t</sup> She my Said wife would or might have expected on the Acc<sup>o</sup> of writt of Dowry or thirds of my Estate or any other way by vertue of any law in Old England or New & She shall renounce all other her intrest in or claim to any part of my estate or else shall not receive any part or whole of this four hundred Pounds that I have here bequeathed her leaveing her to her choice w<sup>ch</sup> of the two she will take either the thirds of my house & land dureing her life time or this four hundred pounds & I do hereby will & declare that this schedule here an'exed is & shal bee my last will & testam<sup>t</sup> any thing in my will afores<sup>d</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Contrary Notwithstanding as Witsesse my hand & seal this third day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> one thousand six hundred & Eighty

this writeing above was signed  
& Sealed by Jn<sup>o</sup> Cutt esq<sup>r</sup> Presi-  
dent of New Hampshire & de-  
clared to be his last will & Tes-  
tament in p<sup>s</sup>ense of us this 3<sup>d</sup>  
Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1680

John Cutt— [a seal]

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron  
Joshua Moodey

Vera Copia of the originall Expliacon & addition as it is on file  
of y<sup>e</sup> quart<sup>r</sup> Court of portsm<sup>o</sup> in N. Hampsh<sup>ire</sup> attests

Elias Stileman Record<sup>r</sup>

[Proved April 9, 1681.]

[Inventory of the estate was presented June 7, 1681.]

[Court Records, June 7, 1681, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 47.]

[John Cutt, son of President John Cutt, being a minor, desires that his guardian, Reuben Hull, may fit out and send to sea certain vessels belonging to his estate, the overseers approving.]

[Council Records, Sept. 7, 1681, in State Papers, vol. 19, p. 677.]

[Administration de bonis non of the estate of John Cutt of Portsmouth granted to Samuel Penhallow of Portsmouth, merchant, July 24, 1700, who married Mary Cutt, daughter of the deceased, the executors of the will, John Cutt and Hannah Cutt, son and daughter of the deceased, having died.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 210.]

[Bond of Samuel Penhallow, gentleman, with Thomas Parker, chirurgeon, and Charles Story, gentleman, as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £500, July 24, 1700, for the administration de bonis non of the estate of John Cutt of Portsmouth; witnesses, Sarah Hall and Mary Hall.]

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## HENRY SHERBURNE 1681

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Sherburne, March 26, 1681; amount, £126.12.0; signed by Peter Coffin; attested by Samuel Sherburne and John Sherburne Sept. 8, 1681; goods delivered to Mrs. Sherburne out of the estate, £19.1.6.]

[Order of court, June 7, 1681, appointing John Hunking, John Shipway, and John Pickering a committee to set off to Sarah Sherburne, widow, her third of the real estate of her husband, Henry Sherburne, she stating to the court that she was receiving no means of support either from his estate or that of her former husband, Walter Abbott.]

[Court Records, June 7, 1681, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 47.]

[Inventory was presented Sept. 7, 1681, and attested by Samuel Sherburne and John Sherburne; amount not stated.]

[Council Records, Sept. 7, 1681, in State Papers, vol. 19, p. 678.]



## PHINEAS RIDER                      1681                      NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of Phineas Rider, Great Island, April 30, 1681, "According To the desire of his widdow"; amount, £12.16.0; signed by Nathaniel Fryer and Samuel Wentworth.

Administration granted to Alice Rider June 7, 1681, who made oath to the inventory. The court gives her all the estate.]

[Administration on the estate of "old Rider" granted to his widow June 7, 1681.]

[Court Records, June 7, 1681, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 46.]

## AGNES COWELL                      1681                      PORTSMOUTH

Know all men by presents that I Agnes Cowll of the town of Porthmouth in new Hampshire doe After my deseas make Over and give the theird part of my Estate which was left by my husband Cowll which is fiffity pound as it was prise and I doe give the said fifty pound to my Children at my deseas as I think fitt or to any or all them in my last will and testament as witnes my hand & seal this 30<sup>th</sup> Aprell 1681

tested by                      the mark X of Agnes Cowll [seal]

Thomas Harvey

Nicholas Walden

[Proved Jan. 3, 1681/2.]

## ANTHONY ELLINS                      1681

[Inventory of the estate of Anthony Ellins, Portsmouth, Aug. 7, 1681; amount, £375.5.11; signed by John Shipway, Anthony Nutter, and Nehemiah Partridge.]

[Administration on the estate of Anthony Ellins granted to his widow, Abigail Ellins, Sept. 8, 1681.]

[Council Records, Sept. 8, 1681, in State Papers, vol. 19, p. 678.]

[Inventory of the estate of Abigail Ellins, widow of Anthony Ellins, "w<sup>ch</sup> she brought with her when she married said Anthony"; taken Sept. 8, 1681; amount, £39.18.0; signed by John Sherburne and Nehemiah Partridge; attested Sept. 8, 1681.]

JOHN HUNKING

1681

PORTSMOUTH

The last Will & Testament of John Hunkins of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in y<sup>o</sup> Province of New-Hampshire made this twenty fifth of August 1681

I John Hunkins being under great weaknes of Body, and apprehensions of approaching Death, \* \* \*

1. Unto my Beloved Wife I give all that shee brought with her, fiveteen pounds of hers In Mony I made use of, & I will shalbe returned her in kind. I give her also one hundred pounds out of my Moveables according as they are prized, & I will y<sup>t</sup> all my Moveables bee prized as Mony, Further I will y<sup>t</sup> my Wife shall have liberty to dwell either in this house or that wherein John Light now lives, so much of either of y<sup>m</sup> being allotted to her as shalbe judged convenient for her accom'odation by my Execut<sup>r</sup> & Overseers, & shee to have liberty of dwell<sup>e</sup> there while shee lives. Provided alwaies y<sup>t</sup> my wife accept of what is above-said in lieu of her Thirds of my house & land, & renounce her Interest in any part of my Estate any further than as above expressed.

2. Unto my Beloved son John Hunkin I give y<sup>o</sup> House & land where I now dwell w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>o</sup> Barn, outhouseing Orchards & all y<sup>o</sup> Priviledges thereunto belongeng, to him also I give y<sup>o</sup> Field newly fenced in by y<sup>o</sup> High Way next to m<sup>r</sup> R. Martyns, being thirty Acres more or lesse, together with my Warehouse & wharfing at strawberry-Bank, as also my Houses, Warehouses & stage on star-Island with all other Appurtenances thereto belonging (my Boats only excepted) & my Best cloak & silver hafted Rapier & my seal-ring w<sup>th</sup> J H upon it, willing him my son John to pay unto my Daughters out of his own proper Estate fivety pounds apiece in Mony, upon theyr Day of Marriage or when they come

to Age, & if either of them dye before y<sup>e</sup> Time limited then her fivety pounds to bee paid unto my surviveing Daughter.

3 Unto my Beloved son Peter Hunkins I give y<sup>e</sup> House & land where John Light dwells with all y<sup>e</sup> Priviledges thereto belonging, excepting y<sup>e</sup> ¶ cell of land between Gate & Gate on y<sup>e</sup> N. West side of y<sup>e</sup> house (reserving y<sup>e</sup> forementioned Liberty to my wife) Also a ¶ cell of Land next W<sup>m</sup> Cottons being about twenty Acres more or lesse, unfenced, w<sup>th</sup> four Acres of Marsh w<sup>ch</sup> lies at Little Harbour

4 I give to my Beloved son William my eight-Acre Lott near y<sup>e</sup> Boyling Rock with sixty sixe Acres at y<sup>e</sup> Head of said Lott in y<sup>e</sup> Plains.

5 I bequeath to my Beloved son Mark my sixe-score Acres of Land near Salmon-falls being all that ¶ cell of Land w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of Ralph Hall, as ¶ Deed appeares

6 To my Beloved Daughter Agnes I give all my land upon y<sup>e</sup> Great Island w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> lettle house upon it lying next to John ffabens's House by y<sup>e</sup> Water-side. And a seal Ring marked A H. besides that fivety pound payable by her Bro. John.

7 Unto my Beloved Daughter Elizabeth I give that litle house by y<sup>e</sup> Well near y<sup>t</sup> house where m<sup>r</sup> Light lives w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>t</sup> ¶ cell of land lying between Peter Glandfeild's & y<sup>e</sup> Gate of y<sup>t</sup> house where m<sup>r</sup> Light now lives, & so backward to y<sup>e</sup> Gate y<sup>t</sup> Opens to y<sup>e</sup> High way, As also another ¶ cell of land about seven Acres, fenced, bounded by W<sup>m</sup> Cottons Rich: Joce's land & y<sup>e</sup> High-way. I give also to my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter Eliz: besides y<sup>t</sup> fivety pounds payable by her Bro: John, all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Gold Rings, togeth<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a p<sup>o</sup> of black silk y<sup>t</sup> is in y<sup>e</sup> House for a Gown, & a p<sup>o</sup> of Red silk for a Petticoat.

Further I will y<sup>t</sup> my son John shalbe sole Execut<sup>r</sup> of this my last Will & Testament Only if my son John dye before hee come home then my son Peter shalbee Execut<sup>r</sup> in his Room, & have his portion & be obliged to pay y<sup>e</sup> same Legacies as John should have done. And if any of my other children dye before they come to Age or marry y<sup>e</sup> portion of y<sup>e</sup> deceased shalbe equally divided among y<sup>e</sup>

Survivors, excepting y<sup>e</sup> fivety pounds ap<sup>o</sup> to my Daught<sup>rs</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I will shalbe as above ordered.

I doe also hereby desire & appoint my Hon<sup>rd</sup> ffrinds Rich: Martyn & W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan Esq<sup>rs</sup> to bee overseers to this my last Will & Testament, requesting them to see to y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>er</sup>formance thereof according to y<sup>e</sup> true intent hereof, as also to y<sup>e</sup> Division of all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Estate not above p<sup>ar</sup>ticularly disposed of whether in shipping or stock or any moveables within doores or without unto each of my children an equall share, after y<sup>t</sup> my Legacies Debts & funeral charges are defraied out of my said moveables. And because my Execut<sup>r</sup> is from home I desire & impower my Overseers afores<sup>d</sup> to look after my Estate & use theyr best discretion for preserving it, & to pay out of it what Debts are needfull to bee speedily paid.

And my Will is y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Houses & lands given above to my children shalbe to them, theyr Heires & Assignes for ever. In Testimony to all y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>ro</sup>mises I set to mine hand & seal this twenty fifth of August 1681 If Peter come to bee Execut<sup>r</sup> & have John's Portion, then Peters portion shalbe divided among y<sup>e</sup> survivors & to y<sup>e</sup> also set my hand & seal I also impower my Overseers aboves<sup>d</sup> to Receive Debts as well as pay Debts till my Executor comes Home—

Witnes

Joshua Moodey

John fletcher

John Hunking [seal].

[Endorsed] m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hunkings will brought into Court of Adjornm<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in decemb<sup>r</sup> 1681: & is put on file on y<sup>e</sup> records of y<sup>e</sup> Court of Dover June 7th: 1681 being proved p<sup>ro</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Jos: Moodey & m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> fletcher who tooke oath y<sup>u</sup>nto

E: S: Record<sup>r</sup>

THOMAS AVERY

1681

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Avery, Sept., 1681; taken by Walter Neal Leavitt and Samuel Haines, Jr.; amount in real estate and live stock, £112.12.0; other articles not valued; attested by Joan Avery Nov. 1, 1681.]

## THOMAS WILLEY 1681

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Willey granted to Margaret Willey, his wife, and John Willey, his son, Sept. 7, 1681.]

[Council Records, Sept. 7, 1681, in State Papers, vol. 19, p. 678.]

## JOHN WHIDDEN 1681

[Administration on the estate of John Whidden granted to his widow, Elizabeth Whidden, Sept. 7, 1681, and an inventory was presented.]

[Council Records, Sept. 7, 1681, in State Papers, vol. 19, p. 678.]

## SAMUEL DALTON 1681 HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Samuel Dalton of Hampton, who died Aug. 22, 1681; taken Sept. 15, 1681; amount, £868.5.0; signed by John Sanborn and Henry Dow; attested by his widow, Mehitable Dalton, Dec. 6, 1681. Mentions estate in Haverhill, Mass., given him by his father-in-law, Henry Palmer.]

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Dalton granted to his widow, Mehitable Dalton, Dec. 6, 1681, who presented an inventory of £868.5.0.]

[Court Records, Dec. 6, 1681, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 50.]

## — SEWARD 1681

[Richard Seward made choice of his master, William Vaughan, as his guardian, who was appointed Nov. 22, 1681.]

[Council Records, Nov. 22, 1681, in State Papers, vol. 19, p. 683.]

## AGNES SNELL 1681

[Inventory of the estate of Agnes Snell, wife of George Snell, Dec. 5, 1681; amount, £172.10.9; signed by John Shipway, Jr.,

and Samuel Keais; endorsed "This Inventory Lefte in Courte by m<sup>r</sup> George Snell Xber 1681"; attested by Jethro Furber May 3, 1682.]

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GODFREY BROOKING 1682 ISLES OF SHOALS

To The honorable: His Majesties Councill now sittinge at Ports-  
m<sup>o</sup>— The peticon of William ffollet of Oyster River in behalfe of  
his Daughter In Law, Hannah Brookine of Isle of Shoales;

Humbly Sheweth, Whereas Godfrey Brookinge was unfortu-  
nately drowned y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> day of Xber 1681: at Isle of Shoales; and  
dyinge Insolvent: not leavinge estate neither to pay one halfe y<sup>e</sup>  
debts contracted by him in his life time nor any competency for  
his Relict and foure smal Children left behind him;

Knowing no Authority there established at Star Island; nor any  
way wherby y<sup>r</sup> petition<sup>r</sup> may be put In a way to satisfye y<sup>e</sup> Credi-  
tors—It is the humble petition of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Relict; y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> honours would  
be pleased; to use or direct some way or means; y<sup>t</sup> the Creditors  
may Receive accordinge to proportion of ye small estate Left ac-  
cording to y<sup>e</sup> Inventory here presented to you and y<sup>r</sup> petitioner  
shall ever pray &c

[Misc. Provincial Papers, mss., vol. 1, p. 18.]

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PETER VITTERY 1682 LONDON ENG.

[Administration on the estate of Peter Vittery of London, Eng.,  
"who died out of y<sup>e</sup> Ketch ffrinds Endeavo<sup>r</sup> of piscattaq<sup>e</sup> River  
on a voyage to the Madara from s<sup>d</sup> River," was granted to Reuben  
Hull June 6, 1682.]

[Court Records, June 6, 1682, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 54.]

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DODEVAH HULL 1682

[Administration on the estate of Dodevah Hull granted to his  
widow, Mary Hull, June 6, 1682, his will being imperfect.]

[Court Records, June 6, 1682, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 54.]

JOB CLEMENT

1682

Dover. 4. 7<sup>br</sup> 1682

The last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> of Job Clement Esq<sup>r</sup>.

I Job Clement being weak in Body but in p<sup>er</sup>fect memory doe dispose of my Estate as followeth

I make my Son Job Clement my sole heir & give to him all my houseing & lands Bills & Bonds with stock in tradeing & all my other Estate whatsoever except what is hereafter excepted

I give to my beloved wife Joanna Clement y<sup>e</sup> choice of my Houses for her to live in dureing her life time, together with what so ever Estate she brought with her whether in Cattell or household goods, & shee shall with y<sup>e</sup> House have y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> Accom'odations of land belonging to it, & y<sup>e</sup> use of a ffeather bed dureing her life

I give to my Granchild Jane Kenney the residue of my Six Acre lott more or lesse y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of w<sup>ch</sup> was formerly by mee given to her ffather, lying near y<sup>e</sup> Watch house on Dover Neck. Also I give to y<sup>e</sup> said Jane that bed w<sup>ch</sup> my wife has y<sup>e</sup> use of dureing her life to come into her hands after my wives decease./ I give thirty shill<sup>—</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> poor of y<sup>e</sup> Town & thirty shill<sup>—</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> church.

ffinally I make my son Job to my sole Execut<sup>r</sup> willing him to pay my Debts & funerall charges And request y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>le</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron p<sup>r</sup>sident & y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Pike to bee overseers to this my last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup>

In witnes to y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>mises I have set to my hand & seal

The instrument above was signed                      Job Clements [seal]  
& sealed by y<sup>e</sup> within mentioned Job  
Clements Esq<sup>r</sup> & declared to bee his  
last Will & Testament y<sup>e</sup> day &  
year above written 4 (7) 1682. In  
p<sup>r</sup>sence of us

Richard Walderne

Joshua Moodey

[Proved Nov. 9, 1683. See recorded copy.]

WILLIAM PITMAN

1682

DURHAM

October the last, in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty & two, I William Pitman of Oister river in the Province of New Hampshire being weak in body and being perfect in memory & mind; willing to settle my estate for the future, committing my soul unto him that gave it, & my body to the dust and Christian burial. My Will is, that my son John Pitman be my sole Executor of all my estate houses lands goods & chattels debts monies whatever All my legal debts being paid.

My Will is, that my Wife shall have two Cows, a bed and bedding and accomodation in the house And provisions for her this winter until they may be placed out, And one third of the income of my unmoveables during her natural life, or until she marry.

My Will is, that my son Francis Pitman have & enjoy as a gift of mine All that Place or tenement which I bought of Richard Knight, commonly called Giles's place, he paying my Executor four pound.

Item I give unto my sons Ezekiel Pitman & Nathaniel Pitman, that parcel of marsh that I bought of Richard Knight lying near the Meeting house equally betwixt y<sup>m</sup>

Item I give unto my son Joseph Pitman all my part of land near the valley of twenty five acres at Colley's marsh, as appears more large by Records.

I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Jenkins fifteen shillings.

I give unto my daughter Abigail Willy, Sara Thrisco, Ezekiel Pitman, Ann Pitman, Zacharias Pitman, Hanna Pitman, Judith Pitman, each of them aforementioned three shillings a peece.

My Will is that Edward Leathers & Stephen Jenkins should be the Overseers of my Wife & children, & of my executors, to see this my Will performed.

Witness

John Woodman

Stephen Otis

[Proved Nov. 16, 1682.]

Deeds, vol. 4. p. 64.]

William Pitman

his X mark

& seal [seal]



[Inventory, Nov. 15, 1682; amount, £173.6.0.; signed by Robert Burnham and Joseph Smith.]

MOSES COX

1682

HAMPTON

In y<sup>e</sup> name of God Amen I Moses Coxe of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> province of new Hampshire in new England being very Aged and weake of body \* \* \*

Item I give and bequeath unto prudence my welbeloved wife if she doe outlive me the one half of all my land medow & marsh & Com'onages and the use of the moveabls (Excepting what shall be here after disposed of in this my last will) All during the Tearme of hir Naturall Life And after hir decease then to Returne unto my son in law Jeames Perkins & my Daughter Leah his now wife

Item I give and bequeath unto my son in law Jeames Perkins and to Leah his wife The other Half of all my Lands both upland meadow marsh & Com'onages

Item I give unto my Daughter Mary Godfree & my Daughter Sarrah Norris five shillings apeece to be payd by my Exequetours in marchble pay att prize Current

Item I give unto my Daughter Rachell Rawlings the some of twentie pound five pounds to be payd the first yeare after mine & my wifes decease and five pounds to be payd within two years after my & my wifes decease and five pounds more to be payd within three years after my & my wifes decease and five pounds more to be payd within fower years after mine & my wifs decease to be payd by my Exequetour in good marchble pay att Current prize as it shall then pase from man to man Also I give unto my Daugter Rachell Rawlings one feather Bed & bolster after mine & my wifs decease—

And I doe by these present make Constitute and Appoint my Trustie and Welbeloved son in law Jeames Perkins to be my sole Exequetour to this my last Will & Teastiment In Wittnes Here unto I have put too my Hand and Sealled it with my seall this

first day of november in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of our Lord Sixteen Hundred & Eightie two & in the thirtie forth yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lofd Charls the second by the grace of God king of England scotland france & Ireland defender of the ffaith

signed sealed and Confermed Moses Cox [seal]

in the pressence of uss.

Henry Dow

Samuell Dow

[Proved July 18, 1687.]

[Inventory of the estate of Moses Cox, who died May 28, 1687; taken June 10, 1687; amount, £124.14.0; signed by Henry Dow, Abraham Cole, and John Moulton.]

SAMUEL DUDLEY 1682/3

[Inventory of the estate of Samuel Dudley, Feb. 10, 1682/3; amount, £641.12.0; signed by William Morse and Robert Smart; witnesses, Edward Smith, John Folsom, and Bartholomew Tipping; attested by Theophilus Dudley, administrator, March 3, 1682/3.]

To the Right honerabell Edward Cranfeld Equir & governer of new hampshire Sir thes are to acquaint your honner that I Elizabeth dudley Laite wife of m<sup>r</sup> Samuell dudley deceased have agreed with the Children of the Said dudly for my dowery allso to acquaint your honner that I doe Refuse to Adminester and therefore I doe Leave it to my sonn in Lawe theophelus dudley

Sir yours honeres to serve to my power

witnes my hand and seale Elizabeth Dudley [seal]

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m<sup>rs</sup> Elisabeth dudly owned : this above to be her acte and dede this 2<sup>d</sup> of march 168<sup>3</sup> Before me

John Gillman of the Counsell

## ARTHUR BENNICK 1683

[Inventory of the estate of Arthur Bennick, who died Jan. 20, 1682/3; taken April 2, 1683; signed by James Thomas and Benjamin York; attested by Mary Bennick, administratrix, April 11, 1683.]

## ABRAHAM PERKINS 1683 HAMPTON

In th<sup>e</sup> name of God Amen. I Abraham Perkins of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England being weak in body but sound in understanding and of a disposing mind Do make this my last Will & Testament, as followeth.

ffirst, I commit my soul to Almighty God y<sup>e</sup> ffather of Spirits, who gave me life and being, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken, that after my dissolution to be buried in Hampton burying place in a Christian & decent manner as my Executors shall appoint. And for what worldly goods God hath given me, my Will is as follows

Item, I give unto my beloved Wife during her life the new end of my house, with the chamber above: And give her hereby liberty to make use of y<sup>e</sup> other back house as she shall have need. And I give unto her two cows & their increase wholly to dispose of them as she shall please. And for as much as I do by this my Will give unto my sons Jonathan & Humphry all my land & cattell excepting them two above menc'oned deviding all things equally betwixt them as hereafter shall be declared. And my Will is, that they do both of them carefully provide comfortable relief for their mother, & to provide three lods of hay & to put it into the barn for to winter her two cows, except they do agree otherwise. And further my two sons Jonathan & Humphry shall provide for their mother sufficient fire wood so much as she shall need making it fit for her use, And to give her yearly sixteen bushel of corn Twelv of Indian Two of wheat & Two of barley or rye. And they shall provide for her a well fatted hog or shot to kill, & half a hundred of good beef yearly. And I do give unto my Wife all my

household stuff to be at her disposing excepting carpentars tools & military implements & husbandry. And I give unto her 4 sheep & my sons to maintain them for her & the thirds of y<sup>e</sup> apples in y<sup>e</sup> orchard. And in case my two sons Jonathan & Humphry do neglect their duty to their mother in providing things necessary for her comfortable being & not attending to my Will, then this is my Will; She shall have y<sup>e</sup> thirds of all I have And furthermore this is my Will, That I give unto my two sons (Jonathan Perkins and Humphry Perkins all my lands I have in Hampton, both meadow and Upland, viz; My house Lots & planting Lot North hill Lot and Asbrook Lot and the North devision towards Greenland And the New plantac'on with three shares of the Cow com'on and one in y<sup>e</sup> Ox com'on. With all my tools for Carpentars, All implements for husbandry, as Ploughs, carts, harrows, yokes, chains. And likewise all implements belonging to military discipline; Guns, swords, pikes, am'unition, & what els. And my Will is, That my son Jonathan shall have y<sup>e</sup> whole Lot that I bought of Isack Cole w<sup>ch</sup> is about four or five acres, lying between my old house Lot & y<sup>e</sup> street way which he hath now built upon. All these particulars above menc'oned I do give to him & his heirs for ever, paying out such legacies as hereafter shall be expressed. And I do give unto my son Humphry my House y<sup>t</sup> I now live in, With all y<sup>e</sup> building belonging to it, With y<sup>e</sup> Orchards belonging & being that this Lot is bigger than Jonathans, the Lot being about ten acres & much building, my son Humphry shall pay to my daughter Sarah twenty pounds for a legacy, Shall pay it in four years after my decease, To pay it in currant merchantable pay at currant price. And I do give unto my Granddaughter Mary ffifield now dwelling with me, ffive pound. And I give unto my daughter Abigail ffive pound. And I give unto my son James Perkins ffive pound. And I give unto my Grandson John Perkins ffive pound. And I give unto my son David ffive shillings. And I give unto my son Luke ffive shillings; for these two sons have had their share already, These six last legacies which is twenty pound ten shillings shall be paid by both my

sons Jonathan & Humphry equally alike every year ffive pound to them abovenamed after one another as they are set down to be paid in currant marchantable pay at curra't price: And my son Jonathan & Humphry shall equally devide all my cattel excepting that cow he had with his wife. And to all these abovementioned I set my hand & seal

Hampton August 22. 1683.

Abraham Perkins [seal]

Signed & Sealed in y<sup>e</sup>

p<sup>r</sup>esence of us Witnesses

Seaborn Cotton

John Tucke

[Proved Sept. 18, 1683.]

[Deeds, vol. 4, p. 63.]

[Inventory of the estate of Abraham Perkins of Hampton, who died Aug. 31, 1683; taken Oct. 4, 1683; amount, £361.2.6; attested before Edward Cranfield by Jonathan Perkins and Humphrey Perkins Oct. 5, 1683.]

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ISAAC HANSON

1683

[Inventory of the estate of Isaac Hanson, Sept. 17, 1683; amount, £115.18.7; signed by John Evans and Nathaniel Stevens; attested by Mary Hanson Oct. 15, 1683.]

[Additional inventory, Sept. 8, 1684; amount, £5.10.0; signed by John Evans.]

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SYLVESTER HERBERT 1683

NEWCASTLE

[Bond of Robert Mason and Walter Barefoote, Oct. 1, 1683, in the sum of £100, for the administration, by Thaddeus McCarty, of the estate of Sylvester Herbert of Great Island; signed by Edward Cranfield.]

JOHN SHIPWAY

1683

PORTSMOUTH

By the Gov<sup>r</sup>

Henry Tippet & ursila Tucker this day appeared before me & made oath that John Shipway Deceased declared that all his Estate both personall & Real should goe to his son John Shipway : Given und<sup>r</sup> my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>ber</sup> 1683

Edw Cranfield

[Inventory, Portsmouth, Nov. 29, 1683; amount, £440.0.0; signed by Henry Crowne and John Lewis; attested by the son, John Shipway, Dec. 13, 1683.]

[Bond of John Shipway of Portsmouth, merchant, Dec. 13, 1683, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate.]

THOMAS DANIEL

1683

PORTSMOUTH

I Thomas Daniel of Portsmouth, in the Province of New-Hampshire, being Through y<sup>e</sup> goodness of God in ☉fect memory though much Indisposed, \* \* \*

My Worldly Estate I dispose as followeth—

Imprim<sup>o</sup> I give & Bequeath to my dearly beloved Bridg<sup>t</sup> Daniel all my whole Estate in goods, Chattles, debts & Elce, whatsoever my Just debts being first paid & y<sup>e</sup> Legasies hereafter mention<sup>d</sup>

2<sup>d</sup> I give to my hon<sup>d</sup> Mother m<sup>rs</sup> Elianor Cutt Tenn pounds in money to buy her mourning—& moreover I doe order & oblige my Executrix to reimburse my Hono<sup>rd</sup> Mother for what she laid out to ransome my Couzen Graffort

3— I give to my Kinsman Thomas Graffort, one hund: pounds Starl<sup>s</sup> money of Old England & my Intrest in y<sup>e</sup> debt of S<sup>r</sup> John ffredricks due to y<sup>e</sup> Estate of my Hon<sup>d</sup> ffather Cap<sup>n</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Cutt in Order to his ransome, I also forgive him what is due to mee on his accom<sup>t</sup> in my books—

4— I give my Coz: John Daniel Twenty pound S<sup>d</sup> Starl<sup>s</sup> money

5— I give my Coz: Bridget vaughan Ten pound, in money here

6— I give my good freind Henry Dering 20/s to buy a ring—  
 7— I make my dear wife my Executrix. And my lo. Brother William vaughan Cozin Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Jun<sup>r</sup> with my good freind m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moodey & John fletcher my over Seers to See this my will ~~to~~ form<sup>d</sup> giving unto Each five pounds apecè in money. my debts & Legasies to be paid as Soon as my Executrix Conveniently may— Dated this twelvth of Novemb. 1683. In wittenesse to all the premises I set to my hand & seal (the line & half in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>ar</sup>ticular w<sup>ch</sup> is written in another character being inserted by my order before sealing).

12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1683. This Instru-  
 ment was signed & sealed by  
 Capt<sup>m</sup> Tho: Daniel and declared  
 to be his last Will & Testament  
 before us

Tho. Daniel [seal]

Jn<sup>o</sup> fletcher

Geo. Snell

John Buss

[Proved Nov. 19, 1683.]

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HENRY TIBBETTS 1683

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Tibbetts, Dec. 10, 1683; amount, £2.6.6; claims against the estate, £3.4.9; signed by John Tucker, Nicholas Walden, and John Shipway; attested by Nicholas Walden and John Shipway Dec. 13, 1683.]

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JOSEPH WALKER 1683

[Inventory of the estate of Joseph Walker, who died Nov. 7, 1683; items not valued; attested before Edward Cranfield by Walter Neal Dec. 10, 1683.]

[Bond of Hannah Walker of Portsmouth, widow of Joseph Walker, and Walter Neal of Greenland, Dec. 10, 1683, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate by Hannah Walker and George Walker.]

GEORGE LAVERS

1683/4

PORTSMOUTH

Portsm<sup>o</sup> in New hampshire y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1683

I George Lavers of the Town of Portsmouth in the Province of New hampshire being under great weaknesse of body, \* \* \*

1 Unto my beloved wife I give all my now dwelling house both the olde & new parts thereof together w<sup>th</sup> my land & Orchard thereunto adjoyning, as also all my money, w<sup>th</sup> all my household goods of every kinde, together w<sup>th</sup> all the provision that is now in my house, moreover I further give unto my said wife five pounds A yeare in provision Such as is needfull for her at the Same prices as they are to be bought for money, to be paid her from yeare to yeare (by my son Jacob) so long as shee liveth: all the above mentioned premises to be wholly, & solely at the disposall of my said wife during all the time of her naturall life

2 I give & bequeath to my beloved Sonn Jacob Lavers my shop w<sup>ch</sup> is neare unto my house; and all my stock, and all the Lether, & all the shoos, & all the hides, as also all the debts due to me from any person or persons whatsoever & I doe also give unto my sd Son A peice of Land of fifty fouts front, adjoyning to the land of m<sup>r</sup> George Snell in the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> afforsd, w<sup>ch</sup> land runs up towards m<sup>r</sup> Richard Martyns Orchard so farr as the fence of sd Snell runs w<sup>ch</sup> Joynes to sd land, All w<sup>ch</sup> the premises above mentioned I will that my said Son shall have possession of at the time of my decease he paying all my debts & funerall charges, And also paying my wife five pounds A yeare in provision as abovesd every yeare during her Naturall life.

Moreover I doe will & bequeath unto my said sonne after the death of my said wife all my above dwelling house & land, & orchard thereunto belonging, together w<sup>th</sup> what household goods of mine shall be left at his Mothers departure out of this world to be to him, his heires Execut<sup>rs</sup> & Assignes for ever.

further I will that my wife shall be sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament. & doe hereby desire & appoint my beloved friends m<sup>r</sup> Richard Martyn & m<sup>r</sup> Richard Waldron to be Overseers to this my last will & testam<sup>t</sup> requesting them to se to the



true performance there of according to the true intent of the same,  
In testimony to all the premises I Set to my hand & seale

George Lavers declared the George Lavers [seal]  
above written instrum<sup>t</sup> to be his  
last will & testam<sup>t</sup> in presence of

us

Test—Samuel Keais

Obadiah Mors :

[Proved May 24, 1684.]

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DANIEL GILMAN 1683/4 EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Daniel Gilman of Exeter, Feb 2, 1683/4; amount, £119.1.0; signed by John Gilman, Sr., and Samuel Leavitt; attested by Alice Gilman Feb. 7, 1683/4.]

[Bond of Alice Gilman, widow of Daniel Gilman, Feb. 7, 1683/4, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate; signature of Edward Cranfield.]

[Citation to Nehemiah Leavitt of Exeter and Alice Leavitt, his wife, Oct. 25, 1705, to appear before the court and administer the estate of Daniel Gilman, Elisha Hutchinson of Boston applying for letters of administration as principal creditor; signed by Joseph Smith; return signed by Thomas Webster, constable of Exeter.]

[Administration granted to Samuel Thing of Exeter, smith, March 5, 1705/6, the widow having been cited and declining to act.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 304.]

[Bond of Samuel Thing, smith, with Thomas Webster and Bradstreet Wiggin as sureties, all of Exeter, March 5, 1705/6, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Walker and Charles Story.]

[Warrant to Thomas Webster and Nicholas Gilman, March 5, 1705/6, to appraise the estate; signed by Joseph Smith and Charles Story.]

[Warrant to Thomas Webster and Nicholas Gilman, March 5, 1705/6, to receive claims against the estate; signed by Joseph Smith and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, March 26, 1706; amount, £83.0.0; signed by Thomas Webster and Nicholas Gilman.]

[Claim of Elisha Hutchinson; amount, £74.4.6; attested before John Foster, councillor in Massachusetts, Sept. 27, 1706.]

[Account of Samuel Thing, administrator, against the estate; amount, £5.10.0; allowed by Joseph Smith Oct. 5, 1706.]

[License, Nov. 5, 1706, to Samuel Thing of Exeter, smith, administrator, to sell real estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 5, p. 38.]

[Account of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, less charges and widow's third, £29.16.8; claims against the estate, £136.4.0; allowed the first Tuesday in June, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 5, p. 43.]

JOHN WINGATE

1683/4

DOVER

In the name of God the twelve day of March in the Yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God one thousand Six hundred Eightie  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{three} \\ \text{fouer} \end{array} \right.$  I John Windiett of the townshipp of Dover in the Province of Newhamsheare being of a sound & perfect memorie blessed be the Almighty god for it doe heare make my last will & testament in manner & forme as folloeth

Imp<sup>r</sup>mis I Commit my Soule to god who gave it & my bodie to be decently buried in some Convenient place where my Executor hereafter named shall appoint

It is my will that all such debts as I doe by reason & consience owe to any p<sup>r</sup>son be honestly & truely satisfied & paid in some Convenient time after my decease — My debts being paide & my funerall charges being Defraied I doe order & dispose of the

estate which it hath pleased god to bestow upon me in manner as folloeth

(1) It I give to Sarah my beloved wife for Love I doe owe & beare to her & for her comfortable living the Lodging roome wherein we lie & the chamber over it with the bed & furniture belonging to it dureing her naturall life if she doe soe long remaine a widdoe & after to returne to them whome I shall hereafter dispose of it, & alsoe two Cows, & the halfe of the Orchard, & the two Acars of Land adjoyneing to it, next towards Dover dureing her widdoewhod & no longer

(2) It I give to my Son John Windiet my house & land with the marsh & flatts with all ap<sup>pt</sup>tenances thereunto belonging one the side of the back river where my house now is, And alsoe the sixtie Acars of Land which I had of my ffatherlaw Nutter according to deed scituate & lieing at or neare A place commonly Called Rayners brooke: & the halfe of my plow gears; with halfe the Chaines, & if all other Impelments blong there too, And the ffather bed & furniture in the new roome—

(3) It I give to my Son Mosses Windiet the ffourtie Acars of land which I had of my fatherlaw Nutter lying on the west side of the back River buting on the sd River w<sup>th</sup> the marsh & flatts belonging there unto, And also the twentie acars of land which I had by the towne grant as by Records may appeare scituate & lying on the south east side of Zacharie ffields Land, & also the other one halfe of the plow gears Chains & Implements as before menciened, And the ffatherbed & furniture belonging to it whereon I have Laide in my sickness

(4) It I give to my daughter Ann Windiet, All the goods which I bought of Edward Allin both beding & Bedsteads, Curtains Vallance Carpets Cubbords Chairs stools, Tables, brass, pewter Andirons & two Cows

(5) It I give my Son Joshua Windiet twentie Acars of Land which I bought of Leiftenant Hull scituate & lying Joyneing to the twentie acars of land which I gave to my son Mosses Windiet on the southeast side of it

(6) It I give to my son Caleb Windiet twentie acars of Land which I bought of Thomas Lehiton lying on the southeast sid of the fourtie acars of Land which I gave to my Son Mosses Windiet buting on the back River with the marsh & flatts belonging to it, And the ffeather bed where on John, and Moses my sons doe usuallie lie on

(7) It I give to my daughter Marie Windiet the ffeather bed & furniture, before mencioned to her mother after her mothers dease, or doe marrie againe

(8) It my will is that all the remain'g of my moveables which are not before mencioned & given away be equallie divided betweene: John Windied, Moses Windiet, Joshua Windiet Caleb Windiet & Marie Windiet my sons & daughter, (Excepting my moveables which I have at the plantation which was Thomas Cannes, being two oxen, two Cows, & one younger beast, with plow stuff household goods & what besids is there I give to the five Children of Thomas Can'ie which are not now married to be equallie divided betweene them

As for the household goods which was Thomas Can'ies I leave it to Sarah Windiet my wife to dispose of it amongst them ffive of her Children which are not married of Thomas Can'ies

I desire M<sup>r</sup> John Gerish and my brotherlaw Anthonie Nutter to be my Executors in trust to see this my will to be performed

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in p <sup>r</sup> sence of	John X [seal] Windiet

Richard Waldern

Joseph Canne

Test John Evens

[Proved March 23, 1687/8.]

In the Name of God the first day of December in the Yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God one thousand Six hundred Eightie Seaven

A Codicell made by me John Windiet: being at p<sup>r</sup>sent of perfect memorie blessed be god for it, Doe hereby alter som things of my Last will & testement, which doth bare date the Twelve

day of March in the yeare of ou' Lord God one thousand Six hundred Eightie  $\frac{\text{three}}{\text{four}}$  } as doth folloe,

Whereas I did will that all my debts are to be paid I doe now order them to be paid out of my whole estate of moveables debts and accounts which are dew to me—

(2) Article, I doe there unto ad, & give to my Son John Windiet two oxen & the two Cowes which In the (4<sup>th</sup>) article I did give to my Daughter Ann Windiet

(3) Article, I doe thereunto ad, & give to my Son Mosses Windiet two oxen

It whereas Abigall Windiet my daughter which was not bourne when my will was made I doe give Unto her mother one bed ticking which is in the house and one Cow to buy ffeathers to fill a bed & my daughter Abigall to have it when her mother shall see it fitt with boulster to it,

Whereas I did by my will appoint M<sup>r</sup> John Gerrish & my Brother Anthonie Nutter to be my Executors in trust to see my will performed: And now my brother Nutter being ded I doe alter it & doe appoind my Verie good freinds & kinsmen: John Hall Jun<sup>r</sup>: and M<sup>r</sup> Jobe Clements and Zacharie feeild to be my Executors in trust to see my will performed, And Alsoe doe desire m<sup>r</sup> John Gerrish to be assisting to them in accountps or otherwise

It I doe give m<sup>r</sup> John Gerrsh & M<sup>r</sup> Job. Clements power to bind my sons John Windiet & Moses Windiet out as printices r otherwaies to dispose them as they shall see meet untill the be of age—

sealed & signed  
in p<sup>r</sup>sence of  
Richard Walden }  
Joseph Canne }  
John Evens }

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John X [seal] Windiett

[Proved March 23, 1687/8.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files; N. H. Province Deeds, vol. 4, p. 71.]

[Bond of Sarah Wingate of Dover, widow, with Richard Otis of Cocheco, yeoman, and Richard Paine of Newichwannock, shipwright, as sureties, April 5, 1688, in the sum of £1400, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Robert Mason and Richard Chamberlain.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Inventory, Sept. 20, 1688; amount, £182.10.3; signed by John Tuttle, Job Clements, and Joseph Canney; appraised by John Hill and Edward Sargent.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

## SEABORN COTTON

1684

## HAMPTON

The Last Will, & Testament of Seaborne Cotton, Minister of the Word of God, at Hampton, in His Majestyes Province of New Hampshire, made, & signed May 20. 1684. In the 36<sup>th</sup> yeare of His Majestyes Reigne, is, as followeth.

In the Name of God Amen, & of His Son Christ Jesus, Who is Lord both of Quicke, & Dead, Who hath taught us by Precept, & Example, not to doe our owne Will, but the Will of our Heavenly Father: yet in His Word hath ratified the Will of a Testator, when He is dead. I Seaborne Cotton of Hampton, in His Majestyes Province of New Hampshire, in New England, doe Make, & declare this my Last Will, & Testament, & (I trust) according to the Will of God, in manner following. First, My Soule, which Hee hath chosen, & Redeemed, & (I hope) called out of the Power of darkenesse, I doe (according to His Appointment) resigne It, into his Hand, at His Call, as Into the Hand of a gracious, & Faithfull Creator, Redeemer, & Comforter: My Body after my decease, I leave to bee decently Com'itted to the Earth, till y<sup>e</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> Resurrection of ye Just. And as to the Outward estate, which God hath given mee; As It is ye will of God, So my Will is, That out of It, My Debts bee first payed, & then my Wife, & children Live of ye Rest, as is after mentioned: My Debts are only at Portsmouth, & Boston, my Debts at Portsmouth are few, & small, & will easily bee paid by debts due to mee in Hampton, which

debts from Hampton, I Appoint my deare Wife Prudence, with my after named Exequetors, to see Improved for that end; & the remaining part of those debts from Hampton, If they bee found, I bestow upon my s<sup>d</sup> Wife Towards the maintenance of Her Selfe, & my Son Rowland. My Debt at Boston is only to my Honored, & good Freind Captaine Sewall Administrator to my Honored, & good Benefactor Captaine Hull deceased, who hath promised mee to bee satisfied with part of the Rent of my Farme at Muddy River yearely, untill the Principall bee paid; for which end, I Appoint a convenient part yearely to bee paid, as may best Content, except only some part of the Rent hereafter Excepted, unlesse my selfe before my decease shall pay Him, or my Exequetors shall find an easier, & nearer way not contradicting any other part of my will. Furthermore, in Consideration of the Christian Com'union of my selfe, & present deare Wife, about the space of Eleven yeares, as also having received for the good of the whole Family, hers & mine, the sum'e of about an hundred, & twenty pounds in Countrey pay, by reason of some Land of her owne, (not inventoryed, as her Husband Crosbeys Estate being made over to Feoffees in trust, for Her use before) & by mutuall Consent sold at Topsfeild: my selfe having paid about an hundred pounds in silver, & as silver, to satisfy her former Husbands debts, as will appeare by bills taken up, & accounts now in my hand, not at all accounting my Time, paines, or expences, nor the charge I have bestowed upon Her Three Sons in theyre Education to this day: Out of my Hearty Love, & good will towards Her (the former Sale at Topsfeild standing good, & firme) I truly give, & hereby Assigne all Bills, & Bonds whatsoever, relating to Her Husband Crosbey in my keeping, (all which I have satisfied) to my said wife, & doe hereby acquit & exonerate her from making satisfaction to any children, or Heyres of mine, for any such disbursements, strictly charging all mine, to forbear demanding any payment for the same: yet advising my said deare Wife, as sole Administratrix to M<sup>r</sup> Crosbeyes Estate, to keepe the staffe in her owne Hand, that neither Forreigne, nor domesticke claimers may

recover any thing of Her, that I have payed, Her Bowells being more likely to yerne towards Her children, then theyrs towards theyre mother: Likewise I freely returne to her the Estate, that was M<sup>r</sup> Crosbeys, to which shee is Administratrix, not at all Expended by mee (as shee well knowes) but as I found It, so I leave It, except one small parcell thereof disposed by herselfe, to one Pearty, for the advantage of the whole: Also whatsoever Household goods sometimes M<sup>r</sup> Crosbeyes, which my wife at any time brought to Hampton & are not worne out in the use of the whole, I returne them to her, in the Condition, they shall be in, at my decease, desiring Her, & charging her, to Bee Kind to, & Prudent for, Her, & my son Rowland—& for her Encouragement To Remember mee, & to endeavour to Her Utmost, with others hereafter mentioned, the good Education of Rowland Her son, & mine, I doe give unto my said wife ten pounds yearely out of the Rent of my Farme at Muddy River during the terme of Her widowhood to Her Selfe, but after Her Marriage, or if shee dye before, the said sum'e of ten pounds to bee disposed towards Rowlands subsisting, not exceeding the terme of twenty yeares ensuing the date of my decease: I also give unto Her two milch Cowes, such as shee shall chuse, out of my stocke, for Her use, only if Rowland live to bee one & twenty yeares of Age I require them, or the Value of them to bee returned to Rowland, by His mother, or Her Heires, if He dye before that time, let her keep of them, what shee doth not bestow, on His decent Funerall. I also give unto her, & Rowland Joyntly, whatsoever estate shall bee due to mee, by the decease of my Honord Father Wade, which property is at my disposall: I also give her the Iron tongs, and Andirons Com'only used in the Parlour, as also for Her further Encouragement to due care of Rowland for this life, & a Better, I give to my sd wife, the time I have in Joseph Elkins, whome I require to serve Her faithfully that shee may the better looke to her selfe, & son as also I require my sd wife to fullfill my part of the Indenture to sd Joseph

. As for my Deare Children, which god hath graciously given



mee, my sons are two, John, & Rowland, the former already brought up to Learning, & through gods goodnesse, as able to live as my selfe, therefore I doe for the space of twenty yeares after my decease Appoint the s<sup>d</sup> son John, his heires, to pay to my son Rowland (if living) the full sum'e of ten pounds yearly out of the Rent of my farme at Muddy River, for His use, with His mother during her widdowhood, but to his only use after her marriage; for twenty yeares after my decease & considering that dividing such a Farme might spoile it, I therefore, for the fulfilling of the Legacy aforesd, doe bequeath unto Him my Farme at Muddy River with all Buildings thereupon, all Fences, Orchards, Meadows, Marsh, Pastures, and Arable Grounds, with timber, Priviledges, & Appurtenances thereunto belonging, the Same to Have, & to Hold to Him, & His Heires for ever, Hee paying to His mother, & Rowland as abovesd, but in case my son John dye without Lawfull Issue, my son Rowland shall Inherit the said Farme, He paying such Legacies to His Sisters, as shall be herein Appointed: & if both dye without Issue as Aforesaid, it shall bee divided among my daughters, & theyre Heires, that shall be living: & if Rowland should dye before twenty yeares expired after my Decease, the ten pounds remaining of what should be paid of those twenty yeares, shall bee Equally divided among my daughters, or theyre heirs living. Item, I give to my two sons my Library to bee equally divided between them, for theyre use & benefit, only excepted, what English Books I may give to my Daughters for theyre Instruction: Item I give to my son John a guilt silver Tankard; as also my Red Curtaines Lined with silke, red coverlid, Carpett, & Cupboard cloaths but if my son John dye without Lawfull Issue, I will them all, if not worne Out, to fall to Rowland, & if Rowland dye without Lawfull Issue, They shall descend to the next Heire male, borne among my Daughters.

Item to Rowland I give my biggest silver Beere Bowle, for ever at His dispose As for my Remaining estate, which is in plate, Household goods, Horses, Catle, etc: I doe will It bee divided betwixt Rowland, & my sixe daughters, as is after expressed, my

Three Eldest Daughters, Dorothy, Anne, & Sarah, to have my three silver Beere Cups remaining, they chusing each of them one, according to theyre Ages: My three Younger Daughters, Elizabeth, Mercy, & Maryah, to Have my silver wine cups, & spoones Among them to make up, what they want of the value of theyre sisters cups, as farre as It will reach: all other Household goods whatsoever (not already disposed) whether of Woollen, Linnen, Pewter, or Brasse, or Iron, Feather beds, wooden ware, chayres, stooles Cushions etc: & catle, Mares, & Horses, to be Equally divided among Rowland, & his sixe Sisters, only what any Daughter hath received upon marryage, before that time, to bee deducted out of the aboves<sup>d</sup> Division; excepting the plate mentioned, which I would have each enjoy, as It is written: only there is a chest, that was formerly bought of D<sup>r</sup> Groth which I give to Rowland, together with a Birding Peice

Besides, & above the Division mentioned, I give my first Wives Trunke to Maryah that shee may have some Remembrance of Her Mother. As also besides the Division forenamed, I give to Elizabeth, a Table Cloath, & six Napkins marked R. O. said to bee given her by M<sup>r</sup> Richard Oliver, at my decease, or her marriage; I also acknowledge my pocket Pistoll to bee given my Son John long agoe:

Furthermore if my wife Prudence shall not accept of my foregoing Legacyes to Her, but require her Thirds according to custome of Law, then I doe hereby make void my foregoing gifts bequeathed to Her, both of bonds, & bills satisfied by mee & of ten pounds per Annum, as relating to Her Selfe, or what ever else mentioned out of my Estate

And to this my Last Will, & Testament, I doe Constitute, & Appoint my Beloved Sons, John, & Rowland Joint Exequetors, & in case of y<sup>e</sup> death of y<sup>e</sup> One the Survivour to bee Sole Exequetor, & by reason of Rowlands Nonage, I Appoint, & Earnestly desire my Deare Couzen M<sup>r</sup> Cotton Mather, & my Dear Brother M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniell Wade to bee tender Guardians to Rowland, and Overseers to the Accomplishment of this my Will, for which the

Lord will Reward them, & my sons will thanke them, whome I fervently begge to doe theyre Utmost, to assist my Deare wife in Educating Rowland to Learning, & if that bee not attainable, to some worthy, & Noble Employment.

Further, my Daughter Elizabeth being Single, I beseech my Honored Uncle M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Dudley, to take the Care of Her.

My Daughter Mercy is of age to chuse a Guardian, I pray God to direct her to doe It wisely; My Daughter Maryah being Youngest, I Com'end her to the Lord, & to my son, & daughter Smith praying them to take care of Her for Her best good, till shee bee of Age to chuse a Guardian, or provide for her selfe; Item, what Estate the Honorable Governour Bradstreet shall by his last will bequeath to mee, or my Children by his Daughter, according to Promise, if Hee Himselfe doe not divide It by name, my Will is, It bee divided among them Equally. I can in no wise worthily Gratify my Deare Brother, & Couzen, Overseers of this my Will, but only request them to chuse for themselves, what Authors a peice, they please, in my study, as a poore token of unfeigned Love, & Gratitude. / Thus Com'ending my selfe your selves, my Deare Wife, Sons, & Daughters to the Infinite Grace of God Allsufficient I doe in the presence of God, & man revoke all former wills & signe This, as my Last Will, & Testament with my Hand, & seale, May the Twentieth, one thousand, sixe hundred Eighty & Foure, while I am well, & in good Health

This Instrument was signed, &  
sealed by Seaborne Cotton, &  
Affirmed by Him to bee His last  
will, & Testament, Before us Wit-  
nesses: sold) in the first page, of  
my decease) in the 2<sup>d</sup> page inter-  
lined before signing, & sealing.  
Live) also interlined in page 2<sup>d</sup>

Seaborne Cotton [seal]

Memorandum, if my son John dye, so as Rowland live to possesse that Farme, Hee shall pay sixty pounds, to my sixe daughters, or to theyre Heires living, by paying ten pounds yearly, for

sixe yeares, paying the first yeare to y<sup>e</sup> eldest Daughter, & so Successively yeare, by yeare to the Rest, according to theyre Age; except the persons concerned, doe otherwise mutually Agree; this also I signe the day, & yeare above written

Mr Cotton of Hampton owned this Instrument to bee His last will & Testament, as above exprest, June 2. 1684. before us witnesses

Samuell Shuerburne

James Carr

[Proved October 7, 1686.]

[Inventory of the estate of Rev. Seaborn Cotton, who died April 20, 1686; taken April 26, 1686; amount, £309.13.6; amount of goods given to Mrs. Prudence Cotton which belonged to her former husband, Mr. Crosby, £68.2.0; signed by John Sanborn, Henry Dow, Samuel Sherburne, and John Tuck.]

WILLIAM LUX

1684

NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of William Lux of Great Island, June 16, 1684; amount, £50.7.0; signed by Elias Stileman and Nathaniel Fryer.]

[Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 286.]

[Bond of Audrey Lux, widow of William Lux, with James Robinson of Great Island, cooper, as surety, June 17, 1684, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate; signed by Edward Cranfield.]

JOHN HODDY

1684

PORTSMOUTH

I John Hody of the Town of portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of New-hampshire being very ill & weake in body, \* \* \*

1<sup>st</sup> I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary my house & land in the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> Aforesd, and all the rest of my estate both reall & personall, during her Naturall life, upon condittion that she take all due care for the bringing up of my children according to the best of her ability

2<sup>ly</sup> My will is that after the decease of my said wife my Eldest Sonn John shall have present possession of my said house & land, w<sup>ch</sup> sd house & land shall be to him & his Heires and Assignes for ever, upon condition y<sup>t</sup> he Shall pay unto my other three Children Viz: My Daughter Mary, & my son's Arthur & Samuell twenty pounds A peece in currant mony of New England, at the age of Eighteen yeares My sd Daughter Mary, or when she marries. & to my sons when they shall be One & Twenty yeares olde, & my sd house & land shall stand engaged for the payment of the same.

3<sup>ly</sup> I will y<sup>t</sup> if my sd Son John shall dye before he comes to the Age of One & Twenty years, or dye w<sup>th</sup> out Heires, That then my Son Arthur shall have my sd house & Land to him & his Heires & Assignes for ever, he paying his other brother Samuell thirty pounds in mony, & his sister Mary also thirty pounds in mony when they come to Age as abovesd: & if my sd Son Arthur shall dye before he comes to Age or have no Heires then sd house & land shall be to the proper use & behoofe of my youngest Son Samuell his Heires & Assignes for ever, he paying his sister Mary fourty pounds in currant mony.

4<sup>ly</sup> I will y<sup>t</sup> my wife shall pay all my just Debts & funerall charges, & the remainder of my whole estate as above mentioned shee shall Improve & dispose of if occasion be for the comfortable meaintenance of her selfe & my children, & my said Children shall have no Advantage in Law against my sd wife for her so doing.

5<sup>ly</sup> I will y<sup>t</sup> if my wife shall dye before my sd Children come to Age as above said, that then my Children shall have my whole estate both personall & reall Equally Devided among them, my Eldest Son only shall have A duble portion of y<sup>e</sup> same

6<sup>ly</sup> I will y<sup>t</sup> my sonns, when they shall grow up & be fit to goe to service, that they shall be bound Apprentices to honest & Godly men, to be brought up in such calings as the lads shall like best.

7<sup>ly</sup> I doe hereby make & Appoint my Beloved wife to be my sole & only Executrix to this my last will & Testament, and doe

request & Impower my well beloved friends m<sup>r</sup> Richard Martyn, & Samuell Keais to be my Over seers, for to see to the punctuall performance of this my will, & to assist my wife w<sup>t</sup> they can in the management of the above mentioned premises. In witness of the truth of All the above mentioned particulars I doe hereunto set my hand & seale June 16<sup>th</sup> 1684

M<sup>r</sup> John Hody declared the above Instrument to be his last will & Testament in presence of us.

John Hody [seal]

John Tucker

Sam<sup>l</sup> Wentworth

Obadiah : Mors :

[Proved July 30, 1684.]

ELEANOR CUTT

1684

PORTSMOUTH

I Eleanor Cutt being weak in body, but in perfect memory, Do make & ordain this hereunder written to be my Last Will & Testament; hereby revoking all other Wills by me formerly made.

I Will That if there be any debts due from my late Husbands Estate, or any Legacies due by his Will, which are yet unpaid; they shall be discharged out of the remainder of my said Husbands Estate, which is yet in Partnership, or undevided, between me & the other Executors of my Husbands Will, & the residue of y<sup>e</sup> Debts belonging to sd Estate, to say, my share of them as Executrix I give to my Son Vaughan & Daughter Daniel, to be equally devided between them.

My Stock that is at y<sup>e</sup> farm, I give unto my Grandchild Cutt Vaughan; together with my Clock; my Salt marsh shall be equally devided between my two Daughters, Margaret Vaughan, & Bridget Daniel. And the fresh marsh belonging to me (being not menc'oned in my Husbands Will) I bequeath to Eleanor Vaughan; (Which was my Husbands mind, tho not expressed in his Will.

My Plate, I give Twenty pounds worth of it to my Daughter Daniel, & the remainder of [t]o my Daughter Vaughan & her

Children; to each of them an equal portion; my Daughter to use it till y<sup>e</sup> Children come to age; & each Child to have their share as they are of age. The forty pound of money which I received of M<sup>r</sup> Hubbard for the interest of the Childrens money which is in his hands, I have given to their Mother, to be reserved for their use.

All my Bedding and Linnen, with my Brass, Iron & Pewter I will shall be divided between my Daughter Daniel & my three Grandchildren, Eleanor, Mary, & Margaret Vaughan, to each of them an equal share.

All my Sheep (except what hereafter express'd) shall be equally divided between my two Daughters. My best Chest of drawers in the Shop chamber, I give to Eleanor Vaughan; and y<sup>e</sup> other Chest of drawers in my Chamber, to my Daughter Daniel. My two Negros, Harry, & his Wife, I give to my Son Vaughan. My half Pink fitted & victualled, to set together with my half of the goods & merchandize now loaden & to be loaden on board her, according to y<sup>e</sup> discretion of my Executrixes, with the advice of my Overseers, for y<sup>e</sup> voyage insuing, I give unto Cutt Vaughan. My half Ketch fitted & victualled to Sea, together with one half of a convenient Loading for her, according to the discretions of my Executrixes, with the advice of my Overseers, for y<sup>e</sup> insuing voyage, I give unto George Vaughan; the sd Vessels to be improved for them by the advice of the Overseers, till they come to age.

Unto my Brother John Alderseys Children, I give one hundred pound in money, to be divided among them, if any of them come, or send within three years after my decease; & if they come not, then Eleanor Vaughan shall have that hundred pound.

Unto my Cousin Elizabeth Hole, I give five pounds; & as much to my Cousin Ann Clark, in such goods as they have occasion for, & Twenty pounds among y<sup>e</sup> Children of my Cousin Ann Clark, to be paid by my Executors, when they come to age. Unto each of my Servants (Negros excepted) that live with me when I dye, I give a Cow & a Sheep; and to Amy Harvy two

Cows & Six sheep. The rest of my Stock I give to my two Daughters. I give my servant Andrew Rankins his time unto my Daughter Daniel; willing her to send him to sea; & he shall have five pounds out of mine Estate, when his time is out.

More, I give unto my Grandchild Eleanor Vaughan, one hundred pounds sterling, to be paid in England out of my Third of y<sup>e</sup> money received of Sir John frederick & Comp<sup>a</sup>; And the remainder of my Third of sd money, being Twenty pound more or less, I give unto my Grandchild Mary Vaughan.

Unto M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moody I give Twenty pounds; and to Capt. Elias Stileman I give Ten pounds. All the rest of my Estate in Debts, or otherwise not particularly disposed of, I give in equall shares to my two Daughters; And make them, viz: Margaret Vaughan & Bridget Daniel, the Executrixes of this my Last Will & Testament: Willing them to pay all my Debts, Legacies, & funeral charges.

furthermore I will, that this place in which I now live, shall im<sup>e</sup>diately after my decease, be let out to rent, by y<sup>e</sup> advice of my Overseers; and the improvement thereof be reserved for y<sup>e</sup> use of Cutt Vaughan, untill he comes to age; unto whom his Grand father hath given the said Estate.

finally I make Capt Elias Stileman & m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moody Overseers of this my Last Will & Testament. In testimony to all and singular y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>misses I have set to my hand & seal this Twelfth day of July 1684

M<sup>rs</sup> Eleanor Cutt did sign & seal this Instrum<sup>t</sup> above written, and declare it to be her last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> this 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1684, in p<sup>r</sup>sence of us

Eleanor Cutt [seal]

John fletcher  
John Barsham  
John Shipway

[Proved July 29, 1684.]

[Deeds, vol. 4, p. 68.]



[Administration de bonis non of the estate of Eleanor Cutt of Portsmouth, widow, granted to her son-in-law, William Vaughan of Portsmouth, merchant Oct. 12, 1700.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 221.]

[Bond of William Vaughan of Portsmouth, merchant, with Samuel Penhallow of Portsmouth, merchant, and George Vaughan of Portsmouth, gentleman, as sureties, Oct. 12, 1700, in the sum of £500 for the administration de bonis non of the estate of Eleanor Cutt of Portsmouth, widow of Richard Cutt; witness, Richard Partridge.]

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EDWARD SEWALL            1684

EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Edward Sewall of Exeter, who died in 1683; amount, £92.6.6; attested by the widow, Sarah Sewall, Aug. 7, 1684.]

[Bond of Sarah Sewall, widow of Edward Sewall, cordwainer, with William Hilton of Exeter as surety, Aug. 7, 1684, in the sum of £100 for the administration of the estate.]

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THOMAS LADBROOK        1684

PORTSMOUTH

[Bond of John Pickering and William Richards, both of Portsmouth, in the sum of £100, Sept. 29, 1684, for the administration of the estate of Thomas Ladbrook of Portsmouth, cordwainer.]

[Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 287.]

[Inventory, Sept. 30, 1684; amount, £17.18.4; signed by Nehemiah Partridge and James Leavitt.

List of accounts; attested before Edward Cranfield by John Pickering and William Richards Oct. 20, 1684.]

## EDWARD HOLLAND 1684 STAR ISLAND

[Inventory of the estate of Edward Holland of Star Island Nov. 24, 1684; amount, £66.19.0; signed by Peter Twisden, John Fabes, and James Blagdon.]

[Deeds, vol. 3, p. 176 b.]

## RALPH TWOMBLY 1684/5

In the name off God Amen

I Ralfe Twamly now Ling upon my Secke and weacke Bed but in perfect memory it being my Last will and testement do furst Commit my Sole to God that Gave it in hopes y<sup>e</sup> Lord will Graicouesly be pleased to reseve it and my body to y<sup>e</sup> Earth to be desentLy bured—

and after my funerall Chardegges defraied and my Just and onnest debts descharged I will and bequethe as folleth—ffurst I will that my wife Elerzebeth twamly and my Sone John Twamly shall be sole Exetores of my hole Esestate Joynt Ly togethare and also I will that if my son John will not Live with my wife Eleczebeth JoyntLy togethar and is minded to Goo frome his mother that then my wife shall have y<sup>e</sup> houes and Land to Live upon and to improve during hir naturall Life and also y<sup>e</sup> stocke of Cattle and swine or any other moveebles Goodes and I will that aftar my wife Eleezebeths desces and departure outt of thes Life that my Son John Twamly shall have y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of all my hole Esstatt and y<sup>e</sup> other halfe to be at my wifes desposing amongst my Children nextly I will that my son Joseph Twamly shall have a hauser ot two yeares ould and also I Give to my daftar Mary Tibbets five shillens in Goods and also I will that if my Sone Ralfe Twomly Live with his mother tell y<sup>e</sup> time that he is one and twenti yeares of adges that then he shall have tenn pound in Goodes Equeseleant to mony and Lastly I will and bequeth to all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Children namly Eleezebeth hope Sarah Esther william that at the adge of Aighten yeares they shall reseve Each of them a Good

Cowe of y<sup>e</sup> Exetores A bove menched and this I delever to be my Last will and testement and also do ingaidge my Exetores above Ritten to pay the Ledgeses according to time and adges and heare I have seat my hand and seale datted y<sup>e</sup> twenti Aight day of february 1684

Singed Sealed in  
y<sup>e</sup> presents of us  
Edward Allen  
John Tuttle

the Asine  
of Ralfe X Twamly [seal]

[Proved Oct. 7, 1686.]

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CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY 1684/5

The Last will & testament of Capt christopher Husy made the twenty eigh'h Day of feb<sup>r</sup> Anno: Dom 1684

I Christopher Husy being through the mercy of god in health of body & of a sound memmory & Disposing capacity for w<sup>ch</sup> I bless the Lord: & yet being strkn in years \* \* \*

Imp'mis I give my 2 Sons steeven Husy & John Husy my farm with all the priviliges thereof namly the hundred & fifty ackers of medow & up land granted me by y<sup>e</sup> towne as also fifty ackers more of marsh which I bought ajasent to it I say I give it by equal parts that is to say the on full half it to my son steeven his hairs & asigns in fee simpl & the other half to my son John in Lik maner only thay paying to my Dafter mary as hearafter in my will expressed

It I give to my Dafter mary Husy now wife of Thomas page my 7: ackers of medow Lying near benjanin shaws: & that peec of medow through which the high way Lyeth And also 2: shars in the ox Comman And also too shars of Cows Comman And also I Do order that my son John Smith shall pay her thirty pounđ And my 2 sons John & steeven shall pay her forty pounds a peec in good

It I give & bequeath to my Dafter hulda in the Lik maner all the rest of my lands & housing & Coman Rights in the towne of hampton and all the housold stuff & goods & stok then remaing that is to say : my house & all in it or with it with all the Land ajasent And the planting Lot & 3 ackers medow lot toward the spring 2 shars in the ox Coman & 2 shars in the cow Coman & Do order & appoint that he shall pay to my Dafter mary thirty pound toward her pension

It my will is that the Legases that I have bequethed to my Dafter mary that part of it w<sup>ch</sup> is in Land that shee shall enjoy it Imediatly after my Deaseas : & the thirty pound that shee shall have of my Son John smith the husband of my Dafter hulda I Do will it to be payd her in too years after my Desease that is to say the on half the first year & the other half the second year in good pay of Country

It my will is also that the forty ponds a peec that I have willed my too sons steeven Husy & John Husy to pay her that it be payd her also within or by the end of 2 years next after my Desease in som good pay of the Country

and in Case of fayler shee my sd Dafter shall have in Lue ther of thirty ackers of the farm part whearof shalbe the old feild lying on the other sid of the way on end whear of buts upon my old hous & the other end toward the mil River by the bridg & the rest to be made up of the farme w<sup>ch</sup> sd Lands shall be ingadged hearby & shall Ly responsibl for the payment of the aforesayd som : ten or twelve ackers whearof shalbe medow

It my will is that the sd som being payd my sayd sons steven and John shall have the farme First bequeathed by even & equal ¶porsion only my son John shal not be ——— or hindered of what he have built on nor his bulding accompted in the valuing of the farm : because thay ar his owne the Land on w<sup>ch</sup> thay stand be rekond or valud

I Do upon further considerasion will & Declare that it shalbe in my s<sup>d</sup> Dafter marys choyc whether shee will have the Land for-

mensiond in the farme or the 80 pounds of my : 2 : sons steeven & John Husy

Lastly I make & ordaine my son John Husy & my son John smith to be Joint executers of this my will : & in case either of them shoold Dy before thay have executed the same then the Sole power to be in the survivor & in case thay shoold both Dy before as abovesd then I Do apoint my Dafter mary & in case shee shoold also in Lik maner fayle then I apoint my son steephen to be my executer in thayr steed

and my trusty ffreinds maj<sup>r</sup> Richard waldron & maj<sup>r</sup> Robt Pike to be overseers of this my will

In wittnes of all w<sup>ch</sup> I have hear unto sett my hand & seal the Day & year afore mensiond

signed sealed & Declared to his Christopher Hussey [seal]  
Last will & testament before us

Moses Pike

Robt Pike

Steeven Tong X his mark

Salsbury octob<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 28 1685 upon a considering of som Dubioustes in the expresion of som things in this my will Respecting Coman Rights or privileges I Do by these present for the avoyding of any contraversy or mistaks about it in time to Com Declare that by the privileges mensiond belonging to my farm by it I Do plainly intend w<sup>soe</sup>ver woods woodland or feeding right or coman Lands to be Devided that Do belong to y<sup>e</sup> sd farm it shall remaine & be to the sd farme & so p<sup>ro</sup>portionably to be Devided to my too sons that have the farme & Lands ajasent or Lands not yet posest that Ly in coman

And in Lik manner the Coman Rights that Do belong to the Lands that is givn to my too Dafters mary & hulda my Towne it shal belong to each of them according to thayr several p<sup>ro</sup>portions of Land I meane any Coman rights therto belonging Devided or undevided & this I Do Declare to be my plaine intent & meaning

in that case as wittnes my hand & seale y<sup>e</sup> Day & yeare above  
writtn

signed sealed & Declard in Christopher Hussy [seal]  
y<sup>e</sup> presnt of us

The mark of X steevn Tong

Robt Pike

Martha Pike

[Proved Oct. 7, 1686.]

[Inventory, March 25, 1687; amount, £651.13.0; signed by  
Joseph Dow and John Tuck.]

JOHN DAVIS

1685

DURHAM

In the name of God Amen the ffirst day of Aprill in the yeare  
of our Lord God one thousand Six hundred Eightie five I John  
Davis of Oyster River in the Province of New hampshire \* \* \*

It I doe give to my Sonn John Davis the Sixcore Acars of  
Land which I had by a towne grant Scituate & lying & being at  
Turtel pond in Oyster River, and my best ffeather bed, the tick-  
ing & ffeathers after the decease of my wife—

It I doe give to my Sons Moyses Davis & Joseph Davis that  
tract of Land Scituate & lying at mount Spickert falls in the  
township of Haverell which was willed to me by the Last will &  
testament of my ffather being by estimation two hundred acars be  
it more or less to be equallie divided betweene them

It I doe give to my Son Moyses davis Pollishie Meadoe which  
my ffather did will to me Lying in haverell township

It I doe give to my Son Joseph Davis the one half of the  
marsh which I bought of M<sup>r</sup> Valintine Hill Scituate & lying at  
Greeneland—

It I doe give to my three elder daughters Marie Hearth,  
Scarah Smith, & Hanna Kezar, each of them five shillings

It I doe give to my three younger Daughters Jane Davis, and  
Jemina Davis, & Judeth Davis ffifteene pounds each of them, And  
at or before the first day of Aprill in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God one

thousand Six hundred Eightie Six (to be delivered) to each of them one Cow & one Ew sheep in p<sup>t</sup> of the said ffifteen pounds at such a price as my overseers shall Judge of, or as my Executor & they can agree, And the one half of what shall be dew to them of the said ffifteene pounds apeece to be paid to each of them at or before that day twelve moneths Next folloing, And the remainder of the said ffifteene pounds to be paid to each of them at or before that day twelvemoneths then next folloing after, And If it doe happen that if either one of them or two of them doe die before & not being married; that then their said porsions shall remaine to the Survivers, or Survivor of the three but If providence of god rouled it sall occur that they coulde not pay thes ligegises but with damage to the estate then my will is to stay a yeare or too longer

It whereas John Hearth my grandchild which I have kept & brought up ever since he was two yeares of age, Now if the said John Hearth doe remaine & dwell with my Executors Untill he shall accomplish the age of one & twentie years that then my will is that my Executor doe give the said John Hearth twentie pounds—

It I doe give to my fouer Sons, my Cloths, & my gun's, & all my tools as I shall order them to be divided in a Coddicell, or a peice of writing—

It alsoe for my household goods which I shall not dispose of by a Coddicell or a peice of writing I doe leave them to my wife to dispose of to my daughters as shee shall see meet

It I doe give Unto my Son James Davis my estate of houses & Lands with all the p<sup>v</sup>ilidges there unto belonging where in I now dwell after the decease of my wife & alsoe the one halfe of the marsh at greenland, & doe also make my beloved wife Jane Davis, & my said son James Davis, to be Joynt Executors dureing my wifes life or Widdoe whod, dureing which time, I give my wife the Linto & the linto garret to her use

It I doe bind my Executor James Davis not to trouble my Brother James Davis nor his Executors Concerning the land which I had when I did live at Haverell

It I desire M<sup>r</sup> John Gerish of Dover & M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Edgerlie of oyster River to be my overseers in trust to see this my will performed

Wittness John Evens  
 John meeder  
 Joseph meder

John Davis

The 7<sup>th</sup> day Aprill 1685

This Codicell or peice of Writing which is the trew Meaning & intent of my Last Will and testement Dated y<sup>e</sup> first Day of April 1685 that is to Devide my Cloths my tools & Guns among my fouer Sons viz: my Son John Davis to have my Cosslet & my best Cloak and one Sute of my Coopers tooles, & my Son Joseph Davis is to have my best hatt and my Cane and y<sup>e</sup> Other Sett of my Coopers tooles and my Son Moses Davis is to have all y<sup>e</sup> Rest of my waring Clothes & my Brass pistol and my Guns to be divided to Each on as my Exect<sup>rs</sup> shall see meet; and my Son James Davis is to have the Rest of my working tools with all y<sup>e</sup> Land that I have or ought to have that which is not mentioned in my Will or disposed of to Enabell him my Executor to pay my Honest Debts and this is the true Intent & maining of my Last will and testement In testimony hereof I have set my hand

his

John Davis

John X Meader

mark

John Evens

Joseph Meader :

[Proved May 25, 1686.]

[Codicil is in Deeds, vol. 4, p. 99.]

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WILLIAM PALMER 1685

[Administration on the estate of William Palmer granted to his widow, Abishag Palmer, Aug. 6, 1685.]



JOSEPH HALL

1685

GREENLAND

[Bond of Elizabeth Hall, with Anthony Nutter, and Thomas Wiggin as sureties, Dec. 30, 1685, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate of Joseph Hall of Greenland; signed by Walter Barefoote.]

[Inventory, Feb. 25, 1685/6; amount, £846.3.0; signed by Thomas Litchfield and Nathaniel Green.]

JAMES ROLLINS

1685

DOVER

In the name of god Amen

to all christian people to whom these presents shall com greetting, know yea whome it may Concern that I James Rawlins of dover in y<sup>e</sup> province of Newhampshir in New England: by y<sup>e</sup> good grace of god: now at this present time in my useall & Right sences & understanding: though in body very sick & weak: have don & hereby doe make my Last will & testament: as foloeth in y<sup>e</sup> distribution, ordering deviding & Rightly to part I have humbly beged the deriction of allmighty god to whome be prais & glory for ever amen

In y<sup>e</sup> first place: In Consideration of the Love favour & Affection which I have & ought to have for my well beloved Loveing & dear respective wiff hannah: I do bequeath bestow & give: the whole use proffitt & privilidg of all my hous goods Chatls & Lands: dewring hur Naturall Liff: only Exsepted: Iff shee my S<sup>d</sup> wiff shall Affter my deces see good to marry: Espouse: or Live with an other man as a husband that then shall hur part proffit & privilidge be only on third parte of the goods Lands or chatles afore S<sup>d</sup>: & the other two parts: com in y<sup>e</sup> posestion of my well beloved obediant & duettyfull son Benjamin: to whom In Consideration of many good causes moveing mee thereunto: I doe bequeath give grant: & bestow all y<sup>e</sup> Land or Lands goods & chatles whatsoever: I have in on or belonging in way or condition whatsoever on in & the tract of Land or ground whereon my

now dewling hous standeth the same to him his heirs Executors administrators & assigns to posese In as Larg & ample maner : & by the same power as Ever I did, but that after y<sup>e</sup> deseac of mee & my afore S<sup>d</sup> wiff, & what is said is to be understood only to be of my Lands & concerns in Long Reach in dover afores<sup>d</sup> and Lickwise Iff my afore S<sup>d</sup> wiff continue unmarried: it is to be understood that my will is that shee shall at hur one descretion dispose of all the moveabls to whome shee shall think good, and whereas I have appertaing unto me a parcile or tract of Land Lying & being as is Exspresed in a deed I have of y<sup>e</sup> & for y<sup>e</sup> Same I doe in Like maner as afore S<sup>d</sup> bequeh the marsh on y<sup>e</sup> west of . . . pond & an hundred acers ther unto most Covenant, to despose of as in y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> moveables if containeng unmarried & further my will is that my well beloved Eldest son Icabod shall have, only Excepted y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid on hundred acers & marsh, two hundred acers, in his chois place of all y<sup>e</sup> afore S<sup>d</sup> tract of Land, & to have it all in on place Lest dameg thereby might be don to y<sup>e</sup> Remainder part thereof, which my will is be Equally devided betwene all my Children Every one sones & daughters their heirs & Assignes to posese for Ever, it is further to be understood, that within two years after y<sup>e</sup> deseas of y<sup>e</sup> Longest Liver of Ether me or my S<sup>d</sup> wiff it is my will that my son benjamin his heirs Executors administrators or asigns, shall pay unto my son Joseph twelve pounds vulluable to twelve pounds of good mony, In witnes to y<sup>e</sup> trew meening of what is within wretten, I y<sup>e</sup> within named James Rawlings have hereunto put my hand and seale the 16<sup>th</sup> day of desember Anno dominy 1685

being present

Ja: Rawlings [seal]

henry Langstaff Jun<sup>r</sup>

Joseph Allexander

I the within mentioned & above named James Rawlings do hereby Constitut ordain & apoint my well beloved trusty & trew frends m<sup>r</sup> henry Langstaff sen<sup>r</sup> & obediah mors & phillip Chesly to be overseers & according to their or Ether of their will & pleshuer to see every of y<sup>e</sup> within wretten matters deuly Executed Espe-

shally that my within named wiff Receave no wrong for want of observeing y<sup>e</sup> trew mening of what is within wretten not alltreing y<sup>e</sup> substanc whereof I have here unto set my hand the day & year above wretten

Ja: Rawlings—

[Proved July 25, 1691.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 82.]

GEORGE WALLIS

1685/6

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of George Wallis of Portsmouth, yeoman, granted to Eleanor Wallis, Jan. 2, 1685/6.]

[Inventory of the estate of George Wallis of Little Harbor, who died Dec. 14, 1685; amount, £183.0.0; signed by Abraham Drake and James Randall; attested before Walter Barefoote by William Wallis and George Wallis Feb. 4, 1685/6.]

[William Wallis and George Wallis, April 7, 1686, choose Robert Elliott and John Pickering, both of Portsmouth, to divide the estate of their father.]

[Deeds, vol. 6, p. 77.]

To all Christian People to whome this Writeing shall come

Know yea that whereas W<sup>m</sup> Wallis & George Wallis have made Choice of us whose names are hereunder Written to make a devison of the Lands & Marshes fformerly theire ffathers, and by agreement said W<sup>m</sup> & George have bound themselves in one Thousand pound Bond Cur<sup>t</sup> money to Stand to and abide by the devison Which we shall make Which Bond bares date the 7<sup>th</sup> day of this Ins<sup>t</sup> Aprill and whereas we underwritten haveing ben upon the Lands & Marshes & according to o<sup>r</sup> Best Skill & Judgm<sup>t</sup> Well Veiwed the Same & thereupon have Concluded & Doe Give in this as o<sup>r</sup> ffinal Determinacion & End Between said W<sup>m</sup> Wallis & George Wallis and is as ffolloweth that said W<sup>m</sup> His Heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> & Administra<sup>rs</sup> ffor his & theire part & Portion is to hold & for

ever Enjoy all y<sup>t</sup> Upland adjoining to Said W<sup>ms</sup> now dwelling House & formerly their s<sup>d</sup> ffathers Excepting onely Six Acres Adjoyning Near to Cold pond With all Timber Trees & Woods Wich to Belong to George Wallis together w<sup>th</sup> five Acres of Salt Marsh at the South End of their Marsh at Sandey Beach & all the Rest of Said Marsh to Belong to Said W<sup>m</sup> as afores<sup>d</sup> & Said George Wallis & his Heirs for Ev<sup>r</sup>; to have hold & Enjoy all the Houseings Orchards Lands & Marshes therunto Belonging and formerly their ffathers With y<sup>e</sup> Marsh at the North End of the Great Pond, S<sup>d</sup> George is also to allowe Said W<sup>m</sup> three Barrills of Syder a year & Every Year for & dureing Seven Year from the season Next ffollowing the Date hereof and also Said George is to allowe Said W<sup>m</sup> Liberty to plant y<sup>e</sup> North half of y<sup>t</sup> ffeild Next James Randalls Orchard for his Said W<sup>ms</sup> Use & Benefitt for four years next ffollowing & then to be Said Georges, also Said W<sup>m</sup> is to ffind Barrills to put said Syder in & help make it and this We Give in as o<sup>r</sup> ffinall End and determinacion of all, Whereunto We have Set o<sup>r</sup> hands & affixed o<sup>r</sup> Seals this 8<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1686—

Robert Elliot [seal]  
John Pickerin [seal]

[Deeds, vol. 6, p. 78.]

JOHN BICKFORD

1685/6

DURHAM

Know all men by these presents that I John Bickford Sen<sup>r</sup> of Oyster River Yeoman for and in consideration of the Love and Good will that I bare unto my beloved wife Temperance Bickford I give unto her and bequeath all my Movueablells without Doares which Doe appeare to be mine, as Cattell horses, sheep hogs &c as all so I give unt her all my moveabells within Doares which Doe appeare to be mine, as Beding pott Kettells and puter &c, only out of it I give unto my Dafter Joana one feather Bed and Bed Cloath<sup>s</sup> to it and I give unto my wife the Lower fire roome at the west end of my house, During her Life time all the above

mentioned I give unto my beloved wife In witness here off I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feburary Ann<sup>o</sup> Dominy 1685

Signed Sealed Delivered                      John X Bickford his Marke  
in presents of us

Reu: Hull

Joseph Smith

John Norris

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 37.]

To the Honorable the President and Counsell in the Province of new Hampsheire now sitting att New Castell this first day of September 1697

The Humble petition of John Redman of Hampton in Province above sayd Juner Humbly Shewith

That your pore petitioner haveing lately married with one Johannah Bickford Daughter of John Bickford and Temperance his wife of oyster River late deceased and the said John Bickford made a will and in the same gave severall things to his wife Temperance Bickford and left them to be att Hir disposing of I am informed The s<sup>d</sup> Temperance Bickford also made a will although through some mistake ther was no Exequetour appointed but in Sayd will of Hers as may more ffully appeare by the Same did dispose of Severall moveables among her children and to my wife Johannah Redman fformerly Johanah Bickford Daughter of the above s<sup>d</sup> John and Temperance Bickford she gave Severall things among the rest But her Brother Thomas Bickford (under pretence of looking on it and giving it to hir againe) have gotten her fathers will from Hir she haveing it in hir keeping; And also detaine the goods given to hir by hir mother Temperance Bickford in hir will and refuse to deliver them but under what pretence I know not And not knowing any other way for the ffatherles to come by there undoubted Right but to come to your Honours ffor releife We Humbly pray that your Honours would be pleased to take the same into consideration and so order that hir ffathers will and

mothers will may be brought forth and that the goods may be Returned to the right owners as in your Wisdome shall be thought most just and Right and that the pressence of Almightye God may be with your Honours in your undertakings It is the desire and shall be the prayer of him who is And shall remaine your Honours most humble and Dutifull Servant

John Redman

[Misc. Provincial Papers, mss., vol. 1, p. 188.]

[Citation, Sept. 28, 1697, to Thomas Bickford of Oyster River, planter, to appear and answer the complaint of John Redman, Jr., of Hampton, planter, for not proving the will of his father, John Bickford.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 139.]

The Deposition of Johanah Rudman aged about 28 yeares

Maketh oath that my ffather Jn<sup>o</sup> Beckfords Last will & Testament was Left with my Mother Temprance Beckford to keepe; And when God was pleased to take away her speech I gave the aforesaid will to my Brother Thomas Beckford about 11 or 12 month agoe and further Sayth not

Johanah Redman appeared this 27 day of September 1697 and made oath to the truth of all above written Before me

Henry Dow

Justice of peace in New Hampshere

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 139.]

[Will proved, Oct. 7, 1697, and administration granted to his son, Thomas Bickford, the oldest son consenting.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 37.]

[Inventory, Nov. 2, 1697; amount, £32.8.0; signed by Francis Mathes, John Willey, John Bickford, and Richard Waterhouse; mentions property in the hands of Jeremiah Burnham, John Bickford, Benjamin Bickford, and John Redman.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 273.]

GEORGE WALTON 1685/6

The last Will & Testament of George Walton Sen<sup>r</sup> being of sound judgment & perfect memory; in man'er & form following.

Imprimis I do appoint & constitute Alice my now Wife, my Executrix of all my Estate (after my debts are satisfied, ffuneral charges paid & legacies hereby given & bequeathed discharged) to be  $\text{p}$  her disposed ordered & given as she sees good & meet.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Sidrach Walton the Nine acres of Meadow (be it more or less) which I have formerly possessed, to him & his heirs for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Alice Taprell & Priscilla Taprell each Eight acres of Land on y<sup>e</sup> Great Island, to be laid and appointed unto them out of my Out-land between the Highway going to y<sup>e</sup> fferry & Little harbour  $\text{p}$  Mathew Estes & his brother Rich<sup>d</sup>.

Item I give & bequeath to Grace Taprell the House her Mother died in to her & her heirs for ever.

Item I give & bequeath to Sam: Walton the Remainder of said Out-land next Litle harbour not laid out, to Alice & Priscilla Taprell, And Seven acres of Marsh, part of the 20 acres granted me  $\text{p}$  M<sup>r</sup> Mason, the remaining 4 acres not before disposed I give also to my Son Sidrach & his heirs for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Thomas Roby 10 acres of y<sup>e</sup> Land I have a Deed for from M<sup>r</sup> Mason of 40 acres in the Long reach, & 20 acres of sd 40 I give & bequeath unto Walton Roby, the Remaining being 10 acres I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Tre-worthy; each Legacy being to remain to y<sup>e</sup>. heirs & successors of each Legatee for ever not to be possessd  $\text{p}$  either or any of them untill either or any of them come to age, or my Exect<sup>x</sup> shall see convenient & fit.

Lastly, for a final & full conclusion of this my last Will, I do declare, That my mind & full intent is, That my sd Exect<sup>x</sup> shall enjoy & possess the whole during her life, or till she see cause

otherwise to deliver it up to any or either sd Legatess now under age, shall be and come to full age, & not before.

The ffourteenth day of ffebruary  
1685 George Walton did declare y<sup>e</sup>  
above written to be his Last Will,  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of

Robert Mason—

William Bickham

[Proved March 9, 1685/6.]

[Deeds, vol. 4, p. 69.]

## JOHN LIGHT

1685/6

The last will and Testament of John Light in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New hampshier in New England

I John Light being bound on a voyage to sea ; \* \* \*

All my worldly Estate ; whether Personall or Reall of what kind soever ; I bequeath unto my three Children Namely ; John Light : Mary Light : & Dorothy Light ; to be Equally divided between them unles my now wife ; should be now with child ; & if soe ; then that to have an equal proportion ; with the three others ; and if any of them dye before they come to age : y<sup>n</sup> to fall to the survivors or survivor all which estat ; I leave in y<sup>e</sup> hands of my Beloved wife ; Dorothy Light ; to be improved for her own maintenance ; and the bringing up of the Children ; dureing y<sup>e</sup> widowhood of my said wife ; but if she marry againe ; the said Estate to be secured for the use of my Children ; & I further Will : that my son John if y<sup>t</sup> he liveth to y<sup>e</sup> age of fourteen or fiveteen years that he be bound out an apprentice to some honest calling such as he may most like and of ability to undertake

As for that estate which belonged to Joshua Peirce deceased whether at New Jersy or at Amsbury I leave it to y<sup>e</sup> Children y<sup>t</sup> my wife had by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Joshua Peirce Provided they allowe for their maintenance what is just and equal ; which I cannot Judge less then Ten pounds apeice yearly ; If that be not thought so faire ;



then I will; y<sup>t</sup> both their estate and mine be equally divided between them and my Children, so y<sup>t</sup> each may have alike; accounting it very Irregular y<sup>t</sup> their estate should be reserved intire to them; and y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> my children else might have had; to be expended in maintaining them namely Joshua & Sarah Peirce—

further I make my beloved wife sole executrix: & desire and apoynt my Brother m<sup>r</sup> John Pike of Dover & Samuel Keies of Portsm<sup>o</sup> to be my overseers of this my last will and Testament: in Testimony of all; & Singular y<sup>e</sup>  $\Phi$ mises I set to my hand and seale; this twenty fourth day of february one thousand six hundred eighty and five

Signed Sealed & delivered  
in y<sup>e</sup>  $\Phi$ sence of us

John Light

Jn<sup>o</sup> Peck  
Edw<sup>a</sup> Martyn  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Jacob

John Light Acknowledged this Instrument declareing it to be his last will & testament as his act and deed Boston: 24: february: 1685

before Hum: Davie Assistt:

[Inventory, March 18, 1690/1; amount, £258.17.1½; taken by John Pickering and John Tucker.]

EBENEZER EVANS

1686

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Ebenezer Evans of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to his widow, Patience Evans, and Thomas Fernald April 20, 1686.]

[Deeds, vol. 3, p. 184.]

[Bond of Patience Evans and Thomas Fernald, with Samuel Keais and Thomas Wakeham as suretiés, in the sum of £100, April 20, 1686, for the administration of the estate.]

ISAAC WALDRON                      1686                      BOSTON MASS.

[Bond of Charles Lidget of Boston, merchant, April 22, 1686, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate of Isaac Waldron of Boston, physician; signed by Walter Barefoote.]

Acknowledgment by Charles Lidget, April 23, 1686, of the receipt of £130.0.0 due from Thomas Paine of Dover, planter, to the estate of Isaac Waldron, intestate; signed by Walter Barefoote.]

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HENRY BECK                              1686                      NEWCASTLE

[Bond of Elizabeth Beck of Great Island in the sum of £100, April 26, 1686, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Henry Beck of Great Island, mariner.]

[Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 296.]

[Inventory, taken by William Bickham and Henry Trefethen; amount, £51.14.0.]

[Court Records, Oct. 8, 1686, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 64.]

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JAMES JONES                              1686

[Inventory of the estate of James Jones, May 4, 1686; amount, £60.14.3; signed by Nehemiah Partridge and Thomas Pickering; attested by the widow, Elizabeth Jones, May 6, 1686.]

[Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 296.]

Citation to be sent to ——— Bartlet formerly y<sup>e</sup> wife of James Jones dec<sup>d</sup> & to Jn<sup>o</sup> Jones her son to come & admin' &c & if not Cap' Pickering to have administration

[Probate Minutes, Sept. 3, 1718.]

[Administration granted to John Pickering Dec. 3, 1718, John Jones not appearing.]

[Probate Minutes, Dec. 3, 1718.]

[Citation, Dec. 2, 1718, to John Jones of Portsmouth to appear and take administration on the estate of his father, James Jones, and on his default administration to be granted to John Pickering, principal creditor; return signed by Samuel Clark, constable.]

[Bond, in blank, signed by John Jones, Edward Carver, and Amos Fernald; witnesses, Samuel Hart and Benjamin Gambling.]

[Warrant, Feb. 3, 1719/20, authorizing Samuel Manson and Edward Cate, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of James Jones, who died in 1685; amount, £25.12.0; signed by Edward Cate and Samuel Manson; attested by John Jones March 2, 1719/20.]

John Jones adm<sup>r</sup> to the estate of James Jones Dec<sup>d</sup> Rep<sup>r</sup>esenting to his Hon<sup>r</sup> the Judge that the s<sup>d</sup> Estate is Insolvent it is ordered that Com<sup>r</sup>issioners be appointed to receive the claims &c viz: Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Peirce & m<sup>r</sup> Clement Hughes

[Probate Minutes, March 8, 1720/1.]

[List of claims against the estate, June 20, 1722; amount, £64.10.7½; signed by Thomas Peirce and Clement Hughes.]

[Various notes, receipts, etc., containing signatures of John Plaisted, Daniel Duggan, James Jones, John Pickering, Henry Crowne, and John Partridge.]

SAMUEL CLARK

1686

PORTSMOUTH

I Sam<sup>l</sup> Clarke of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Portsm<sup>o</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> Province of New :  
hampshire beinge very Sicke, and weeke in Body \* \* \*

2<sup>dly</sup> I give and bequeath Unto my well beloved wife An Clarke  
all my Estate booth Personall and Reall as my House and lands,  
my Stocke of Cattell, horses, Sheipe and Swine, My Houssold  
goods of Every Kind, all Movables & Imovables w<sup>th</sup>in Dores and

w<sup>h</sup>out to be Improved by her for y<sup>e</sup> bringing Up of my Three youngest Children all w<sup>ch</sup> Estate Shee Shall have y<sup>e</sup> Soole Use and benefitte of During her Naturall life, and when Shee Dyes shee Shall give to my Children what Shall be lefte of y<sup>e</sup> Said Estate, hooping & Desiring that my Dere wife will take all y<sup>e</sup> Care that possibly Shee Can, that my Said Children May be Brought Up in y<sup>e</sup> fere of God—

3<sup>o</sup><sup>ly</sup> I Doe hereby Appoynt and ordaine my well beloved wife to be my Executrix to this my Laste will and Testam<sup>t</sup> and Doe allso Requeste and Appoynte my well beloved Kinsman W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan Esq<sup>r</sup> and my Dere Brother Nath<sup>l</sup> Clarke to be over Seeers of this my Laste will to See y<sup>e</sup> Same fullfilled and to Advize my wife how to manidge her Conserns, as they may be Capable of Doeing y<sup>e</sup> same in witnes of y<sup>e</sup> truth of all y<sup>e</sup> above written I Doe here Unto Seat my hand & seale, y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Daye of June 1686 and in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> yere of y<sup>e</sup> Raigne of our Sovereigne lord James y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God of England, Scotland, france & Ireland Kinge &c

Signed, Sealed, & Delevered

Saim<sup>l</sup> Clarke [seal]

in p<sup>r</sup>sents of us

Ritch<sup>d</sup> Martin Sen<sup>r</sup>

Jn<sup>o</sup> fletcher

Jn<sup>o</sup> Cotton

[Proved Oct. 8, 1691.]

JETHRO FURBER

1686

PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Jethro Furber, Portsmouth, June 29, 1686; amount, £582.12.2; signed by Richard Martyn; attested by Mrs. Furber Oct. 7, 1686.]

[Administration on the estate of Jethro Furber granted to Nathaniel Ayers and his wife, Amy Ayers, formerly widow of the deceased, Dec. 26, 1692.]

[Deeds, vol. 6, p. 92.]

THOMAS PAGE

1686

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas page of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> province of new Hampsheire in new England being Sick and weak of Body \* \* \*

Item I give and bequeath unto Mary my loveing Wiffe all my Cattell of all sorts whatsoever (Excepting two young oxen that were my son Roberts in his life time and one young mare which oxen and mare I have hereafter disposed of in this my last will, I also give unto Mary my loving wife all my Houshold goods and Impliments of Husbandry to be all att Her disposing ffor the bringing up my children

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Christepher page all my Houssing my Dwelling House barns stable and all my out houses with orcherd yards and all my lott wher the sayd Houses stand be the same more or less that wase Given to me by my father Excepting : the two acres & a half that I bought of John Marston which I have otherways disposed of I also give unto the sayd Christepher page my pece of meadow Com'only Called my littell Meadow with all the land adjoyning to it that wase some times ffenced in ffor a pausture be the same more or less as it wase ffenced as also my salt marsh lieng over the landing place rever be the same more or less as itt is : as also a small pece of marsh about three acres more or less lieng by william fullers marsh as also one shear of the great oxe Com'on that lieth part over the great neck by Sergens Island and two shears of the Cow Com'ons with all Rights priviledgs and appurtinances belonging to the sd shears as also my part of the Sawmill all which the sayd Christepher is to Enter upon and Injoy when he shall Come to the age of twentie fflower years but no sooner Except his mother pleasith : my wife to have the use and improvement of all the above mentioned houses and lands untill my son Chistepher arive to the age of twentie fower years ffor Her Comfortable livelyhood and bringing up my children and upon Christophers possessing the fforementioned Houses and lands Hee is to take Care to maintaing His mother Comfortably and Honorably during her naturall

Life or to Her day of marriage or if he ffaile my wife shall have libertie to make use of my Houssing and so much of my lands as will mainetaing Her Honorably So long as she live or to Her day of marriage And in case it shall please God to take my son Christopher out of this life before he have any children then the above mentioned Houses and lands is to goe to my son John page upon the Conditions above sayd that His Mother be Honorably maintained as above sd :

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John page about two acres and a half of land bee the same more or less that lieth att the lots end that I bought of John Marston : as also my Right of that land which is one Half of the land granted to My father by Jacob garlands be the same more or less as it is as also the one Half of that pece of meadow or marsh that wase my ffather Hus-sys nere ben: shaws lieng between the marsh of the Towne of Hampton and Isaac godfree the sayd John to have his Half att this end next the upland as also all the meadow and upland one both sids the way on this sids John massons that wase my ffather Hussys and by him given to my wife be the same more or less and one half of my Beach Meadow be the same more or less John to devide and steven to choose and also one sheare of the Cow Com'ons with all Rights privillidges and appurtinances thereunto belonging : He to Enter upon the Same att the age of twentie one years and his mother to have the use and improvement of it the meen whill for the bringing up my children

Item I Give unto my Daughter Mary Roby one shear of the great oxe Com'on with all Rights thereunto belonging : lieng partt next Hen: moulstens sheare and those two young oxen that were my son Roberts pages in his life Time :

Item I give unto my son steven page all the upland swamp and meadow ground that wase given to my son Robart page by his grandfather Robert page in his will that lieth att the Lott : be the same more or less : as it is as also the one half of my beach meadow he to choose after John have devided it : as also the sotherly end of the meadow or marsh by Ben: shaws that wase some

times my father Hussys steven to have one Half: of that as also one sheare of the Cow Com'ons of Hampton he to Enter upon the same att the age of twentie one years and his mother to have the use and improvment of it till that time for the bringing up of my children

Item I give unto my Daughter Bethiah page the some of ffortie pounds to be payd to Her by my sons John page and Steven page in marchentable pay att priz Current twentie pound apece the one Half to be payd when she shall arive to the age of Eighteen years and the other att twentie ffive years ould:

Also my will is that my three sons and young Daughter be att my wifes dispossing untill thay Come to the age above sd Except thay shall dispose of themselves by marriage before that time.

Item I give my young Bay Mare goeing of two yeare ould to my Cossen Samuell Marston My sister Rebeckas son.

And I doe appoint Constitute and make my loving wife mary page to be my sooll Exequetrix to this my last will and teastiment: In wittnes here unto I the above sayd Thomas page have hereunto put my hand and seall this thirtie first day of August sixeteen Hundred and Eightie sixe and in the second yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord James the second by the grace of God of England scotland ffrance and Ireland King &c<sup>t</sup>:

Witnes

Samuell Marston

Seth fog

James fog

Henry Dow:

Thomas page

his mark X & seal [seal]

[Proved Oct. 7, 1686.]

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Page, who died Sept. 8, 1686; taken Oct. 1, 1686; amount, £728.0.0; signed by John Sanborn, Thomas Marston, and Henry Dow.]

WILLIAM GORE

1686

[Sale, Nov. 16, 1686, by John Wallingford, James Wallingford, and Joseph Poore in right of his wife, Mary Poore, children of Nicholas Wallingford of Newbury, Mass., to William Longfellow of Newbury, Mass., of their legacies of £40.0.0 each left them by their great-uncle, William Gore, by his will dated Jan. 22, 1655/6; witnesses, Joseph Bailey and Isaac Addington.]

HENRY ROBY

1686/7

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen

I Henry Robey of Hampton in the province of new Hampsheire in new England being aged and Weake of Body but of Sound and perfect memory prayse be given to God for the Same. And knowing the uncertaintie of this life on Earth and being desiruse to Settel things in order, Doe make this my last Will & Teastiment in mannon and fforme ffolowing That is to Say first and principally I Commend my Soule to Almighty God that gave it And my body to the Earth ffrom whence it was Taken Hopeing of A Joyfull resurection att the last day: my body to be Buried in Such decent and christian mannon as to my Exequetours here after named shall be thought meet and convenient And as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will and meaning is the same shall be employed and bestowed as here after by this my will is expressed And first I doe revoke renounce ffrustrate and make voyd all Wills by me formerly made and doe leve and appoint this my last Will and Teastiment

first my will is that all my Just and Honnist Debts be payd by my Exequetours and the Rest of my Estate to be disposed of as folowith

2<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto Sarah my now wife all the goods that She Brought with Her that yett Remainith att Her disposing in the Same Condition thay shall be in att my decease if any of them shall chance to be y<sup>e</sup> worse for the ussing of them in the family While we have lived together it is not to be made good but



she is to take them as thay shall then be and to have the disposing of them ffor Ever

3<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto Sarah my now Wife So long as She Shall remaine a widow that end of my Dwelling house next phelemon Daltons, chamber and lower Roome and the use of one Celler to put in what She have need off, I also will that She the Sayd Sarah shall have the use and Benifitt of Half the orchard and half the lott belonging to the house and thre acres of meadow lieng att the Beach Caseway and two Cows and two Swine all which she is to have and injoy So long as She Remaine a Widow but no longer also my Will is that my Exequetours Shall yearly and Every yeare Bring Her Home to the House (which I Have appointed for Her to live in) Sixe load of good Wood So long as She Remaine a widow but no longer

4<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto Thomas Robey my Eldest Son The lott that I bought of Isaac perkins & Sixe acres more or less of pausture lieng att the easterly end of sayd lott as also the land where my Barne Stand and the land where he have builded his house wher he now liveith and my ould Barne ther standing near his house and my thireteen acres more or less of marsh in the spring marshes that I bought of Isaac perkins and fower acres more or less of ffresh meadow lieng near the beach between the medow of Timothy Hilyard and meadow Somtimes Robert pages and one shear of the Cow Com'on of Hampton and one Half of my Sheare of the oxe Com'on as also one ffeather Bed with all the Bed cloths there unto belonging and other furniture all to Him and his Heiers ffor Ever and five acres more or less of upland that was Sometimes ould William Coles :

5<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto my Son Samuel Robey Seaven acres more or less of fresh meadow which I have in the great meadow and ffower acres more or less of Salt Marsh in the Spring marshes which was Sometimes Edward Colcords and half my shear in the great oxe Com'on, as also all the land the which I have fformerly given him a deed of gift off I now Confeirm the sd gift by this my Last Will : to him & his Heier for ever

6<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto my Son Icabode Robey my Dwelling Houses I now live in and the house lott there and all my out houses there unto belonging with the orchard The one Half Emeadiately after my decease and the other Half att my Wifs departure from it as also three acres of meadow att the beach Caseway and all the Sixe acres when His mother is to leave it

7<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my Daughter Judeth Robey one ffeather Bed with all furniture therunto belonging I also give unto y<sup>e</sup> Sayd Judith ten pounds to be payd by my Exequetours and Hir liveing in my House So long as she live Single unmarried and libertie to eat what apells She Stand in need of out of y<sup>e</sup> orchards :

8<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my Son John Robey and to my Daughter Ruth and to my Daughter Mary ffoulshem to Each of them ffive shillings apece to be payd by my Exequetours

and I doe make Constitute and appoint my Son Thomas Robey and my Son Samuel Robey to be my Sole Exequetours to this my last will and Teastiment and my will is that thay shall enjoy all my outward Estate both within dors and without that is not other ways disposed of in this my last will also my will is that if one of my Exequetours should Happen to Dye His Heiers shall performe what hee is to doe by this my last will and that Son that Shall Servive Shall be Exequetour alone and for the Confermation of all above written I the above Sayd Henry Robey have hereunto put my Hand and affixt my Seale this tenth day of Jenuary Sixteen Hundred and Eightie Sixe and in the Second yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereaigne Lord James the Second by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland king &c.

witnes

henry Roby [seal]

william marston

James foog

John Dalton

Henry Dow

As an addition to this my former will in this pages Contained my will fother is that my Daughter Judath have a cow and calf and that cow and calf to be part of the ten pound formly given

Her in this my last will and twentie pound of porke and two Busells of mault and three bushells of Endien Corne and my will is that all my peutter and Brass Iron Kittells Scillitts pots and Iron Housalstuff be equally devided between fower of my Children (viz) Thomas Samuel Icabod and Jüdeth Judaths part being part of y<sup>e</sup> above Sayd ten pounds

And fother I give unto Sarah my wife one looking glass that Was bought in England And what woods She Shall want for her fire over and above besids what is given her in this my last will my Exequetours are to fech it Hom with y<sup>e</sup> help of Her Son John after she have got it cutt I also give her the use of the Sixe acres of meadow by the casway to the beach for the keeping of her catell So long as she have them I also give unto my grand child Byall a Cow and calf & a Ewe and lamb to be in his mothers keeping or one of my Exequetors untill he is twentie one yeeares of age and the Sayd Byall to have his libertie to choose Him a good master and a Trade, and my will is that my wife have Her libertie to Choose Her two Cows and the calfs with them and her two Swine and my Son Thomas to have libertie to chose the great Kittell and my will is that my wife have three bushell of mault and all the Rest of the meat and Endien Corne and for the Confirmation of all above written I the Sayd Henry Robey have hereunto put my Hand and Seall this third day of aprill Anno: Sixteen Hundred and Eightie eight and in the forth yeare of His Majestis Raigne James y<sup>e</sup> Second by y<sup>e</sup> grace of God King &c

witnes

henry Roby [seal]

william marston

Henry Dow

[Proved June 5, 1688.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files; N. H. Province Deeds, vol. 4, p. 74.]

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Roby, who died April 27, 1688; taken May 15, 1688; amount, £371.15.8; accounts due the estate, £14.4.4; signed by Abraham Drake, William Marston, and Henry Dow.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

JOHN HEARD

1687

DOVER

In the name of god amen, the second day of Aprill in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Eighty Seaven: I John heard of dover in y<sup>e</sup> provinc of Newhampshir \* \* \*

3 I<sup>t</sup> I doe give unto my son Benjamen heard: the forty acers of Land where he Liveth and Is posed of to him his heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns according to the Right & tittle I have to the S<sup>d</sup> Land by vertue of the towne grant or otherwais

4: I<sup>t</sup> I doe give to my three daughters Mary ham, & Abigail Jons & Elizabeth Newte: to each one of them: a heiffer of two years old or upward to be delivered to each of them or their order within ten daies after my deseace—

5: I<sup>t</sup> I give to my son trustrom heard the one half of y<sup>e</sup> hundred acers of Land which was granted me by y<sup>e</sup> towne & Layed out by william wintworth Ralfe hall & John hall to him & his heirs Executors administrators, & assignes for ever & one Lott of the two Lots which I have in Cochecha marshes—

6: I<sup>t</sup> I doe give to my son Samuel heard two steears betwen on & two years old to be delivered to him or his order within ten days After my deseac—

7: I<sup>t</sup> I give to my daughter dorcas heard y<sup>e</sup> thirty acers of Land which I bought of Joseph saunders as by his bill of saill dated the twenty fourth of october 1669 situate neare Cochecho: to her, her heires Executors administrators or Assignes for ever = & allsoe I give hur the fether bed & bedsteed with the bolsters & pillers Rugg blankets & what doth belong to it which is now Called by the name of dorcase bed = & two Cowes to be delivered to her or to her order: in ten days After my decease, & y<sup>e</sup> decease of hur mother

8: I<sup>t</sup> I give unto my prentice John walldron, Iff hee doe faithfully serve his time according to his Indenture: one Cow to be delivered him—

9: I<sup>t</sup> I give to my well beloved wiff Elizabeth heard for Love & Efection I doe owe & bear to hur, & for her Comfortable maintenance y<sup>e</sup> use & profit of y<sup>e</sup> one halff of my plantation

(Joyntly with my Executor) as it is now Improved duering her naturall Liff & allso y<sup>e</sup> halfe of y<sup>e</sup> Stock both without dors & with in dores duering her Life, & y<sup>e</sup> Liberty to despose of y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of y<sup>e</sup> Increase Leveing the Stock of quick stuff as shee shall find it, & as for y<sup>e</sup> on halfe of the wollen Linen bedding brass & puter shee to have y<sup>e</sup> Liberty to despose as shee shall see good

IO I<sup>e</sup> I doe make & ordain my son Nathaniel heard to by my heire, & Executor of all my Estatt which is not formerly by this my will ordered & disposed of; to him his heirs Executors administrators & assignes for ever (all wais provided any thing in this my will to y<sup>e</sup> Contrary notwithstanding) that is If my S<sup>d</sup> Executor Nathaniel heard, doe hapen to dy & not being married that then my will is that Lands shall retürne to my sons Samuel & trustrom heard Equally betwen them & to their heirs & or assignes for ever, & the moveables to be Equally devided betwen my four daughters mary ham Abigall Jons Elizabeth Nute & dorcas heard but If my son Nathaniel doe hapen to mary and have no Issue Lawfully begotten, but shall Leave A widoe or Relique behind him, my will is that his s<sup>d</sup> wedoe shall Enjoy y<sup>e</sup> whole Estat which he shall be possessed of: duering her widdohud but If shee hapen to mary shee shall have but y<sup>e</sup> on third part of y<sup>e</sup> Lands, & the other two thirds to Return to my saied sons samuel & trustrom: & After her deseace her one third part shall be to them allsoe

Signed Sealed & delivered

the mark of

In y<sup>e</sup> presence of us

John X heard [Seall]

Richard waldron

Abraham Lee

John Evens

[Recorded 1692.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 86.]

[Release by Samuel Heard of Dover of all claim against the estate, Jan. 24, 1688/9, for two steers left to him in the will; witnesses, Thomas Downs and John Davis.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 88.]

[Release by John Ham of Dover, in behalf of his wife, Mary Ham, of all claim against the estate of her father, John Heard, Jan. 24, 1688/9, for one heifer left to her in his will; witnesses, John Davis and John Hayes.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 88.]

[Release by Jenkin Jones of Dover, in behalf of his wife, Abigail Jones, of all claim against the estate of her father, John Heard, Jan. 24, 1688/9, for one heifer left to her in the will; witnesses, John Davis and Thomas Downs.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 89.]

[Release by James Nute, Jr., of Dover, in behalf of his wife, Elizabeth Nute, of all claim against the estate of her father, John Heard, Jan. 24, 1688/9, for one heifer left to her in the will; witnesses, Richard Otis and John Evans.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 89.]

[Release by Benjamin Heard of Dover of all claim against the estate, March 12, 1688/9, in consideration of the receipt of all his father's clothes, both woolen and linen; witnesses, Samuel Heard and John Ham.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 88.]

Att a Court of Probate \* \* \* 28<sup>th</sup> October 1701

Tristram Hird appeared and desired that the Estate of John Hird his father dec<sup>d</sup> might be Settled according to Law, his said father dying Intestate as he thinks /

Elizabeth Hird [widow] and Relict of John Hird aforesaid appeared and Leaves all her Right of Said Estate to the Management of the Honourable the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour

Sarah Hird daughter in Law to the Said dec<sup>d</sup> alsoe appeared and desired that the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> would be pleased to Settle the Said Estate amongst those to whome it properly belonged to.

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour told them he would Consider of what had been Said and desired;

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 28.]

Att a Court of Probate \* \* \* 4<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1702

Tristram Hird moved to His Hon<sup>r</sup> the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> by his Attornyes m<sup>r</sup> Jabiz Ring and m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Manning that the Said Hird might have Letters of Administration Granted to him Of his late father John Hird dec<sup>d</sup> his Estate /

The Lieu<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> was please to Answer that as there was a will formerly made by the Said John Hird, and was Endeavoured to be proved in S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andrews time, but all the Wittnesses being Suddenly cutt off by the Indians Said Will was never legally proved, and the Exec<sup>r</sup> mentioned in Said will had taken the Estate into his hands, and he being Sometime since deceased the widdow of Said Executor mentioned in Said will, hath possesst the Estate and Enjoyed the same to this time. therefor he thinks it Not proper to Grant Letters of Administration to Said Tristram Hird in any other manner, but as de Bonis Non Cum Testamento Annexo :

[Probate Records, vol. 4. p. 39.]

[Petition of Tristram Heard, March 7, 1703/4, for administration on the estate of his father, John Heard of Cocheco, he being the only son living, and his mother having renounced administration.

Ordered that Sarah Heard, formerly widow of John Heard, be cited.]

As to Tristram Heard or his mother's praying Administration upon the estate of Jn<sup>o</sup> Heard Dec<sup>d</sup>—

I Sarah Fors late wife of Nath<sup>l</sup> Heard Dec<sup>d</sup>, Say that y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Jn<sup>o</sup> Heard is already Distributed according to his Will w<sup>ch</sup> will is allowed by the Last Hon<sup>able</sup> Judge of probate of Wills as appears on Record, Soe y<sup>t</sup> theres noe need of Administration, if any part of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Estate, belonging to the S<sup>d</sup> Tristram Heard or his mother is withheld from y<sup>m</sup> the Law is open for their Recovery of it out of those hands in whoe tis Found—

William Foste  
Sarah fors

[Endorsed] W<sup>m</sup> ffof and Sarah his wife their reasons why  
Tristram Hird ought not to Administer 1705

Att a Court of probate \* \* \* the Second day of October 1705

Elizabeth Hird widdow of John Hird formerly of Cochecha yeoman deceased, and Tristram Hird, Sonn of the Said John Hird; appeared at this Court, and Moved to the Judge to have Letters of Administration granted him of the Estate of the Said John Hird. /

William ffof and Sarah his wife, formerly the widow of Nathaniel Hird, Brother to the Said Tristram Hird, Sonn of the Said John Hird, and gave in their Reasons in writeing why Elizabeth Hird, and Tristram Hird ought not to Administer which Reasons are as followeth in haec Verba Sequen. /

As to Tristram Hird or his mother praying Administration Upon the Estate of John Hird dec<sup>d</sup> Sarah ffof late wife of Nathaniel Hird deceased Say; that the Estate of John Hird, is already distributed according to his will, which will is Allowed by the last Hon<sup>ble</sup> Judge of probates of Wills as appears on Record Soe that there is noe need of Administration; if any part of the Said Estate belonging to the Said Tristram Hird, or his mother is with held from them, the Law is open for their Recovery of it out of those hands in whose it is found

[Administration not granted.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 69.]

[Bond of Tristram Heard of Coheco, yeoman, July 2, 1706, in the sum of £200, for the guardianship of John Heard, son of Samuel Heard of Coheco; witnesses, N. Follett and John Tuttle.]

JOHN DAM

1687

DOVER

In the Name of God amen I Jn<sup>o</sup> Dam of Dover Sen<sup>r</sup> in Piscataqua being very weak, \* \* \*

First I will & bequeath unto my son Jn<sup>o</sup> Dam a piece of Marsh in the Great bay on the South East Side of a Crick Runing



down the Marsh & to goe to the little Pond and a trench running the other S<sup>d</sup> of the marsh & allso I give to my Son Jn<sup>o</sup> Dam fortie Shillings in goods at prises Curr<sup>t</sup> and I will & bequeath unto my Son W<sup>m</sup> Dam fortie Shillings in Goods at prices Curr<sup>t</sup>

thirdly I will to my three daughters namely Elizb<sup>th</sup> Whitehouse first I give to her three pounds fourthly I will & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Cane three pounds

Fifthly I will & bequeath unto my daughter Judy Tibbets her heires all my Moveable goods w<sup>th</sup>in dores or w<sup>th</sup>oute dores Namely all my Cattle Sheep horskind & Swine Plowes, Carts chaines harrow, Cunnooes or any thing Elce that is property my Estate & allsoe I doe Signifie that I have given a deed of Sale to my daughter Tibbetts her Heires for all her houses lands Marsh that is properly mine Except what is above written & allsoe I will that my daughter Judy Tibbetts be the sole Execut<sup>x</sup> of this my will & I will that my daughter Judy Tibbetts or her heires pay the Legacies above written w<sup>th</sup>in one year & half after my deceas in goods at prices curr<sup>t</sup> & lastly I give to my Grand Daughter Abigl Dam a Cow & a Calfe & that my daughter doe pay it in time above s<sup>d</sup> and to Signifie that is my Will, I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the nineteenth day of May 1687 :

Signed Sealed & delivered Jn<sup>o</sup> Dam Sen<sup>r</sup> [Seal]  
 presentia nostrum

Joseph Beard

Edw<sup>d</sup> Allen

[Proved, no date. Recorded March 23, 1693/4.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 90.]

CLAUDE CHAMPION

1687

ISLES OF SHOALS

[Bond of William Button of Jersey, merchant, with Robert Elliott of Great Island as surety, in the sum of £50, Sept. 15, 1687, for the administration of the estate of Claude Champion of the Isles of Shoals.]

[Inventory; amount, £33.4.5½; attested by William Button before Walter Barefoote Dec. 6, 1687.]

[Account of the estate; receipts, £7.17.5; disbursements, £8.17.4; attested by William Button before Walter Barefoote March 3, 1687/8.]

MICHAEL MANN

1687

PORTSMOUTH

pascadaway desember y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1687—

In the name of god the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1687/8 third yeare of y<sup>e</sup> Reigne of our Sovereign Lord y<sup>e</sup> king James, I michaell man of y<sup>e</sup> province of New hampshir, well of body \* \* \*

Item to my sister Mary man ten pounds and to my sister sarah white ten pound, and too each of their Children ten shilengs to my Cosen Ana man one gold Ring, & to mary man the younger one gold Ring & one silver bodkin, & to my sister sarah youngest daughter all that shall appere to be oweing to me in England, secondly I doe give to my Cosen sarah Cutt five pounds, & to Cosen Elizabeth kennerd five pounds & to my Cosen hannah Jose five pounds, to my Cosen susana martyne five pounds: and doe ordain my Cosen peter man all such sumes of mony as shall appere to be mine and all my Cloaths, & all other things as shall appere from any person or persons whatsoever and doe ordain him my Lawfull Executor, & doe desier my unkle Richard martyne to be his overseer tell hee shall Com in full age—

Witnes

michall man

John tucker

John snell

Elizabeth hopely

[Proved Sept. 14, 1691.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 77.]

JOHN GALE

1687

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God Amen The twentieth Day of Decem one thousand six hundred Eightey seaven I John Galle, of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the pr<sup>o</sup> of Newhampshire Taylour beeing sick of Bodey \* \* \*

Imp I Give and beequeth to my well beloved Wife sarah Galle: the halfe of the house that I now Dwell in: which I and ffrancis Tucker Bought betweene us of Will: Love situat and beeing on y<sup>e</sup> Great Island in portsm<sup>o</sup> afforsaid my ¶te beeing the notherend and Containe one Garett; one Chamber one Lower Room: the poarch Chamber, and halfe the seller under y<sup>e</sup> said Lower Roome aforsaid; and halfe the Land beeloning to the said hous; as allso all other Lands goods; and Chattells what so Ever beeloning to me; in New England

And I doe allso make my Wife Sarah Galle my soale Executrex; Giveing her all my Estat Reall and ¶sonall—

In witness Whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale y<sup>e</sup> Day and yeare above Wrighten

Signed Sealed And Delivered

John X Galle [seal]

In the ¶sence of us—

his Mark

Robt Elliot

Jos: Rayn

Francis Tucker

Nicho Heskins

[Proved March 7, 1687/8.]

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SAMUEL WINDSOR

1687

[Inventory of the "Goods belonging, To Sam<sup>l</sup> Winsor, deceased, found In a Chest In Edw: Martins house, One sm<sup>o</sup>ttinose Iland," Dec. 28, 1687; amount, £39.4.9; signed by Andrew Deamont and Philip Odiorne.]

The Deposition of William Bennett, aged Thirty One years, or Thereabout, Taken and Sworne This 29<sup>th</sup> day of february; 168½:

This Deponent Saith, That being In discourse w<sup>th</sup> Samuel Windsor about a month before his death, he heard him declare, That In Case he should decease before Edward Martin, of Smuttinose Iland, That he would give unto him, and his wife, all the Estate he had In New England for his friends In England, had Enough of his already In Their hands ;

William Benot Came and Made othe att this entant bee fore mee that this was y<sup>e</sup> troth

Andro Demont  
Jestous of pese

The Deposition of Thomas Alexander, aged Twenty Seaven years, or y<sup>'</sup>abouts ; Taken This : 28<sup>th</sup> day, of february ; 168 $\frac{7}{8}$  ;

This deponent saith ; That he hath often Times heard Samuel Windsor declare before his death That In Case he died In New England, a single man ; he would give all his Estate, In This Country, To Gillin Martin, y<sup>e</sup> wife of Edward Martin, of smuttinose Iland ;

Thomas Alexander Came and Mad oath att this entant bee fore me that this wase y<sup>e</sup> troth

Andrew Damont  
Jestous of Pese

[Bond of Edward Martin of the Isles of Shoals, fisherman, March 6, 1687/8, in the sum of £20, for the administration of the estate.]

JAMES GOSS

1688

[Inventory of the estate of James Goss : "now in the hands of John ffoste who Married the Relick of s<sup>d</sup> Gosse," taken May 7, 1688 ; amount, £28.19.4 ; signed by Richard Paine and Humphrey Chadbourne ; attested by John Foss, administrator, Sept. 4, 1688.]

AUDREY LUX

1688

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God Amen I Audery Lux of Portsm<sup>o</sup> upon grete Iland on Piscatequa River Widdo \* \* \*

Item I give and bequeth Unto Jn<sup>o</sup> Crainch and Elizabeth Cranch my Grand children and Children of Andrew Crainch of Grete Island Aforesaid all that my parsell of Land w<sup>th</sup> the Appurtenanses Lyinge and beinge in Kittery nere the fales in Brabets Harbor to them the said Jn<sup>o</sup> and Elizabeth there Haires and Assignes for Ever. Item I give and bequeth to the said Jn<sup>o</sup> and Elizabeth Cranch on parsell of Land Called and Knowne by the Name of Lux his feld Lyinge at the Beetch In Grete Island Afforesaid Containeinge by Estymatyon foure Akers or there aboute to him the said Jn<sup>o</sup> and Elizabeth there Heires and Assignes for Ever w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> the Land in Kittery, before bequethed to them is Equally to be Devided betwene them, and In Case ether the said Jn<sup>o</sup> or Elizabeth Should happen to Depart this Life before hee or shee shall have Attained to the Aidge of one & twenty yeres and shall have No Heire Lawfully begotten of his or her Body So Dyinge my Will and Meninge is that the Equall parte of the Two parsells of Land given to him or her So Dyinge, shall be and Remaine to the survivor of the said Jn<sup>o</sup> and Elizabeth and his or her Haires or Assignes for Ever, and if it shall happen that booth the said Jn<sup>o</sup> and Elizabeth shall Dye as aforesaid before the Aidge of one and Twenty yeres and Leve No Haires Lawfully begotten Then I give and bequeth the said two parsells of Land Unto Abyshag Marshall my Daughter the wife of Tho<sup>o</sup> Marshall of Grete Iland Aforesaid and to her Heires and assigns for Ever. Item I give and bequeath Unto my son in Law Andrew Crantch ye sum of ffive shill's as a Token of my Love to be paid him w<sup>th</sup> in three Monthes next after my Desease. Item I give & bequeth Unto my Daughter Abyshag Marshall Aforesaid all my Houses Lands tenements warehouses oarchards Gardens and wharfes w<sup>th</sup> there Appurtenanses Not allredy Disposed of in this will Lyinge and beinge In Grete Iland Aforesaid or Else whare to her the said Abyshag Her Haires & Assignes for Ever, and

I further Give to the said Abyshage all my Personall Estate, for and towards the paym<sup>t</sup> of my Debtes Legasies funerall Charges and probate of this my Said Laste will of w<sup>ch</sup> I make ordaine and Appoynt the Said Abyshage Soole Executrix and to w<sup>ch</sup> I have set my hand and this Ninth Daye of June in the fourth Yere of the Raigne of our Lord James the second by the grace of God of England &c King Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith &c Annoque Domine 1688

The words (not Allredy Disposed of in this will) ware Enterlind before ye Publishing hereof

The Marke of  
Audery X Lux [sele]

Sealed Signed & Published  
In the presents of—

George Person

James Booth

George Payn

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>ber</sup> 1700

A trew Copia taken from ye Record & Compard.

W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan Recorder

[Proved Feb. 1, 1691/2.]

WALTER BAREFOOTE 1688

NEWCASTLE

In the Name of God Amen

I Walter Barefoot of Great Island in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire in New England Esq<sup>r</sup>, being of sound perfect & disposing memory, tho weak in body, \* \* \*

I the said Walter Barefoot do hereby Devise & bequeath to Thomas Wiggin my Brother in law, and to my Sister Sarah his Wife, my House & Land with the appurtenances, situate & lying at Strawberry bank in Portsmouth in said Province (now in y<sup>e</sup> possession of John Pickering Sen<sup>r</sup>) And also my House & Land situate & lying at Greenland, containing about Two hundred acres : And also my Land lying & being at Merrimack river, containing about Thirteene hundred acres : To have and to hold all the said

Lands & p'misses to the said Thomas Wiggin and Sarah his Wife & her heirs for ever; they paying and discharging all my just Debts & Legacies by me hereafter given & bequeathed.

I devise and bequeath to Joseph Clark Son of John Clark of Great Island aforesaid Mariner ffive Hundred acres of my Land in the Province of Main : which I purchased of Capt<sup>n</sup> ffrancis Champernoon, adjoining to his Island, begin'ing at y<sup>e</sup> Stepstones & running to Brarboard harbour : To have and to hold to the said Joseph Clark his heirs & assigns for ever, excepting forty acres by me disposed of.

And I likewise devise & bequeath to Thomas Wiggin aforesaid & Sarah his Wife, ffive hundred acres of my Land in y<sup>e</sup> said Province of Main which I purchased of Colonel John Archdale, lying on the backside of the said ffive hundred acres purchased of the said ffrancis Champernoon (as aforesaid;) To have and to hold to the said Thomas Wiggin and Sarah his Wife their heirs and assigns for ever.

I devise and bequeath to my said Beloved Sister Sarah Wife of Thomas Wiggin aforesaid, All that my Land with the Sawmill & appurtenances lying & being at Lamprill river, formerly in the possession of Robert Wadleigh; To have and to hold to her the said Sarah, during her natural life; and after her decease I devise & bequeath the same to her Daughters, Sarah & Susanna, To have and to hold to them their heirs & assigns for ever equally to be devided.

I devise & bequeath to my Cousin Thomas Wiggin Son of the said Thomas Wiggin my Brother in law, All that my Land with the appurtenances lying & being at Lampril river, containing about Three hundred acres, which I purchased of William Hilton Charles Hilton, & Samuel Hilton; And one hundred acres of marsh (or thereabouts;) the moiety or half part whereof I purchased of the said William Hilton, Charles Hilton, & Samuel Hilton; and the other moiety or half part I purchased of Robert Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>; As by the Deeds of Sale may more fully appear; To have and to hold to him the said Thomas Wiggin Jun<sup>r</sup> his heirs and assigns for ever.

I devise and bequeath to Edward Hilton Son of Edward Hilton of Exceter in the said Province, the Debt due & owing to me from y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Edward Hilton, his ffather, being Nine pounds, together with y<sup>e</sup> Bill by which it is due.

I devise and bequeath to John Clark aforesaid, All that my Land lying and Being at Saco in y<sup>e</sup> Province of Main aforesaid; To have and to hold to him, his heirs & assigns for ever.

I devise & bequeath to Joseph Clark Son of the said John Clark, All that my Dwelling house (with the appurtenances) and Land containing half an acre, situate & lying on Great Island aforesaid, near the House of John Clark aforesaid, To have and to hold to him y<sup>e</sup> sd Joseph Clark his heirs & assigns for ever. But I will that Elizabeth Clark his Mother, shall have the use of the said House & p<sup>r</sup>misses during her natural life.

I devise and bequeath to the other Children of the said John Clark viz: Love, Isaac, & Jacob, all that my Land containing about Seven acres, lying & being on Great Island aforesaid: And also One acre of Land adjoining to the said Land, and to John Lewis his House and Land, & which I formerly purchased of him To have and to hold to them their heirs & assigns for ever: to be equally divided between them.

I devise and bequeath All that my Land at Spruce Creek in the said Province of Main, containing about One thousand acres, which I formerly purchased of Doct<sup>r</sup> Henry Greenland, I devise it to him y<sup>e</sup> said Henry Greenland; To have and to hold to him his heirs & assigns for ever.

I give and bequeath to John Tufton Esq<sup>r</sup> Ten pounds, to be paid in Currant Pay.

I give and bequeath to Richard Chamberlain Esq<sup>r</sup> Ten pounds in Currant Pay.

I give & bequeath to Robert Tufton & Catherine his Wife One hundred pounds in Currant Pay—

I give and bequeath to Joseph Rayn five pounds in Currant Pay.

I give and bequeath to John Lee (my Cousin) fifty pounds in Currant Pay.



I give and bequeath to my Beloved Sister Sarah before named, my Great Bible.

I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Clark aforesaid my two Chests which are at my House aforesaid, together with all that is therein contained (except y<sup>e</sup> writings, and so many yards of Dowlas as will make half a dozen Shirts; which quantity of Dowlas I do hereby give & bequeath to Richard Chamberlain abovesd) And all the Money Goods Chattels & Moveables which I have at this House of John Clark where I am at p<sup>r</sup>sent, I give & bequeath to her y<sup>e</sup> said Elizabeth Clark.

I give & bequeath to Nathan Bedford Ten pounds to be paid in Currant Pay; and also one feather bed, with y<sup>e</sup> Boulster Rug & Blanket

I give & bequeath to Thomas Swaffer Ten pounds in mony.

I give & bequeath to Robert Tufton afores'd my best Bever hat.

I give & bequeath to John Clark afores'd my Cow, to be killd & spent in his family.

I give & bequeath to y<sup>e</sup> Poor of Great Island afores'd, ffive pounds, to be paid in Mony, Corn, or Provision.

I do hereby constitute & appoint my sd Brother in Law Thomas Wiggin Sen<sup>r</sup>, my full & sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament. And I desire my good friends, sd Richard Chamberlain & Capt<sup>n</sup> Samuel Wentworth to be Overseers of y<sup>e</sup> same, & do hereby impower them to see the same, & every thing therein contained, to be duly performed.

In testimony that this is my Last Will & Testament I have hereto set my hand & seal the Third day of October in y<sup>e</sup> ffourth Year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of Our Souver<sup>n</sup> Lord James y<sup>e</sup> Second King of England &c. An'oq D'ni 1688.

Signed Sealed delivered & published (after y<sup>e</sup> rasure of y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> lines) in p<sup>r</sup>sence of

Shadrach Walton

W<sup>m</sup> Godsoe—

Henry Trevethan

Walter Barefoot

his X Mark [seal]

We John Lee & Thomas Swaffer heard the herein named Walter Barefoot Esq<sup>r</sup> declare that this Writing being his Last Will & Testament was read all unto him ins<sup>t</sup> as it is herein set down: And did agen publish y<sup>e</sup> same. Octob<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1688.

John Lee  
Thomas Swaffer

[Proved Feb. 21, 1688/9.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

JONATHAN PERKINS 1688/9 HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Jonathan Perkins of Hampton, who died Jan. 20, 1688/9; amount, £140.0.0; signed by John Moulton and John Leavitt. On the back is written "Josias Sanbourne Sarah his wife Rich<sup>m</sup> Sanbourne Stephen Sanbourne all of Hampton Planters."]

ANTHONY STANYAN 1688/9 HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Anthony Stanyan of Hampton, Feb. 21, 1688/9; amount, £45.18.2; signed by Nathaniel Weare and Joseph Smith; attested by Nathaniel Weare, Feb. 24, 1692/3.]

THOMAS COTTON 1689/90 PORTSMOUTH  
1689/90 march the 6<sup>th</sup>

I thomas Cotton of portsm<sup>o</sup> being sick of body \* \* \*

my five & twenty acers of Land Lying & being In portsmouth I will & bequeath to my brother Edword beal, & the remainder of my goods & Estat be it in debts dues bills bonds or what thing or way so ever I give & bequeath to my brother benjamin Cotton: I also make my S<sup>d</sup> brother Edwerd beal & benjamin Cotton Ex-ecutors of this my Last will & testement: desiering them prepor-tionably to pay my Lawfull debts I also bequeath my wearing

Close to brother Edward beal, & my above S<sup>d</sup> Executors to be at the Cost & Charges of my desent beuring in witness whereof I have set to my hand

test

Th Cotton

John flecher

John barsham

[Proved March 30, 1691.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 71.]

WILLIAM HEARLE

1689

PORTSMOUTH

the Last will & testement of willeam hearle of the town of portsm<sup>o</sup> In the province of new hampshir made the 17<sup>th</sup> day of may 1689—

I willeam hearl being sick & weake in body \* \* \*

2<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeath unto my son In law John Cotton & his wiff my daughter sarah, all my now dewling hous, together with my barne & all out houses & all my Lands garden orchards now in my possession, Laying & being in the town of portsm<sup>o</sup> aforesd together with all the previlidges & appurtenances thereunto belonging; as alsoo all my stock of Cattle & swine, & all my household goods & moveables both within dors & without, which houseing Lands goods & moveables shall be to the sole use & behuff of the S<sup>d</sup> John Cotton & his wiff sarah dewring the time of their naturall Liff—

3 I will that Affter the death of the above S<sup>d</sup> John & sarah that all my above S<sup>d</sup> houses and Lands with the previlidges thereunto belonging, shall be to the use & behoofe of the eldest son of the S<sup>d</sup> John & sarah whose nam is willeam Cotton & Iff the S<sup>d</sup> willeam should hapen to dye before he comes to Lawfull age or mary then it shall desend to the next heir male of the S<sup>d</sup> John & sarah, & I will that all the above mentioned houses & Lands shall be Intailed upon the S<sup>d</sup> John Cotton & sarah his wiff & their heirs for ever

4<sup>ly</sup> I doe hereby make & ordain my S<sup>d</sup> son John Cotton to be my sole & only Executor to this my Last will & testement In wit-

nes whereof I doe hereunto set my hand and seall the day & yeare above wretten 1689—

william hearle did own & de-  
clar the above wretten to be his  
Last will & testement in y<sup>e</sup> pres-  
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willeam X hearle [Seal]

Richard martyn

John flecher—

[Proved March 30, 1691.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 71.]

ISABEL HOLDRIDGE 1689

EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Isabel Holdridge, widow, June 16, 1689; amount, £29.17.1; signed by Jonathan Thing, Peter Folsom, and Benjamin Jones; attested before John Hinckes by Richard Morgan Feb. 20, 1692/3.]

[Administration on the estate of Isabel Holdridge, widow of William Holdridge of Exeter, planter, granted to Richard Morgan, of Ipswich, Mass., planter, "haveing marryed Elizabeth the eldest daughter of the sd Isabell"; dated Feb. 20, 1692/3.]

Bond of Richard Morgan, with Richard Morgan, Jr., and Edward Dyer as sureties, all of Ipswich, Mass., planters, Feb. 20, 1692/3, in the sum of £60, for the administration of the estate.]

NATHANIEL BOULTER JR. 1689

HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Boulter, Jr., of Hampton, yeoman, who died June 1, 1689; taken June 28, 1689; amount, £206.6.3; signed by Richard Sanborn and John Leavitt.]

PHILIP SEVERETT 1689

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of god Amen y<sup>e</sup> tenth day of sep<sup>r</sup> 1689—  
the Last will & testament of phillip Siverit of portsm<sup>o</sup> in y<sup>e</sup>  
province of New hampshir in New england

whereas god allmighty have moved mee now to goe to sea in a Lawfull voiage & being not certin how Long god will be pleased to spare my Liff, my will is that my Estat shall be settled as folloeth—

Impr<sup>e</sup> I give to my beloved wiff Joanna all my Estate in New England viz: houses and Lands, & my two ketches Called the america & prosperos now at home with all debts dew to me here or any other place or places whatso ever with the cargoes on board the S<sup>d</sup> vesels & the Return thereof In gen'rall all whatsoever Is mine In any place or places off the world or may bee hereafter due to mee by bond bill book or any other way or means whatsoever shall or may be dew to me in any place or places of the world shee paying w<sup>t</sup> small debts I may now owe here, & to pay the town of portsm<sup>o</sup> twenty pounds for the pore in itt

2: I give all my Estate now falling or belonging to me upon the Island of Jersey unto my brother thomas siverit viz houses & Lands, all & every part of them with the orchards & Rents that are or may be dew to me there, he paying forty Crowns to the pore of the Island of Jerzey to be destributed in the same forme as m<sup>r</sup> James Corbit did before y<sup>e</sup> Last one hundred peaces of eight given by mee

3 I doe hereby nomenate & apoynt my well beloved wiff Joanna to be my sole Executrix of this my Last will & testament, all former wills & testaments being made void In witnes whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal dated In portsm<sup>o</sup> in the province of new hampshir new England the tenth day of september one thousand six hundred Eighty & nine

Signed & sealed in  
presenc of us

Ph: siverit [seall]

William pitman  
Elisha brier  
Edward melcher

[Proved Jan. 19, 1690/1.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 76.]

JANE JOCE

1689

PORTSMOUTH

Octobr 31. Anno Dom: 1689.

I Jane Joice of Ports<sup>m</sup> Prov: of Newhamp: in New-England, widow—Being (thr<sup>o</sup> Gods Goodness) of a Sound mind & perfect Memory—th<sup>o</sup> under Great pains & weakness of body w<sup>ch</sup> make me sensible, I shal not Continue much longer in this World—Do therfore Give, order & dispose my worldly Goods & estate to my dear children as followeth.

Imp: To my Eldest Son Richard I Give y<sup>e</sup> great Copper kittle, his Fathers Clock, & a Gold-Ring & a silver porringer

To my Daughter Johanna Sivert, My Negro Woman, and a Gold-Ring

To My Daughter Margaret White, One Silver platter, A silver whistle & Chain, My silken Quilt, my great brass kittle—A Gold-Ring, & a Cow. together with twenty pounds money, to be paid out of mr Eliots Bill

To My son John Joice, My Seal-Ring. my silver Tumbler, & three silver spoons—also two Cows to be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Stock now in Will<sup>m</sup> Richards hands, with twenty pounds money to be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Bills due from m<sup>r</sup> Vahan & m<sup>r</sup> Eliot

To My two younger Daughters Jane & Mary I bequeath all my wearing Cloaths linnen & wollen, to be divided equally betwixt ym—And ten pounds English money, to be divided in like manner—Item—To each of ym a Gold-Ring. Item To each of ym a piece of Gold, Containing twenty shillings per piece, more or less—Item Twenty pounds apiece in money to be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> aforesd Bills, And ten pound apiece money, as a gift from y<sup>r</sup> Grandfather

To My Son Sam<sup>l</sup> I give my best feather-bed & all belonging to it,—A Seal-Ring, & Twenty pounds money to be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Bills

To My Daugh: Mary I give my Silver Tankard—

To my little Grandson Tho: Joice I order ten pounds money to be paid out of m<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Vaughans Bill, but s<sup>d</sup> money to Remain in m<sup>r</sup> Vaughans hands & keeping, till y<sup>e</sup> Childe Come of age: And if he dies bef: that time, It shall fall to his two sisters (already

born) by equal Division, to whom I also give Twenty Shillings a piece more

Finally—As for y<sup>e</sup> Rest of mine Estate viz<sup>t</sup> in shop-goods, household stuffe Cloaths, &c. w<sup>ch</sup> is not already particularly disposed of in this Deed or Will—I leave it to be equally divided amongst my children. Excepting that I give to my two younger Daughters Jane & Mary, (who have had no former portion of this kind) five pounds a piece of this Division more than the Rest.

Before signing I do recall & Reverse the exception or Last Gift of five pounds a piece to my two younger daughters—in the Division of y<sup>e</sup> shop-goods, household stuff, &c. & do order it to be equally divided amongst y<sup>m</sup> all—But if it should so please God, y<sup>t</sup> either of y<sup>r</sup> two younger brothers die without Heirs & leave any thing of my Gift, it shall Return to the younger sisters upon equal Division

This I declare to be my Last Will & Testament, as Witness my hand y<sup>e</sup> Day & yeer above-written

Testes

Jane Joce X her mark

John Pike

Elizabeth X Clark her mark

REUBEN HULL

1689

PORTSMOUTH

I Reuben Hull of Portsmouth in New England being sick and weak in body but of sound & perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner & form following Viz<sup>t</sup>

Impr<sup>t</sup> I bequeath my Soule to God who gave it, & my Body to the Earth to be decently Interred according to the direction of my Executrix with the Advice of my Overseers hereafter mentioned

I<sup>t</sup> I will that all my Just Debts & ffunerall charges being payed the residue of my Estate be disposed as foll—

I<sup>t</sup> I give unto my well beloved wife Hannah Hull the full & free use of my dwelling house lande Wharfe and Warehouse during her Natural life

I<sup>t</sup> I give unto my Son Joseph Hull after the Death of his mother

my said house Land wharfe & warehouse but provided the same should be appraised at more y<sup>n</sup> will make him a dubble portion w<sup>th</sup> the rest of my Children y<sup>n</sup> to respond to the rest w<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> house wharfe Land & Ware house shall be aprised more than will make a Double Portion

I<sup>t</sup> I give unto my Sister Sarah Fermiside Ten Pounds

I<sup>t</sup> I will that my Iland houses Stages Boates & concernes at the Ile of Shoales be Sold

I<sup>t</sup> I will that the remainder of my whole Estate Shall go to the maintanance of my wife & bring up of my Children till they come to Age & to be Equalie Devided among them in Such forme & manner for the Intrest of each p<sup>er</sup>son concernd as my Overseers hereafter menc'oned shall advise

I<sup>t</sup> I make my well beloved Wife Hannah Hull the Sole Execut<sup>r</sup> of this my last Will & Testament, to Act therein according to the Advice of my Overseers /

And finally I nominate & Request my good friends M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Martin: M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan: M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Keas & M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron to be my Overseeres to give unto my Execut<sup>r</sup> there Best advice aboute the executing of this my Will—

Richard Martin W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan John fletcher Geo Jaffrye & Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron all of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of new Hampshire make Oath that they were Present with M<sup>r</sup> Ruben Hull of the same place Merchant on the Three & twentieth day of December 1689 & heard him that which is written before on this Sheet of Paper to be his last will & testament & that he was then of a Sound Disposing mind & memorie but died before he had Opportunity to signe and Seal the same

Rich<sup>d</sup> Martin  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Fletcher  
Geo. Jaffery  
W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron

Jurat 30<sup>th</sup> die October 1693

Coram John Usher Lef<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>n</sup>r

[Proved Oct. 30, 1693.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 8.]



[Inventory, Dec. 17, 1689; amount, £921.0.8; signed by Henry Penny and George Snell.]

FRANCIS RAND

1689

The Last will & testament of francis Rand being weak in body but Sound in senses do make this my Last will as followeth Imprimis I bequeath my Soule to god that Created it & my body to be burried decently their to ly in hopes of the Sure and certain Resurrection Item and do appoint my son thomas Rand and Samuell to be my Execut<sup>r</sup> I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Rand halfe my upland within fence & without only that rocky hill which is twelve acres more or less with the house & barn & orchard i do keep and reserve to my disposing and do Give to my Son thomas half the Marsh too acres to be taken out of it after my decease and my wife Christian Rand provided that the S<sup>d</sup> thomas Rand doth mannage that half of the Land and Marsh for his father ffrancis Rand and his mother Rand during their life and Thomas Rand is to have on third part of y<sup>e</sup> corn and hay that Shall be produced of s<sup>d</sup> Land and Marsh and to moe the Grase & Make the hay & Stack it and after my decease to pay five pounds to my Son John Rand and the s<sup>d</sup> thomas Rand is to have that part of y<sup>e</sup> upland that Ajoins to his one plantation and y<sup>t</sup> part of the marsh lying to y<sup>e</sup> South west and s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Rand is to repair the fences of his part of the upland and Marsh

Item I Give to my Son Samuell Rand halfe my marsh two acres to be taken out of his half and I Give to my Son Samuell Rand the on half of the upland within fence and without, after his decease to fall to his Children that he have by his now wife mary Rand Excepting that that Land & Marsh house and Orchard that is above written provided that the s<sup>d</sup> Samuell Rand doth mannage the half the upland and Marsh as his brother Thomas Rand doth for his father francis Rand and his mother Christian Rand Liveth and after their decease to fall to him & his Children and the s<sup>d</sup> Samuell Rand is to pay to my son John Rand after my decease five pounds

& y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Samuell Rand is to have on third part of y<sup>e</sup> Corn, and hay that is produced of the land and Marsh the part of his upland adjoining to Anthony Brackets & that part of y<sup>e</sup> marsh Called the long point for him after his father Rand & his Mother Rand decease to have possese and peaceably to enjoy if this is not performed by Thomas Rand & Samuell Rand to mannage y<sup>e</sup> land & Marsh Soe long as their father Rand and Mother Rand liveth this part of this instrument to be void and of none effect Item I Give unto my daughter Sarah herick the Pasture where my house Standeth upon w<sup>th</sup> the Dwelling house & halfe the orchard and too acres of Marsh after my decease & my wifes Christian Rands the Pasture is twelve acres more or lesse and for her to Give it after her decease to her near relations and on acre of land within my now planting feild, her Marsh to begin at the hay Stacks, by Brackits fence Item I Give to my Daughter Mary Barns and after her decease to her Children half my orchard and two acres of Marsh after my decease and my wife Christian Rand the two acres of Marsh to ajoin to my Daughter herick Marsh Item I Give to my Son Nathaniell Rand five Shilling

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Sons thomas Rand & Samuell Rand my barn after my decease and my wife Christian Ran decease and I doe farther Ingage to help you in fencing and Planting so far as I am able & Soe doe make this my last will and testament as witness my hand and Seal this thirty first day of December Anno Domini 1689

Signed Sealed In y<sup>e</sup> presents  
of us wites  
georg tibbs  
thomas Leachfeld

his  
frances X Rand [Seal]  
mark—

[Proved Feb. 19, 1691/2.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 85.]

EDWARD GILMAN 1690

EXETER

In the name of God Amen I Edward Gilman of Exeter in the Province of New Hampshire in New England, Yeoman being very weake in Body \* \* \*

Item I give and Will that all my Estate both Houses Lands Cattle debts and alsoe all moveables & . . . to be improved & made use for & towards the bringing up of what Children God was pleased to bestowe upon me according to the discretion of my Overseers hereafter menc'oned Item my Will is that the Overseers of this my Last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> doe pay or cause to pay to my Son Edward Gillman one ffift of all my Estate in consideracon of his being my Eldest Sonn my Will is that hath the one Tenth part as addition to the former Legacy of all my Estate after the Children are brought up and the said Edward must obtained to the age of Twenty one yeares before that he is to have the s'd Legacie paid him which he is to be paid In the Houses & Land at Exeter and provided it be valued to more than his parte then he muste returne the overplus of the pay to the Overseers And likewise my Will is that my Son Maverick shall have the one ffift part of all my Estate and that in my House & Land at Kittery & provided it be valued more than his ffift part he is to returne the Overplus to the Overseers and the s'd Maverick is to be possesst of the p'mises by the Overseers when he obtaines to the age or Twenty One yeares Item I give to my Daughter Abigall Gillman the ffift part of my Estate and that when shee comes to the age of 18 yeares or at the day of Marriage And likewise the same part I give to my Daughter Cuttering to be paid at the age of 18 or at the day of Marriage Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth one ffift part of my Estate payable by the Overseers when shee of the age of 18 yeares or at the day of her Marriage Item my Will is that if any of my Children dyes before that they receive their Legacy it must and my Will is that it be divided betwixt the Survivors equally, and alsoe it is further to be Explained that the Tenth part which my Son Edward hath is to be taken out of each ones ffift part & that by the Overseers Now knowe yee That I

doe Null and make voyd all former Wills whatsoever and that this p'sent Will I doe acknowledg to be my last Will and alsoe I doe nominate and appoynt my Hon<sup>rd</sup> Unckle Cap<sup>m</sup> John Gillman Jonathan Thinge Moses Levit & John ffulsham Overseers of this my Last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> In wisse thereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale June 2<sup>d</sup> 1690

Signed sealed & delivered in the p'sence of us

Edward Gillman [seale]

Byly Dudly

John Beane

Henry Williams

[Proved April 12, 1692.]

[Administration granted to Jonathan Thing and Moses Leavitt March 30, 1692, no executor being named in the will; bond in the sum of £800 was given, with Biley Dudley and John Folsom as sureties.]

[Inventory, June 26, 1690 [1692]; amount, £270.10.9; signed by Biley Dudley and Kinsley Hall.]

### SAMUEL HALL

1690

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Hall granted to his brother, Kinsley Hall, Aug. 11, 1690, who presented an inventory.]

[Court Records, Aug. 11, 1690, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 68.]

[Inventory of the estate of Samuel Hall, "of whot: Come to Knowledge: Since: Adminestration was: granted unto Kinsley: hall: to y<sup>e</sup>: first: Invitory  $\text{P}$ : magor william: vayghan: and m<sup>r</sup> Rich: martin and: to be aded at y<sup>e</sup> foot of y<sup>e</sup> Invitory put on fill: baring date august 11<sup>th</sup> 1690"; dated March 28, 1692; amount, £35.12.6; signed by James Sinclair and Charles Rundlett.]

THOMAS MARSTON      1690      HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Marston of Hampton, who died Sept. 28, 1690; amount, £182.18.6; taken Oct. 6, 1690, by William Marston, John Smith, and Henry Dow; attested by Henry Dow Feb. 22, 1692/3.]

ELISHA PLAISTED      1690      PORTSMOUTH

Boston in New England

In the Name of God Amen I Elisha Playsted of Piscataway in New England Marriner Being very Sick and weake in Body But of a Sound Disposing mind doe make Ordaine and Appointe This to bee my last will and Testament Revoakeing all others formerly made—Imprimis I Bequeath my Soule into the hands of God who gave it hopeng Through the pretious Merrits of my Savoire to have Pardon and Remission of all my Sines, And my Body Unto Christian Burriall—

1<sup>st</sup> I give unto my well belloved wife Ellizabeth Playsteed One hundred Acres of Land more or Lesse Lyeng and being in Piscataway River in the Towne of Nitchawan and one horse and one Cowe and a part of the Ship called the Frinds Adventure w<sup>ch</sup> is belonging unto mee, be it more or Lesse, And two hundred gallons of Rum two hundred waight of Cotton wooll and a tunn of Mallasses with a parcell of Joyners tooles all w<sup>ch</sup> beinge on board the S<sup>d</sup> Ship and what wages maye bee due to mee on The account of this voyage made from Barbados This first of October 1690 with what Beddinge and household goodes maye bellonge or in any wise appertaining unto mee

2<sup>ly</sup> my will is that my wearing Cloathes bee Equally distributed amongst my Bretheren

Item I doe will ordaine and make my well Belloved Wife above-named my Sole Executrix of this my will and Testament and that she have and Enjoye whatsoever Else maye bellonge or in any wise bee Sayed to Appertaine Unto mee, In Witnes of This being

my last will and Testament I have hereunto Sett to my hand and seale This twenty Sixth of October in the yeare One thousand Six hundred and ninty

Signed Sealed and Declared to be his last will and testament in Presence of us

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Elisha X Playsted [seal]

Thomas Baker

Dan: Vernon

[Proved Dec. 6, 1690.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

JOSEPH FIELD

1690

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Field was granted to his brother, Zacharias Field, Nov. 14, 1690, who gave bond in the sum of £100, with Samuel Burnham as surety.]

[Court Records, Nov. 14, 1690, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 68.]

[Inventory of part of the estate, taken by Zacharias Field March 28, 1692; items not valued.]

[Bond of Zacharias Field of Dover, yeoman, with John Tuttle and Thomas Potts, yeoman, both of Dover, as sureties, Sept. 5, 1704, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Martha Bates and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Sept. 5, 1704, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Thomas Roberts to appraise the estate.]

[Warrant, Sept. 5, 1704, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Thomas Roberts of Dover to receive claims against the estate of Joseph Field of Dover.]

[Inventory, Sept. 28, 1704; amount, £74.10.0; signed by John Tuttle and Thomas Roberts; an addition of £18.0.0 is made April 3, 1705.]

[List of claims; amount, £104.7.2; signed by John Tuttle and Thomas Roberts; allowed April 3, 1705.]

[Division of the estate as insolvent, at eighteen shillings, nine pence, half penny in the pound; allowed April 2, 1706.]

[Various notes, bonds, etc., containing signatures of Joseph Field, Joseph Davis, Salathiel Denbo, William Williams, Mary Martyn, Joseph Meader, Elias Stileman, and Daniel Gookin.]

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JOSEPH CANNEY 1690

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Canney granted to his widow, Mary Canney, Nov. 17, 1690, who presented an inventory, and gave bond in the sum of £400, with Edward Allen and Thomas Tibbetts as sureties.]

[Court Records, Nov. 17, 1690, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 68.]

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WILLIAM FOLLETT 1690 DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of William Follett granted to his widow, Elizabeth Follett, Nov. 17, 1690, who presented an inventory, and gave bond in the sum of £700, with Samuel Drew as surety.]

[Court Records, Nov. 17, 1690, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 68.]

[Administration on the estate of William Follett of Oyster River granted to his widow, Elizabeth Follett, Aug. 7, 1705.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 68.]

[Inventory, not dated; amount, £174.2.0; signed by Joseph Smith and James Bunker; endorsed "not perfected therefore not Recorded."]

[Warrant, Aug. 7, 1705, authorizing Joseph Smith and James Bunker, both of Oyster River, to receive claims against the estate.]

[Claim of William Dam of Dover for £2.8.3, as heir to his grandfather, Lieut. William Pomfret.]

Abigall Nason of oyster River aged about Eighty yeares or thereabouts Testifieth and Sayth that Nicholas ffollett now of portsmouth in the province of New Hampshire Tailor, is the Reputed & eldest sonn of Nicholas ffollett late of portsmouth aforesaid marriner deceased which said Nicholas ffollett deceased was Second Cosin to William ffollett Late of oyster River aforesaid Cooper deceased who dyed without Issue leaveing behinde him a Competent Estate in Lands; which as this Deponent is Informed Letters of Administration is granted to Elizabeth ffollett widdow of the said W<sup>m</sup> ffollett deceased And she farther Sayth that Nicholas ffollett Tailor abovesaid is the next and nearest of Kindred to the Said W<sup>m</sup> ffollett deceased now liveing, that she Knows of

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1706

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Coram

Geo: Vaughan Jus<sup>t</sup> Quor<sup>m</sup>

Sarah Meader of y<sup>e</sup> Same place Aged fivetie two or thereabouts testifyeth & saith y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> above is y<sup>e</sup> Truth to y<sup>e</sup> best of her Knowledge this 29<sup>th</sup> June 1706

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Coram

Geo: Vaughan Jus. p<sup>ce</sup>

Att a Court of probates &c held at portsmouth for the province of New Hampshire on the first Tuesday in August 1706 Coram Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup>./

Elizabeth ffollett Adm<sup>x</sup> of the Goods and Chattells and Estate of W<sup>m</sup> ffollett her husband dec<sup>d</sup> and Nicholas ffollett heire at Law to the said W<sup>m</sup> ffollett dec<sup>d</sup> both appeared at this Board and It was Mutually Agreed between them as foll to witt that the said Elizabeth ffollett upon or before the tenth day of october next shall deliver possession to the said Nicholas ffollett of all the Lands mentioned in an Inventory Exhibited into this Court by the said Adm<sup>x</sup> being the Lands of the said deceased and that she doe alsoe signe a Release of all her Right & interest thereto to the



said Nicholas ffollett at which time & upon signing of such Release he the said Nicholas ffollett is to give his bond to the said Elizabeth ffollett to pay her the said Elizabeth 11<sup>l</sup>  $\text{p}$  Annu<sup>m</sup> during her Natural life for her Maintenance, And that he the said Nicholas ffollett doe alsoe enter into a bond to the Judge of the probates at the same time for the payment of all Debts due from the said W<sup>m</sup> ffollett dec<sup>d</sup> his Estate and doe then likewise pay Unto the said Elizabeth ffollett all her Charges and Expences in Mony that she hath been at for Administring upon said Estate the aforesaid Charges and Expences to be taxed and sum'ed upp by the Judge of probates or the Register of the said Court: This Agreement is humbly desired to be Allowed and Approved off by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of probates &c: as wittnesse our hands the day and year abovesaid./

her  
Elizabeth X ffollett  
Mark  
N ffollett

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Aug<sup>t</sup> 1706

I Allow and Approve of the above Agreement

p<sup>r</sup> me Joseph Smith  
Judge of probate &c

[Bond of Nicholas Follett of Portsmouth, tailor, Jan. 1, 1706/7, in the sum of £600, for the payment of all debts due from the estate; witnesses, Elizabeth Fernald and Charles Story.]

JOHN SHERBURNE

1690

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name of God Amen I John Sherbourn of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of New hampshire in New England Marriner \* \* \*

And Now for the Setling my out ward Estate & Such goods Chattles, Houses Lands, uplands Medows, Orchards, Gardens trees woods Debts dues bills Bonds Moveabls & Immoveables with in dore & with out, as God Have bin pleased to bestow upon

mee be it of y<sup>e</sup> Estate w<sup>ch</sup> I now posses, or be it any other my Estate what Soe Ever; I doe order will Give & dispose my S<sup>d</sup> Estate to my well beloved wife Mary Sherbourn Dureing the time She liveth un married & no longer, And then to fall to my well beloved Son Joseph Sherbourn & y<sup>e</sup> Haier of his owne body Allways Excepting (ten) pounds apeice out of Said Estate at price Currant which I bequeath to y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Children, And of this my last will & Testament I make my Said beloved wife Mary Sherbourne my Sole Executrix as Witnes my hand & Seal hereunto Set this: 25: day of November One thousand Six hundred & Ninety

Signed Sealed in

John Sherburn [seal]

p<sup>r</sup>esence of us

John Davies

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[Proved Oct. 10, 1718.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Sherburne of Little Harbor, Newcastle, who died in 1698; amount, £475.13.0; signed by William Seavey and Tobias Lear; attested by Mary Sherburne, executrix, March 4, 1718/19.]

JOHN SHIPWAY

1690

PORTSMOUTH

I John Shipway of the town of portsm<sup>o</sup> being under the present destemper of y<sup>e</sup> small pox but yett in perfect memory & understanding not knowing how god may despose of me thought meet as A Christian man to set my house in order before I dye & therefore I doe make & ordaine this to be my Last will & testement in maner & forme foloing—

Imp<sup>r</sup> I give unto my well beloved wiff Sarah the one halff of my dewlling house & halff of my shop: & the one halff of my garden & orchard & of all my moveable estate both within dore & without, & that my S<sup>d</sup> wiff shall have the use of my whole Estat

both personall & reall untell my daffter mary shall Come to y<sup>e</sup> age of eighteen years or mary : & that my wiff shall have the use of all my other Land untell my daughter mary shall Come of age : &c : as above, & I will that my sd wiff shall have the use of the one halff of sd Estate of Every kind both houses Lands & all kind of moveables dewring her natuerall Liff

2<sup>ly</sup> I will that my daughter mary shall when shee Coms to the age of eighteen years, or at the day of hur marriage, have the one halff of my houses & Lands, & the one half of all my moveables both within dores & without delivered into her present possession, & that after the death of hur mother, shee shall have all the Rest of my Estat my debts & funerall Charges being payed out of the same

3<sup>l</sup> I doe make & Apoynt my s<sup>d</sup> wiff to be my Executrix to this my Last will & testement

4 I request my honred ffather major Charls ffrost, & major william vaughan whome I allso apoynt to be my overseeres, to see that this my will be performed

In witness whereof I here unto set my hand & seall desember 15<sup>th</sup> 1690

Signed & declared to be the  
Last will & testament of John  
shipway In presenc of us—

Richard Martyn

Necolas Bennett

[Proved Jan. 12, 1690/1.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 69.]

Jo: shipway & [Seal]

[Inventory of the estate of John Shipway of Portsmouth, shop-keeper, Jan. 29, 1690/1; amount, £330.3.7; signed by George Jaffrey and Samuel Keais.]

[Guardianship of Mary Shipway, aged more than thirteen, daughter of John Shipway of Portsmouth, merchant, granted to Joshua Fryer of Newcastle, mariner, Dec. 8, 1701.]

## WILLIAM HILTON                      1690                      EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Capt. William Hilton, Exeter, Dec. 29, 1690; amount, £112.7.9; signed by William Perkins, John Wedgwood, and James Godfrey.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 5.]

[Administration granted to Richard Hilton of Exeter, \*oldest son, April 9, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 51.]

[Administration on the estate of William Hilton granted to his son, Richard Hilton of Exeter, Jan. 9, 1696/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 89.]

[List of claims against the estate, March 19, 1699/1700, to be paid by Richard Hilton, administrator; amount, £70.6.10.]

[Division of the estate, Nov. 14, 1701, at seven shillings, six pence, to the pound, the estate being insolvent; mentions a widow.]

[Order of court to the administrator to pay the amount due to Samuel Wentworth to his widow, Mrs. Martin, Dec. 15, 1701.]

[Various notes and bonds produced as claims against the estate, containing signatures of William Hilton, Samuel Hilton, Christopher Palmer, Edward Colcord, Peter Johnson, Ambrose Hill, Joseph Field, Robert Wadleigh, Michael French, Nicholas Moody, Joseph Smith, William Huckley, John Willey, William Perkins, Samuel Palmer, Joseph Palmer, William Ardell, and Joshua Broadbent.]

[Various bills against the estate, containing signatures of William Ardell, Samuel Penhallow, Henry Deering, Nathaniel Wright, and Alexander Jones.]

JOANNA SEVERETT 1690/1 PORTSMOUTH

In y<sup>e</sup> name of god Amen, I Joanna siverit in the town of portsm<sup>o</sup> in the province of New hampshir widdoe, being weak of body  
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Item. I give & bequeath unto my brother Richard Jose one hundred pounds in mony together with my fishing Catch

Item: I give & bequeath unto my Loveing sister margrat whit fifty pounds in mony and the Largest brass kettle with one fether bed the best & all furnituer there unto belonging

Item: I give & bequeath unto my Loveing brother John Jose my wearhous & wharff my second brass kettle halff a duson putter dishes halff a dosen turkey work chairs halffe a dosen pare of sheets together with eight hh of Rum with two hh of suger

Item I doe give & bequeath unto my Loving sister Jane Jose this my house & gardin with shop & brew hous, which I now Live in, together with the furnis, halff a dosen Lether Chaiers halff a dosen pare of sheets two dosen of napkins & all the furnituer in y<sup>e</sup> great Chamber Excepting the bed & furnituer before given to margrat whit halff a dosen silver spoones

Item: I doe give & bequeath unto my Loveing sister mary Jose fifty pounds in mony, halff a dosen pare of sheets two dosen of napkins two hh of suger or sutt of whit curtains

Item. I doe give & bequeath all wearing Cloths whatsoever to be Equally devided between my three sisters & my sister hannah Jose—

Itim I doe give & bequeath unto my Loveing sister margarat whit my negro woman Elisabeth, & Iff my S<sup>a</sup> sister should dy shee shall Return unto my sister Jane

Itim I doe give & bequeath twenty pounds in mony to my Cosen Joanna Jose & unto my Cosen thomas Jose my hous & Land at Crucked Lain or on kistry side and unto my Cosen hanah Jose ten pounds in mony—

Itim I doe give & bequeath unto my good frend Ester Lee my small silver tankard and my best Laest pettecot—

Itim as to the Rest of my Estate not before given I doe give

& bequeath unto my two brothers & three sisters to be Equally divided between them Excepting my great silver tankerd I give unto my brother John Jose—

Itim I doe give & bequeath too my good frends hanah purmet & sary Estweck each of them a morning sudd

Itime I doe Constetut and apoynt my too brothers Richard & John Jose to sea that this my Last will & testament be fully performed & in witnes to the premisis I have hereunto set my hand & seal this second day of January 1690—

Annexced

I doe give & bequeath my two servant boys unto my brother John Jose—

I give & bequeath my silver basson & Joynted Ring unto Cap<sup>t</sup> william whit I doe order & apoynt that my negro woman shall serve my sister whit or Jane twenty years & then to be free 1690—

In presenc of us

Joannah siverit [seal]

hannah purmet

X mark

sarah Estwick

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tho: Scottow—

[Proved Jan. 19, 1690/1.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 76.]

JOHN JACKSON

1690/1

PORTSMOUTH

I John Jackson of portsm<sup>o</sup> in New england Marener being sick & week in body \* \* \*

Imprimis I doe Leve & bequeath unto my only son John Jackson & hjs Ayeris for ever my deweling hous & Land formerly belonging to my father Richard Jackson being thirty & nine acres of Land more or Les together with five acres of salt marsh at Littel harbor, all which hous Land marsh with all & singullar the appertenances there unto belongs I had by deed of gift of my father above s<sup>d</sup> my son to enter In possision of one moety or on half thereof when hee Comes to Lawfull age of twenty one years then to Injoy one

half of all the proffits bennifits & advantidges that may be made of y<sup>e</sup> one half of s<sup>d</sup> houss orchard Land marsh & appertenances & to enjoy all the aforesaied After my wiffs deceas : & I doe will also that my son shall have his maintenance & seutable education untill he be Capable of puting to a trade or maintaing him self out of the remainder of my estat

Item I doe give will & bequeath to my beloved wiff margaret Jackson whom I nomenat & appoynt my sole Executrix A parsel of Land by me purchased from Richard soward being fourteen acers more or Les Adjoyning to my one hous & Land as by deed of sale more fully apperes & allso I doe bequeath unto my wiff the use of all my hous & Lands marsh & appurtenances untell my son com of Lawfull age & on half thereof dewring hur natuerall Life

Allso I doe give unto my beloved wiff too ackers of Land upon the Letill Iland Com'only Called Jacksons Island mentioned in a deed of giffit granted to me by my father affore sd which too acers & y<sup>e</sup> foreten acers before mentioned to be for the sole use behoff of hur my s<sup>d</sup> wiff hur heirs or Asignes for ever as allso I doe give unto hur my s<sup>d</sup> wiff in consideration that shee is to be at the Charg of maintaing & educating my Child as afores<sup>d</sup> all my other personall Estat in goods or Chattels whatsoever in any ways belonging to me

ffinally I Request & desier my honred frends Major william vaughan & m<sup>r</sup> Richard martyn to be Assistant to my wiff & son & to see this my Last will and testement put in exsecution according to the plainest sence the words will Admeett In testemony of all & singular y<sup>e</sup> primysies I have here unto set my hand & seal & declare this to be my Last will & testement this twenty fourth day of January Anno dom 1690/91

Signed & delivered In

John Jackson & [Seal]

presenc of

James Conners

John Backer

georg Jaffres

[Proved Feb. 28, 1690/1.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 69.]

[Administration on the estate of John Jackson granted to his son, John Jackson of Portsmouth, Sept. 6, 1718, the former administrator, Richard Jackson, having died.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 111.]

NEHEMIAH PARTRIDGE 1690/1

In the name of god Amen I Nehemiah partridge being Sick & weake but of Sound mind & memory to the praise of god doe make this my Last will & testament, Revokeing all former, dated at my house in portsm<sup>o</sup> on pascataway River in New england the ninth day of february 1691—

Imp<sup>n</sup> I give & bequeath my Soul to god that gave it & my body to the dust from whence it came, to be deasently buried by my Overseers, in sure and Certin hope of a glorious Resurrection at the second Coming of my savior Jesus Christ to glory amen/

Itime I give unto my beloved wiff Sarah all my Estate both reall & personall duering hur widohood, but Iff shee see Cause to Chainge hur Condition & marry: then I give the one half of all my Estate to my sonn will: partridge, & the other half at her deseace to him allso, & Iff my son be Resolved to travel beyond seas: then I give unto him eight pounds deu to me from Roger dearing Shippwright but Iff hee stay at home & Assist his mother In Caring the trade on I Leve it to her discrision, to give him further Incorridgment, & In cas my beloved wiff see Caus to alter hur Condition, then as above Expresed: In y<sup>e</sup> mene time I make her my Executrix & my brother John & william partridge my overseers to see this my will performed

test henry Crown

John partridge

Elias Broded

[Proved Feb. 18, 1690/1.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 86.]



SAMUEL WENTWORTH 1690/1

PORTSMOUTH

the Last will & testimony of Samuel wintworth Seen<sup>r</sup> of portsm<sup>o</sup> in the province of New hampshir in New england made the 13<sup>th</sup> of march 1690/91

I Samuel wintworth being of perfect memory & remembrance but not knowing the providenc of god Concering mee (becaus of the small pox) with which am now vesited) doe make, ordain, constetute, & declare this to be my Last will & testement in maner & form folloing—revokeing & annulling by this presents all & every testement & will heretofore made & declared Ether by word or Righten

Imprimis being hertely sory for all my trancegretions I bequeath my sole & body into the hands of god by the blessed oblation of my saviour; the on at the time of my desolution the other at y<sup>e</sup> time of my Resurrection—

2<sup>d</sup> I give & Conferm unto my beloved Son Samuel wintworth that hous & Land wherein he now Lives with all the prevelidges & appertenances thereunto belonging for ever together with all those houshold goods of any sort of which he is posest—

3<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my beloved wiff mary wintworth one half of my dewling house out houses & garden with all prevelidges appertaining to it deuring hur natural Life, & when shee dys it shall be absolutly and freely given or destrebuted to my Children, or other of them as shee shall see most meet more over shee shall have one third part of all my moveable Estate, whether In debts houshold goods or other wise to hur own free use & deposall, out of what shall else arise of my Estate not yet desposed of, whether Lands, houseing debts, plat Linen houshold goods of any sort, or whatsoever also appertains to mee I will that my beloved Children videlesit son John son Ebenazar, daughter mary & daughter dorothy wintworth shall have fouer score pounds per each, provided it will amount to so much, otherwise to have an Equall dividend of y<sup>e</sup> whole that else remains; and if it amounts to more than eighty pounds  $\text{p}$  each, I will that my son samuell wintworth shall have an Equall proportion with my S<sup>d</sup> Children of y<sup>e</sup> remainder,

further more I will that Iff any of my S<sup>d</sup> Children viz<sup>t</sup> John Eben-  
 ezar, mary or dorothy, dye, before they Com to age or mary,  
 that y<sup>e</sup> portion I have given, them shall be Equally desstributed  
 among the rest of them that survive: finally I make my beloved  
 wiff Executrix to this my Last will & testement, I request nome-  
 nat, and apoynt my good frends m<sup>r</sup> Richard martyn & Samuel  
 penhallow to be my overseeres and Injoyn my Executrix honerably  
 to sattsify them for all their paines whom I desier to be Carfull for  
 the Concerns of my Children, & soe to order matters for them as  
 may tend to their best advantidge & for the maintaining and pro-  
 moting Love between them

and Iff their happen any deverance among my wiff & Children  
 or ether of them about the Interpretation of my will, or any matter  
 referring to their Concerns theirin, my will is, that the party or  
 partys Concerned, shall Chues each of them a man to Joyn with  
 the oversers, for y<sup>e</sup> decision of any such Controversye, & what  
 thay or the magor part determine I will shall be the final Issue of  
 any such matter the manegment of my bureall I Leve to y<sup>e</sup> pru-  
 denc of my beloved wiff & overseers, & Doe oblege my Executrix  
 with the advice of my overseers to see to the Right devition of  
 my Childrens portion as mentioned on the other sid & descharg of  
 all my Jest debts & funerall Charges out of my Estat In testemony  
 to all & singuler the premissies I Set to my hand & affix my Seal  
 this thirteenth day of march in the year of our Lord 1690/91

Samuel wintworth signed sealed                      Sam: wintworth [Seal]  
 & declared this to be his Last will  
 and testement in the presents of us

Richard gearish

Edword melcher

Elisha briard

[Proved April 4, 1691.]

[Deeds, vol. 5, p. 72 ]

WILLIAM FULLER 1690/1

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen this Eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord Sixteen hundred and Ninetic or Ninetic one I William fuller of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England (Seinor) being ill and weak of Body \* \* \*

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Cozens Josiah Moulton the Son of Henry Moulton of Hampton and Elizabeth his wife my Dwelling house barne Orcharde out houses and all my right of & Land meadowe marsh com'onages lying and being either in this Towne of Hampton or else where to him and his heirs for ever likewise all my Cattell of all Sorts whatsoever and all my Implem<sup>t</sup> of Husbandry and all my Household Goods of all sorts whatsoever and wheresoever any of them Shall be He or they performinge what I shall hereafter order them, and pay such Legacies I shall appoint him or them to pay

Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Dow the now wife of Daniel Dow the sume of fforty shillings to be payed within one year after my and my wifes decease to be payed by my Executor in Marchantable pay att prise current

Item I give and bequeath unto Mary ffog that was the Daughter of Samuel ffog of Hampton late deceased the sume of Twenty shillings to be paid by my Executor in Marshantable & pay att prise current within two years after my and my wifes decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto Martha Marston the now wife of John Marston of Andover (seinor) the sum of fforty shillings to be payed by my Executor in Marchantable pay at price currant within three years after my and my wifes decease.

Item I give unto the Church in Hampton my Pewter fflagon

Also my will and meaning is that the said Josiah Moulton and Elizabeth his wife and ffamily shall come and live with me in the House and bring all their Cattell and make improvem<sup>t</sup> of all my Estate both Cattell and Lands meadow and Marsh Grounds and that they take such care and be helpfull to us for the cumfortable livelyhood of me and my wife during our natural lives with the use and improvem<sup>t</sup> of all my Estate and debts, as a Son and

Daughter ought to take of their ffather and mother Also my Will and meaning is that if it shall please God that if my wife out live me she is to have the com'and and use of all my household Goods if she please for her comfortable livelyhood, but not to sell or dispose of any of them but to my Execut<sup>r</sup> Except he faile in his Duty to her, and soe my Overseers see a necessity to sell some thing for her comfortable livelyhood, which if they see there be & rather then shee should suffer, they or either of them may Sell any part of my household goods or Cattell as they see a neede of but noe Lands to be Sold from my Execut<sup>r</sup> Alsoe my will and meaning is that my Execut<sup>r</sup> take speciall care that my wife be maintained honourably and cumfortably as abovesaid if she out live me during her natural life with the improvem<sup>t</sup> of this my Estate and Debts and after her decease to be decently and Christianlike buryed or if he faile it shall be in the power of my Overseers them or either of them to make improvem<sup>t</sup> of so much of the said Estate & Debts as there shall be necessitie of to make her life comfortable during her life and after for her decent buriall And then what remaines to be to the Sole and proper use of the said Josiah Moulton and his Heirs forever And I do by these presents make constitute & appoint the abovesd Josiah Moulton to be my Sole Executor to this my Last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> And my Trustie and well beloved ffriends Nathaniel Bachelder Senior and Henry Dow them or either of them to be my Overseers to see that this my Last Will & Testament be performed and every part thereof in confirmacon hereof I the abovesd William ffuller have hereunto put my hand and affixt my seale

Signed Sealed & Confirmed

Willm ffuller [seale]

in the p<sup>s</sup>ence of us

John Samborne Sen<sup>r</sup>

Joseph Moulton

John Samborne Jun<sup>r</sup>

[Proved Aug. 5, 1693.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 5.]

[Inventory of the estate of William Fuller of Hampton, who died May 26, 1693; taken June 1, 1693; amount, £213.11.0; signed by Henry Dow, William Marston, and John Moulton.]

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RICHARD MARTYN JR. 1691

[Administration on the estate of Richard Martyn, Jr., granted to his father, Richard Martyn, April 3, 1691, who gave bond in the sum of £30.]

[Court Records, April 3, 1691, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 68.]

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THOMAS JACKSON 1691

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Jackson granted to his father, Richard Jackson, April 8, 1691, who presented an inventory of £6.7.5, and gave bond in the sum of £10, with John Pickering as surety.]

[Court Records, April 8, 1691, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 72.]

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EDWARD CATOR 1691 NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of Edward Cator of Great Island, shipwright, May 29, 1691; amount, £103.12.0; attested by James Blagdon and Joan Blagdon, his wife, April 25, 1693.]

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RICHARD STILEMAN 1691

To all Christin People to home these Shall or may come  
Know Ye that I Richard Stileman Beeing Bound one a voyag  
to Barbados;

Not Knowing how Almighty God may Dispose of me, whether  
to Returne me Hether In saftey or By death take me to him Seelfe;  
I doe Make this my Last Will and tastement

I Give and bequeath to my Sister Mary Fox widow my best Beed and bedsteed w<sup>th</sup> greene Curtains and a vailants a Rugg a pare of blancotes a pare of sheetes and a truckle beed w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> firne-  
ture and a Sivler Bole w<sup>th</sup> a foot marked R<sup>s</sup> M

I Give to my Cosen Rich<sup>d</sup>: Jordan the Son of my Sister Eliza-  
beth Jordan my Dwelling howse ware howse and Lands w<sup>th</sup> two  
Beeds and fernature he leting his ant Mary Fox live there During  
hir widdohood or teel he Comes of age I give him halfe a dsen  
of silver spoones and my Ringe

I Give and bequeth to my Cosen Mary Jordan teen pounds in  
Such Housel goods as I Left in my house or whare house w<sup>th</sup> a  
Silver Candilstick

I give and bequeth to my Cosen John Jordan teen pounds In  
good houshold goods with a Silver wine Cup

I Give to my Cosen Robart Jordan teen pounds w<sup>th</sup> a Silver  
wrought Cup

I Give to my Cosen Ruth Bussell a Sivelr Tumbler in Rememe-  
berance of me

I Give to Hannah Pormort widdo of Joseph Pormort five pounds  
Curant pay with a Sivler dram Cup

I Give to my good freind m<sup>r</sup> francis Tucker teen pounds Currant  
pay

I Give to my friend m<sup>er</sup> Nathaniel Frier forty Shillings

And I doe Leave my Trustey and well beloved ffrriends Nathan-  
iell Fryere Esqu<sup>er</sup> and m<sup>er</sup> Francis Tucker, My trustes to se this  
my will ☞ formed—

In witness heareof I have heareunto seet my hand and seale this  
first day of June: 1691 —

Witnesses

Richard Stileman [seal]

Francis Tucker

Stephen Hardison

James Booth

Joseph Allcock

[Proved April 19, 1703, and administration granted to Francis  
Tucker of Newcastle, no executor being named in the will.]

[Bond of Francis Tucker of Newcastle, gentleman, with William Kelly of Newcastle, mariner, and James Booth of Portsmouth, tailor, as sureties, April 19, 1703, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Chevalier and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Dec. 1, 1703, authorizing John Hinckes and William Kelly, both of Newcastle, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Jan. 4, 1703/4; amount £180.8.0; signed by John Hinckes and William Kelly.]

[Warrant, Feb. 1, 1703/4, authorizing Theodore Atkinson and William Kelly, mariner, both of Newcastle, to receive claims against the estate.]

[List of claims, July 31, 1704; amount, £59.15.6; signed by Theodore Atkinson and William Kelly.]

[Warrant, Dec. 5, 1704, authorizing the administrator to sell certain lands.]

[Various notes, accounts, etc., containing signatures of Richard Stileman, Richard Chamberlain, and Francis Tucker.]

NICHOLAS DOE

1691

[Administration on the estate of Nicholas Doe granted to his son, John Doe, June 6, 1691, who presented an inventory, and gave bond in the sum of £100, with Richard Clark and John Bennett as sureties.]

[Court Records, June 6, 1691, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 73.]

Att a Court of probates \* \* \* the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1705

Sampson Doe moved to have his Brother John Doe to take Letters of Administration of the Estate of Nicholas Doe his father deceased; which if he refused to doe, he would take letters of Administration himself./

John Doe being present desired to have Letters of Administration granted to him, which the Judge Allowed he giving in Sufficient Security for the performance of his Administration/

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 70.]

[Administration granted to John Doe Jan. 1, 1705/6.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 70.]

[Inventory of the real estate of Nicholas Doe, who died in 1691; taken March 30, 1706; amount, £225.0.0; signed by Richard Hilton, Winthrop Hilton, and Abraham Bennick.]

It is Agreed this fourth day of June 1706 Between John Doe Adm<sup>r</sup> of the Goods Chattells and Estate &c: of Nicholas Doe his father And Sampson Doe Brother of the Said John Doe as followeth; viz whereas the Said John Doe hath a Right to the one halfe of said dec<sup>d</sup>s Estate; and Sampson Doe haveing purchased his Sister Mary<sup>s</sup> part to the Said Estate hath alsoe a Right to the other halfe part It is agreed between the Said parties that John Doe shall have & Enjoy all the Lands mentioned in the Inventory hereunto Annexed (Excepting the Home place at Lubberland being forty six Acres of Upland more or Less and the Houses Barns & Orchards belonging to the Said forty two Acres or homestead) And that the said Sampson Doe pay to the Said John Doe ffifty pounds in Curr<sup>t</sup> Mony of New England and all the Charge of what two indifferent men to be Chosen between them shall Value and Say that the Said John Doe hath Laid out and Disbursed in making the said Homestead better than it was when the Said Nicholas Doe dyed; the said ffifty pounds and the remainder what shall be Said to be soe laid out and Disbursed by such persons as they shall Choose is to be paid at ffifteen pounds  $\text{p}$  Annum till the whole be fully satisfied and paid. And likewise that the Said Sampson Doe shall have and peaceably Enjoy the Said homestead being forty six Acres of Upland together with the Houses Barns and Orchards mentioned in said Inventorye. And both parties desires that the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Judge of Probates will accept and Confirme this Agreement and Order the same to be Recorded by the Register In witt-



nesse whereof the said John Doe and Sampson Doe hath hereunto sett their hands and Seales the day and yeare aforesaid

Sealed and Deliv <sup>rd</sup>	John Doe [seal]
In the p <sup>r</sup> sence of	samson doe [seal]
W <sup>m</sup> Partridge Jun:	
Cha: Story:	
John Gove	

Pro: New Hampshire Att a Court of probates held at portsm<sup>o</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> June 1706 this Agreement is Allowed and Approved off by me  
the Subscriber and ordered that the Register record the same  
Joseph Smith J<sup>dg</sup> of probats &c—

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ANTHONY BRACKETT 1691

In the name of god amen y<sup>o</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> day of sep<sup>r</sup> 1691—

I Anthony Bracket sey<sup>r</sup> being in perfect memory doe make this my Last will & testament, Comiting my soul into the hands of my Redemer the Lord Jesus Christ, & my body to the earth—

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Jane hains fouer acors, in part of marsh being more or Les, which shee formerly made use of & so upward to y<sup>o</sup> head of y<sup>o</sup> cove & to young oxsen Affter my desece

Item I give & bequeath that three acers of marsh mor or Les being at black poynt to my daughter Ellener Johnson, which marsh I have a deed for, which deed I doe assign over to my daughter Ellenor, & shee to take it into hur possession Affter my deseac

Item: I give & bequeath unto my grand daughter kasia bracket three Cqws to be payed at age of Eightenn years or day of mar-ridg

I give to my grand daughter Roose Johnson on heffer

I give to my grand son samuel bracket one heffer, all the Rest of my cattle & sheep I doe give to be Equally devided among the Rest of my gran Children of what is Lefft Affter my wiffs deseac, I doo here ordain & make my sonn John Bracket Executor of this my Last will & testament, and him to pay all Just debts & to gather

all debts which is Justly dew unto mee, my housall goods I Leve with my wiff for hur one use to this I set my hand

Witnesses

Anthony Bracket

Nathaniel drack

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John Lock :

by his mark

[Proved July 11, 1602.]

[Deeds, vol, 5, p. 82.]

RICHARD SNELL

1691

BOSTON MASS.

In the Name of God Amen the twenty fourth day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand six hundred Ninety and one, and in the third Yeare of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King and Queen, Defend<sup>rs</sup> of the faith &c. I Richord Snell, now Resident in Boston, wife of George Snell of Portsmouth, in the Province of New Hampshire, New-england, \* \* \*

Item My Dwelling House and Land adjoining, and all the appur<sup>ces</sup> therunto belonging, situate and being in Black-Horse-Lane in Boston, I do give and bequeath unto my Husband, George Snell abovenamed, and to his Heires and Assigns forever. Item. I do give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Hunking, Daughter of my former Husband, John Hunking, dec<sup>d</sup> the Sum<sup>r</sup> of Ten pounds. Item. I do give unto Grace Vittery, Daughter of my Sister Margery Vittery of Kings ward in the County of Devon in the Kingdom of England Deces<sup>d</sup> five pounds—Item I do give unto my Grandson George Little-John, son of my Son George Littlejohn of Halwel in the County of Devon aforesaid, One piece of Spanish Gold, Valued at four pounds, and a silver Drinking dish scolloped. Item, I do give unto my Granddaughter, the Daughter of my son George Littlejohn, (whose name I Remember not) five pounds. And I do ordaine, Constitute and appoint my beloved son George Littlejohn aforenamed to be the Executor of this my Will, to whom I do give and bequeath all the Remainder

of my, Estate of what nature and kind soever, and whersoever Lying and beeing. And forasmuch as my said son hath his abode in England, and therefore cannot take care either of my funeral or Estate, I do therefore Request, Authorize and Impower my Loving friends M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Smith of Charlestown, Gunsmith, and M<sup>rs</sup> Katherine Gutteridge of Boston, Widow, to be Overseers, and to take order for my funeral, and to take into their hands all my Estate in Newengland, and after funeral Charges, with other Necessary incident Expences, their own Legacies, and the Legacy of ten pounds abovogiven to Elizabeth Hunkin are deducted and Reserved, the Remainder to Remit home to my said son George Littlejohn in England, by the best and safest Way and means; to which end I do hereby Impower my said Overseers to Convert my said Estate into such speties as may, with the most advantage, be Returnable home. And I do give unto them my said overseers Six pounds between them. In witnes wherof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, the day and Yeare first abovewritten./

Signed, Sealed & published by  
the abovenamed Richard Snell,  
to be her Last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> in  
p<sup>r</sup>sence of us./

the mark of

Richard X Snell [seal]

Edward Brattle

John Foster :

Lawr Hammond

I George Snell late husband of the abovenamed Testator Richard Snell dec<sup>d</sup> do allow and approve of the above written Will made by my s<sup>d</sup> wife, it being done with my free consent and knowledge And I request the same may be admitted to a Probate, and the persons therein nominated for the Execution thereof may be fully impowred and Authorized thereunto. Witness my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> of April. 1695.

Geo: Snell

[Proved April 23, 1695.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

## ROBERT BURNHAM 1691 DURHAM

The Last will & Testament of Robert Burnam

I give & bequeath to my son Samuell Burnam a ¶cell of Land w<sup>ch</sup> Lyeth at Lampereele River which is above Two hundred Acres be it more or Less as it is granted & bounded, & with him to his heires of his body Lawfully begotten y<sup>t</sup> shall live to age or marriage, & in falure of such to y<sup>e</sup> Rest of my children and their heires: to have & to hold to him & them for Ever: also all the appurtenances & ¶viledges belonging thareunto: Also I give my said son all my Carpenter Tools which I have at chebacco.

I give & bequeath to my son Jeremiah Burnam a peice of marsh Lying at y<sup>e</sup> place Called pitmans poynt at Oyster River as it is bounded & to his heires to have & to hold to him & them for Ever: also I give him all the Stock y<sup>t</sup> doth belong unto y<sup>e</sup> Liveing at Oyster River where he dwels: & all my Carpenter Tools there & all my utensels of husbandry upon the Consideration & Condition y<sup>t</sup> he pay all my Just debts & funerall charges, & afford sufficient mentainance to his mother my wife Francis Burnam as long as she lives, & his or his heires executo's or Administo's failure in not affording sufficient mentainance for her I give her full power to Sell Alienate & Convey soe much of sd Estate bequeathed to him for y<sup>t</sup> End

Also I give & bequeath unto sd Jeremiah all my debts due unto me from any ¶son or ¶sons by bill bond or otherwayse

Further I will & freely give to my wife Francis Burnam full power for to dispose of all my moveable goods y<sup>t</sup> are mine, or in my house at Oyster River as she shall see meet: & other things at Ipswich bedding & houshould stuff & moveable estate.

[Witnessses:]

Lt. Thomas Burnum, sr.

Francis Burnam

James Burnam

John Newmarch, jr.

[This was a nuncupative will, made by the testator the night before he died, his death occurring June 12, 1691. It was proved

Sept. 29, 1691. No executor was named in the will; and the testator's widow, Frances Burnham, was appointed administratrix Sept. 29, 1691. The sureties on her official bond were Lt. Thomas Burnham, James Burnham and Jeremiah Burnham.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Inventory, March 28, 1691/2, by Jacob Foster and Nathaniel Knowlton. Amount, £121.7.6.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

## JAMES NUTE JR.

1691

DOVER

[Inventory of the estate of James Nute, Jr., Dover, Oct. 24, 1691; amount, £278.17.4; taken by John Tuttle, John Knight, and John Pinkham; attested before John Hinckes by Mary Nute, widow and administratrix, July 22, 1693.

“How the Estate is to be Devided

“Imp<sup>r</sup> That James Nute the Eldest Sonn to have two thirds of all the house and Land and one Cow two stears of three years old—when comes to age

“<sup>2<sup>d</sup></sup> The 3 other Children to hav an equal Share of all the Moveables

“The Widdow to have the Childrens Estate till bound out to prentice and untill she Marrieth again which if in Case the widdow marrye then the Estate to be secured into the hands of y<sup>e</sup> Sureties for the good of the Children if she should marry before the Children Come of age, yet not soe to hinder or prevent the Executrix of her thirds.”]

[Administration granted to the widow, Mary Nute, July 22, 1693, and John Knight and Samuel Heard, both of Dover, recognize as sureties in the sum of £570.7.4; signed by John Hinckes.]

[James Nute, aged about thirteen years, son of James Nute of Dover, husbandman, deceased, makes choice of John Leighton of Dover, husbandman, as his guardian, Dec. 16, 1699.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 173.]

[Guardianship of Samuel Nute, aged about eighteen years, son of James Nute, granted to Jethro Furber, son of William Furber, deceased, Jan. 6, 1707/8.]

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SAMUEL SHERBURNE 1691

[Administration on the estate of Capt. Samuel Sherburne was granted to his widow, Love Sherburne, Oct. 28, 1691, who presented an inventory and gave bond in the sum of £100, with Mark Hunking and John Pickering as sureties.]

[Court Records, Oct. 28, 1691, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 78.]

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JOHN SHERBURNE 1691 PORTSMOUTH

In y<sup>e</sup> name of god Amen; John Sherbourn Sen<sup>r</sup> of Portsmouth in y<sup>e</sup> Province of Newhamshire Yeoman, \* \* \*

And as for y<sup>e</sup> temporall estate that god hath been pleased to Spare me I order & bequeath as followeth, To my loving wife Elizabeth Sherbourn I bequeath y<sup>e</sup> one half of what Son Henry Sherbourn is bound to pay to me during life, to be paid to her during her natural life in matter, form & Species as is expressed in a deed from S<sup>d</sup> son Henry Sherbourn. To my son John Sherbourn I Will & bequeath all Debts dues & demands whatsoever now due or at any time hereaft<sup>r</sup> to be due by bill bond or other way what Soever from my Cuzen Samuel Sherbourn deceased of Hampton; As also my share of a parcel of land being between my Self M<sup>r</sup> Moodey, Philip, Lewis and others belonging to Greenland. As also my Share in a parcel of Land lying and being on long point near goodman ffurburs between me, John Pickerin and others. as Also three fat hogs that are fatting at my Son Henry Sherbourns. As also a Cow and heifer three years Old next Spring; A mare; three ewes which are with my Son Henry Sherbourn, a bushel of wheat lent Thomas Lewis, his father promised to pay it; And one thousand of boards from Joatham Lewis, a bushel & half of barley due from m<sup>r</sup> Howell

now in Barbados. As also my two Steers about four years old. My cupboard also standing in yo<sup>r</sup> house. Also my Chest & Cloak and all my writings & w<sup>t</sup> is in it except my daught<sup>r</sup> Mary hath any thing there, Iron Andirons; and all other things whatsoever not disposed of before these; And farther out of my S<sup>d</sup> estate I ord<sup>r</sup> my Son John Sherbourn to pay to daught<sup>r</sup> Elizabeth or deliv<sup>r</sup> her my Iron pot & skillet and my Cupboard formerly father Tucks, y<sup>e</sup> half of y<sup>e</sup> Pewter excepting one dish to my daughter John Sherbourns wife, and a feather bed aft<sup>r</sup> my wifes decease; And to my daught<sup>r</sup> Mary Sherbourn an Iron pot & a Kittle a brass Skillet and y<sup>e</sup> half of y<sup>e</sup> pewter except a pewter dish to my Daught<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> as also a feath<sup>r</sup> bed & bedding; and a Cow. To Abraham Bartlet a Mare Colt, And do order and appoint my Son John Sherbourn to be executor to this my last Will and testament As witness my hand and Seal this twelfth of november one thousand Six hundred & ninety one—

memorandum interlined before Signing these words [barly] and [my wife] as also to be noted y<sup>t</sup> my wife shall have y<sup>e</sup> east end of my house during life—

Signd Seald & delivered.  
in p<sup>r</sup>sence of us.

John X Sherbourn [seal]  
his mark

Richard Jackson  
Thomas Jackson  
John Barsham

[Proved Nov. 29, 1693.]

[Summons, Oct. 11, 1700, to John Sherburne to appear in the matter of the will of his father, John Sherburne, "who Dyed within this Province about Nine years agoe." He appeared and renounced the executorship.]

[John Sherburne renounces executorship Oct. 12, 1700, and desires that administration be granted to Major William Vaughan, principal creditor.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 228.]

[Administration granted to Major William Vaughan of Portsmouth April 22, 1701.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 229.]

[Summons, May 1, 1701, to John Sherburne and Henry Sherburne to appear and "give an Acc<sup>t</sup> of what you Know relating to yo<sup>r</sup> ffathers Estate"; signed by William Partridge.]

JOHN BREWSTER

1691

PORTSMOUTH

I John Brewster of the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of New-hampsh<sup>r</sup>, Yeoman; being ancient and infirm of body \* \* \*

2<sup>do</sup> I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife mary all my Farm wherin I now live; To say, housing, land, gardens, Orchards &c with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging during her Naturall life Togeather with all my moveable Estate; consisting Either in Cattle, household goods of any Sort, money, debts, or any thing else whatsoever to her own free use and proper disposall Excepting what is hereafter Excepted, which I give unto my beloved Children viz Sarah Elizabeth martha mary Jane Rachel; I do give unto each of them the Equal value of five pounds apiece, and to my beloved Son I give the value of ten pounds; I also give unto my beloved Son John Brewster that End of the house wherin he now lives, together with what other Accomedations he now Enjoys belonging thereto moreover all that land that is before my door, to say the road way field comonly so called, Swamp, and Orchard (comonly called y<sup>e</sup> Orchard on the Swamp side) as long as he lives, and if my said Son outlives his mother, and demeans himself in all duty and Obedience towards her my Will is, that y<sup>e</sup> whole farm shall be to him during his natural life, and after his decease I give it to my grandson John Brewster with two Cows and a calf a sword a gun and a drum and a halbert and a pike, I Will also that my whole farm be intaild upon my said grand son John Brewster and his heirs. &c.

3<sup>do</sup> I make my beloved Wife Sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> and I request and appoint my good freinds



Sam<sup>ll</sup> Penhallow and John Dennett to bee my Overseers, whom I beseech to bee carefull in advising, and doing what in them may about the concers of my Wife and children, and for the maintaiing and promoting of love between them Moreover, if any misunderstanding or Contest be occasioned among my Wife and Children about the right interpretation of my Will, or any matter relating to any of their concerns herin; my Will is that the party or parties concernd shall choose each of them a man to joine with the Overseers, for y<sup>e</sup> decision of any Such Controversie, and what they, or y<sup>e</sup> maj<sup>r</sup> part of them shall determine I Will, shall bee the finall issue of any such matter.

The managem<sup>t</sup> of my buriall I leave to the discretion of my beloved Wife and Overseers obliging her to see to the paying of all my just debts and defraying my funeral charges out of my Estate.

In Testimony to all and Singular the p<sup>r</sup>ises (on this, and the other side) I sett to my hand, and affix my Seale this Sixteenth day of Decbr, in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord, 1691.

Signed, Sealed, and declared  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>esence of us as Witnesses  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Penhallow  
John Tucker  
Thomas Harvey

his  
John Brewster X [seal]  
mark

WILLIAM HORNE

1691/2

DOVER

[Inventory of the estate of William Horne of Dover, Feb. 27, 1691/2; amount, £189.8.0; signed by Samuel Heard and Thomas Downes; attested by Elizabeth Horne, the widow, July 15, 1699.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 157.]

John Horne Moved to Administer upon The Estate of his father W<sup>m</sup> Horn dec<sup>d</sup> but the widdow & Relict of the Said dec<sup>d</sup> being livinge and Since Married with . . .

It is Ordered by the Judge that the Register Cite the Said . . . to shew Cause why letters of Administration should not be Granted

to the Said John Horn upon his Motion, the Said . . . have-  
ing Neglected to Administer upon the Same this

[Probate Minutes, April 4, 1708.]

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JOHN WAKEHAM 1691/2

[Administration on the estate of John Wakeham granted to his  
widow, Martha Wakeham, March 15, 1691/2, who presented an  
inventory.]

[Court Records, March 15, 1691/2, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 80.]

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WILLIAM SWAINE 1692 HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of William Swaine of Hampton; taken  
by Daniel Tilton and Joseph Swett April 9, 1692; amount,  
£279.7.6.]

[Ante-nuptial contract, June 12, 1694, between Joseph Emmons  
of Hampton, cordwainer, and Mary Swaine of Hampton, widow,  
whereby Emmons agrees to care for her children, disclaiming any  
title to their inheritances from their father, William Swaine, but  
having the use of their property until they are of age; signed by  
Joseph Emmons and witnesses, Nathaniel Weare and Jacob  
Green.]

[Petition of William Swaine for a division of the estate of his  
father, William Swaine, June 18, 1702; citation granted.]

[Citation, July 1, 1702, to Joseph Emmons and Mary Emmons,  
his wife, to show cause for not having settled the estate of William  
Swaine.]

[Power of attorney, William Swaine of Hampton to Dr. Hum-  
phrey Bradstreet of Newbury, Mass., July 3, 1702; witnesses,  
George Peirce and Robert Pike.]

[Order of court, July 6, 1702, that Joseph Emmons and Mary  
Emmons, his wife, appear again July 13 with an account of the  
estate.]

[Account of Mary Emmons against the estate, July 22, 1702; amount, £149.11.3. Mentions Mary Swaine, oldest child, William Swaine, oldest son, Mehitabel Swaine, John Swaine, Caleb Swaine, and Sarah Swaine. This is a rough draft.]

[Account of Mary Emmons against the estate of William Swaine, July 22, 1702; amount, £32.17.3; widow's third, £82.4.9.

“there being Six Children; to witt Mary Swaine W<sup>m</sup> Swaine Mahitabell Swaine John Swaine Caleb Swaine & Sarah Swaine; the Said Sume of 164<sup>l</sup>:9<sup>s</sup>:6<sup>d</sup>. is divided into Seaven parts the eldest Sonn haveing two shares each share Am<sup>o</sup> to 23<sup>l</sup>:10<sup>s</sup> The widdow haveing maintained and brought upp three of the Children for two years and three Months to witt John Swaine, Caleb Swaine and Sarah Swaine It is thought meet to Order that the Said widdow have Satisfacc'on in Reason made her out of the shares and proportions due to the Said three Children for such their Maintenance and bringing up when they come to full age/”]

[Order, July 27, 1702, that Capt. Henry Dow and Lieut. Joseph Swett have a commission to settle the estate.]

Wee Whose Names are here unto subscribed being Appointed to make An Equall Devition of the Estate of William Swaine of Hampton late Deceased as it is mentioned in the Inventory here unto Annexed We have this 31 day of July 1702 veiwed the mash ground that we did not well know and according to our best scill and Judgment and Considering How things are Cercumstanced as Concerning the moveables and how it have bin owned to us that thay are not many of them now in being We think it very unReasonable that any of the Children should be ordred to take ther portions Where thay are never like to Have any thing Therefore We are Humbly of the opinion that it is A Just and Equall thing that the Children Have there Portions alloted to them as ffolowith: the land and mash to be devided according to proportion to Every one be the grant more or less as it is layd out

	ll	s	d
To William Swaine the grant of land att new plantation so called . . . . .	02	00	00
To a tractt of land by Salisbury line prized att . . . . .	15	00	00
To five acres of the mash att 6 <sup>ll</sup> $\frac{1}{2}$ acre part of the 9 acres . . . . .	30	00	00
	<u>47</u>	00	00

To Mary and Mehetable Swaine to be Equally Devided between them two: as foll

The Seaven acres of land more or less by John Stanyens prized . . . . . 14—00—00

To foure acres of mash part of the nine acres att 6<sup>ll</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre . . . . . 24—00—00

To two acres of mash want twentie shilling worth att 5<sup>ll</sup> an acres lieng by Gougis Wigwam Com'only so called . . . . . 09—00—00

47—00—00

To John Caleb and Sarah Swaine to be Equally Devided among them three when thay Com'e of age

The House and Homestead be the same more or less prized att . . . . . 42—10—00

The shear of the Cow Com'on prized att . . . . . 02—00—06

The grant of land att north devition prized att . . . . . 02—10—00

To fower acres and a half of mash and twentie shillings Worth part of the sixe acres on south side ffals River att 5<sup>ll</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre . . . . . 23—10—00

70—10—00

The Widows thirds

fower acres more or less medow att town over mill Brooke Com'only so called prized att . . . . . 20—00—00

To two acres and twentie shillings worth mash by Gougis Wigwam prized 5<sup>ll</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre . . . . . 11—00—00

To one acres & half Want twentie shillings worth prized 5<sup>ll</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  acrer lieng on south side the ffals River . . . . . 6—10—00

out of the moveabls as thay are prized . . . . . 44—14—9

82 4 9

This is that Which we have Considered about the s<sup>d</sup> Estate and according to our Best scill and Judgment we can think of no other way of making a more Equall Devition.

Dated att Hampton this 31 July 1702

By us Henry Dow  
Joseph Swett

I W<sup>m</sup> Partridge Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Province of New Hampshire doe allow and Approve off the within mentioned Division (Excepting as foll that is to Say where it is said House & Homestead prized at 42<sup>l</sup> 10<sup>s</sup> shall be divided between John Caleb and Sarah Swaine) I Order the said House and Homestead to be to Joseph Emmins & his wife for the bringing upp the said John Caleb and Sarah; they giveing first securitye to the Court of probate of wills to pay seaven pounds a peice to the said John & Caleb when they come to the Age of twenty one years, and the Said Sarah when she attaines to the age of Eighteen years. Given Under my hand the ffourteenth day of August Anno Domini 1702

W<sup>m</sup> Partridge

Cha: Story Secretary

[Warrant, July 29, 1703, from William Partridge to Capt. Henry Dow to lay out certain portions of the estate.]

[Warrant, July 29, 1703, authorizing Capt. Henry Dow of Hampton to lay out to William Swaine, Mary Swaine, and Mehitabel Swaine their portions of nine acres of marsh.]

21 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1703

According to the within written Commission I have laid out to W<sup>m</sup> Swaine his part of the Nine Acres of Marsh that was his fathers, his part being the Southerly Side being about ten Rodd three Quarters & one foot wide at each end/

And I have laid out to Mary and Mehitabel Swaine their part of the Said Nine Acres, it being the Northerly Side and is at each end about Eight Rodd, one halfe and two foot wide/

I have made a Just and Equal division Allowing to each of them there due proportion as I could or would have done If I had been to have part of it my Selfe.

By me Henry Dow

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 47.]

EDWARD COWELL 1692

[Administration on the estate of Edward Cowell was granted to Nathaniel Ayers, in behalf of his wife, Amy Ayers, sister of Edward Cowell, June 8, 1692. He gave bond in the sum of £150.]

[Court Records, June 8, 1692, in Deeds, vol. 5, p. 80.]

THOMAS LEAVITT 1692 HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen the ninth Day of July in the Year of our Lord god 1692 I Thomas Levet in the Town of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> province off New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England Yeoaman \* \* \*

Item I give my goods I give and bequeath as followeth. To my loveing wife I give and bequeath the thirds of all my Lands meadows Marshes and houseing Convenient dureing her life time and then to Retourne to my Sons Aretas and John Levett : to my wife I give and bequeath two Cows two Swine three Sheep my brass and puter the thirds of all my Corne at her owne Disposing the rest of my Estate I give and bequeath as followeth—

Item To my Son Hezron, Levet one Hundred ackers of land at the new plantation as it is granted to me and twenty pounds fformerly given to him and ffive Shillings in merchantable pay after my Decease—

Item To Hezrons Son Thomas Levet tenn pounds to be paid to him at the adge of one and Twenty years of adge, in Merchantabell pay by my Sons Aretas and John Levet :

Item All the Rest of my houseing : Lands Meadows marshes ;

Shares of Commons out lands what soever I give and bequeath to my two Sons Aretas and John Levett Equally : John Levett to Devid and Aretas to make his Choice after my decease—

Item All in Aretas house and my ffether bed and ffurniture, one paire off betell rings and halfe the wedges and half the Cross Cut Saw and half the tooles about Husbandre, with his house that he now lives in, I give and bequeath unto Aretas Levett—

Item The other halfe of the tooles above mentioned I give to my Son Levett with all his Carpenters tooles and his house and ground where it now Standeth ; and to my son John Levett I give & bequeath a new ffether bed and ffurniture thereunto belonging ;

Item To my son James Levett I give and bequeath tenn pounds—

Item To my three Dafters, Isabella Towle, Jemina Knowles Kezia Tucker Each off them ffive shillings a peic ;

Further My Will is that my wife shall have her comfortable housinge ffor her selfe and her Cattell. The rest of my Cattell to be Equally devided as abovesaid Excepting my wifes two Cowes two Swine three Sheep, My Leageses to be payed three years after my decease, in mercht<sup>ble</sup> pay Except Tobacco—

Item I Doe ordaine and constitute my Loveing wife and my Son John Levett to be my Sole Executours to this my last will and Testament.

Witness hereoff I have here unto sett my hand and affixed my Seale the day and year above writen ; and in the third or ffourth yeare his Majes<sup>ty</sup> Reigne King will<sup>m</sup> and Queen Mary King off England Scot: ffran: & Ireland King defender off the ffaith—

Signed Sealed in the  
presents of us

Thomas X Levett (seal)  
his marke

Abraham Drake Sen<sup>r</sup>

Abraham Drake Jun<sup>r</sup>

Robert Drake—

[Proved May 25, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 26.]

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Leavitt, who died Nov. 28, 1696, taken Dec. 26, 1696; amount, £210.1.0; signed by Abraham Drake and John Smith.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 125.]

ROBERT TUFTON MASON 1692 PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God amen—

I Robert Tufton Mason of the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Prov: of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> in New England being in health of body and sound in mind do make and appoint this my last will and testament in manner & form as follows, revoking all other Wills made heretofore

Imprimis I Com'end my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator in full hope and assurance of a Pardon for all my sins com'itted in my life past My body I com'it to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named—

Item—I Give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Katherine Tufton Mason, the one half of all my Estate whatsoever that I have, or hereafter might have dureing her natural life, and after her decease three fourths of her part, to fall unto my son John Tufton, to him & his heirs forever, & the other fourth part to go to my daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Tufton and to her heirs forever—

Item—I Give and bequeath to my son John Tufton one fourth part of all my estate whatsoever to be paid him when he Shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and that if it Should please God, that he should dye before he comes of age, or without lawfull Issue, then his part to fall to my daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Tufton and to her heirs forever—

Item—I Give and bequeath to my daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Tufton one fourth part of all my Estate whatsoever to be paid her when She Shall Arrive at the age of eighteen years, or upon the day of her Marriage if she marries with her mother's consent: But if it should please God that She should dye before She comes of the age of eighteen or Marry then her part to fall unto my son John Tufton and to his heirs forever.—But if it should please God that my son



John Tufton, and My daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Tufton should both dye before they come of age or before they marry, then the one half of both their parts, I Give unto my wife Katharine Tufton and the other half I give unto my sister Eliz<sup>a</sup> Tufton, and if it should so please God, that my wife should out-live both my son John Tufton, and my daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Tufton, or that they dye without lawfull Issue then I Give and bequeath all my wife Katherine Tufton her part unto my sister Eliz<sup>a</sup> Tufton.—

Item—I Do appoint my dearly beloved Wife Katharine Tufton to be my sole and onely Executrix of this my last will, and to see my will performed, and to take care of both my Children, and to see that they are brôt up as they ought to be, and that when they Shall arrive at the age of receiving their portions To pay them justly.—

And I do strictly charge and Com'and both my Children to carry themselves dutiful and obedient unto their mother, so long as she shall live, and that they live in love and unity one with another, so long as it please God they both shall live, and that they carry it respectively to their Grandfather and Grandmother with all their Uncles and Aunts, and behave themselves justly to all persons, fearing God, & honouring the King In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty first day of October one thousand six hundred ninety two—

Signed & Sealed

Robert Tufton Mason [seal]

In presence of

Henry Sherburn

Sarah Sherburn

Susan Wiggin

[Proved May 27, 1738, by Henry Sherburne, aged 72, Sarah Sherburne, aged 69, and Susanna Johnson, formerly Susanna Wiggin, aged 67.]

This will is not yet approved and allowed; the same (together with the testimony of the Witnesses,) being under the Judge's consideration—

[Masonian Papers, mss., vol. 1, p. 25.]

## JOHN SANBORN 1692 HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Lt. John Sanborn of Hampton, who died Oct. 20, 1692; taken by William Marston, Nathaniel Batchelder, Henry Dow, and Lt. John Smith Nov. 2, 1692; amount, £294.14.0; attested before John Hinckes by Henry Dow and Nathaniel Batchelder, planter, Feb. 22, 1692/3; signatures of Henry Dow and Nathaniel Batchelder.]

## WILLIAM SANBORN 1692 HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen The Last Will & Testament of William Samborn of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England being sick and weak of Body \* \* \*

Imprimis I give unto Mary my beloved Wife all my house hold stuffe, or Goods of all sorts (Excepting what is hereafter Excepted) for ever, Alsoe I give unto her yearely and every yeare dureing the time of her naturall life ffoureteen Bushells of Indian Corne, two bushells of Wheat, ffoure bushells of Malt one hundred & Sixty weight of Pork and One hundred pounds of Beefe all good and Marchantable the Milcke of two good Cows . . . & ten Load of good wood cutt fitt for hir ffire Roome, this to be payed yearely by my Son Stephen; Also I give unto her during the time of her naturall life one half of my dwelling house and Li—the Easterly end, to be kept in good repaire by my son Stephen and in case he shall neglect to performe the same according to the true intent and meaning hereof, then it shall be Lawfull for Mary my beloved wife to enter upon all these Lands Meadows Cattel and other things hereafter mentioned to be given to my son Stephen, and to improve the same to her owne use dureing her life and after to returne to my son Stephen again

Item I give unto my son Josiah one half of my Land in the Plaine towards Exeter the whole containing one hundred acres more or less neere a place sometimes called . . . nes Mephibosheth, and Stephen to devide the same into two pieces and Josiah to

Chuse which part he please Alsoe I give to my son Josiah the Marsh and Thatch belonging to one share . . . great Oxe Com'on Alsoe the Eastermost stack of Salt . . . the Severals (soe called) soe farr as we usually made . . . stack and soe Easterly to the River Always Provideing Josiah is not to improve this Stack of Salt Marsh untill after . . . decease.

Item I give unto my son William the upland of the abovs'd Share of the great Oxe Com'on and one Cowe he haveing the rest of . . . already

Item I g . . . Son Mephebosheth my nine Acres of . . . in the East . . . house now standeth alsoe halfe a share of Cowe com . . . ty eight Acres of Land more or less the north . . . ed and one Quarter of my Land towards Exeter . . . the Indian Graves And after my Wifes decease I give to my Son Mephiboshoth the westernmost Stack of Salt marsh in the Severals soe called, and half my ffresh meadow on the west side of the River towards the Beach being that side next Samuel Foggs meadow . . .

Item I give unto my son Stephen my Hor . . . Barne Orchard Also ten acres of Salt Marsh . . . the hopp ground halfe a Share of Cowe com . . . Acres of Land in the East ffeild near the Beach, . . . my ffresh meadow on the west side of the River being the northerly side . . . half an acre of Pasture neere William fullers gate abutting neer the meeting house green, Alsoe one Share of the Great Cowe Com'on alsoe the other halfe of my ffresh meadow on the west side of the River and the two Stacks of Salt Marsh . . . to be given to Josiah and Mephiboshoth, to remaine . . . of my son Stephen untill my wifes Decease . . . Alsoe understood my wife during her life shall have . . . make use of the ffruit of the orchard for her owne . . . shall have occasion from time to time Also I give . . . Stephen all my Stock of Cattle of all sorts whatsoe . . . my Implements of husbandry Alsoe one Bed one . . . ugg all above menconed given to my son

[Inventory of the estate of William Sanborn of Hampton, who died Nov. 18, 1692; taken by Nathaniel Batchelder and John Moulton Dec. 1, 1692; amount, £409.15.0.]

RICHARD MARTYN 1692/3 PORTSMOUTH

I Richard Martyn of the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire, being in perfect health \* \* \*

My worldly Estate I dispose off as followeth.

2<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my well beloved Wife Mary all the household goods w<sup>th</sup> shee brought to mee and my best feather bead & bolster & the Curtains & vallens with the coverlid belonging to them, which she made Since she was my Wife, and that third part of . . . out which belongeth to her former Husbonds Estate: Also I give her one third part of all my houses & lands now in my possession in the Town of portsm<sup>o</sup> & one third part of my wharfes & all the priviledges belonging to a third part of the whole (Excepting that Sixty Acres of land laying in or by the long reach in this Town) I also give her the Choice of one of my Cows now at home, and all my stock of Swine, & all the provission now in . . . house, (Excepting the wheat & biscet) I also give her my right in the negro called Thomas Hall: and two thirds of what I have received of debts due to her Children by their ffathers will I put into her hands for the use of said Children when the debts due from that Estate & funerall charges are paid; she allowing me two shillings & Six pence in the pound for my trouble in getting said debts; provided alwaies that my s<sup>d</sup> Wife shall be at the third part of the charge for keeping the houses wharfes in repair & fencing the land, & I will that the third part of the above houses & Lands shall bee my s<sup>d</sup> wives during her Natural life, & then shall the whole return to my other Executor to be his & his Heires for ever I also give her that web of cloth wch: is now Spining in the house & Hannah Harriss her time till s<sup>d</sup> web be Spun, & then said Hannah shall be free:

3<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeath to my son Michaell all my houses &

lands & wharfes with all the priviledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging (Excepting the Sixty Acres near the long reach as above: Excepting also the one third part thereof given to my Wife as above which also I give to him after my wifes death, all which houses & lands shall bee to him & his Heires for Ever: provided he come home & settle on my said Estate & bear up my name in my House I also give him all my household goods Excepting what is hereafter Excepted, he paying all my debts & funerall charges; and also If he shall possese my a boves<sup>d</sup> Estate he shall pay his Brother Nathaniel fifty pounds in Money when he Comes to the age of Twenty one years, besides what I shall give him of my household goods: but if my said Son Michael shall settle in England or Else where & not come & settle upon my Estate as abovesaid

4<sup>ly</sup> Then I give to my said Son Nathaniel all my above-mentioned houses & . . . as beforementioned to his brother . . . mentioned to his Brother Nathaniell, & two pair of sheets, and my Changable Taffita Childs mantle or Blanket

5<sup>ly</sup> I give to my daughter Cutt one cow called Cherry & one pair of the best sheets & to her Husband I give my Cutlash & black belt

6<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my Daughter Kennerd one Cow that is now at my farme & one pair of the best sheets. & to her husband I give all my wearing cloaths, & also my Servant Samuell Duggin all the time he hath yet to serve me.

7<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my daughter Jose one cow that is now at my farm: & one paire of my best wearing sheets: & to her husband I give my horse & saddle

8 I Give to Tobias Lear all that house & barn with all the land & Marsh thereto belonging laying near Sagomore Creek, w<sup>ch</sup> is . . . mothers & all the priviledges thereunto belonging for Ever to him & his Heires: I give him also that pair of Oxen w<sup>ch</sup> are now upon the said plantation: w<sup>ch</sup> are in the hands of John Churchwill:

My rings & plate I dispose of as followeth

To my beloved Wife I give the silver Tankard she brought w<sup>th</sup> her & the new Silver pottenger.

To my son Michaell I give my watch, my seal ring the silver tankerd two of the best Silver Spoons & a pair of plate hafted knives

To my son Nathaniel I give my silver Tumbler & two of the best silver spoons & my silver seal : & stone gold ring

To my Daughter Cutt I give her Mothers hoop ring & my greatest wine cup

To my Daughter Kennerd I give one of my mourning rings & the little silver Tumbler :

To my daughter Jose I give the other of my mourning rings & my silver salt : but if Charles Gledon shall redeem said salt paying twenty five shillings in money he shall have it :

I also will that my son Cutts children shall have Each of them a silver spoon of them thare in my house

I will that my son Kenerd by Each of his Children now living with part of the Money he owes me A silver Spoon of ten or Eleaven shillings price, & the rest due to me to be paid to my Executors . . . .

[The remainder of the will, following, is taken from Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 11.—ED.]

I will that my son Jose shall what he owes me buy each of his children now living a Silver spoon & put my name upon them

I will y<sup>t</sup> my Daughter in Law Dorothy Wentworth shall have my Smallest wine cup ; & y<sup>o</sup> Silver dram Cup

I will y<sup>t</sup> my Son Michael shall have my First vollume of Carrill upon Job, & y<sup>t</sup> my son Nath<sup>l</sup> shall have the second vollume, & y<sup>t</sup> his Sister shall have y<sup>o</sup> use of y<sup>m</sup> till my Son Nath<sup>l</sup> shall come of Age & all y<sup>o</sup> rest of my Books Shall be disposed Equally of among my three daughters, excepting my great bible w<sup>ch</sup> I give y<sup>o</sup> use of to my wife as long as she liveth, & y<sup>n</sup> it shall be after her death y<sup>t</sup> Sons of mine w<sup>ch</sup> shall inheritt my Estate.

I will y<sup>t</sup> all my Books y<sup>t</sup> my wife brought w<sup>th</sup> her to my house

be returned to her I will y<sup>t</sup> there be a mourning ring given to Each of bearers, & one to my wife, & one to my Sister Martyn, & one to her Son Edward & one to her Daughter Susannah

I will that my wife shall make use of my Pewter, Brass & Iron, (of w<sup>ch</sup> She hath not of her own) as she shall need untill my Son comes to take Possession of it who shall injoye my Estate: Provided she make good whatever thereof Shall be damnified.

I will that my wife, w<sup>th</sup> my Overseers shall so divide my dwelling house as y<sup>t</sup> may be comfortable for her & for another Family y<sup>t</sup> shall live in the other two thirds thereof

I desire & a'point my trusty & well beloved friends Master Sam<sup>l</sup><sup>l</sup> Keaise M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow, & my son in Law M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Jose to be my overseers to see to the performance of this my will & testament, & do hereby impower y<sup>m</sup> w<sup>th</sup> my wive to improve my s<sup>d</sup> Estate so as may be to y<sup>e</sup> best advantage of y<sup>t</sup> son of myne who shall enjoye my estate & to be acco<sup>table</sup> unto him when by him called thereunto, who shall reward y<sup>m</sup> for their care & paines, & do give them w<sup>th</sup> my wife full power to dispose of my Sixty acres of Land laying y<sup>e</sup> long Reach for y<sup>e</sup> payment of Sixty pounds in goods at price Curr<sup>t</sup> or Forty Pounds in money or goods as money w<sup>ch</sup> I owe to Edw<sup>d</sup> Melcher; I also give them full power w<sup>th</sup> my wife to recover all my debts & to pay out of my money or moveables all my Just Debts; & to see all my Legacies y<sup>t</sup> I have above given be delivered quickly after my decease—

I will y<sup>t</sup> if my Son Nath<sup>l</sup> Injoye my Estate as before mentioned Should dye w<sup>th</sup> out Heirs y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> sd Estate shall revert to his brother mick<sup>l</sup> & if my son Mich<sup>l</sup> dye w<sup>th</sup> o<sup>t</sup> Heirs it shall be his Brother Nathan<sup>l</sup> and if they both shall dye w<sup>th</sup> o<sup>t</sup> Heirs, then I give all my Houses & Land to Richard the Son of my Son in Law John Cutt, to be to him & his Heires forever & my moveables to be divided among my three daughters:

I do hereby appoint & ordain my well beloved wife Mary & my Son Michael or Nath<sup>l</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> of y<sup>m</sup> shall enjoy my Estate before mentioned to be my Executors of this my last will & testament. Requiring my s<sup>d</sup> Son to see that all my Just debts & Funerall

charges be paid if they be not payd before by my overseeres & to y<sup>t</sup> son my Execut<sup>r</sup> I give All my debts & what incomes my Estate shall bring untill he comes to posses it—

In wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my Seal y<sup>e</sup> twentie Seventh day of Jan<sup>r</sup> 1692/3

M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Martyn Signed Sealed                      Rich<sup>d</sup> Martyn (seal)  
& declared the above instrument to  
be his last Will & tēstament in  
p<sup>r</sup>esence of

Edw<sup>d</sup> Melcher

Obediah Mors

W<sup>m</sup> Williams

[Proved April 17, 1694.]

[Inventory, April 10, 1694; amount, £644.9.4; signed by George Snell and George Jaffrey; mentions "500 ackers of Land lying betwixt wells & cape porpus w<sup>ch</sup> wee know not how to vallue In respecte of our not knowing the quality nor rights to it Being Sold by Harlackan: Simmonds to Nathaniel his mother Late the wife of m<sup>r</sup> Richard Martyn."]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 39.]

JOHN FOLSOM

1692/3

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of John Folsom of Exeter, "died Intestate leaving Mary his widdow & Relict whoe alsoe is since deceased intestate," granted to his son Samuel Folsom of Exeter, Jan. 7, 1692/3.

Bond of Samuel Folsom, with John Pickering of Portsmouth, and Richard Rogers of Maine, shipwright, as sureties, in the sum of £50, Jan. 7, 1692/3, for the administration of the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Folsom and Mary Folsom, his wife, Jan. 17, 1692/3; amount, £11.12.0; signed by Moses Leavitt.]



GEORGE FABYAN

1692/3

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God Amen To All Xtian peple to whom these  
 ¶sents shall come greeting. In the Name of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ :

Know ye that I Georg Faben of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of New  
 hamp<sup>r</sup> in N. England weaver, being by y<sup>e</sup> gracious Will of God at  
 this present time in my right sences knowledge & understanding  
 though in Boddy sick weak Have made this my Last will & Tes-  
 tament as followeth, first my Soule to God my boddy to y<sup>e</sup> Earth  
 & all my temporal and worldly Estate whether Lands & tenem<sup>ts</sup>  
 Goods or Chattles right or Rights Interestes all & Singular in  
 what form nature kinde or manner whatsoever is or of right ought  
 to be mine, I will & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Eliza-  
 beth whom I doe make & Apoint to be my Soule Executricks of  
 this my Last Will & to her at her will & pleasure all & Singular  
 my Estate as aboves<sup>d</sup> to have hold & dispose of for Ever, only  
 Excepted twenty shillings in money or Equivolen thereto, I will &  
 bequeath unto y<sup>e</sup> poor of Portsm<sup>o</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> according to y<sup>e</sup> discre-  
 tion of my aboves<sup>d</sup> Executx: & any one or two of y<sup>e</sup> townsmen  
 Selected for the time y<sup>n</sup> being

In Witness whereof I the Affores<sup>d</sup> Geo: Faben have hereunto  
 put my hand & Affixed my Sele the Nineteenth day of February  
 1693

Jno Lewis present to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>  
 Ffaben

George Ffaben [seal]

his X marke

Joseph Allexand<sup>r</sup>

[Proved Dec. 11, 1693.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 10 ]

[Inventory, April 11, 1693; amount, £78.15.8; signed by John  
 Pickering and Joseph Alexander.]

to y<sup>e</sup> honorable y<sup>e</sup> President & Council of y<sup>e</sup> Province of New-  
 hampshire—

the humble petition of Elizabeth fabins wedoe humbly seweth : that whereas shee is Leftt a wedo, & non to Releve hur (but god & your honers) in the Condition shee now is in: doth therefor suplycat your honers faver in this mater—I was Informed that Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho: Packer was impowered to take the probat of wills : but before I did aply my selff to him I went to my nabor Pickerins had descors with him hee told mee he beleved the probat of my husbands will would Cost me twenty shilens Iff not more: so I went to Cap<sup>t</sup> Packer to have my husbands will proved but Could not have it don under three pounds I told him I had not the mony about mee & that I thought it was very hard but it availed nothing for said Leftt. Radford wee must have so much forty shillens Cap<sup>t</sup> Packer must have & twenty shilens I must have which I was forced to pay them Afterwards I told my nabor Pickerin of it & he said he never knew such fees before & that he would inform y<sup>e</sup> govener & Councill of it & he ded beleve I should be Righted in that matter. Lest hee should fail doe therefor humbly present this my petition to your honer praying your honers faverable construction hereof & granting releff therein in such maner as shall in your wisdoms & power seem most Requeset & your petitioner shall ever pray—as in duty bound

the marke of  
Elizabeth X fabins

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>r</sup> 1693—

[Misc. Provincial Papers, mss. vol. 1, p. 73.]

WILLIAM PITMAN

1693

PORTSMOUTH

I William Pitman of the Town of Portsmouth in the Province of Newhampshire being sick & weak in body \* \* \*

my Worldly Estate I dispose of as ffolloweth.

2<sup>y</sup> I give unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth all my now dwelling house & land thereto adjoining laying & being in the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> aforesaid with all the Priviledges & appurtenances there

unto belonging, as also all my household goods of every kind, & all my shop goods & whatsoever Else is or may be due unto me upon any account whatsoever; All which she shall have the Use & Improvement off during her Naturall life for the bringing up of my Children which God hath given us:

3<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeath unto my son Jabesh (after the death of my wife) all my abovesaid house & land with all the priviledges there unto belonging to be to him & his Heirs for Ever. he paying such Legaces to his three Brothers as are hereafter mentioned. but if my son Jabesh should happen to dye without Issue, all the above mentioned house & land shall be to the use of his Brother Samuell & his Heirs for Ever. And if the said Samuel should happen to dye without Issue, then the said house & land shall be to the Use of his Brother my son William & if the said William should happen to dye w<sup>th</sup>out Issue, then the said House & Land shall be to the Use of my son Joseph & his Heirs for Ever:

4<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my son samuel ten pounds in mony which my said son Jabesh shall pay him in one yeare after said Jabesh shall be of the age of Twenty one years, & have the Possesion of the above said House & Land.

5<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my son William ten pounds in money which my son Jabesh shall pay him in two years after said Jabesh shall be of the age of Twenty One years, & have the Possesion of the said House & Land.

6<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my son Joseph ten pounds in money which my son Jabesh shall pay him in three years after said Jabesh shall be of the age of Twenty one years & have the Posesion of the said house & Land.

7<sup>ly</sup> I will that all the rest of my Estate besides the abovesaid House & Land shall be disposed of by my Wife among my Children as she shall think most meet:

8<sup>ly</sup> I doe hereby appoint & Constitute My Wife abovesaid to be my sole Executrix to this my last Will & Testament.

9<sup>ly</sup> I appoint & desire my well beloved friends m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Tucker & m<sup>r</sup> Samuell Keais to be my Overseers to se to the fulfilling of

this my Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> In witness hereof I have hereunto set  
my hand & seal: the 19<sup>th</sup> day of may 1693

m<sup>r</sup> William Pitman signed sealed William Pitman [seal]  
& declared the above Instrum<sup>t</sup> to  
be his last Will & Testament in  
presence of

Richard Martyn

John fletcher

John Tucker

[Proved Jan. —, 1699.]

[Inventory, Feb. 28, 1699/1700; amount, £328.12.0; signed  
by Nathaniel Ayers and James Leavitt.]

[Consent of Thomas Edgerly, Jan. 7, 1707/8, to the appoint-  
ment of Jeremiah Burnham as guardian to William Pitman, his  
apprentice.]

JOSHUA MOODY

1693

PORTSMOUTH

I Joshua Moodey of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the province off New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>  
in New England doe Ordaine this to be my Last will and Testa-  
ment hereby Revoakeing and Disanulling all wills by me ffor-  
merly made \* \* \*

Imp<sup>r</sup> I leave my pretious Soule in his hands that gave it unto  
me I have often and often committed it Looking for the mercey  
off our Lord Jesus Christ unto Etenal life, and my Bodey to a De-  
cent ffeuneral by my Executour here after named willing that if I  
Dey in portsm<sup>o</sup> my Bodey shall be layd in the Burying place there  
under that great Stoane by the Sid of the oake where I buried  
My ffirst wife and the Deceased Children which I had by her  
hereby Strictley Inhibiting those profuse Expences in mourning or  
otherwise: so frequently wasted at Funeralls:—

Item I give to my beloved wife Ann Moody what ever remains  
off Houshold goods that she Brought with her, together with all  
that Estate w<sup>ch</sup> upon Mariage with me She did leave in Ipswich

by my consent and ordered in the hands of the Relations of her former Husband together with what remains Due to me of y<sup>e</sup> Annuity which I should have had but have not Received: Allso I Give her that ffifty pounds in mony that is in the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Thornton of Boston Further I will that my Heire Either pay her ffifty shillings a yeare in mony or let her have the use of my littell house and land that I have in Portsm<sup>o</sup> which he the s<sup>d</sup> Heire shall choose; as allso she shall have the Improvement, of that Hundreds which is in the hands of Caleb Hubbard both these Later legaseys dureing the time of her remaineing my widow and no longer.

I will allso that mine heire shall require nothing for the mainteance of Lydia Jacobs my Dafter in Law [step-daughter] whom I have now kept so many years: always provided that the portion which her mother was to pay her be made good; by her mother out of what was left in Ipswitch and her mothers husbands goods (whiçh is mutch more than will doe without my estates being liabell to contribute towards it ought) which would be most Unreasonabell consideringe, how littell of her mothers Estate I had; and how I have maintained her ever since.

Item I give, to my Deare and only son Sam<sup>l</sup> Moodey all my Lands with that Littell house, I have at Portsm<sup>o</sup>, my orchard also to be to him and his heirs ffor ever, also my books and wrightings (Except unto each of my daughters some books y<sup>e</sup> I have given in a small scheule in Cloased in my will) with some other things which paper I charge mine Heire to show to his sisters and give to each of them what I have there exprest and I Doubt not off his obedience there in)

I give also unto my s<sup>d</sup> son Samuel all my wearing cloathes both Linin and wollen with my bridell and Sadell and gunns and watch w<sup>th</sup> my seale Ring and that Bed which I Usualley ly on with all the furniture belonging to it of whitch the great Rugg and one of the best quilts to be part, as allso what soever is due to me ffrom any person.—

Item Unto my beloved daughter Martha Russell I give the

Downe Bed Boulster and Pillows that were her mothers and twenty pounds in mony for the Improvem<sup>t</sup> of something given her when a child and If any thing remaine Due Either to her husband or son winslow of the hundred pounds a pece I promised them at Maryage it shall be paid as also the Twenty pounds above mentioned to Martha which she shall have at her owne Dissposall out the remaind<sup>r</sup> of what mony I lent to Elieazer Russell deseased and is payabell by y<sup>e</sup> Heirs of my Brother Russell Deceased so far as it will goe y<sup>e</sup> rest by my Executor—

Item Farther I will that all my hous hould of what kind soever (except What is before disposed off) be Equalley divided between My four children If my wife shall returne to Portsm<sup>o</sup> And be desirous or desposed there to live after me she shall have the sole use of my two acres of land with the Littell house and Orchard upon it aney thing to the contrary in the premises not with standing; saveing that if she rent it out my Son shall have the refusall of it he paying the same rent as another will and this to be dureing her widdohood; More over my son shall pay her five pounds yearely in mony for three years next after my Desease and when my wife cease to improve y<sup>t</sup> hundred pounds which she is to use Dureing her widdohood my Daughters shall have twenty pounds a pece of it or theire children if Either of them dey before, If my son Samu<sup>l</sup> dey before marryage what I have given him shall be Equally divided amonge his sisters; if he marrie and die without Issue then the land house orchard Books and bed before mentioned shall goe to his sisters or theire children If any of them dey before him to be Equally divided between them.

Item, Moreover I give to my daughters Martha and Hanna tenn pounds a pece to my daughter Sarah twenty pounds in mony payabell within Eighten months after my decease I make this difference because my daughter Sarah needs more than the others,—

Finally I make my only son Samu<sup>l</sup> Moodey sole Executor of this my last will and Testament willing him to defray my ffunerall charges and pay my debts aud also legases also I Request my

Good friends Cap<sup>t</sup> Pen. Townsend M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thornton of Boston with M<sup>r</sup> Ric<sup>d</sup> Waldron and m<sup>r</sup> Samu<sup>l</sup> Keis of Portsm<sup>o</sup> with my deare and only Brother Caleb Moodey to be my over seeres and to give the best advice and help they may to those I leave behind in any thing to the premises refering; I doe all so lay the solemn off a tender and deying ffather upon all my children that they love one another dearely and that there be noe diffrence between them; about any thing that I shall leave them and in order to the preventing any diffrence, I advise them to meete as Soone as they may after my decease and discourse and share matters between them while the remembrance off a dead Father is ffresh and warme upon theire Souls; and if they cannot agree between themselves thro any misunderstanding of any clause in my will (which God forbid) I will that the major parte off the overseers determine the Controversie and they shall sitt Downe by it—

For the Confirmation off the premises on this and the other side I sett to my hand and seale this Eighteenth off September 1693.

The testatour above mentioned  
 did signe seale and deliver this  
 Instrument to be his last will and  
 Testament the day and yeare  
 above wrighten in presents off us  
 (one interlineing on each side  
 being before sealing

John ffletcher  
 Samu<sup>l</sup> Keais  
 George Jaffray

[Proved July 12, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 31.]

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WILLIAM BUTTON 1693

[List of William Button's papers.

Inventory of the estate of William Button, Portsmouth, Oct. 26, 1693; amount, £1490.10.2; signed by Richard Martyn, Clement Lempriere, and Thomas Button.

Account of his clothes and books ; amount, £14.0.0 ; signed by William Partridge and John Chevalier, Nov. 17, 1693 ; attested by William Partridge and John Chevalier Nov. 22, 1693.]

WILLIAM HAM'

1693

PORTSMOUTH

I William Ham of the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of New Hampsh<sup>t</sup> being very ill & weak in Bodie but of perfect and Sound Memory & understanding but not Knowing w<sup>t</sup> the Lord will do with me or how soon he may take me out of this world thought meet to sett my house in Order, as a Christian man ought to doe. I Therefore make Apoint this to be my last will & Testament in manner & forme followeing, viz I comitt my precious Soul into y<sup>e</sup> hands of God in X<sup>t</sup> Jesus and my bodie to a decent burieing place in hopes of a Glorious Resurrection at the last day : my worldly Estate I dispose of as followeth

1<sup>st</sup> I will & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Sarah my Houseing & Lands in the town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> and all the rest of my Estate both personall & real during her naturall life, upon Condic'on she Shall take all due care for the bringing up my Children according to the best of her ability :

2<sup>dly</sup> My Will is y<sup>t</sup> after y<sup>e</sup> deceas of my S<sup>d</sup> wife, my Eldest Sonn Sam<sup>n</sup> Shall have present Possession of my Houseing & Lands : w<sup>ch</sup> s<sup>d</sup> House & Lands Shall be to him and his Heirs & assigns for Ever, upon Condic'on he shall pay unto my Other five Children, Vz<sup>t</sup> my Daughter Sarah, my Daughter Elizabeth my Daughter Mary my daughter Hannah & my Daughter Abigail Eight Pounds a peece in Curr<sup>nt</sup> money of New Engl<sup>d</sup> att the Age of Eighteen Years, and my House & land shall stand ingaged for paym<sup>t</sup> of the same ; but if Pleas God my Sonn Sam<sup>n</sup> should Die w<sup>th</sup> o<sup>t</sup> Isshue or before he comes of Age then the whole Estate to be Equally devided amongst the rest of my Children Surviveing and if it should pleas God that any of my five Daughters above named should die before they come of age, then her Porc'on shall be divided among the other Surviveing



3<sup>dly</sup> I will that if my wife should die before my Children be of Age y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Revenues of my whole Estate shall be Lay'd out for the bringing up of my children :

4<sup>thly</sup> I doe hereby apoint my well beloved wife to be my hole & Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testam<sup>t</sup>, and doe Request & Require my well beloved Friends Sam<sup>l</sup> Keise & John Cotton to be my Overseers to see to the true performance of this my Will & to asist my Wife in the managem<sup>t</sup> of the aboves<sup>d</sup> Premises : In Wittness of the above menc'oned : Particulars I doe hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1693 :

W<sup>m</sup> Ham declared the above  
Instrum<sup>t</sup> to be his last Will &  
Testament before us underwrit-  
ten

The mark of  
W<sup>m</sup> X Ham [seal]

Sam<sup>l</sup> Keise  
John Dennett  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Cater

[Proved Sept. 7, 1695.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 18.]

[Inventory, March 17, 1694/5; amount, £135.2.0; signed by John Dennett and John Downing.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 3.]

JOHN PAINE

1693/4

BOSTON MASS.

[Appraisal of land of John Paine in Exeter, "lying and being neer unto m<sup>r</sup> hilltons ould saw mille," Feb. 14, 1693/4; signed by Jonathan Thing, Kinsley Hall, and Robert Smart, Jr. This is land sold by Edward Hilton to William Paine.]

[Appraisal of land in Dover, "bing & Leying at Toaline Granted by y<sup>e</sup> Town of Dover to Capt. Thomas Wigings & by y<sup>e</sup> said Wigings sould unto m<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Paine of Boston Marchant," Feb. 21, 1693/4; signed by John Church, John Ham, and Robert Evans.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Paine "som time of Boston"; amount, £110.0.0; signed by Thomas Wiggin; attested by Thomas Wiggin March 19, 1693/4.]

JOHN KNOWLES

1693/4

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen

I John knowls of Hampton in the province of New Hampshere in New England Senior being weak of Body by Reason of my age \* \* \*

Imprimis I give unto my two sons John knowls & simon knowls all my house lott without my orchard Excepting the land within the fort to be Equally devided betwen them Simon to devide and John to chouse which he will have: I give the land within y<sup>e</sup> fort to John wher his house stand & two thirds of my orchard And to John my ffresh meadow towards the beach and All my mash by Browns Rivers mouth but two acres and my grant of land att y<sup>e</sup> north devition and one sheare of the Cow Com'ons and half a sheare of the oxe com'on and half my barne & leantoes and half the yard before y<sup>e</sup> barne

I give unto Simon knowls two acres of my mash att browns Rivers mouth below the great Creek & my mash att the litell River and my Dwelling house and yard before & wher the well is and half my Barne & yard before it and half a sheare of the great oxe com'on and one sheare of the Cow Com'ons and my grant of land att the new plantation and my will is that thay two my son John knowls & simon knowls to take speaciall care to maintaine there mother my now wife Comfortably and Honorably dureing hir naturall life or to hir day of marriag and if them or Either of them ffaile my will is that she shall have the use of my House and land so much as will maintaine hir comfortably and honorably: and all my Catell and houshould goods I give to my wife for hir to dispose of among my children according to her descretion

I give to my Daughter Sarah ffive pounds to be payd to her by my son John within one yeare after my deceas in march<sup>ble</sup> pay as it pass ffrom man to man

I give to my Daughter Hannah five pounds in march<sup>bl</sup> pay as it pass from man to man to be payd by my son Simon within two yeare after my deceas

And I doe make Constitute and Apoint my son John knowls to be my sole Exequetore to this my last will and Teastiment in Confirmation here of I the above sayd John knowls Senior have hereunto put my hand and affixt my sealle this Sixetenth day of march in the yeare of our Lord sixetee Hundred and ninetie three ninetie fflower and in the Sixt yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady William the third and May y<sup>o</sup> second by the grace of God king & Queen of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland defenders of the ffaith

two words in the 28 line dasht out before y<sup>o</sup> signeing and sealling therof

signed sealled & confermed  
in prence of us :

John X knowls senior  
his mark & Sealle [seal]

Samuel Dow

Simon Dow

Jabez Dow

Henry Dow

[Proved Dec. 31, 1705.]

#### TEMPERANCE BICKFORD 1694 (?)

[List of expenses on account of the estate of Temperance Bickford; amount, £7.17.3; mentions "brother Smithe brother burname and brother Bickforde."]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 1.]

JOHN CLARK

1694

PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of John Clark, May 18, 1694; amount, £180.10.3; signed by Nathaniel Ayers and James Leavitt; attested by Mary Clark, widow and administratrix, April 13, 1695.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 99.]

[Administration on the estate of John Clark of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Mary Clark, April 13, 1695, she declining to act as executor as named in the will.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 79.]

[Bond of Mary Clark, with Edward Ayers and George Jaffrey as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £360, April 13, 1695, for the administration of the estate; witness, William Redford.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 79.]

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JOHN JOCE

1694

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Capt. John Joice of Portsmouth, gentleman, granted to his widow, Esther Joice, May 21, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 69.]

[Guardianship of Ann Joice, aged fifteen, daughter of John Joice of Portsmouth, granted to Capt. Richard Gerrish of Portsmouth July 1, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 92.]

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RICHARD TUCKER

1694

NEWCASTLE

In the name of God amen; The fiftenth Day of June 1694 I Richard Tucker being Bound on a Voyage to sea beeing in good health of Bodey; and good and perfect Memmorey (God bee praised) Doe Mak and ordaine this my Last Will and testament in Manour and fforme as followeth— Imprimus I Give Unto my onley Daughter Sarah Tucker My Dwelling house neare the Meeting house at Straburey Banck in the province of Newhampshire with all the Land and privelidges there Unto belonging to her and to her heirs ffor Ever

Item I Give Unto my Said Daughter Sarah Tucker My Dwelling house in Spruce Creek w<sup>th</sup> Twelve akers of Land there Unto belonging with all the privelidges there unto bee Longing to her and her heirs for Ever,—

Item I Give Unto my Said Dafter Sarah Tucker my Dweling house on the Great Island in the Towne of New Castell in the province of Newhampshire with all the Land and privelidges there unto bee Longing to her and her heirs ffor Ever, provided my Brother William Broad Doeth not Retourne againe to new-england; If he doeth then it is his house and Land

Item I Give unto my Said Daughter Sarah Tucker; all my Goods Chatells and Estate Reall and personall; all my Just Debts beeing paid And If it should So happen that my Said Dafter Sarah Tucker Should (Dey or Decease) without Issue, or heire; then I Give all my houses Lands Goods and Chatells, Unto Richard Tucker the Sone of Lewis Tucker; and Richard Tucker the Sone of William Tucker To be Equalley Devided beeteene them and their heirs for Ever and if Either of them Shall hapen to Dey then he that Survives to have all the above mentioned Estate, and I Leave my Said Dafter Sarah Tucker my soale Executrex and my Loveing ffreinds John Clark and Francis Tucker over sears of this my Last Will and testament Gardians to my Said Dafter Sarah Tucker, and In Confirmation of this my Last Will I have hereunto Sett my hand and seale this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1694

Signed sealed and Delivered            Richeard toucker [seal]  
in presents of Us

John X Lewis his Mark

Luce X Stileman her Marke

Francis Tucker

[Proved April 2 and May 13, 1707.]

[Warrant, April 1, 1707, authorizing George Walton and John Holden, both of Newcastle, to appraise the estate of Richard Tucker of Newcastle, fisherman.]

[Inventory, April 2, 1707; amount, £52.3.9; signed by John Holden and George Walton.]

[Warrant, June 1, 1707, authorizing Capt. John Pickering and Charles Story, both of Portsmouth, to receive claims against the estate.]

[List of disbursements from the estate; amount, £7.16.6; allowed June 2, 1707.]

[Various accounts, etc., containing signatures of Job Alcock and George Jaffrey.]

STEPHEN JENKINS

1694

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Stephen Jenkins of Oyster River, who was killed by the Indians, and left several small children, granted to his brother, Jabez Jenkins of Kittery, Me., July 26, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 15.]

[Inventory of the estate of Stephen Jenkins, July 18, 1694; real estate not valued; signed by John Roberts and Thomas Roberts; an additional inventory was made by Nathaniel Field and Silvanus Nock Dec. 18, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 61.]

[Rough draft of a division of the estate, Oct. 22, 1695, which mentions the widow, Ann Jenkins, and brother, Jabez Jenkins; contains signatures of James Emery, Joseph Smith, and Ann Jenkins.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 63.]

[Various receipts, containing signatures of Benjamin Parker (who mentions his father Thomas Parker), Francis Tucker, and Stephen Willey.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 63.]

THOMAS DREW

1694

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Drew of Oyster River, who was killed by Indians and left no will, granted to his widow, Mary Drew, July 30, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 57.]







being and also for the support and Education of my Son Thomas Paine and my fower Daughters Namely Jane Elizabeth Catherine and Ann Paine—

Item I give and Bequeath unto my said Son Thomas Paine when he comes to Age all my Land and Estate Scituate and being at Cachecha Barwick Sammon ffalls. To be possed by him.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my abovesaid daugh<sup>r</sup> Jane Paine, Twenty pounds in Money when She is Come to Age to be paid out of my Estate by my Sayd Son Thomas Paine—

Item My will is That m<sup>r</sup> Robert Elliot and m<sup>r</sup> Richard Waldren Be my Overseer to See that this My last will be executed and performed hereby Revaking and disanulling all fformer wills Dated this twenty seaventh Day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred Ninety and fower. witness my hand and Seal

Signed Sealed and Delivered Thomas Pain [seal]  
 in presence of  
 Robt Elliot  
 Nicho Heskins  
 [Proved Aug. 22, 1700.]

[Inventory, Jan. 17, 1700/1; amount, £311.14.7; signed by Francis Tucker and John Holden.]

JOHN KNIGHT

1694

DOVER

John Bunker, Sarah Bunker, & Mary Hanson being at the house of John Knight of Dover upon the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1694 to vissitt him in his sickness—

he being weak of Bodie but of perfect memory and a Sound disposing mind Calling his wife to him did Publish & declare his Last will & Testament in ord<sup>r</sup> to the settlement of his outw<sup>d</sup> Estate In manner & forme: Vz: Im': he did give and bequeath to Zack: Pittman £5: to be payd this fall out of his Estate: 2<sup>ly</sup> he did give & bequeath ten' pounds apiece to his two prentices Vz

W<sup>m</sup> & Henry Hill five pounds apiece of it in money if thay faithfully serve their time out w<sup>th</sup> their dame. 3<sup>dly</sup> he did give & bequeath to his Cozen Leah Nute five Pound: 4<sup>thly</sup> he did give and bequeath five pounds to the Meeting house in money to be disposed of by the Friends for the use and Benefitt of those that belong to them: 5<sup>thly</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Remainder of his Estate personall and Reall after his Debts payd And his funerall Charge Defrayd, he did give and bequeath to Leah his beloved wife and Sister Jone if his wife were willing & her Sister willing to Improve w<sup>th</sup> her to be joyntly managed by them together, and if any of his name should after appear that his Sister Should own to be akin to him, he should have the Lands after their decease, the Mooveables to be theirs, and at their dispose for Ever: Lastly he did Constitute & appoint his beloved Wife Leah his Sole Executrix, in trust to see this his Will performed—

Testes

Sarah Bunker

Mary Hanson

John Bunker:

[Proved Dec. 3, 1694, and administration granted to his widow, Leah Knight, and his sister, Joan Knight.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 15.]

[Inventory, Dec. 19, 1694; amount, £486.5.0; taken by John Tuttle, Thomas Roberts, and Zacharias Field.]

[Citation to the widow, Leah Knight, March 13, 1700/1, to appear and answer a complaint of Joan Knight, sister of John Knight, that the estate is not divided according to the will.]

[Agreement between Leah Knight and Joan Knight, April 21, 1702, appointing Charles Story and John Pickering referees to settle the estate; witnesses, John Bampton, Samuel Tibbetts, and William Dam.]

Province of } Whear as : their is deverances between Leah  
 Newhampshir } Knight Relect wedoe of John knight desced—  
 & Joan knight All of Dover, relating to y<sup>e</sup> devition of S<sup>d</sup> John  
 knights Aforesd Estate, for y<sup>e</sup> finall Eshewing thereof, the S<sup>d</sup> Leah  
 knight and Joan knight did make choice of us Charls Story &  
 John Pickerin both of portsm<sup>o</sup>, & bound themselves : each to y<sup>e</sup>  
 other in y<sup>e</sup> full sum of one hundred pounds currant mony : too  
 stand too Abid by & perform our Awards, as will at Larg Appere  
 by bond under their hands & seals bareing dat y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> day of Aprill  
 1702 now for y<sup>e</sup> finall ending thereof—

be it known unto all persons whom it doth or may consern, that  
 wee Charls Story & John Pickerin afore mensioned haveing heard  
 what boath partys Could Alledge Against each other & well wayed  
 All testimonys : & wrightens to us presented in s<sup>d</sup> Cas have &  
 doe Award & determin as folloeth—

first that y<sup>e</sup> twenty acers of Land purchased of major waldron  
 by s<sup>d</sup> knight desceded, AJoying to the dweling house, halff an Acer  
 only Excepted to Ly as comons : for boath partys Improveing y<sup>e</sup>  
 houseing as herein Affter Exsprest All y<sup>e</sup> Rest of s<sup>d</sup> twenty acers  
 to be & remain too y<sup>e</sup> only sole use benefit & behoff of her y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>  
 Leah knight her heirs Executors adminestrators & Assigns for  
 ever this being y<sup>e</sup> first devition, & that part of y<sup>e</sup> orchard within  
 y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Lands : too belong to her & her heirs : &c: for ever—

2<sup>d</sup>ly. the Land from y<sup>e</sup> afore s<sup>d</sup> bounds, to say from A small  
 whitoke tree by y<sup>e</sup> path on y<sup>e</sup> north sid y<sup>e</sup> great barn thence A  
 Long the path westerly. to y<sup>e</sup> westward corner of y<sup>e</sup> fence as it  
 now standeth, & thence on A sow sow west poynt through the Land  
 to y<sup>e</sup> south Corner of y<sup>e</sup> first devition aboves<sup>d</sup>, thence on A straight  
 Line through y<sup>e</sup> orchard, too y<sup>e</sup> first bound tree being A small whit  
 oake as Allso All that feild planting or pastur Land Lying without  
 y<sup>e</sup> bound afore s<sup>d</sup> : at y<sup>e</sup> sowwest Corner, thes too parsels of Land  
 to be & remain (together with that part of y<sup>e</sup> orchard within s<sup>d</sup>  
 boundry :) to y<sup>e</sup> only sole use benifit & behoff of Joan knight her  
 heirs Executors adminestrators & Assigns for ever—

3<sup>d</sup>ly the ten acers of Land on y<sup>e</sup> north side of y<sup>e</sup> way not being

all clear ground, too be Improved Equally between boath partys : untell All s<sup>d</sup> ten Acers be cleared and fenced then too be Equally devided between them or their order, northerly & southerly : to say y<sup>e</sup> east end to belong too Leah knight, & y<sup>e</sup> west end unto s<sup>d</sup> Joan knight & their heirs for ever

4<sup>ly</sup> as to all y<sup>e</sup> other Lands unfenced to be Equally devided the one to have the one halff : & y<sup>e</sup> other the other halff to them & their heirs for ever—

5<sup>ly</sup> the great house to say y<sup>e</sup> Lower Room chamber & garrit with y<sup>e</sup> chimney & half y<sup>e</sup> seller together with y<sup>e</sup> East end of y<sup>e</sup> great barn to be & belong unto Leah knight her heirs &c: for ever together with halff y<sup>e</sup> halff acer of Land which is to Ly in comons as afore mensioned & y<sup>e</sup> other halff of y<sup>e</sup> great barn to Joan knight Her heires &c for ever

6ly: the end Lentoo chimney & sid Lentoo of Said Great House Above & beloo as allso y<sup>e</sup> Letle barn together with y<sup>e</sup> old house (betwen them) allso halff y<sup>e</sup> halff acer of Land Aloted to s<sup>d</sup> houseing to be & remain unto y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> sol use benifit & behuff of her the s<sup>d</sup> Joan knight her heirs Executors : &c: for ever with halff s<sup>d</sup> seler it is our meaning y<sup>e</sup> old house to be for Leah knight holly : & y<sup>e</sup> Little barn Joan knights

7ly all y<sup>e</sup> Cattle & hors kind being all Redy devided to boath their sattesfacktions together with y<sup>e</sup> housall stuff & all other things : saveing the mony : which is twenty eight pounds, & is to be forth with devided at halffs :

8ly : wee doe further Award & Agree that as to all the Rest of y<sup>e</sup> personall Estat mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> Inventory relating to John knight deseced afor S<sup>d</sup>, be refered to y<sup>e</sup> Judicious oppenyon of the honorable : will: partridge Esq<sup>r</sup> Leff<sup>t</sup> govener of the province of Newhampshir, or his Successor as Judge of probate to settle & devid the same according to his prudent wisdom, given under oure hands & seals the first of June 1702—

John Pickerin—[seal]

Cha: Story [seal]

3<sup>rd</sup> October 1704

Leah Carr wife of Benedictus Carr formerly the widdow and Relict of John Knight Within mentioned and ; Joan Knight Sister to said John Knight personally appeared before me the Subscriber hereof; and prayed that this Award & Agreem<sup>t</sup> before Specified might be Confirmed allowed and Approved off by me Joseph Smith Judge of probate of wills &c: and Accordingly I the said Joseph Smith doe Confirme Allow and Approve of the same/ And doe Order and decree that the personal Estate mentioned in the Inventory not yett Divided; be forthwith Divided between the said Leah and Joan; and ffurther that Said Benedictus Carr who married the said Leah Knight is hereby Ordered to pay Unto the said Joan Knight tenn pounds in Currant pay of the Countrey in Bills or species in a Months time in full Satisfaction of Joan Knights share & proportion of all Debts due to the said John Knight in his life time/ And farther by the Consent of all Parties aforementioned I doe Order that the Said Benedictus Carr; build a Seller for the Said Joan Knight as good as her share of the seller mentioned in the Award, and build the same Under one of the Leanetoos aforesaid which when done shall be to the sole use of said Joan Knight her heires & Assignes for ever and the said Joan Knight to acquit & Release her Right & halfe the seller given her by Said Award.

Cha. Story Reg<sup>r</sup> & secretary

FRANCIS DREW

1694

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Francis Drew of Oyster River, who was killed by the Indians, and left no will, granted to his brother, John Drew, Nov. 16, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 65.]

[Inventory, Nov. 19, 1694; amount, £55.5.6; signed by John Tuttle and Thomas Roberts; attested by John Drew of Dover, brother, March 6, 1694/5.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 93.]

[Additional inventory, March 4, 1695/6; amount, £4.15.0; signed by John Tuttle and Nicholas Otis.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 93.]

[Administration on the estate granted to Thomas Drew, oldest son, Nov. 16, 1696, he having returned from captivity among the Indians.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 105.]

[Bond of Thomas Drew, with Thomas Edgerly and John Daniell as sureties, all of Oyster River, in the sum of £100, Nov. 16, 1696, for the administration of the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 101.]

[Account of John Drew against the estate for expenses of administration; amount, £8.7.8; signed by John Drew; allowed Nov. 23, 1696; mentions Mary Drew, daughter of Francis Drew.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 103.]

[Various receipts, etc., containing signatures of Joseph Smith, John Smith, Thomas Drew, Thomas Edgerly, and John Tuttle.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 91, 93.]

SAMUEL ROLLINS

1694

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Rollins of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Rebecca Rollins, Nov. 23, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 14.]

[Bond of Rebecca Rollins, with John Pickering and William Cotton as sureties, all of Portsmouth, Nov. 23, 1694, in the sum £150, for the administration of the estate; witness, William Redford.]

[Inventory of the estate of Samuel Rollins, who died Oct. 29, 1694; taken Jan. 21, 1694/5; amount, £71.15.0; signed by John Pickering and William Cotton.]

[Division of the insolvent estate, at £0.7.6 in the pound ; allowed Dec. 3, 1706.]

[Various accounts, claims, bills, receipts, etc., containing signatures of William Vaughan, Samuel Rollins of Dover, Benjamin Rollins, Elizabeth Tibbetts, William Cotton of Portsmouth, Obadiah Morse, Matthew Knowlton, Samuel Rymes, Joseph Alcock, Mary Martyn, executor to the will of Samuel Wentworth, Elizabeth Kirk, John Wentworth, Richard Martyn, William Partridge, John Barsham, Thomas Pickering, Richard Joce, Samuel Penhallow, Joseph Alexander, Thomas Phipps, and Joseph Smith.

Mention is found of George Snell who married the Widow Hull ; Rebecca Rollins, mother of Joseph Rollins ; Obadiah Morse, brother of Rebecca Rollins ; Hannah Hull of Portsmouth, widow, March 3, 1689/90.]

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WILLIAM BROOKING 1694

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of William Brooking of Sagamore creek, Portsmouth, granted to his widow, Mary Brooking, Nov. 26, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 13.]

[Bond of Mary Brooking, with John Savage and John Lang as sureties, all of Portsmouth, Nov. 26, 1694, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate ; witness, William Redford.]

[Inventory, Nov. 28, 1694 ; amount, £186.16.6 ; signed by John Savage and John Lang.]

Province New-Hampshire

Mary Lewsy

The Bounds of Your Divityonall Parte of your ffathers Land wher your house stands Is as ffolloeth viz<sup>t</sup> begins at the North end Levinge out Eight Rods for the Three Acres of Land Sould

by your ffather to John Presson wch is to Run Este the Hoole Length of your ffathers Land. You begin in the South Line 8 Rods from the Burch Stumpe and Run about ten Rods Este (as Said Pressones Land Runneth) to a Stake, and from Said Stake South to your feld, thence Round the Esterly Side of Said feld to the South Este parte of your fence, and from that parte of the ffence to the Apple (or other frute) tree Standinge in the Little garden on the Hill, and from that tree Downe to ye Marsh to a stake there Drove. Your Parte of Marsh Joyninge to your Land, and is Staked oute this Beinge your Bounds on the Este Side of your Land and Marsh, So that all the Land Westward of this Line, and formerly Belonginge to your ffather Brooken, Now belonge to you for your Share, as wee have Bounded it oute, Dated this eighteenth Daye of ffebruary 1702/3. You are Allso to paye, Twenty foure Shillinges ꝥ yere and Every yere Unto William Walker and Mary his Wife Duringe her Naturall Life, and the foure Shills: to be paid in Monny Every yere, the Twenty Shillings in good paye Every Yere Duringe her Naturall Life—

George Snell [& sele]

George Walker [& sele]

John Pickering [& sele]

Your proortyon for the Labor in this Divityon is Six Shillinges

[Deeds, vol. 7, p. 213.]

WILLIAM RICHARDS 1694

PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of William Richards of Portsmouth, who died Nov. 4, 1694; taken Nov. 28, 1694; amount, £119.9.0; signed by Christian Remick, Peter Dixon, and Isaac Remick.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 49.]

[Administration on the estate of William Richards granted to his widow, Mary Richards, Dec. 10, 1694.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 14.]



CHARLES ADAMS                      1694/5                      DURHAM

[Bond of Charles Adams, with Nicholas Harris and Thomas Bickford as sureties, in the sum of £150, Jan. 9, 1694/5, for the administration of the estate of Charles Adams; witness, William Redford.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 67.]

[Inventory, signed by Nicholas Harrison and Thomas Bickford; amount, £98.8.6; attested by Charles Adams, son of the deceased, April 1, 1695.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 87.]

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CALEB BECK                              1694/5                              PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Caleb Beck, March 5, 1694/5; amount, £77.15.9; signed by Job Alcock and John Tuck; attested by the widow, Hannah Beck, March 11, 1694/5.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 47.]

[Bond of Hannah Beck, with Samuel Keais and Splan Lovell as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £100, Feb. 21, 1694/5, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Caleb Beck; witness, William Redford.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 55.]

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JOHN RAND  
REMEMBRANCE RAND    1694/5

[Bond of John Rand, with Thomas Edgerly and Edward Leathers as sureties, March 5, 1694/5, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate of John Rand and Remembrance Rand; witness, William Redford.]

GEORGE JONES

1694/5

EXETER

In the name of God Amen I Georg Jones of Exiter in the Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England planter; being of a Sound & perfect mind & memorie, but very weak of Bodie, \* \* \*

It After all my due debts payd, I do give unto my Wife Marie Jones all my Estate of what Nature soever, Lands Houses and Household Stuffs; & Chattles during her natural life and after her decease I doe give what she has not spent, unto my Daughter Sarah Speed and to her Children after her; and I do by these presents nominate and apoint my well beloved wife Mary Jones to be my Lawful Executrix to this my last Will & Testament, and I the s<sup>d</sup> George Jones have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord God 1694

Signed Sealed &amp; Delivered

George Jones [seal]

in presence of us

Edward Cloutman

Trustram Coffin

[Proved Sept. 23 and Oct. 22, 1695.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 19.]

[Inventory of the estate of George Jones, who died Sept. 27, 1695; taken by Lieut. — Leavitt, Moses Leavitt, and James Kidd; amount, £68.8.6.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 71.]

Eliz<sup>a</sup> Jones Daughter of mary Allen desiring her father Jacob Allen may be her Guardian &<sup>o</sup> allow'd

[Probate Minutes, Sept. 1, 1724.]

NATHANIEL BOULTER 1695

HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Boulter of Hampton, yeoman, who died March 14, 1694/5; taken April 16, 1695; amount, £235.2.6; signed by Richard Sanborn and John Garland.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 59.]

JONATHAN THING 1695

EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Capt. Jonathan Thing, May 3, 1695; amount, £549.7.7; signed by Peter Coffin and Moses Leavitt; attested by Nicholas Gilman, brother-in-law to Jonathan Thing, Feb. 21, 1695/6, and by Peter Coffin and Moses Leavitt Sept. 23, 1700.]

[Administration on the estate of Capt. Jonathan Thing of Exeter granted to Nicholas Gilman of Exeter Feb. 22, 1695/6, the widow, Martha Thing, renouncing administration, and the oldest son, Jonathan Thing, being a minor. Martha Thing was step-mother of the son, Jonathan Thing.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 22.]

[List of debts due from the estate, March 29, 1700; amount, £98.3.8; debts due to the estate, £35.18.10.]

[Petition of Jonathan Thing, administrator of the estate of his father, Jonathan Thing, that the court make a division of the estate among the rest of the children; mentions Matthew Whipple of Ipswich, Mass., "who hath my youngest Brother in his care."]

Province of } The Division or Distribution of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jona-  
New Hampshire } than Thing Late of Exeter dec<sup>d</sup> his Estate  
Now Under the Administrac<sup>o</sup>n of Jonathan Thing of Exeter yeo-  
man the eldest son of said Jonathan Thing dec<sup>d</sup> Settled this 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sep<sup>r</sup> 1700/

Whereas the said Jonathan Thing Adm<sup>t</sup> &c. hath Exhibited an Inventory into the office of the Registry of probate of wills, and Granting of Administrac<sup>o</sup>ns Amounting to the sum<sup>e</sup> of four hundred and ffifty one pounds three shillings and Eleaven pence, as Valued and Apprized Upon Oath by Peter Coffin and Moses Levett of Exeter Esq<sup>r</sup>

I William Partridge Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of the province aforesaid doe make this Division, Distribuc<sup>o</sup>n or Settlement of Said Estate in Manner and forme foll<sup>l</sup> being as the Law in such Cases directs./

Imprim<sup>o</sup> to Martha the late widdow of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Thing dec<sup>d</sup> dureing her life; one third part of two hundred Sixty five pounds tenn shillings; which third part Amounts to . . . . . } <sup>n . . . d</sup> 88 : 10 : 00

2<sup>dy</sup> To Martha the late widdow of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Thing dec<sup>d</sup> as aforesaid one Third of one hundred Eighty ffve pounds, ffourteen shillings being the  $\frac{2}{3}$ sonall Estate which amounts to . . . . . } 61 : 18 : 00

The Remainder of the Estate, being three hundred pounds Sixteen shillings; I divide into Eight parts as foll<sup>m</sup> among y<sup>e</sup> Children of the said dec<sup>d</sup>

Imprim<sup>o</sup> to Jonathan Thing the Eldest sonn & Adm<sup>r</sup> &c. of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Thing his father dec<sup>d</sup> . . . . . 75 : 04 : 00  
to John Thing Brother of the said Jonathan Thing

Adm<sup>r</sup> &c: . . . . . 37 : 12 : 00

to Bartholemew Thing ditto . . . . . 37 : 12 : 00

to Joseph Thing ditto . . . . . 37 : 12 : 00

to Benjamin Thing ditto . . . . . 37 : 12 : 00

to Dan<sup>l</sup> Thing ditto . . . . . 37 : 12 : 00

to Eliz<sup>a</sup> Thing Sister &c . . . . . 37 : 12 : 00

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451 : 04 : 00

And Lastly I doe hereby Settle divide or distribute y<sup>t</sup> the Said Eighty Eight pounds tenn shillings given to the widdow of the dec<sup>d</sup> dureing her life. ( after she dyes be equally divided into Eight parts being 11<sup>l</sup>: 1<sup>s</sup>: 3<sup>d</sup>: an Eight part & distributed amongst the Said Children; or to soe many shares or Parts, as there shall be Children above Named Liveing or their heires after the decease of the said widdow—

W<sup>m</sup> Partridge L<sup>t</sup> Govr<sup>or</sup>

Cha. Story Secretary

[Guardianship of Daniel Thing, aged seven years, son of Capt. Jonathan Thing of Exeter, granted to Matthew Whipple of Ipswich, Mass., Oct. 23, 1700.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Records, vol. 307, p. 42.]

[Bond of Matthew Whipple, with John Dean of Ipswich, Mass., as surety, in the sum of £1000, Oct. 23, 1700; witnesses, Joseph Neal and John Higginson, 3d.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

PHILIP TUCKER

1695

PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Philip Tucker, June 18, 1695; amount, £60.0.0; signed by Matthew Nelson and Richard Joce.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 83.]

[Administration on the estate of Philip Tucker of Portsmouth, fisherman, granted to Edward Cate of Portsmouth, house-carpenter, and his wife, Elizabeth Cate, daughter of the deceased, Sept. 6, 1699.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 196.]

[Account of Edward Cate, administrator, against the estate; not dated; amount, £59.3.8; amount of estate, £60.0.0; mentions his wife and a widow of the deceased.]

[Account, by Edward Cate, administrator, of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, £60.0 0; expenditures, £63.12.6; allowed Aug. 9, 1701; mentions a widow in Boston, Mass.]

[Various bills and notes containing signatures of Edward Randall, tailor, Daniel Wescott, Philip Tucker of Portsmouth, fisherman, Richard Chamberlain, Shadrack Walton, and Elizabeth Clark.]

EDWARD MELCHER

1695

PORTSMOUTH

The Last will and Testament of Edward Melcher of Portsm<sup>o</sup> this 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1695// I Edward Melcher of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Provence of N Hampsh<sup>r</sup> being of Perfect memorie but weak of body \* \* \*

I will that my land be Equally Devided between my three Chil-

dren Nath<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>n</sup> & Mary, and if either of my Sons die before they come to Posses their Share that his portion shall be Equally Divided between the Survivours: my son Nathaniel shall have my Dwelling House w<sup>th</sup> his Share of Land where the house Stands: the next to it where my Barne and Shop stands to be my Son Samuells and the other to my Daughter Mary where her house now Stands: Only I will that my Sister in Law Sara Acreman & Walter Windsor shall have the Liberty to dwell where they now dwell during there Naturall Lives:

I Will farther that my wife shall Live with my Daughter Mary and that She shall have all my mooveables in order there unto that she may be maintained comfortably by her while she lives att least so farr as her own Estate will not doe it:

Finally I make my beloved Son in Law Samuell Jackson my Sole Execut<sup>r</sup> of this my last Will and Testament; In Testimony to all the Premises I sett to my hand and Seale this 5<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1695

Signed Sealed & published as  
his Last Will and Testament  
by Edward Melcher in presence  
of us the day and Year above  
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marke of  
Edw<sup>d</sup> X Melcher [seal]

Obediah Mors

Nicholas Bennitt

Jacob Lavers

[Proved Aug. 24, 1695.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 17.]

JOHN FLETCHER

1695

PORTSMOUTH

The last Will & Testament of John Fletcher of Portsmouth in the Prov. Of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>. in New England Chirurgeon—In the Name of God Amen I John Fletcher being very Crazy in body But of perfect Memory do ordain This to be my last Will & Testament hereby Revoking & Disannulling all form<sup>r</sup> Wills by me

heretofore made— Imprim<sup>s</sup> I Commit my Soul unto the hands of the Father of Spirits Hoping in the Mercy of my Lord Jesus Christ unto Everlasting Life— My Worldly Estate I Dispose of as followeth

I give unto my only & well beloved Son Nicholas Fletcher my house & Land with Gardens & Orchard & outhouses here in Portsmouth with all the Privileges & Appurten<sup>o</sup> there There unto belonging Together with my part of my Mothers House & Land in Plymo<sup>t</sup>h given me by her Will & Entailed upon him as my heir both which Houses & Land I give unto my Said Son & his heirs forever— I also Give to my Son Nich<sup>o</sup> Fletcher all the rest of my Estate in household Goods wearing Clothes Drugs Instrum<sup>ts</sup> Debts Money & whatsoever Else belongs to me or Shall hereafter be Due appertain or belong to me And Farther I will that it Shall not be in the power of my Son Nich<sup>o</sup> Fletcher to Alienate any part of the Housing & Land I have given him unless his Circumstances Should be Such as that the Over Seers of my Will Should See Meet to advise the Sale of a Small parcel of the Land in the Front for an House Lot and if my Said Son Dye without heirs or heirs of his body Lawfully begotten the House & Land shall go to my Daughter Mary & her heirs but if he have heirs of his own & he or they be Disposed to Sell the part or whole I do not forbid them only my Daughter Mary or her heirs shall have the refusal of it she or they paying So much as another will nor Shall he Dispose of any other Goods I have Given him without the advice of the Over Seers Farther I make my Son Nich<sup>o</sup> Fletcher the Sole Exec<sup>r</sup> of this my last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> & willing him to Defray all my just Debts & funeral Charges willing him always to Consult my good friends & Brethren Sam<sup>l</sup> Kiese & John Dennet whom I request to be my Over Seers both about my Funeral and also other matters of Concernm<sup>t</sup> whom I have desired to be Good friends to & Careful of him and make no Scruple of their Fidelity therein and as a Token of my Love I give to M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Moody a piece of Spanish Gold and an English piece of Gold to m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Keise & a Silver Spoon to John

Dennet In Testimony to all the premisses I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal Portsmouth the third Day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> One thousand Six hundred ninety & four—

John Fletcher did Sign & Seal this Instrum<sup>t</sup> and Declared it to be his Last Will & Testament the Day & Year above written in presence of

John Fletcher [seal]

John Tucker  
Obadiah Mors  
William Pitman

Portsmouth in New Hamp<sup>r</sup> August the 27<sup>th</sup> 1695—

I John Fletcher being weak in body but of perfect Memory & Sound Judgment to think meet to make this Addition as a Codicil to this my above written Last Will & Testament viz I do give unto my Daughter Mary Bennet besides what I have formerly given to her husband Nicholas Bennet & besides the bedding & Lining now in their possession as also an Iron Kettle She Carried from my house I also do give her a Small Silver Cup with a foot no in my possession I also do give unto my Grand Child Mary Bennet one Silver Spoon Marked M H which I do appoint my Exec<sup>r</sup> before named to deliver to my Daughter to Say the Cup & the Spoon after my Decease In Witness whereof I hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1695

Witness

John Fletcher [seal]

John Tucker  
Obadiah Mors  
William Pitman

[Proved Sept. 21, 1695.]

[Probate Records, vol. 14, p. 148.]

CHARLES ADAMS

1695

DURHAM

[Inventory of the estate of Charles Adams of Oyster River, son and heir of Charles Adams of the same place, Nov. 9, 1695;



amount, £53.10.0; signed by John Pender and Jeremiah Burnham; attested by Temperance Adams Jan. 9, 1695/6.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 83.]

PHILIP CHESLEY 1695

Province of }  
Newhamshare } desember the 18<sup>th</sup> 1695

The will and Testament of Phillip I Being Sick and weak in body but in perfect understanding and Meameary not knowing how long god will Lengthen my Life in this world I doue disspose of my worldly goods in manner As folloeath After a desent buriell and all Lawfull debtes paid I give unto my Eldest Son Samuell Chastly tue therds of all my possead Lands Att the Plase Comingly Callead Newtowne and fresh Marish thereunto belonging . . . with all Rights Grants and Priviliges I like wise give unto my Sone Samell Chastly Toue oxon and Toue Cowes I Like wise give unto my Son James Chastly the other theard of all my Land and Meadows at the Place Comingly Called Newtown I Like wise give unto my Son Phillip Chasely all my Rights title and in trust of all the Lands that I have in oyster River I all so give unto my Son Ebinzear Chastly the Grant that I have of therty Eackers of Land I like wise give unto my wife Sarah Chastly all the Rest of my moveables within dores and with out dores Exsept tow e oxon and tow e Cous that I have given unto my Eldest Son Samell Chastly the Reyst of my Estate I Leave with my wife for the benifit of the Children which I leave behinde me to disspose of It as she See good witness my hand and Seale the day and yeare Above writen

Wittness Us  
Edward Wakeham  
Joseph Davis  
Joseph Smith

his Mark  
Philip X Chastly

JOHN WEST

1695

NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of John West, Dec. 27, 1695, taken at the request of the widow, Elizabeth West; amount, £445.18.6; signed by Pheasant Eastwick and Thomas Cobbett.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 73, 74.]

[Administration on the estate of John West of Newcastle granted to his widow, Elizabeth West, Dec. 30, 1695.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 24.]

ELIAS STILEMAN

1695

The Last will and Testament of Maj<sup>r</sup> Elias Stileman  
New Castle Decemb<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1695.

In the name of God Amen, I Elias Stileman being Sick of Bodie but of good & Perfect Memory (blessed be God for itt) do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & fforme as ffolloweth hereby revoaking all former Wills

Imprs: I Give and bequeath my Soule to God that Gave itt to me hoping in & through the merritts of our Lord & blessed Saviour to inherritt Everlasting life :

Item I give & bequeath my Bodie to the Earth, whereof it was made there to be decently buried

Item I give unto my Grandaughter Ruth Tarlington all my bookes excepting two or three Bookes that my wife shall chuse for her own use

Item I Give unto my s<sup>d</sup> Grandafter the Gould Ring I had att the burieing of M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Martin deceased.—

Item I give unto my Said Grandafter the Silvere Salt celler I had of my last wife

Item I give unto my Daughter In Law Elizabeth Allcutt my gold Ring I had of James Trueworthy

Item I give unto my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter in Law Elizabeth Allcutt all that peice of Land on the other side of the highway beyond the house that was James Waymouths and adjoyns to the Land of

Jn<sup>o</sup> Fabes or the land that lyeth below the house of the s<sup>d</sup> James Waymouth of w<sup>ch</sup> two pieces She hath her Choyce.

Item I give unto my Daughter in Law Johannah Cutt the Gold Ring I had at Mrs Vaughans burial :

Item I give unto my three Daughters in Law Each of y<sup>m</sup> a Gold Ring of the like valew of the Ring given unto Johanah Cutt.

Item I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Luce Stileman all my household Stuff both w<sup>th</sup>in doures & without of what kind soever as also all my Stock of Goods, moneys & plate (excepting w<sup>t</sup> already given away) to her & her heirs forever :

Item I give to my s<sup>d</sup> Wife Luce Stileman all my Stock of Cattle att her ffarme att Sturgeon Creeke : to her and her Heires for Ever :

Item I Give to my Wife Luce Stileman, During her natural Life all the house & Land we now live in

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Elias Tarlington Sone of my Grandafter Ruth Tarlington all the house Houseing & Land that I now live in to him & his Heirs forever after the Deceas of my Wife Luce Stillman my s<sup>d</sup> Grandson payeing to whom my s<sup>d</sup> Wife shall will it to be payed ; that is to say ten pounds a year, untill the fortie pounds is Completed : the s<sup>d</sup> ffortie pounds to be payd after my Wifes Deceas :

Item I give unto my Grandson W<sup>m</sup> Tarlinton Son of my Grandafter Ruth Tarlington the Sum of five pounds to be payd by my Grandson Elias Tarlington, to be payd within one year after he is Possesst of the above house given him by me :

Item I make my Beloved Wife Luce Stileman my whole & Sole Executrix to this my Last Will & Testament

Item I doe make my beloved ffrriends M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Daniell of Yorke & M<sup>r</sup> John Shapleigh of Kittery overseers of this my Will :

Wittness

Elias Stileman [seal]

Rob<sup>t</sup> Elliot

Jn<sup>o</sup> Hinks

Fran: Tucker

[Proved Dec. 30, 1695.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 20.]

ROBERT WATSON

1695/6

DURHAM

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Watson, who died in 1694; amount, £111.13.6; taken Jan. 9, 1695/6; signed by Thomas Edgerly and James Davis; attested by Joseph Kent Feb. 4, 1695/6.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 77.]

[Administration on the estate of Robert Watson of Oyster River granted to John Ambler of Oyster River, weaver, and his wife, Hannah Ambler, formerly widow of the deceased, March 2, 1702/3. Jacob Kent appeared Feb. 27, 1702/3, and renounced administration formerly granted to him.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 255.]

[Warrant, March 2, 1702/3, authorizing Thomas Edgerly and Joseph Meader, both of Oyster River, to appraise the estate.]

[Bond of John Ambler of Oyster River, weaver, with Thomas Edgerly, weaver, and Francis Matthews, yeoman, both of Oyster River, as sureties, March 2, 1702/3, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Church and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, May 4, 1703; amount, £88.1.6; signed by Thomas Edgerly and Joseph Meader. The following is added:—

“sir I have hear given an Invitary of my Estate that now Remaineth but I must further acquaint you that I have Laid out

for my Ransom . . . . .	20 <sup>ll</sup> —00 <sup>s</sup> —00 <sup>d</sup>
to a french man who promised to redeem my son therwith . . . . .	02 <sup>ll</sup> —10 <sup>s</sup> —00 <sup>d</sup>
to bro Kent for his administration and Care . . . . .	05 <sup>ll</sup> —00 <sup>s</sup> —00 <sup>d</sup>
for Rates Laid while I was in Captivity . . . . .	01 <sup>ll</sup> —01 <sup>s</sup> —00 <sup>d</sup>

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28<sup>ll</sup> 11<sup>s</sup> 00<sup>d</sup>

besides Cloathing my self when I Came naked out of Captivity & besides Repairing and fencing the hous and Lands this was dispersed out of the Estate by me

hannah X ambler”

MOSES WINGATE 1695/6

DOVER

In the Name of God Amen The ffour and Twentieth day of January Anno Dni 1695 And in the Seaventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Defender of the ffaith &c I Moses Winget of New Hampshire in New England Marriner now att London being Sick and weak in body but of Sound and Composed minde and memory praise and thanks be therefore Asscribed to Almighty God, Doe make publish and declare this my last Will and testament in manner and forme following (That is to Say. Imprimis I Give and bequeath unto M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas ffollett of New Hampshire in New England Marriner now att London All my wearing apparrell and Clothes of all Sorts to his use and disposall Item I Give Devise and bequeath unto my welbeloved Sister Ann Wingett of Newhampshire in New England Spinster All and Singular my Messuages lands tenements and hereditament monies debts wages goods Chatles and Estate whatsoever Not herein before Given and which Shall Remaine Cleare after payment of all my Just Debts and ffunerall Charges And I Doe name apppoint and make my trusty freind M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas ffollett and my Said loveing Sister Ann Wingett Executor and Executrix of this my last Will and testament In Witnesse whereof I the Said Moses Wingett to this my last Will and testament have put my hand and Seale the day month and Years abovewritten./

Signed Sealed Published and  
Declared by the Testator In the  
presence of.

the marke of  
Moses X Winget [seal]

John Sherburn  
Samuel Allcock  
The<sup>o</sup> Pomeroy No<sup>ry</sup> Publ  
Jullpper Shadwell

[Proved March 10, 1697/8; allowed Aug. 7, and administration granted to "Elizabeth" Hodgdon, wife of Israel Hodgdon, formerly Elizabeth Wingate, sister of the deceased.]

[Warrant, Aug. 7, 1705, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Zacharias Field, both of Dover, to appraise the estate of Moses Wingate of Cocheco, mariner, Nicholas Follett being dead, and administration granted to "Ann Wingett as Executrix in the will Named now the wife of Israell Hodsdon."]

[Inventory, Sept. 29, 1705; amount, £55.10.0; signed by John Tuttle and Zacharias Field.]

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THOMAS WIGGIN                      1695/6                      EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Wiggin of Squamscott, Feb. 18, 1695/6; amount, £268.12.0: signed by Samuel Thing and Daniel Bean.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 91.]

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Wiggin of Exeter granted to Martha Thing, wife of Capt. Jonathan Thing of Exeter, formerly widow of the deceased, Feb. 22, 1695/6.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 23.]

[Account of Mrs. Martha Whipple, administratrix to the estate of her late husband, Thomas Wiggin of Squamscott, Oct. 19, 1704; mentions a daughter, Hannah Wiggin; allowed, Nov. 3, 1704.]

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JOHN FABES                              1696                              NEWCASTLE

New Castell May the 14<sup>th</sup> 1696

In the Name off God Amen May the ffourteenth one thousand Six hundred ninetey and Six To all Christian Peopel Gretinge Know Yee that I John Fabes Doe make this My Last Will and Testament in Maner as ffolloweth I being Very Sick off Body  
\* \* \*

I Give unto my dearely beloved Wife Elizabeth Fabes all my Estate Both Reall and Personall; Sittuat Leying in America or aney other parte of y<sup>e</sup> World Dureing her Naturall life; she pay-

ing all my Just Debts and Charges as afforesaid paying To my Naturall Dafter Debora Fabes as her portion ffifteen Pound In Sutch things As her Mother Shall bee best abell to pay her in at Said Debora Fabes Day off Marriag ; And I Doe allso give unto my Said Dafter, one ffether Bed and ffurniture and My ould house on the Great Iland Situate on and lieing next to the Land off Cap<sup>t</sup> Elias Stileman Deceased with all the Land thereunto belonginge on the heighway, over against my Grate ware house, To her the Said Debora and to her Heirs ffor Ever ; And I Doe make my Dearley beloved Wife Elizabeth Fabes my whole and Soale Executrex off this my Last Will and Testament ; witness My hand and Seale the year and Day above Said

Robt Elliot

John fabes [seal]

Jacob Rendell

Francis Tucker

[Proved Aug. 1, 1698.]

HENRY BROWN

1696

PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Brown of Portsmouth, June 24, 1696; amount, £48.13.7; signed by John Pickering and John Snell; attested by Alice Brown July 6, 1696.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 95.]

JOHN EDMUNDS

1696

[Inventory of the estate of John Edmunds, who was killed by the Indians June 26, 1696; taken June 27, 1696; amount, £32.1.5; signed by Henry Sherburne and Benjamin Cotton; attested by John Westbrook and John Sherburne Aug. 24, 1696.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 97.]

THOMAS EDMUNDS

1696

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Edmunds, who was killed by Indians June 26, 1696; taken June 27, 1696; amount, £168.]

6.10; sixed by Henry Sherburne and Benjamin Cotton; attested by John Westbrook and John Sherburne Aug. 24, 1696.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 85.]

STEPHEN WILLEY

1696

DURHAM

To all persons to whome this Deed of Gift will or Instrument in writing comes, Stephen Willy of Oyster River in the province of New Hampshire in New England Sendeth Greeting. Know yee that whereas I the Said Stephen Willy being now bound to Sea on a voyage in the Shipp Unity Thomas Cobbett Com-mander for Barbadoes, do if death should Seize me or in Case of my never Returne to New England, Give Grant and Bequeath unto my Sonn Thomas Willy all that my dwelling House and fifty Acres of Land more or less neare itt. And alsoe tenn Acres of Land, that lyes between Thomas Bickford, and Joseph Kents Land And alsoe Six Acres of Marsh Land and thirty Acres of Upland which lyes at Greenland be it more or less together with all the Thaç Banks beds and priviledges thereof. And alsoe I hereby give & bequeath unto my Said Sonn Thomas willy two Oxen, one Cow one Calfe, and all my sheep wherever they may be found. And I Stephen Willy doe alsoe hereby give and be-queath unto my daughter Abigall Willy all that parcell or Tract of Land which I bought and purchased of Bernard Squire lying at little Bay Together with one Cow and a Calfe and two Sheep To have and possess take and Enjoy all the above demised Lands and Estate Moveables and Immoveables to him and her and they & their heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> and Assignes for ever (my owne Mortality as above Exprest Excepted) Given under my hand and seale this fourth day of July in the yeare of our Lord one thousand Six hundred Ninety and Six.

Signed Sealed & Deliv<sup>rd</sup>

In presence of

Tho: Cobbitt

Theodore Atkinson

Signum

Stephen X Willy [seal]



Stephen Willy appeared this 4<sup>th</sup> July 1696 and acknowledged the above to be his Act and Deed before me

Shadrach walton Just: peace

Entred and Recorded by the Original the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January Anno Domini 1700

☞ Cha: Story Secretary

[Probate Records, vol. 5, p. 405.]

PHILIP TOWLE

1696

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen; I Phillip Towle of Hampton in the Province off Newhampshire in New England Senior, being Sick and weake off Body \* \* \*

Imp<sup>r</sup> I give and bequeath unto Esabell my well beloved wife all my Stock of Cattell of all soarts what soever and all my Moveabell Goods within dors and without to be all at her disposing off ffor her Comfortabell livelyhood And ffor her to dispose off among my Children according to her Discretion: I allso give unto her three Cows to be kept, and ffouer Sheep and Two Swine to be kept and Maintained yearly and every yeare by my Executours Dureing her naturall life or her day off mariage as allso twelve bushells of Indian Corne Dureing the terme above said to be paid by my Executours

Item I Give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Phillip Towle all that Land in his possession where his house; Standeth allso one Share of the Cow Com'ons in Hampton and one Aker of Meadow or Marsh att the North East of my Meadow by the great Boars head I Allso give unto him my grant of Land in the north Division Comonly so called—

Item I guive and bequeath unto my beloved Son Joshu Towle all that Land that he have in his possession where his house Standeth

It I give and bequeath unt Benjemen Towle my well beloved Son all that Land he have In his possession where his house Standeth Allso one Share off the Cow Com'on off the towne off

Hampton as Allso my Marsh and that ground that belong to my share off the great ox Com'on in Hampton

Item I give unto my well beloved Sons Joseph and Caleb Towle, my Dwelling house Baren; orchard and all my lott where Sayd House Standeth to be Eualey devided between them Joseph to have his halfe nex John Blaks Lott where sayd Josephs house stands I Allso give unto them Joseph and Caleb one Share off the Cow Com'ons in Hampton I also give unto them my Tenn akers off Marsh be it more or less towards the Clam Bancke or beyond the landing place, as allso my Share of upland on the great ox Co'mone and all my Marsh by the great Boares head Excepting Phillips acker all to be Eaqualy Divided between them; with this proviso that they performe to theire Mother what I have ordered them as Executours in y<sup>e</sup> Artickell of this my Will; Reserveing to my wife Dureing her natureall Life or to hir Day of Marryage the use off one off my ffier Roomes She to have her choyce, and to be kept in Repaire by my Executours

I Doe Make Constitute and appoint my Well beloved sons Joseph Towle and Caleb Towle, to bee my Soale Executours to this my Last Will and Testament them or Either of them If one dey or Renownce his Executour Shipp then the other to be Executour a Lone; and ffor the performance and Declareing this to be my last Will and Testament I the said Phillip Towle Sen<sup>r</sup> have here unto put my hand and ffixed my Seale this Eighteenth day of December in the yeare off our Lord Sixtenn Hundred nintey and Six in the Eighth yeare off the Reigne off our Sovereigne Lord William the third by the Grace of God King off Great Brittainne france, and Ireland Deffender off the Faith &c:

Witnesses  
John Smith Sen<sup>r</sup>  
Samuell Smith  
Henry Dow

Phillip Towle Sen<sup>r</sup>  
his X mark & Seale

[Proved May 25, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 27.]

[Inventory of the estate of Philip Towle, who died Dec. 20, 1696; taken Jan. 14, 1696/7; amount £240.5.0; signed by Henry Dow, John Smith, and John Dearborn.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 113.]

JAMES LEACH

1696/7

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God amen this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1696/7 James Leach Sen<sup>r</sup> off Portsm<sup>o</sup> In the Province of New Hampshire In New England: Beeing very weake of Body \* \* \*

2<sup>nd</sup> My will is that all my Just debts bee paid as soone as my Executrex Can my debts being payed and ffunurall charges defrayed what Remaineth I dispose off in maner and fforme ffollowing—

3<sup>d<sup>y</sup></sup> I give and bequeath unto my dearely beloved Wife Jane Leach all my moveabells boath within doares and without of what Soart or kind soever Together with all the land housing and Marsh which I had with her For her Comfortable Subsistance dureing her Life; Leaveing it wholly to her selfe to give and dispose of what shall be left at her Death Amongst my Children or so many of them as She shall see good Reserveing out of all my Estate to be disposed of as herein after mentioned

Viz: I give and bequeath unto my Son John Leach all my Lands in the great bay being thirty ffouer ackers more or less givin me by the towne off Portsm<sup>o</sup>: to him and his heires fforever always provided and it is to be plainly to be understood That if my 3<sup>d</sup> Son John Leach doe by what I have all ready given him and what shall be given him by my wife Jane, have hold an injoey the houseing and Land on whith I now live together with the marsh at Littell harbor, which I desire my beloved wife Jane to bestow upon him In case She Spends it not for her Comfortable Subsistance: That then my will is If my s<sup>d</sup> Son John so be invested: I do in those considerations: Reserve, and give the one halfe of the said thirty ffouer akers to my Son James Leach his heirs &c for ever the other halfe to my s<sup>d</sup> Son John Leach and his heirs &c:—

4<sup>thly</sup> My Will is that Each of my dafters be paid ffive Shilling  
A peece as there portions

5<sup>thly</sup> And Lastly I doe make my beloved wife, my Sole Execu-  
tress of this my Last will giveing unto her my whole power as  
before mentioned ffor confirmation here off I have here unto Sett  
my hand and Seale the day and yeare above said.

in presents

John Pickerin Sen<sup>r</sup>

Richard Endell

[Proved June 30, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 29.]

the marke of

James X Leach [seal]

and Seale

[Inventory; amount, £44.18.3; signed by John Pickering and  
Hubartus Mattoon; attested by the widow, Jane Leach, June 30,  
1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 109.]

ROBERT EVANS

1696/7

DOVER

In the name of God Amen The nintenth day of ffebruary in  
the yeare of our Lord God 1696 I, Robert Evins sen<sup>r</sup> off Dover  
in the province off New Hampshire plant. being weake in body

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Imp<sup>r</sup> I doe give and bequeath to my three sons viz Robert  
Evins, Jonathan Evins and Joseph Evins; all that my three score  
ackers of land in the Ash swamp to be Equally divided amongst  
them to be had and held by them there heirs and assigns for  
Ever—

It<sup>m</sup> I doe give unto my other six children viz Elizabeth; Mary  
Hannah, Sarah Patience and Benjemen; five pounds apeece to be  
paid by my Executors out of my Estate to my above named Chil-  
dren as they shall com to the adge of Eighteen years and Benje-  
mens to be paid at one and twenty—

It<sup>m</sup> As to the remainder of my Estate after my Just and honest  
Debts paid and funerall charges defrayed I Doe give and bequeath

the one halfe part of all and singular the halfe of my deweling house barne orchard Lands meddow quick stock household goods and other goods mooveabell within doares and without to Ann my beloved wife to be had held and enjoyed by her widdowhood or till my children arive at Lawfull age and then she is to have only one third parte of my estate and her third of a ffether bed and furnature belonging to it to be at her owne dissposeing the lands returning to my Executour at he[r] Marriage and death

It<sup>m</sup> I give to my well beloved son Edward Evins whome I likewise Constetute make and ordaine my only and sole Executor of this my last will and testament all and Singular my lands mesuage and Tenements with all other of my Estate personall reall where so ever it may be found the one halfe in actuall possession the other half as it shall decend from his mother by mariage or death to be had and held by him and his Heires Lawfully begotten of his body and for want thereof to my son Joseph Evins to be had and held by them and theire heires as it shall desend from one generation too another for Ever And I doe hereby uterly disalow Revoke and make voyde all other wills and Testaments formerly by me made Ratifying and Confirmeing this to bee my last will and testament in witness hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare above wrighten

Signed sealed and published in the presents of

John Tuttell Sen<sup>r</sup>

Tho X Roberts sen<sup>r</sup> his Mark

John Church

[Proved Nov. 5, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 38.]

The assigne of

Robert X Evins sen<sup>r</sup> [seal]

[Inventory, Nov. 4, 1697; amount, £226.10.0; signed by Richard Scammon, Thomas Roberts, and John Tuttle.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 135.]

WILLIAM DAVIS

1697

The last will and testement of william davis now being weak and eal but in perfect memory I comit my sole to god who gave it my body to be buryed my estat as folloeth that is to say my whol estat lands and other gods to be at the proper sole youst bene fet and riett of my well beloved wif elesabath daves dureing the time of her widdo hod my lands to be disposed of to owne of my sones whome mi wif shall see most worthi but not before he shall arive to the foll age of twnty one years he sone whome my estat shall be plast upon shall pay to the rest of his brothers and sisters as thay shall come in age five pownds apeas as mony in cattel or such things as the plase shall produse

I in trust and impour my brothers Sammuel and Joseph hill as overseers of my estat and children dated and sealed y<sup>e</sup> second day of aprel in presense of us

philip lewis

y<sup>e</sup> mark of X williaum daves [seal]

Samuel Weeks

[Proved June 2, 1707, and the same day Daniel Allen makes oath that the will was signed and sealed in the year 1697.]

[Elizabeth Davis, widow, renounces administration on the estate in favor of her son, Samuel Davis, June 3, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 348.]

WILLIAM WENTWORTH 1697

DOVER

[Inventory of the estate of William Wentworth of Dover, who died March 15, 1696/7; amount, £97.16.4; signed by Nathaniel Heard, Tristram Heard, and Thomas Downes; attested by the widow, Elizabeth Wentworth, April 4, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 117.]

JOHN GODFREY

1697

HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of John Godfrey of Hampton, who died March 19, 1696/7; amount, £73.16.0; dated April 17, 1697;

signed by Henry Dow, Thomas Roby, and Isaac Marston; attested June 20, 1706.]

[Administration on the estate of John Godfrey granted to his son John Godfrey, June 4, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 309.]

[Bond of John Godfrey of Hampton, with John Blake and Samuel Dearborn, son of Thomas Dearborn, as sureties, June 4, 1706, in the sum of £150, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Deborah Godfrey and Zacharias Brackett.]

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NICHOLAS OTIS

1697

DOVER

[Inventory of the estate of Nicholas Otis of Dover; amount, £30.8.6; signed by Nathaniel Heard and George Ricard; filed May 18, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 119.]

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JOHN DERRY

1697

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of John Derry of Oyster River granted to his widow, Deliverance Derry, May 18, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 25.]

by the desier and order of m<sup>r</sup> nathanel fryer asquir baring deat the 8 of november 1697 for the devideng of the esteat of John dery desesed in to thre pearts all the percens not Apering we the percens that Have Herunto subscribed Heve devided said Astet in maner as follouth out of the movebely to nathenell pitman Husband to the dLeverens Derye twenty seven pound toe shilens and six pence and the other toe pearts Left in the Hands of the toe bonds mean : the Lands being in contryversy we thought it not convenient to conseren our selves Aboutet

november the 13 : 1697

John woodman  
John smith  
ffrances X Pitman  
his mark

[Allowed Nov. 17, 1697.]

To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> & Command<sup>r</sup> in Cheife; of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of New Hampshire; and Councill Assembled Jan'y 7<sup>th</sup> 1698

The humble petition; of Deliverence Pittman; formerly the wife; of John Derry; and now the wife of Nathaniel Pittman.

Humbly Sheweth.—That in the yeare; 1694; yo<sup>r</sup> petition<sup>rs</sup> House; was Burnt by the Indians; and our Cattle Killed; as alsoe most of our Children; my husband, one Child, and yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> taken Captives; in w<sup>ch</sup> Captivitye my husband dyed; none but your Petition<sup>r</sup> Returned; hoping to enjoy what-Estate was Left by yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>rs</sup> husband; in due method of Law: In Pursueance to w<sup>ch</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> took out Lett<sup>rs</sup> of Administrac'on; gave in Securitye one Joseph Smith; and Jeremiah Burnam, which Securitye have since; violently; and Contrary to Law Seized; upon yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>rs</sup> Cows; and Estate; the whole Amounting to Ninety Pounds, forty ffive of w<sup>ch</sup> are in Lands; all there Pretence being for soe doeing; that it is for the Good of my Children, which I had to my first husband; Derry; But in truth yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> Knows of noe; Such Children; being now Liveing; and if yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> have not the Cows; & Land againe; she & family must needs perish.—May it therefore Please yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> and you Gentlemen of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Councill; Seriously to Inspect into the illegall method of the Said Joseph Smith; and Jeremiah Burnam; and Comiserate the Condic'on of yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> and Grant an order that the said Cows, & Estate may be Restored to yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> or that the Said Joseph Smith and Jeremiah Burnam may Enter into Sufficient Securitye for the Keeping or withholding the said Cows; and Estate.

And yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> shall pray &c—

Nath: Pitman

on behalfe of his wife Deliverence

[Misc. Provincial Papers, mss., vol. 1, p. 214.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Derry; amount, £98.1.10; not dated or signed.]



[Agreement by Nathaniel Pitman and Deliverance Pitman, Sept. 22, 1701, for the release of Joseph Smith and Jeremiah Burnham, sureties on their bond for the administration of the estate.]

[Account of Joseph Smith and Jeremiah Burnham against the estate; allowed Sept. 22, 1701, and sureties discharged.]

[Bond of Nathaniel Pitman, Dover, yeoman, John Downing of Dover, butcher, and John Cotton of Portsmouth, butcher, Sept. 22, 1701, in the sum of £200, for the settlement, by Nathaniel Pitman, of any lawful claims against the estate.]

[Various documents, summonses, warrants, lists, etc., containing signatures of Joseph Smith, Jeremiah Burnham, Francis Tucker, Nathaniel Fryer, and Nathaniel Meader.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 111, 112, 115, 116.]

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ELIZABETH MASON                      1697                      HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of Elizabeth Mason of Hampton, who died May 21, 1697; taken by Isaac Godfrey and Josiah Sanborn May 24, 1697; amount, £122.10.0; attested by John Mason, administrator, July 28, 1698.]

[Administration on the estate of Elizabeth Mason of Exeter granted to her son, John Mason, May 18, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 53.]

[Warrant, Dec. 30, 1702, authorizing Henry Dow and Henry Williams, both of Hampton, to receive claims against the estate; signed by William Partridge.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £44.7.5; signed by Henry Dow and Henry Williams; mentions John Mason of Hampton, husband of Elizabeth Mason, and Mary Poore of Newbury, Mass., administratrix to her husband's, George Hardy's, estate.]

[Division of the estate, approved by William Partridge Oct. 18, 1703; mentions following children: John, oldest son, Francis, Joseph, Benjamin, Elizabeth, wife of James Johnson, Mary, Hannah, Catherine, and Esther.]

ALEXANDER GORDON 1697

EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Alexander Gordon, Aug. 7, 1697; amount, £29.1.0; signed by Theophilus Dudley and Samuel Thing; attested by John Gordon of Exeter, a son, Aug. 15, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 137.]

providence of new hamshear

Samuel Thinge aged about therty years testifieth that som time in this month of August he heard mary Gourden widow of Ellexander gordinge Seay that shee would not admenister upon her Lat husband estate :

Samuell Thinge made oth to the above evedence August 23 :  
1697

Peter Coffin Justis : P:

william gravs aged about twent tow years testifeth to the truth of the above written sworn Befor mee the deay above written

Peter Coffin J P

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 137.]

[Administration on the estate of Alexander Gordon of Exeter granted to his son, John Gordon, Aug. 25, 1697, the widow, Mary Gordon, and the oldest son, Nicholas Gordon, renouncing administration.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 34.]

mem<sup>d</sup> that Jn<sup>o</sup> Gordon son of alex: Gordon dec<sup>d</sup> to be cited to appear & give acc<sup>t</sup> of his admin: m<sup>rs</sup> Smith Sister to s<sup>d</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Gordon to be notified to appear at s<sup>d</sup> time

& Nich: Gordon to be cited to give acc<sup>t</sup> of his guardianship to Sewals children

[Probate Minutes, Sept. 6, 1718.]

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JOHN WESTBROOK                      1697                      PORTSMOUTH

[Alice Westbrook renounces administration on the estate of her husband, John Westbrook, Aug. 11, 1697; witnesses, John Pickering and Nathan Knight.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 133.]

[Administration on the estate of John Westbrook of Portsmouth granted to his oldest son, Thomas Westbrook, Aug. 11, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 33.]

[Inventory, Aug. 12, 1697; amount, £255.16.3; signed by John Sherburne and Benjamin Cotton.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 131.]

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SAMUEL HEARD                      1697                      DOVER

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Heard of Cochecho granted to his widow, Experience Heard, Aug. 31, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 35.]

[Inventory of the estate of Samuel Heard, who died Feb. 20, 1696/7; amount, £162.3.6; signed by Nathaniel Heard, Thomas Downes, and Ezekiel Wentworth; attested by the widow, Experience Heard, Aug. 31, 1697.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 107.]

Province of } Att a Court of Probates of wills and Grant-  
New Hampshire } ing Letters of Administrations, within the  
said province &c this second day of July 1706

John Hird Sonn of Samuel Hird Late of Cochecha in the Townshipp of Dover deceased aged about ffourteen years, Personall

appeared before the Honourable Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of the probates aforesaid and desired that Tristram Hird his Uncle might be admitted as his Guardian or Tutor./

I doe therefor Allow Approve & Admitt of the Said Tristram Hird as Guardian to the said John Hird Untill he come to the Age of twenty one years.

Cha: Story Reg<sup>r</sup>

Joseph Smith

JOHN YOUNG

1697

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of John Young of Exeter granted to Peter Coffin of Exeter, a crêditor, Sept. 28, 1697, the widow, Sarah Young, not appearing.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 35.]

[Inventory, Oct. 1, 1697; amount, £125.15.0; signed by Nicholas Gordon and Samuel Thing.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 133.]

JAMES BUNKER

1697

DURHAM

In the name of God Amen The 14<sup>th</sup> of October I the year of . . . God 1697 In the ninth yeare of the Reigne of our Lord King William the third King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the ffaith

James Buncker of oyster River (Planter) In the Province of New Hampshire Being well strucken in Adge and weak in body

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I imprimus I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Jams Buncker Jun<sup>r</sup> ffrom this day forward one halfe of the Plantation he now lives upon that is to say the house and land after my decease and my wife Sarah Buncker I doe gve to my son James Buncker whom I lickwise Constetute make and ordaine my only & Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament all and singulor my lands, & Meseagements and Tenaments by him to be ffreely possessed and Injoyed after I and my wif Sarah decease :

Item I give to my well beloved son Joseph Buncker ten shillings I give to my well beloved son John Bucker five shillings and as touching any other Estat as Moveabell which shall be left after y<sup>e</sup> Decease of myselfe and my wife Sarah I Doe give it to be Equalley Devided Amongst all our Children and I doe here by uterly disalow, Revoake & Disanull all and Every other fformer Testaments, wills, Legeses, requests, Executors by me in any wise by me before this tim named willed and bequeathed; Retifying and Confirmeing this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereoff I have hereunto set my hand and Seale y<sup>e</sup> Day and year above wrighten

Signed Sealed, Published pronounced and Declared by s<sup>d</sup> James Buncker as his last will and testament in y<sup>e</sup> presents of us the Subscribers

his mark

James X Buncker [Seal]

Andrew Pepperell Sen<sup>r</sup>

Andrew Pepperell

Will<sup>m</sup> Pepperell

[Proved June 24, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 47.]

[Inventory, June 22, 1698; amount, £86.0.0; signed by John Woodman and Joseph Smith.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 149.]

JOHN BAKER

1697

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration, with will annexed, of the estate of John Baker of Portsmouth granted to his only son, Benjamin Baker, Nov. 30, 1697, the widow, Sarah Baker, named as executrix, having died before the proving of the will.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 43.]

## NICHOLAS MORRILL 1697 PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Nicholas Morrill of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to Capt. Tobias Langdon Nov. 23, 1697. Nicholas Morrill is mentioned, in a fragment of another document, as having left two daughters only, "Margreate the wife of —." The rest of the document is missing.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 40.]

[Inventory of the estate of Nicholas Morrill, "Left in the hands of margreat his wife till her death and then taken and appraised by y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers here of Desember 28 1697"; amount, £128.0.6; signed by George Dam and Andrew Sampson, both of Portsmouth.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 121, 122.]

[Receipt from Jethro Furber, in behalf of his wife, Elizabeth Furber, to Capt. Tobias Langdon, administrator, Jan. 18, 1719/20, for her share of the estate of her father, Nicholas Morrill; witnesses, W. Fellows and John Fellows.]

## THOMAS CHESLEY 1697/8 DURHAM

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Chesley, Oyster River, Jan. 17, 1697/8; amount, £195.10.0; signed by John Woodman and Joseph Smith.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 129.]

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Chesley of Oyster River granted to his widow, Elizabeth Chesley, March 14, 1697/8.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 44.]

Wheras thomas Chesly of oister River desest Inteste'd and His wiffe Elisabeth Chesly widow and Relate of s<sup>d</sup> thomas chesly Heve tecken Administrtion of Her husbens esteat According to bonde In paying porshens and Legesis unto my children unto thair Satis-

faction as it Apers undr thair Hands which ar thes sums followung  
had Resaived by us Hoe Heve supscribe Her unto

Recd by me thomas chesly forty five pounds aight shilenes and  
aight pence

by me Jorge chesly twenty two pounds fortен shilens

by me Joseph chesly twenty two pounds fortен shelens five  
pence

by me Elesebeth davies twenty tow pounds fourten shilens and  
five pence

by me Sarah chesly twenty tow pounds fortен shilenes and five  
pence

by me Sewsenne Smith twanty tow pounds fortен shilens five  
pence

by me mary chesly twenty tow pounds fortен shilens and five  
pence

witnes

John woodman

Stephen Jones

Joseph Jones

thomas Chesle

georg Chesle

Elizebeth X Davis

Sarah X Chesle

Susanna X Smith

mary X Chesly

Entered and Recorded in the Regesters ofice ffor the province  
of New hampshire May the 9th 1698

Ⓜ Francis Tucker Regest<sup>r</sup>

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 145.]

know all men by thes present Riting that I Elesebath Chesly  
Administretres to my Husbands Asteat Heve A greed with my  
children In devideng what Estete He Left when desest which is  
in maner as folloeth

to my Soon thomas chesly all the Land Seatatid Liying and  
being betwixt stephen Jones and philep Cheslys land AJoyneng  
to the salt River

to my Soon gorg chesly all the Land and Houseng and orchet  
that was my Husbands at the plice comamly caled new townen and

Half the march that was my Husbands Laying by belemans Banck  
Rever and the branches ther of

to my Soon Joseph chesley forty Ackers of Land and A houce  
situatid Lieang and being on the wast side of oister River frechet  
and the other Half of Said mairch that Lise by belemans banck  
River and the branches ther of

Resarving only the thards ther of for my yous so Long as I shall  
Leve

wetness

Elisabeth Chesle

Phillip X Chesle

James X Chesle

Entered and Recorded in the Regesters office for the provinc  
of new Hamp Shire May the 9<sup>th</sup> 1698

‡ Francis Tucker Regest<sup>r</sup>

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 145.]

PETER RANDALL

1697/8

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Peter Randall of Portsmouth  
granted to his oldest brother, James Randall, Feb. 21, 1697/8.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 44.]

WALTER JACKSON

1697/8

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Walter Jackson of Oyster River  
granted to his oldest son, William Jackson, March 18, 1697/8.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 45.]

[Inventory of the estate of Walter Jackson of Oyster River,  
who died in 1683; amount, £46.0.0; signed by Thomas Chesley  
and Stephen Jones; attested by William Jackson, oldest son,  
March 18, 1697/8.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 127.]



[Henry March, for his wife, not named, Timothy Moses of Dover, for his wife, Mary Moses, and Jane Jackson of Dover, in like form, discharge William Jackson of all liabilities July 12 and 14, 1701. Jane Jackson mentions William Jackson as her brother.]

[Probate Records, vol. 5, fol. 87.]

[James Jackson of Oyster River discharges his brother, William Jackson, from all bills, debts, and legacies Oct. 4, 1701; witnesses, Joseph Jones and David Kincaid.]

[Probate Records, vol. 5, fol. 87.]

HENRY HOBBS

1698

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of Henry Hobbs of Dover granted to his widow, Hannah Hobbs, May 25, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 47.]

ALEXANDER DENNETT 1698

[Inventory of the estate of Alexander Dennett, July 6, 1698; amount, £50.6.6; signed by Samuel Keais and Obadiah Morse, attested by John Dennett Aug. 27, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 165.]

JOHN PARTRIDGE JR. 1698

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Partridge, Jr., of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Abigail Partridge, July 20, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 49.]

[Inventory, July 19, 1698; amount, £27.3.0; signed by William Cotton and James Leavitt.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 169.]

JOHN RAND

1698

DURHAM

[Inventory of the estate of John Rand of Oyster River, July 26, 1698; amount, £83.18.0; signed by Edward Leathers and John Smith; attested by Elizabeth Rand, the widow, Aug. 1, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 143.]

[Administration on the estate of John Rand of Oyster River, planter, granted to his widow, Elizabeth Rand, Aug. 1, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 52.]

[John Rand of Oyster River, minor, son of John Rand of Oyster River, yeoman, deceased, makes choice of his friend, Francis Matthews of Oyster River, as his guardian March 9, 1710/11.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 185.]

SAMUEL CUTT

1698

PORTSMOUTH

In The Name of God Amen I Samuel Cutt of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire in New England Gent being in good health of body \* \* \*

Itm) I give unto my Eldest Son John Cutt my house & Land where I Now live with the orchards Gardens wharfing warehouses & other houseings with all the Previlidges and appur- tances thereunto belonging together with my wood fields lying on the Creek behind my house and all my Frish Marsh at the head of the Creek next Richard Cunims his marsh also my Great Silver Salt & a Seal gold Ring—

I Give and bequeath to my beloved Son Sam<sup>l</sup> Cutt all my Land & farm near the Pulpit on Piscataqua River which was in the Pos- sition of my mother Law M<sup>rs</sup> Uersilla Cutt Deceased also a Silver Tankard & one gold Ring together wi<sup>th</sup> my Plantation on Oyster river & the farm lying near it which was bo<sup>t</sup> of Tho<sup>s</sup> Douty with the frish marsh & Salt marsh all the before mentioned primises shall be & Remain in the Possistion & Custody of my beloved

wife whome I make my Sole Execeturix & to Improve it to the best advantage for the well maintaining and bring up of my S<sup>d</sup> Children and when Either of them comes in age or marry then the Same to be Delivered to him or them as their own and if either of my Said Sons Should Die unmarraied & with out Lawfull Issue then the Said Land &c to Remain to be to the Son Surviveing & if both Die unmarraied & without Law Issue then the whole & all to return to my beloved wife Elinnor Cutt to be at her own Dispose but if they or either of them marry & have Lawfull Issue to Remain to them and their Heirs forever— Itm I Give & bequeath to my Frind Henry Penny for the Love I bare him So much money Money to buy himself a Compleat Suit of mourning thro<sup>t</sup> out all the Rest & Ressedue of my Estate in Money Debts lands Good & chattles whatsoever I do give & bequeath to my Loveing wife Elianor Cutt whom I will make & appoint to be my Sole Executerix of This my Last will & Testament & I Request and appoint my Good frinds M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Rogers M<sup>r</sup> George Jaffrey M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Jose and M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Denet to be my over Seers & Desire them to advise & assist my wife & Children wherein they may be usefull to them & for their best behoof & to see the paying of the Legaces above mentioned & the Discharge of my Just Debts and funeral Charge

In testimony to all and Singluar of the Primisses I Sot to my hand & Seal this Sixth Day of august in the Tenth Year of his majestys Reign Annoq<sup>o</sup> Domini 1698—

We whose names are under written Saw M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cutt Set his hand & Seal to the above Instrement & heard Declare it to be his Last will & Testament y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Day of aug<sup>t</sup> anno Domini 1698

Sam<sup>l</sup> Cutt [Seal]

Henry Penny

John Wentworth

[Proved Oct. 25, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 14, p. 253.]

[John Cutt and Samuel Cutt, minors, children of Samuel Cutt of Portsmouth, gentleman, deceased, make choice of Samuel Penhallow, George Vaughan, and Thomas Phipps, all of Portsmouth, to be their guardians, April 11, 1712; witnesses, William Vaughan and Charles Story.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 235.]

JOHN MARDEN 1698

Agust the 11<sup>th</sup> day in the year of our Lord: 1698—

The Will of John Mardin Sen<sup>r</sup> being in perfite Memory By the Grace and Will of God Amen—

Itame: Give unto my son James Mardin: my rite in the woods that I bought and paide for:—

Itam give and bequeath unto my Wife Rachel Mardin After my Deseas the Remainner of my whole Esteat unto here self and to be att her Desposing:—

the X Mark of  
Judeth Webster }  
Joshua foss }  
John Lock }

the mark of  
John X Mardin

[Proved Feb. 12, 1706/7.]

[Deeds, vol. 13, p. 93.]

HUMPHREY WILSON 1698 EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Humphrey Wilson of Exeter, Aug. 26, 1698; amount, £641.12.0; signed by Samuel Leavitt and Moses Leavitt; attested by Judith Wilson, widow and executrix, Oct. 13, 1698.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 147.]

[Will of Humphrey Wilson proved by John Folsom and Peter Coffin Oct. 13, 1698. The will is missing. Administration granted to Judith Wilson, named as executrix in the will.]

[Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 53.]

THOMAS WAKEHAM 1698

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God amen, I Thomas Wacom of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of Newhamp<sup>r</sup> New England, beeing but weake in body

\* \* \*

Item I give unto my beloved wife mary Wacom, (whome I make my full & Sole Exicutrix of this my last will & Testam<sup>t</sup>) my hole Estate. boath Real & personall during her Natural life Save what is heerin Excepted

3 I will that my kinswoman Jane Haskings who now lives w<sup>th</sup> me, when shee shall attaine to the age of Eighteen years shall have, One feather bed, with all furniture Sutable therto and after the decease of my wife I will she shall have one third part of all my movables & Thirty pound In silver

4. I will & bequeath unto my Kinswoman Eliz: Alkings, (after the decease of my beloved wife, my dwelling howse, Orchard & Shop, with all the p<sup>r</sup>vilidges & appurtenances belonging therto to be hers & her hiers and assignes for ever, but if said Eliz. Alkings dye without Issue, then I will, that the s<sup>d</sup> howse, orchard Shop &c. Shall retturne & be to the proper use & behoofe of my Kinswoman Jane Haskins & her hiers

5 I will & bequeath to my Kinswoman Mary Adams a Coker Nutt Cupp Tipt with Siliver

6 I will & bequeath to my kinswoman Patience alkings, after my wifes decease, Tenn pounds in mony out of what remains of my Estate, In Testmony wherof I have heerunto Sett my hand & Seale dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1698 in y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> yeare of his maj<sup>ty</sup>

Signed Sealed & deliverd  
in p<sup>r</sup>sence—

Hen: Penny  
Elisha Briard

Thomas wacamb [seal]

[Proved Dec. 15, 1709.]

WILLIAM RACKLEY 1699 PORTSMOUTH

I william Rackly of Porthm<sup>o</sup> In Piscataqua River : beinge in perfect Memory & Good health \* \* \*

1<sup>st</sup>: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jean Rackly my Dwelling howse : And howsell Goods and all y<sup>e</sup> Land belonging to s<sup>d</sup> howse and out howse with all my Just Debts and Dews belonging or in any ways Apertaying to me allsoe all my tools y<sup>t</sup> I now work with all my Estate personall and reall : I give to my s<sup>d</sup> wife to her and her Ayers for Ever : only Exepting two bras Candill sticks which I give to my Dauster Nellson : and one Shilling A pese to Every one of my grand Children.

2<sup>dly</sup> I mack my wife Jean Rackly my hole and Sole Executrix : of this my Last will & Testement And to y<sup>e</sup> truth of all y<sup>e</sup> Above premises : I hear unto Set my hand and Afixed my Seall : This Twenty fifth Day of March In y<sup>e</sup> yeare of ouer Lord one Thousand six hundred nintey and nine

Job Alcock  
John Dennet  
Samuel Keais

The X Mark of  
William Rackly [seal]

[Endorsed "not proved y<sup>e</sup> witnesses being Dead—y<sup>e</sup> Admin<sup>n</sup> was granted to Benj<sup>a</sup> Rackley his Son."]

[Administration on the estate of William Rackley granted to his son, Benjamin Rackley, March 4, 1723/4, the widow, Jane Rackley, named as executor of the will, having declined to act.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 292.]

[Warrant, March 4, 1723/4, authorizing Capt. Thomas Peirce and William Parker, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Jane Libby, formerly widow of William Rackley, renounces executorship on the estate, March 25, 1723/4, in favor of her son, Benjamin Rackley.]

[Inventory, June 3, 1724, amount, £49.13.0; signed by Thomas Peirce and William Parker.]

JOHN SWAINE

1699

NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of John Swaine, May 17, 1699; amount, £71.19.6; signed by William Seavey and John Batson; attested by Mrs. Mary Swaine May 17, 1699.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 153.]

[Guardianship, June 25, 1703; John Odiorne appointed guardian to his grandsons, John Swaine and Richard Swaine, sons of John Swaine of Newcastle, mariner, deceased.]

[Administration granted to John Odiorne of Newcastle, guardian of Richard Swaine and John Swaine, sons of the deceased, June 25, 1703, the widow, Mary Swaine, to whom administration was granted April 21, 1699, being dead.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 267.]

[Bond of John Odiorne of Newcastle, with Capt. John Pickering of Portsmouth and George Wallis of Newcastle, yeoman, as sureties, June 25, 1703, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Thomas Packer and Charles Story.]

EDWARD HILTON

1699

EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Edward Hilton of Exeter, who died April 28, 1699, taken May 29, 1699; amount, £1146.6.0; signed by Theophilus Dudley, Biley Dudley, and John Wedgwood; attested by Winthrop Hilton July, 1699.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 167.]

Artikells of Agrem<sup>t</sup> Indented, Made and Agred upon, By and between Wintroope Hilto, Dudley Hilton and Joseph Hilton all of Exeter In the Province of New-Hampshire In New-England Yeomen In Manner & forme ffollowing that is to saye whareas Our Honered ffather Edward Hilton Late of Exeter Deseased, hath Given and bequethed unto us Lands, Meddowes, and Intereste in Mills, wee the said Wintrop Hilton Dudley Hilton and Joseph

Hilton have Unanimusly Agreed, To Divide and Alott and do hereby own, Acknowledge and Declare, That wee have Unanimusly Divided and Allotted to eatch/other our Sowle and Hoole Right Tittle and Interest of or Unto all The Land<sup>s</sup> meddowes, or Mills given as Abovesaid to Eatch and Every of our Satisfactoryon and Content, Which Divityon and perticuler allotment as ffollows To Wintrop Hilton, The Dwelling House, Barne, Oarchard, and all the Land and Marsh Lyinge betwene, The Partinge Brooke and a Ded Red oak tree at the North Esté Corner of the oarchard and ffrom Said Red oake to Run on a North Weste Line to the Hed of said Hilton (Deseased) Land and the one halfe of the ffivety Acres of Land at Pickpocket and Allso the Grist Mill and Saw Mill upon the Partinge Brooke to be to y<sup>e</sup> Soole and Propper use Benefitt and Beehoofe of him the Said Wintrop Hilton, his Heires, Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> and Assignes for Ever, To have Hoold Posses and Injoye w<sup>th</sup> out y<sup>e</sup> Leste mollestatyon or Disturbans by or from us, or of Ether of us, Dudley Hilton and Joseph, or Anny Person or persons by from or under us, Claimeinge Legall Rite thereunto. To Dudly Hilton all the Land betwene the abovesaid Red Oake, and a Rock in the ground and an other upon that Rock nere over Agains<sup>t</sup> Listenant Wiggens Poynte, and So to Run that Breadth viz<sup>t</sup> aboute fforty Eight Rods on a North Weste Line to the Hed of Said Hilton Deceased Land and Six Acres of Marsh and flats, bee it Moore or Less, Comonly Caled the upper End of the ffirst Marsh and Allso one Sixth parte of a Saw-Mill on Piscassock River w<sup>ch</sup> was his ffathers and allso one quarter part of the ffivety Acres of Land at Pickpocket To have and to hoold to him the Said Dudly Hilton his Heires, Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> and Assignes for Ever w<sup>th</sup> out Lett Mollestatyon or Disturbans by or from us, or ether of us, The Said wintrop and Joseph Hilton or Anny Person or Persons by from or under us Claimeing Legall Rite thereunto. To Joseph Hilton all the Land that was his ffathers at his Desease, betwene the Line Laste Mentyoned, and John wedgwoods Land Up to the Hed of Said Land and one quarter parte of the ffivety Acres of Land At Pickpockett and the Marsh that was our ffathers at the



upper and Lower End of the ffirst Crike and Allso the Sixth part of a Saw-mill on Piscassock River w<sup>th</sup> was there fathers to have and to Hoold, to him the said Joseph Hilton his Heires, Exec<sup>r</sup> Adm<sup>r</sup> and Assigns for Ever w<sup>th</sup> out Lett Mollestayon or Disturbans by or from us or ether of us the Said Wintrop and Dudly Hilton or Anny Person or Persones, By from or under us, Claimeinge Legall Rite thereunto w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> Divityons wee Acknowldge our Selves ffully Satisfied Contented and Paid as the Hoole Propertyon of the Estate, given unto us by our ffather Edward Hilton Abovesaid, In Housses, Lands, Meddowes or Mills In Confermatyon whareof wee the said Wintrop Hilton Dudly Hilton and Joseph Hilton have Enterchaingeably Sett our Hands & seles The seventh Daye of June Ann<sup>o</sup> Dom: one thousand & Seven Hondred Annoq<sup>o</sup> Desemo R Regis Gulyelmy Tershey Angly &c—

Signed Seled & Delevered	Wintrop Hilton	[& sele]
In The p'sents of us	Dudly Hilton	[& sele]
Kinsly Halle	Ann Hilton Gardian	} [ & sele ]
Bilye Dudly	to Joseph Hilton	

[Deeds, vol. 5; p. 181.]

BENJAMIN BACKWAY 1699

NEWCASTLE

[Inventory of the estate of Benjamin Backway, Newcastle, July 25, 1699; amount, £87.15.11; signed by Mark Hunking and John Holden; attested by John Endicott July 25, 1699.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 155.]

ELEANOR WILCOMB 1699

ISLES OF SHOALS

Sptr 19: 1699

This is the Last will and Testtment of Ellinore Wellcom one hur Sick bead being in perfit memory

I<sup>ly</sup> my will is that I commit my Soule to god that gave it and my Body to the dust: amen

2<sup>ly</sup> my will is that I doue bequeath unto my son John Muchemore my new boat which now John Currier is master and all hur apportinances

3<sup>ly</sup> my will is that affter my funaral Chargis are deffraid that the remainder of my Eestate Shall be equally devided to my five Children

4<sup>ly</sup> my will is that my son John Michemor shall tacke Care of Joseph Yurring to bring him up in the feare of God and to such Larring as is Convenant for one of his degree

5<sup>ly</sup> my will is that John Muchemore Shall have the twenty hds of salt that I bought of gouv<sup>r</sup> Partridge to help defray the Childs Charg

6<sup>ly</sup> my will is that M<sup>r</sup> Roger Kelley and my Kinsman Richard gooss shall tacke care to see this my will preformed as over seears.

This being my Last will and Teastement as witness my hand and Seale

in presance of us  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Tuckerman  
mark  
John X Currier  
his

mark  
Elinor X [seal] welcom  
her

[Inventory, Oct. 12, 1699; amount, £383.13.5; signed by James Blagdon and Richard Goss.]

Province of New hampshir

to the honorable willeam partridge his mags<sup>ts</sup> Leff<sup>t</sup> govener & comander in Cheff in & over S<sup>d</sup> province: as allso Judg of probat of will & granting adminestrations:

may it pleas your honer my selff subscriber herof being the son & heir of Ellenor willcom of Ils of shols Lat deseced: shee Leveing A will which as I am informed is in the Custety of my brother in Law John muchemor who has said he would have s<sup>d</sup> will proved & adminestrations there to granted my humbl request that your honer would tak it into consideration & so order that my selff being surcomstanced as afore S<sup>d</sup> Iff Law will Allow it that

adminestration may be granted unto my selff unles my s<sup>d</sup> brother in Law & I should otherways Agree So prays youer honers humble Addressor; my humbl request allso Iff my s<sup>d</sup> mothers will coms into your hands that it may be secuered

desember 21<sup>st</sup> 1699

John Urin

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 171.]

Province of }  
New Hampshire } 25<sup>th</sup> X<sup>br</sup> 1699

John Urin; Sonn to Ellinor Wilcome Late of the Isle of Shoales widdow dec<sup>d</sup> personally appeared before me W<sup>m</sup> Partridge Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of province aforesaid, and requested that Administrac'on of all the Estate of Said Ellinor Wilcome might bee Granted to his Brother in Law John Muchmore of Said Isle of shoales ffisher- man; who intermarried Said Urins Sister by the Mother Side

Granted Accordingly

W<sup>m</sup> Partridge

Test Cha: Story Secretary

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 163.]

[Administration on the estate of Eleanor Wilcomb of the Isles of Shoals, widow, granted to John Muchmore of the Isles of Shoals, fisherman, Feb. 1, 1699/1700.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 202.]

[Bond of John Muchmore of the Isles of Shoals, fisherman, with James Blagdon of the same place, fisherman, as surety, Feb. 1, 1699/1700, in the sum of £1000, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Samuel Penhallow and Charles Story.]

To The Honor<sup>ble</sup> Wiliam Partridge Esq<sup>r</sup> Leiu<sup>t</sup> Gover<sup>r</sup> & Judge of probates of y<sup>e</sup> province of Newhampshire

The Humble petition of Henry Spiller Guardian to y<sup>e</sup> Three Children Minors of Zacheus Wilcome late of y<sup>e</sup> Isles of Shoales Dec<sup>d</sup>—

Humbly sheweth that whearas your Hon<sup>r</sup> of late granted Administ: to Jn<sup>o</sup> Muchmore of y<sup>e</sup> goods Chattells &ct of Elenor

Wilcome Widdow late of Sd Isles : which Widdow was formerly y<sup>e</sup> wife of Willi<sup>m</sup> Yorine who dyed Intestate with an Estate Insolvent upon which y<sup>e</sup> Creditors Administ<sup>d</sup> & Soold y<sup>e</sup> Sd Estate to Richard Wilcome which Sd Wilcome allsoe dyed Intestate & noe administracion Taken of his Estate Untill y<sup>e</sup> Decease of Sd Elenor during which Inter Marriage beetween Sd Wilcome & Elenor besids other Children now Surviving their first born was y<sup>e</sup> Sd Zacheus who left Three Children Viz<sup>t</sup> William Deborah & Richard whom I humbly conceive are Legall representatives of their Sd father Zacheus Thearfore Crave your Hon<sup>r</sup> upon due Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>m</sup>ises in y<sup>e</sup> Settleing of Sd Wilcoms Estate would grant Unto Sd Minors that which in Justice & Equity may bee appertaining & I shall remaine as in Duty bound yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> Humb Servant

Henry Spiller

Ips<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> May 1700

[Account of disbursements by the administrator; attested by John Muchmore Feb. 3, 1700/1.]

Ips<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Feby 1700/1

Honored S<sup>r</sup>

Beeing Informed that Jn<sup>o</sup> Muchemore hath given acco<sup>t</sup> of administration of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of m<sup>rs</sup> Willcome & having left with yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> (y<sup>e</sup> last Sumer) an acco<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Minors children of Zacheus Wilcome Dec<sup>d</sup> Eldest Sonn of Richard Wilcome, Crave y<sup>e</sup> favour when yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> will bee pleased to appoint a Time for y<sup>e</sup> Settlement of S<sup>d</sup> Estate that Soe I may acquaint y<sup>e</sup> persons concerned who requested me to move it to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> & I shall bee greatly obliged as in duty bound &c remaine yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> Humb Ser<sup>t</sup>

J Staniford

[On the back is written]

Allen Lloyd & ffrances Lloyd Children of Allen Lloyd of portsm<sup>o</sup> dec<sup>d</sup> Marrin<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Toogood & Gartrite ux Job Alcott Jame Levitt

ISABEL LEAVITT

1698/9

HAMPTON

In the name of god Amen the : 8 of februwarye in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ninty and nine I Isball Levet towne of Hampton In the province of new Hamshire in new England beinge of good and perfect memorye Although weake of bodye : \* \* \*

1<sup>ly</sup> : Item : I give and bequeath to my daughter Isball toule one cowe and one boxe of Linnen and my wearinge cloaths

2<sup>dly</sup> I give to my daughter Jemima knowls one cowe and one Sheep : and to my grand childe Sarah knowls I give one Sheep : And to : my daughter keziah : tucker I give twelve Shilings In good marchantabel paye

3<sup>dly</sup> And my puter and bras I give to my three dafters above named ad to be equally devidded Amongst them

4<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath to my Sonne John Levet my warmeinge pan with all the rest of my moyeabels whatsoever And my Legaseys to be payde with In one yeare after my desease upon demande And to be delivered att the Howse where my Sonne John Levet now dweleth And I doe ordayne and constitute my Loveinge Sonne John Levet to be my Sole execetor to this my Laste will and testament : In witnes Hereof I Have hereunto Sete my hande and Afixed my Seale the daye and yeare Above writen And In the tenth yeare of His majestys raigne Kinge william kinge of england Scotland france ad Ireland defender of the faith

Signed and Sealed :

Isball X Levet [seal]

In the presenc of us

Hir marke

John Smith : Senior

John : Smith : Junr

[Proved July 9, 1700.]

[Inventory of the estate of Isabel Leavitt, who died Feb. 9, 1698/9, taken May 12, 1699; amount, £76.11.9; signed by Thomas Roby and John Tuck.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 165.]

JOHN FOSS

1699

DOVER

In the Name of god Amen

I John fost of dover being week and in expectaion of my chainge \* \* \*

I will and bequeath to my loveing wife y<sup>e</sup> one half of my housing and homested for hur maitainece and bringing up of my two youngest Children

I will and bequeath to my S Humphry half of my housing and lands for his one use and benephit requesting and appointing my Son in law James warrin to be his over sar counseler lest he be ronged of a comfortabel maintainenc—

I will and bequeath to my Son william one Shilling and also fourty acers of land that was granted me by the towne of dover

I will and bequeath unto my daughter mary one Shilling

I will and bequeath unto my daughter Jeminah one shilling

I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth one Shilling

I will and bequath unto my Son Samuel the half of this which i left with my wif when he comes of age

I will and constitute my wife Sole Executrix of this my last will and testement and for considertion of all the above Saide I have heare unto seat my hand and seale this sevententh day of desember one thousand six hundred ninty and nine

Signed sealed and delvered as  
his' last will and testament In  
presence of us

John ffost [seal]

John Wade

James Emery

Also Abbott

[Inventory Jan. 8, 1699/1700; as exhibited by the widow, Elizabeth Foss; amount, £52.15.0; signed by Silvanus Nock and Hatevil Roberts, both of Dover.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 163.]

ABRAHAM HOWELL 1699

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name of God Amen this 29 day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1699: I Abram Howell Late of London being bound to Sea from this Place and knowing not when I may return do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament.

thats to Say if in Case I do not return heather again I do give and bequeath unto Mary Clark Widdow all my goods Chattells and moveables which are now in her possession whom I do make and Ordain my only and Sole Executrix. but if it pleas God I do return heather again, It is agreed that the S<sup>d</sup> Widdow Clark do return the Goods to me again which I do now leave with her. and I do hereby utterly revoke and Disannull all other or former Gifts Grants or Wills by me any ways made— In wittness whereof I have here unto Sett my hand and Seale Dated in Potsmouth New England the Day & Year abovesaid—

Signed, Sealed and Delivered Abraham Howell [seal]  
in the presents of  
Richard Partridge  
william Sallwood  
[Proved Oct. 17, 1700.]

WILLIAM FURBER 1699

DOVER

to y<sup>e</sup> honrabl william partridg Esq<sup>r</sup> Judg of y<sup>e</sup> probat of wills & granting Adminestration & settling of intestants Estats; within the province of Newhampsh<sup>r</sup> may it ples your honer: for as much as william ffurber of welch Cove deseced dyed intesteted as is reported, Leveing A considerabl Estat behind him which s<sup>d</sup> Estat Lyes in the hands of his son will: furbur who keeps the sam Contrary to Law from his sisters & will not Render there porshons: to them though often there to desiered:

wee the subscribers y<sup>e</sup> husbands of s<sup>d</sup> furbur sisters in their be-hallf being informed that by Law the whol settlemen of intested Estats Lys in your honers hands doe therefore pray that our s<sup>d</sup>

brother may be Compeled to deliver untoo each of his sisters their portion in s<sup>d</sup> Estat & that all such meshuers as the Law directs too may be useed for those ends so prays your hon<sup>rs</sup> most humbl Addressors

desembr the 30<sup>th</sup> 1699

John Dam  
John bickford  
Thomas bickford

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 185.]

LUCY STILEMAN      1699/1700      NEWCASTLE

In the name of god Amen The Eighth Day of January In The Eleventh year of The Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord William The Third by The Grace of god of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c Anno: Dom: one Thousand Six hundred ninety & nine. I Lucy Stileman of New Castle being In Perfect health both In Body and mind \* \* \*

That Is To Say first. I Give and bequeath To my grandson James Chadborn Son of My late Son James Chadborn one half part of all my land and Meddow which Is lying and being Att or ny Sturgeon Creek In the Province of main which was granted me by A Deed of gift or Joynter from My former Husband Humphry Chadborn Duering My Natural Life and Then Att my dispoosal Among our Children And The S<sup>d</sup> James Chadborn Is To Pay his sister Lucy Chadborn twenty Pounds out of The Incoms or Rent of The S<sup>d</sup> Land And If the s<sup>d</sup> James Shuld Dy without Issue Then The S<sup>d</sup> Land Is to goe to his S<sup>d</sup> Sister Lucy— I give and bequeath To my Daughter Elizabeth Alcock The other half of my S<sup>d</sup> land and Meaddow Afors<sup>d</sup> To be Equally divided betwext her and my grandson Afors<sup>d</sup> Shee Paying To her Sister Katharine Wamouth Twenty Pounds out of the Rent or Income. and If my Daughter Elizabeth Alcock Shuld Dy without Issue and Leave A husband then s<sup>d</sup> Land and Mash Shall remain to her husband Dureing his Natural life and then Decend To my Daughter Katharine Wamouth or her heirs: or If She Dy without husband or



Issue Imediately to goe As Afores<sup>d</sup> To my Daughter Waymouth or her heirs she or they Paying To my other Two Daughters Viz Lucy Lewis & Alice Dunnel Each Ten Pounds being the mony Recd of her Sister Alcock or If Not Recd by Reason of The Shortness of The Time being In My daughters Alcock<sup>s</sup> hands &c Then Nevertheless To Pay Them The Ten Pounds Each— And That whereas my late husband M<sup>r</sup> Elias Stileman Did give me forty Pounds To be Disposed by me out of his Estate I give and bequeth That Equally between my five Daughters Viz: Eight pounds To Each Lucy Lewis Alice Dunnel Katharine Waymouth, Eliz<sup>a</sup> Alcock & Joana Cutt Each Eight Pounds Whereas I Now have An obligation from Rich: Stileman for Ten Pounds If I Receve That Ten Pounds Then I give my Grand son Thomas Landel Ten Pounds mony If I dy before I Recover That Then my S<sup>d</sup> Grand son Shall have that Bill I heereby Assigning It over to him I Give to my Granddaughter Lucy Chadborn Daughter to my Son James Chadborn A Cow Whearas There Is A D<sup>t</sup> Due from my late Son Humpry Chadborn I Give that To my four grandchildren My Son Humpry<sup>s</sup> Children Viz Mary W<sup>m</sup> Eliz<sup>a</sup> & Joseph Chadborn And what Ever Estate I Leave Else Not heer mentioned I order It to be Equally Divided between my S<sup>d</sup> five Daughters Viz: Lucy Lewis Kath: Waymouth Eliz<sup>a</sup> Alcock Alice Dunell & Joanah Cutt And I Doe heereby Appoint My Two Daughters Kath: Waymouth & Eliz<sup>a</sup> Alcock To be my Executrixes of this my last will and Testament I Desire My good frends John Hincks & Rob<sup>t</sup> Eliot Esq<sup>m</sup> To be Overseours heer of to See this My Will fulfilled In wittness whereof I have heerunto Sett my hand And Seal the Day and year Above writen 1699

In Presents of

Lemuel Smith

mary tetherly

Theodore Atkinson

[Proved April 13, 1708.]

signum

Lucy X Stileman Alis

Wells Alis Chadborn [seal]

[Bond of Samuel Dunnel of York, Me., gentleman, Samuel Alcock of Portsmouth, merchant and mariner, Richard Cutt and

Peter Lewis, both of Kittery, Me., and Catherine Weymouth of Newcastle, widow, April 27, 1708, in the sum of £300, for the payment of all debts due from the estate; witnesses, Nicholas Morrill and Charles Story. Mentions Elizabeth Alcock, wife of Capt. Samuel Alcock.]

DAVID DAVIS

1699/1700

[Citation to Susanna Durgin, Jan. 16, 1699/1700, to appear and show cause for not having administered the estate of her former husband, David Davis.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 173.]

JOHN SINCLAIR

1699/1700

EXETER

province of newhampsheare

In the : name : of God : Amen : I John Sinkler of Exeter : being sick of body \* \* \*

ferist I will that my Debts and funeral Charges shall be pad and discharged and all my Contracts mad with my wife before marredge be performed by my Executor

I give unto my Son James Sinkler ten pound in marchentable pay to be pad within one year after my Death : and a feather : Bead and twenty : akers of Land which I Bought of David Robeson

I give unto my Dafter mary wheller tow pound in : marchentable pay to be pad within tow year after my Death

I give unto my Dafter Meribah Loll fife pound in : marchentable pay to be pad within to year after my Death

I give unto my tow grand sons John Jons and Bengemen Jons tow pound in marchentable pay when thay Com to the age of twenty one years : I give unto my well Beloved wife Debroah Sinkler the ; one third of all my Lands and : orchard within fence

During her Life and the new Room During her ; wedow hood and noe Longer : and all the Rest and Residue of my parsonal Estate goods and Chattalls : whot so ever I Do : give and bequefe unto my Loving : son John Sinkler who I Do make : full : and soul Executor of this my Last will and testementt and I Do hearby Revoke : disanul and make void all formor wills and : testements by : me : heretofor made Exscepte : the Contrack made : with my wife befor marradge in wittness : hearof I y<sup>e</sup> Sad John : Sinkler to this my Last will : and testement have : hear : unto satt my hand and seal : the twenty seveneth : day of Januery in the year of Lord 1699/700

wittness                      the mark of John X sinkler sean<sup>er</sup> [seal]

Kinsley Hall  
henry wadleigh

[Proved Sept. 14, 1700.]

MARY TASKER

1699/1700

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Mary Tasker of Oyster River, widow, granted to Henry Nock of Oyster River, Feb. 2, 1699/1700, "who intermarried with Sarah Adams Sister to Mary Tasker."]

[Bond of Henry Nock, weaver, with Thomas Bickford and Francis Matthews, both of Oyster River, yeomen, as sureties, Feb. 2, 1699/1700, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate of Mary Tasker, widow of William Tasker of Oyster River; witnesses, Richard Partridge and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, April 16, 1700; amount, £52.13.3; signed by John Woodman and Thomas Edgerly.]

[Warrant, April 20, 1700, authorizing Thomas Edgerly, weaver, and Thomas Bickford, husbandman, both of Dover, to receive claims against the estate.]

[Administrator's account against the estate; amount, £18.2.0; allowed Oct. 19, 1703.]

[Settlement of the estate as insolvent, at two shillings, three pence, in the pound; allowed Oct. 18, 1703.]

[Deed of 50 acres of land from Charles Adams to his daughter, Mary Tasker, wife of William Tasker, and her children, March 1, 1693/4.]

[Various bills, accounts, etc., containing signatures of Thomas Phipps, Samuel Cutt, Nicholas Haskins, Nicholas Harrison, John Gerrish, Jeremiah Burnham, and Obadiah Morse.]

JOHN WILSON

1699/1700

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of John Wilson of Exeter, husbandman, granted to George Veasey of Exeter, husbandman, and his wife, Martha Veasey, formerly widow of the deceased, Feb. 13, 1699/1700.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 201.]

[Bond of George Veasey of Exeter, husbandman, with William Ardell of Exeter, gentleman, and Nathaniel Ayers of Portsmouth, blacksmith, as sureties, Feb. 13, 1699/1700, in the sum of £80, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Chevalier and Charles Story.]

WILLIAM TASKER

1699/1700

DOVER

[Inventory of the estate of William Tasker of Dover, Feb. 14, 1699/1700; amount, £44.13.3; signed by Thomas Bickford and Francis Mathes.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 151.]

JOHN MARSTON            1699/1700            HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of John Marston of Hampton, husbandman, granted to his widow, Mary Marston, Feb. 15, 1699/1700.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 203.]

[Bond of Mary Marston, widow, with John Tuck, millwright, and Ephraim Marston, husbandman, as sureties, all of Hampton, Feb. 15, 1699/1700, in the sum of £800, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Peter Coffin and Charles Story.]

[Inventory of the estate of Sergt. John Marston, who died Oct. 24, 1699; taken March 27, 1700; amount, £282.1.0; signed by Henry Dow, John Moulton, and Samuel Dow.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 159.]

ROBERT SMITH            1699/1700            HAMPTON

In y<sup>e</sup> name of God Amen y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> day of march. Anno Dom<sup>i</sup> 1699 or 1700 in y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William y<sup>e</sup> third over England &c— I Robart Smith of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of Newhampshier in New England—  
\* \* \*

Item I give to my Son John five acres of Salt marsh be it more or less as it is laid out & bounded with land & marsh formerly in y<sup>e</sup> possession of John Hugins with all y<sup>e</sup> fences, previledges & ap-  
purtenances there unto belonging unto him & his Heirs for ever as also one half of y<sup>e</sup> land & marsh given me by Robart Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> with one half of my money and utensils, and one quartr of my household goods with a legacy of five pounds; and one fifth part of my cattell—

Item I give unto my Son Jonathan for pounds and one fifth part of my Cattell—

Item I give unto my Son Asahel forty acres of land lying at y<sup>e</sup> new plantation, with a legacy of four pounds and one fifth part of my cattell—

Item I give unto my Son Joseph one share of y<sup>e</sup> Cow Common, as also four acres of fresh medow lying towards y<sup>e</sup> Beach anjoyn- ing to medow Somtimes Thomas Sleepers, and four acres of Salt mars at y<sup>e</sup> clambankes be it more or less bounded East ward ly with march at y<sup>e</sup> wedgoods, and Southwardly with a creeke, & westwardly with marsh formerly Tho: marstons— as also my house and land at home be it three acres more or less with y<sup>e</sup> orcherd and all y<sup>t</sup> appurtan unto my homestead as also one half of y<sup>e</sup> land & marsh given me by Robart Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> with all y<sup>e</sup> prevelidges and appurtinances belonging to y<sup>e</sup> share of y<sup>e</sup> cow Common, medow marsh, and home stead with fences & buildings standing thereon unto him & his Heirs for Ever—also I give to my Son Joseph one half of my money & one half of my utensels one quarter of my household goods, and one fifth part of my Cattell & stocke my son Joseph to pay out of my Estate to my son John five pounds, to my son Jonathan four pound, to my son Asahell four pounds—

Item I give unto my Daughter Maribah one half of my hous- hold goods and to have in her part the best bed and beding, the Cubard, and table, & warming pan, and one fifth part of my Cattell—

Item I give my Right to y<sup>e</sup> land purchased of y<sup>e</sup> Indian Sechem to my children to be equelly devided and any other thing or things not here mentioned I leave to y<sup>e</sup> disposall of my after named Ex- ecutors— And to this my last Will and Testament I doe Consti- tute & appoint my beloved sons John & Joseph Joynt Executors & in case of y<sup>e</sup> death of y<sup>e</sup> one the other to be Sole Executor—

Thus commending my self, your Selves, my Sons & dauter to y<sup>e</sup> Infinite grace of God alsofsient I doe in y<sup>e</sup> presence of God & man Revoke all former Wills, and sign this as my last Will & Testament with my hand & Seal this twenty Second day of March

Anno : Dom: 1699 in y<sup>e</sup> twelfty year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of King William y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> over England &c—

This Instrement was signed  
& Sealed by Robart Smith and  
afarmed by him to be his last  
Will & Testament— Witnes

the marke of  
Robart X Smith [seal]

Edmund Johnson  
John moulton  
nathaniel Lock

[Proved Sept. 3, 1706.]

[Inventory, Sept. 10, 1706; amount, £118.0.2; signed by James Philbrick and Ephraim Marston.]

JOHN HALL

1700

DOVER

[Inventory of the estate of John Hall of Dover, April 13, 1700; amount, £104.18.0; signed by John Tuttle and Ralph Hall.]

[Abigail Downes, formerly widow of John Hall, renounces administration on the estate Nov. 26, 1700, in favor of her two sons, Thomas Hall and Joseph Hall; witnesses, Ichabod Plaisted and Ezekiel Wentworth.]

[Inventory "of the Widow hall A Steate that She brought with hur at the Time of hur maig," Dec. 1, 1700; amount, £9.13.0; signed by Ephraim Wentworth and Thomas Potts.]

[Admistration on the estate of John Hall, yeoman, granted to his sons, Thomas Hall and Joseph Hall of Dover, yeomen. Dec. 3, 1700, the widow, Abigail Downes, wife of Thomas Downes of Cocheco, yeoman, having renounced administration.]

[Probate Records, vol 4, p. 226.]

[Bond of Thomas Hall and Joseph Hall, both of Dover, yeomen, with Thomas Tibbetts and Joseph Roberts both of Dover, yeomen, as sureties, Dec. 3, 1700, in the sum of £200, for the admin-

istration of the estate; witnesses, George Vaughan and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, July 12, 1727, authorizing Capt. Thomas Tibbetts and Lt. Joseph Roberts to appraise 100 acres of land not included in the inventory.]

[Return of the valuation of the abovesaid land at £65.0.0, July 14, 1727; signed by Thomas Tibbetts and Joseph Roberts.]

JOHN CLARK

1700

NEWCASTLE

In The Name of God Amen the 25<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1700 and in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of his majestys Reigne King william the third I John Clark of Great Island in the Province of New hampshire yeoman Being aged and weak in Body. \* \* \*

Imprimis I Give And Bequeath unto Elizabeth my Beloved wife all my whol Estate Both houseing and Lands and moveable Goods Dureing her Naturall Life and also full and free power To sell any part thereof Either houseing or Lands or moveabl Estate whatsoever for the Nessesary Support of her Life and what Remains un Disposed of att her Decease my minde and will is that it shall Be Equally Devided Between my Two Sons viz Jacob and Joseph To Have and To Hold all the sd Estate above mentioned unto Elizabeth my well Beloved wife as it is above Specified and the Remainder thereof after her Decease To my Two sons Jacob and Joseph and their heirs Lawfully Begotten of their Bodyes for Ever And Last of all I Doe appoint Elizabeth my well Beloved wife To Be Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament wittnes my hand and seal the Date above written

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Edward X Bealle  
W<sup>m</sup> Godsoe

The Sign of  
John X Clark [seal]

[Proved July 20, 1700.]



NICHOLAS FOLLETT 1700

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name of God Amen I Nicholass ffollet being Sick and Weak but in perfect memory and right Sences doe first Bequeath my Soul to God that Gave it me Hoping to Receive mercy by the Merritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour Next my Body to the Ground

1<sup>t</sup> And First for all Earthly Things I Bequeath as ffolloweth all Lawfull due debts To be forthwith paid

2 And Secondly, I bequeath To my Wife Hanah Follet the House Shee now Liveth in and my Land at Oyester River and one Third of the Moveables Dureing her Life; after her decease the Land at Oyester River To ffall To my Eldest Son; the House She now Lives in after her decease to ffall to the Youngest Son; /

3<sup>d</sup> And Thirdly I Bequeath: To Phillip ffollet that Part of Land Joyning to Nicholas ffallet being the Same Quantytie that Nicholass ffallet hath:

4<sup>th</sup> And ffourthly I Bequeath To Caleb ffallet that ¶cell of Land Joyning To my house Goeing as ffar as the High way and So into the Creek as ffar as my Privalidge is but not to come w<sup>th</sup>in four foot of the House Square from head To foot/.

5<sup>th</sup> And Fifthly my Will is that the Land I have in Exeter Bounds Be Sold if Possible/.

6<sup>th</sup> And Sixthly. all Things not disposed of Before To Be Devided Equally amongst all my Children in Equall Sheares Those that are of Age to Receive it as Soon as Convenient those that are under age there Part to be Left in my Wifes hands and when they Come of Age to Receive it

7<sup>th</sup> And Seventhly my Negroe Man Cæzer if Please God he Lives I Bequeath To my Wife during her Life and if She dies before the Youngest Child is Sixteene Yeares old Then he is to be for the Youngest Childs Maintainance Till he is Sixteene yeares old and Then he is to be free if he Seas Cause if not To Rem<sup>n</sup> the Youngest Childs/.

This Being my Last Will and Testament written at Treace in

the Bay of Campeach Aprill the Twenty Ninth Anno Domini one Thousand Seven Hundred—

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[Proved Aug. 19, 1700.]

[Warrant, Oct. 29, 1700, authorizing Job Alcock, gentleman, and Edward Toogood, mason, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the the estate of Nicholas Follett of Portsmouth, mariner, administration being granted to the widow, Hannah Follett, and her son, Nicholas Follett; signed by William Partridge.]

[Inventory, Oct. 29, 1700; amount, £394.17.0; signed by Job Alcock and Edward Toogood.]

[Bond of Hannah Follett and Nicholas Follett, tailor, with Samuel Keais, feltmaker, and Obadiah Morse, smith, as sureties, all of Portsmouth, Feb. 13, 1700/1, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Patience Elkins and Charles Story.]

[Guardianship of Benjamin Follett, aged about eight years, granted to his brother, Nicholas Follett, Oct. 2, 1705.]

[Probate Records, vol. 5, fol. 32.]

JOHN GILMAN

1700

EXETER

I John Gilman Sen<sup>r</sup> of Exeter in the Province of Newhampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England; being of sound mind and memory; but ancient and infirm \* \* \*

2: I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Nicholas Gilman, imediately after his Mothers decease one half of my Six hundred acres of land lying at Wachuck, and one half of all my lands, meadows and flatts lying att Lamprey eal river; moreover one

half of my hundred acres of land lying at grassy swamp, and one half of all my salt meadows lying within the bounds of Exeter; to bee to him and his heirs forever; Provided, that out of the same, he doth pay unto his mother or order in one year after my decease the sum of twenty pounds money; and that he doth also pay to each of his Sisters hereafter named Eight pounds within three years after my decease in money or in merchantable good pay equivalent thereto.

3. I do give unto my beloved Son John Gilman imediately after his Mothers decease all my interest in the upper saw-mill, with all the priviledges thereunto belonging; also all my land in y<sup>e</sup> Comon feild. I do also give him my Temple Meadow and One half of my six hundred acres of land at Wachuck, with half my lands, meadows and fflatts at Lamprey eale river. moreover one half of my hundred acres of land lying at Grassy swamp, and the half of all my salt meadows lying within the bounds of Exeter; to bee to him and his heirs forever. Provided, that out of the Same he doth pay unto his mother, or her Order, within one year after my decease the sum of twenty pounds money; and that he doth also pay unto each of his Sisters hereafter named twelve pounds within three years after my decease, in mony or merchantable good pay of the Province, equivalent thereunto.

4. Unto my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Wadleigh I give five p<sup>ds</sup> money, which I will shalbe payd her within one year after my decease, by my Son<sup>e</sup> John & Nicklas Gilman, each of them one half.

5. Unto my beloved Daughters, viz<sup>t</sup> Sarah Dudly, Lydia White, Abigail Thing, Joanna Coffin, Alce Gilman, and Katherine Gilman I give twenty pounds each, to bee payd them and each of them as is already mentioned on this and the other side by my two sons Nicholas and John Gilman. and whereas my two Youngest Daughters, Alce and Katherine Gilman, have not as yet had in proportion with the rest of my Daughters; I will that my Wife out of what I have given her, shall pay to each of them thirty pounds; within three years after my decease or sooner if she can.

Finally, I give unto my beloved Wife all my other estate of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether reall or personall not already willed or disposed off; to be to her own proper use and disposall, without any maner of lett or impediment from any person or persons whatsoever.

And if in case that my said Sons, Nicholas and John Gilman refuse to pay the severall Legacies unto their Mother and Sisters; my will then is, that whatsoever I have given them or their heirs herein, shall wholly revert unto the proper use benefitt, and disposall of my wife for ever, for answering of the same; she paying unto Each of them five pounds.

Unto this my Last Will and Testament I make my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Gilman, my sole Executrix, obliging her to pay all my just debts, and to defray my funerall charges.

In testimony to all and Singular the p<sup>r</sup>misses, mentioned, on this, and the two preceding pages, I hereunto sett my hand, and affix my Seal this sixteenth day of July. 1700.

Signed, Sealed and declared      John Gillman Senor [seal]  
in the p<sup>r</sup>sence of

Joseph Smith

John fullsam

Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow

[Presented March 31, 1709, and, the widow declining to act, administration was granted to the two sons, Nicholas Gilman and John Gilman.]

[Bond of Nicholas Gilman and John Gilman of Exeter, with Peter Coffin of Exeter and Nathaniel Weare of Hampton as sureties, in the sum of £1,000, March 31, 1709; witnesses, Benjamin Gambling and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, May 2, 1709, authorizing Lieut. James Dudley and Lieut. Jonathan Wadleigh of Exeter to appraise the estate.]

[Warrant, May 2, 1709, authorizing Lieut. James Dudley and Lieut. Jonathan Wadleigh to receive claims against the estate.]

[Inventory, July 9, 1709; amount, £310.11.9; signed by James Dudley and Jonathan Wadleigh; added Nov. 7, 1709, £5.10.0.]

HENRY GREEN

1700

HAMPTON

The Last Will and Teastiment of Henry Green of Hampton Esq<sup>r</sup> liveing in the Province of New Hampshire in new England Being very aged and Weake of body \* \* \*

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Welbeloved son Abraham Greene my grant of land att a place Com'only Called the new plantation As also one sheare of the Cow Com'ons of Hampton and my grant of land att The north Devition as also the Remainder of my pece of Salt mash Where my son Jacob Have his thirtie Acres all in that place above thirtie acres I give to my son Abraham Greene As also the Remainder of my Pausture land Over the ffall River that is not layd out to my son Jacob already I give to my son Abraham Greene.

2<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto my Welbeloved son Isaac Green All the Right of upland that I Have in a place Com'only Called Halls ffarme within the Township of Salisbery as fformerly accounted I also give unto my son Isaac Green a pece of mash adjoyning to his Owne mash in the above Sayd Hals ffarme that I have not yitt disposed off:

3<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto my Welbeloved son Jacob Green: my pece of ffresh meadow be it more or less With a small pece of upland that I lately Bought of Left: Joseph swett. As also thirtie acres of Salt mash as it is mentioned in a Writting already given him under my Hand I also give him al my upland on this side the ffalls River where my Houses stand with my Houses grist mill and saw mill and the Privillidg of the River and a small pece of land granted to me on the southerly side of the ffalls River adjoyning to my Damm And one sheare of the Cow com'ons of Hampton and also twentie acres over the ffalls River already layd out to him and in his possession I also give unto my son Jacob Green All my stock of Cattell of all sorts Whatsoever With all my Houshold

goods and implemints of Husbandrey of all sorts What So Ever Within dors and With out not other Ways disposed of The first mentioned pece of ffresh meadow and small pece of upland that I bought of Joseph swett if my son Jacob Dye Without an Heire male my will is that it shall goe to my son Abram Green or his Heiers.

4<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Cases three Children that she Had by James Chase sixe shillings in mony to Each of them to be payd by my Exequetour :

5<sup>ly</sup> I Haveing satisfied my welbeloved Wife according to Agreement with Hir I doe also give Hir libertie to live in my House one yeare after my deceas if she desire it

6<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my Daughter Mary Green the Wife of peter Green the Sum of sixe shillings mony she Haveing Had Hir portion Before

7<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my Daughter Hannah sometime the Wife of John Asy the some of sixe shillings mony she Haveing Had Hir portion Before :

8<sup>ly</sup> I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Cass y<sup>e</sup> wife of Joseph Cass sixe shillings mony she haveing had Hir portion before

And I doe by thes presents make Constitute and Appoint my trustie and Welbeloved son Jacob Green to be my soale Exequetour to this my last Will and Teastiment to se that it be performed in Every perticuler and to take speaciall Care for my decent and Christian like Buriall and for the Confermation of All above Writen I the above sayd Henry Green Have Here unto putt my Hand and sealed it with my seall this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1700 and in the 12<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne lord William the third by the grace of God king of great Brittainne ffrance and Ireland defender of y<sup>e</sup> ffaith &<sup>o</sup>

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Henry Grene [seal]

John Smith

Hannah X Dow

Hir Mark :

Henry Dow :

[Proved Aug. 20 and 23, 1700.]

[Inventory of the estate of Henry Green, who died Aug. 5, 1700; taken Aug. 30, 1700; amount, £884.9.5; signed by Henry Dow and John Tuck.]

[Court record: caveat, Aug. 19, 1700, by Abraham Green, oldest son, against the probating of the will until he could be present.

He was notified to appear Aug. 22, when the will was offered by his brother, Jacob Green, and admitted to probate.

Aug. 26, 1700, Abraham Green asks for letters of administration de bonis non; not granted.]

JOHN AMAZEEN

1700

NEWCASTLE

In the Name of god Amen this thirteenth day of August Anno Dom Seventeen hundred I John Amazeen Sen<sup>r</sup> of New Castle In the Province of New Hampshire In New Engl<sup>d</sup> being Sick and Weak In body; \* \* \*

1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath My Soul To Almighty god that gave It Trusting To be Redeemed by The Merrits of Jesus Christ—

2 My body to A Decent burial As It Shall Please my Executors heerafter mentioned

3 I bequeath All my Estate housing land Cattle goods D<sup>ts</sup> Mony and whatsoever I now Injoy or Ought to have and Injoy unto My Son Christopher Amazeen And out of the Same to Pay his Brother John Amazeen forty Pounds Money

Lastly I Apoint my Son Xtopher and Theodore Attkinson to be My Executors of this My last Will and Testament In Wittness whereof I have heerunto sett my hand and seal Att New Castle y<sup>e</sup> Day Above Mentioned

In W<sup>ts</sup>ents of

Aaron Moses

Noah Parker

Theodore Attkinson

[Proved Feb. 6, 1705/6.]

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John X Amazeen [seal]

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[Theodore Attkinson renounced executorship, Feb. 5, 1705/6.]

JAMES ROLLINS 1700 PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of James Rollins Aug. 16, 1700; amount, £16.15.2; signed by John Chevalier.]

[Thomas Ash and Mary Ash, his wife, renounce administration on the estate Oct. 25, 1700, and consent to the appointment of Samuel Keais.]

[Administration on the estate of James Rollins of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to Samuel Keais of Portsmouth, felt-maker, Oct. 26, 1700, Mary Ash, wife of Thomas Ash, and mother of the deceased, having renounced administration.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 224.]

[Bond of Samuel Keais of Portsmouth, felt-maker, with William Partridge, Jr., innholder, and John Hoddy, mariner, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, Oct. 6, 1700, in the sum of £50, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Richard Partridge and Charles Story.]

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WILLIAM FERRYMAN 1700

[Account of John Woodman, dated Oyster River, Sept. 4, 1700, for expenses in connection with the funeral of William Ferryman, who was drowned; amount, £0.11.0.]

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PHILIP LEWIS 1700 GREENLAND

In the name of God Amen: I Philip Lewis of Greenland in y<sup>e</sup> province of N: Hampshire in New England \* \* \*

Item Where as in a former will I did give & bequeath unto my Son Abraham Lewis a certain tract of Land & meadow ground & salt marsh lieng on y<sup>e</sup> northerly side of y<sup>e</sup> brooke, on y<sup>e</sup> northly side of my dwelling houses, I doe in this my last will order it for my Son Abrahams portion; & whereas my son Abraham hath sold



y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> tract of Land to my s<sup>d</sup> Son John Johnson, I doe in this my will consento y<sup>e</sup> sd sale therof to my S<sup>d</sup> Son John Johnson the bounds & limts thereof as is mentioned in sd deed of sale notwithstanding what I have formerly given my son Abraham I now further give Give him five pounds mo<sup>r</sup> to be payd in current pay :

Item I doe Give & bequeath unto my 3 Grand children John Lewis & James Lewis and Philip Lewis my Son Jotham Lewis his chaldren, all my rights of Land of whatsoever sort on y<sup>e</sup> Easterly Side of y<sup>e</sup> Roadway where theire fathers house standeth as also a pece of land on y<sup>e</sup> westerly side of sd roade according to y<sup>e</sup> grants of sd lands as also Six acres of salt marsh lieng in y<sup>e</sup> Town of Hampton, As likewise I do give them my sd Grand children two eights of my saw mill with all privildiges thereunto belonging on y<sup>e</sup> same tearms and condition as Sam<sup>l</sup> Heyns hath his part, which sd lands & marsh is to be devided between my sd Grand children as my Exsecutors shall see meet as they arive at y<sup>e</sup> age of 21 years

Item I doe Give and bequeath unto my Son John Johnson and my dauhter Hannah my dwelling house & out houses with y<sup>e</sup> land where y<sup>r</sup> stand with all rights of land & meado grounds or marsh whatsoever is mine not, disposed of already to y<sup>m</sup> & their Heyrs for ever as also my corn mill & saw mill with all rights and priviledges thereunto belonging And further more I Give unto my sd Son John Johnson & my Daughter Hanah all my moveable Estate of what sort or kind both within door & without moveable & Im'oveable of what sort so ever, And further my will is y<sup>t</sup> my Son John Johnson shall pay unto my Grand Daughter Hannah Lewis y<sup>e</sup> daughter of my Son Jotham y<sup>e</sup> sum of tenn pounds in current pay equivalent to mony within a years time after my discease

And further my will is And it is to be understood y<sup>t</sup> if my wife continue after my decease my Estate which I have in this my will Given to my Son John Johnson & Hannah his wife shall be so ordered & Improved so as may be for y<sup>e</sup> comfortable maintenance and support of there mother above sd during her naturall life, to be att y<sup>e</sup> orderm<sup>t</sup> of my cousens John Tucke and James

philbroke whome I apoint as overseers concerning y<sup>e</sup> ordering of y<sup>e</sup> sd Estate for my wife<sup>s</sup> maintenance as abovesd

And furthe my will is & I doe hereby appoint my Son John Johnson and my Daughter Hannah his wife to be sole Exsecuto<sup>r</sup>s & Exsecutrix to this my last will & Testament, And for y<sup>e</sup> confirmation of this my last will and Testament I doe hereunto set my hand & Seale this first day of november Anno Dom: 1700

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Phillip Lewis [seal]

John Cate

Isaac Cole

John Tucke

[Proved July 8, 1701.]

[Inventory, Sept. 23, 1701; amount, £161.3.0; signed by Peter Coffin, Walter Neal, and John Pickering.]

WILLIAM HILTON 1700

[Administration on the estate of William Hilton, mariner, "lately belonging to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> good shipp or vessell called the Deptford ffriggott Cap<sup>t</sup> Carr Comander," granted to his brother, Richard Hilton, Nov. 25, 1700.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 225.]

THOMAS WIGGIN 1700 EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Wiggin of Exeter, husbandman, granted to his widow, Sarah Wiggin, Dec. 19, 1700.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 230.]

[Bond of Sarah Wiggin of Exeter, widow, with Thomas Wiggin of Exeter, yeoman, and John Pickering of Portsmouth, gentleman, as sureties, Dec. 19, 1700, in the sum of £800, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Catherine Tufton and Charles Story.]

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Wiggin of Sandy Point, March 14, 1700/1; amount, £243.13.3; signed by John Pickering, Isaac Cole, and Nathaniel Wright.]

WILLIAM MOORE

1700

EXETER

I William More Sen<sup>r</sup> of Exeter in the province of Newhampshire in New England being weak of body but of sound perfect mind & memory, praised be God, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament, as followeth, I commit my spirit into the hands of God that gave it, and I dispose of all such temporal estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, as followeth

Imp<sup>r</sup> I will that my debts and funeral charges be all paid and discharged.

Item. I give unto my daughter Mary More the one halfe of my three hundred acres of land which lyeth at the head of M<sup>r</sup> Hiltons land, and a peice of marsh and flats lying by Jeremy Gilmans land to be to her use & profit untill marriage and then to return to my son William he paying her fifteen pounds, and also I give her my great cupbord, and priviledge convenient for her in my dwelling house & two acres of land in my planting feild for her while she lives unmarried.

Item. I give to my son William More my dwelling house, barn, out houses and all the land I bought of my brother Andrew Wiggins that is undisposed of, he' allowing his sister priviledge in the house and land as above-expressed, also I give him the one halfe of my three hundred acres of land lying at the head of M<sup>r</sup> Hiltons land, and about eleven acres of land, above Henry Magoon's deceased meadow, & my peice of land and swamp above M<sup>r</sup> Moses Gilmans, as also a small peice of marsh on the north side of Exeter river a little below my house; also I give him two oxen and two steers, & all my carpenters tooles, arms & ammunition, & my flats lying over against Moses Gilman Jun<sup>r</sup> house, also Jon<sup>th</sup> Clark's time.

Item. All the rest & residue of my personal estate goods &

chattels whatsoever I do give and bequeath unto my son & daughter William More and Mary More to be equally divided between them; finally my will is and I do hereby appoint and make my son William More full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the s<sup>d</sup> William More have herunto set my hand and seal the twenty fifth day of December Anno Domini, seaventeen hundred, Annoq duodecimo R Regis Guilielmi tertii Anglice &c.

Signed sealed and owned  
in the presence of us

william moore [seal]

Benjamin Palmer

John Clark

Elizabeth Clark

[Proved May 2, 1704.]

JOHN LEWIS

1700/1

NEWCASTLE

To all Christian People to whome These Presents Shall Come know yee That I John Lewis of new Castle In New Engl<sup>d</sup> Cooper being Very Sick and weak of Body \* \* \*

2. I give to my wife Eliz<sup>a</sup> My Dweling house Shop Store house Wharfe Garden with All the Priviledges and Apurtenances there unto belonging or Appertaining; With my servants time, only Duering her natural Life or Widdowhood; And out of the Same Att the Marriage day of my Daughter hanah Lewis I give her the Estermost End or Room In My house and half the Garden from thence forth forever and one feather Bed and furniture and the Rest to remain My S<sup>d</sup> Wife<sup>s</sup> As before Duering her life or Widdowhood And Att Either of them My Estate to be Equally Divided between My two Daughters Mary Cobbet and Hanah Lewis and there heirs but In Case they or Either of them Dy without Lawfull Issue then the whole Or the part; to Remain from thence forever to My Daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Eborn and her heirs but If She Dy without Issue I bequeath the Same to Theodore Attkinson And his Heirs forever

3 I Leave my Wife Eliz<sup>a</sup> My Executrix of this my last will and Testament and Desire Rob<sup>t</sup> Eliot Esq and Theodore Attkinson To Over See the Same performed

Wittness my Hand and seal this 22<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1700/1

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John Houldon

John X Lewis [seal]

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Theodore Attkinson

[Proved May 27, 1701.]

BRIDGET GRAFFORT 1701

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God Amen. I Bridget Graffort of Portsmouth in New Hampshire, in New England being in a Languishing Estate of Body, & Apprehending my Change drawing nigh \* \* \*

Item I Will & bequeath to my Kinsman m<sup>r</sup> George Vaughan my Sixteenth Part in the Ship which M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Rimes is Master of and Also that field Scituated on the South side of the Road Leading to the Creek (where Maj<sup>r</sup> Vaughan's Mills are) Now Lett out to & Improved by Maj<sup>r</sup> Vaughan, to the s<sup>d</sup> George, his heires & Assigns for Ever.

It<sup>m</sup> I Will & bequeath to M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Keais the Use & Improvement of my dwelling house & the Orchard adjoining, and also the fish-warehouse (so Called) & the wharf thereto belonging, together w<sup>th</sup> all advantages Redounding from the Premises or Appurtenances to wit fences out houses & Grass belonging to the Dwelling house & Orchard to him his heires & Assigns for Seven Years. Moreover I Will & bequeath to s<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Keais all the Land Lying between the Land joyning to the house where he now dwelleth & the Broad Street Running East & west Next to s<sup>d</sup> Keais's Northward the whole breadth of s<sup>d</sup> Keais Land which he dwelleth on, to him I Also bequeath the one half of my Right & Title to Weathers's Island (so Called) & my Cow, & Sow & the Sword, belt, Cartridg-Box & Silver-headed Cane which were m<sup>r</sup> Graffort's (my Last husband.) to him his heires & Assigns for Ever.

It<sup>m</sup> I Will & Bequeath to my Cousin M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Penhallow the One half of my Right & Title to s<sup>d</sup> Weathers's Island (So Called) as also a house lot Adjoyning to the wesward side of that I Lately gave to my Cousin Mary King fronting Northwardly on the broad street, in Breadth fifty feet & Runing Southward in Length One hundred feet; to him s<sup>d</sup> Penhallow, his heires & Assignes for Ever.

It<sup>m</sup> I Will and bequeath to Ruth Kirk & her daughter my Maid Each of them a feather bed & to Ruth the Younger what Soever She hath received of me besides her wages, to them their heirs & Assignes for Ever

It<sup>m</sup> I Will and bequeath to my Man servant Thomas Mathews Thirty Shillings more than his wages.

It<sup>m</sup> I Will & Bequeath to Samuel Keais Junior my great Bell-mettal-mortar and Pestill

It<sup>m</sup> I Will and Bequeath to my Cousin John Daniel my husbands Brothers Son his heires & Assignes the Picture of Captain Thomas Daniel my husband, deceased and his Seal-Ring, & those Rings that were Sent to me out of England as Tokens, and my best-Stoned-Ring as also three Silver Spoons Gilded w<sup>th</sup> Gold

It<sup>m</sup> I Will and bequeath to My Cousin Hoell & my Cousin Clark her Sister the Sum of three Pounds a peice

It<sup>m</sup> I Will & Bequeath to my Cousin Bridget Vaughan the Sum' of Twenty pounds provided She Renounce her Claim of A Ten pond Legacie Given in Captain Daniel's Will.

It<sup>m</sup> I Will that the Legacies abovementioned, mentioning a Certain Sum Shall be paid in money or that which is Equivalent as Soon as the Moveables or Land may procure it by Sale thereof

It<sup>m</sup> I Will & bequeath All my Brass & Pewter ware to my Cousins Bridget Vaughan, Margaret Vaughan, Abigail Vaughan & Elizabeth Vaughan, To be Equally divided between them, to them their heires and Assignes Severally their Equal Part.

It<sup>m</sup> I Will and bequeath All my moveables & Debts to me, Remaining after the payment of the aboves<sup>d</sup> Legacies funeral Charges & Debts, to be Equally divided between my Cousin M<sup>rs</sup> Mary

Penhallow, Mary King, Bridget Vaughan, Margaret Vaughan, Abigail Vaughan & Elizabeth Vaughan.

It<sup>m</sup> I Will and Bequeath to my Cousins John Daniel afores<sup>d</sup> Bridget Vaughan, Abigail Vaughan Margaret Vaughan & Elizabeth Vaughan All my Housen Lands & all my fixed & Real Estate Not Allready in this my will or in the Execution thereof disposed of Excepting & Reserving to M<sup>r</sup> Keais the use of the house, Warehouse, Wharf & Orchard for Seven Years as Aboves<sup>d</sup> before it be actually At their dispose, to be Equally divided between them: To them their heires & Assignes for Ever.

It<sup>m</sup> I Will & Appoint & Authorize M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Penhallow & M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Keais to be the Sole Executours of this my Last will & Testament—

Finally. I Appoint & Request M<sup>r</sup> Job Alcock & m<sup>r</sup> George Snell my Loving friends as Overseers to See to the Carefull Performance of the Premises

And In witness of This being my Last Will & Testament I have hereto Set my hand & Seal this first day of April In the year of our Lord One Thousand, Seven hundred & One.

Signed, Sealed & Declared to Bredget Graffort [seal]  
be her Last Will & Testament,  
In presence of us.

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John Wade

[Proved July 15, 1701.]

[Caveat, June 6, 1701, by William Vaughan, in behalf of his children, against the probating of the will of his sister, Bridget Graffort.]

[Court record, June 6, 1701: Samuel Penhallow and Samuel Keais offer the will for probate; probate deferred and hearing ordered.]

July 9, the parties not being prepared, another hearing was ordered.

June 6, John Wade and Obadiah Morse testify as to Mrs. Graf-fort's condition.]

[Warrant, June 6, 1701, authorizing Samuel Penhallow and Samuel Keais to take the personal property into their custody and return an inventory.]

[Subpœna, July 14, 1701, to Mrs. Elizabeth Eborne, Sarah Cotton, wife of John Cotton, Mrs. Ann Clark, Ruth Kirk, and Ruth Kirk, Jr.; served by William Williams, constable of Ports-mouth.]

To y<sup>e</sup> hon<sup>th</sup> William Partridge Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 whereas y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> hath been pleased hitherto to deferr y<sup>e</sup> Probate of My Sist<sup>r</sup> Grafforts will upon my motion, for time to make it appear that y<sup>e</sup> same ought not to be proved, but made Null, in ord<sup>r</sup> thereto I now humbly offer

That my Sist<sup>r</sup> Graffort by y<sup>e</sup> Generality of Those that have of late Conversed w<sup>th</sup> her has been thought Whollie incapable of making a legall will, for that She has been neither of a Composed mind nor sound Memorie & understanding, but w<sup>t</sup> She hath said one Day She hath com'onlie forgot and Contradicted y<sup>e</sup> Next.

I am also informed that this will was made by y<sup>e</sup> Instigation of M<sup>r</sup> Keise one of y<sup>e</sup> Nominated Execut<sup>rs</sup> & a Considerable Legatee, whose Interest Obliged him to promote y<sup>e</sup> Making Such a Will & that it was not done at y<sup>e</sup> Meer Motion of M<sup>rs</sup> Graffort, but upon M<sup>r</sup> Kease's putting her upon it and advising her to M<sup>r</sup> Wade then p<sup>r</sup>sent to be Penman thereof, In ord<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Proof hereof I pray that y<sup>e</sup> Severall Witnesses to s<sup>d</sup> Will may upon Oath give answer to such Questions as may be asked them in ord<sup>r</sup> to a full Discoverie of y<sup>e</sup> truth in this Matter, all w<sup>ch</sup> is humbly Submitted to y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> by y<sup>r</sup> most humble Servant

W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan

Portsm<sup>o</sup> in New-Hampshire 15<sup>th</sup> Julie 1701



Province of } On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1701 3 a Clock  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } in the-afternoon: at the dwelling House of W<sup>m</sup>  
 Partridge Esq<sup>r</sup>

m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> penhallow and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Keais appeared according to  
 appointm<sup>t</sup> in order to the probate of m<sup>rs</sup> Bridgett Graffords Will  
 as alsoe Major W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan appeared in Order to make defence  
 ag<sup>t</sup> proveing of the Same; the will was read And then Major  
 Vaughan putt in a petic'on with reasons why said will should not  
 be proved and requested that the wittnesses to Said will might be  
 asked Sever<sup>l</sup> Questions as is menc'oned in Said peticon/

m<sup>r</sup> John Wade being asked who requested him to make m<sup>rs</sup>  
 Graffords will./

Answered she her Selfe desired him to make it/

being likewise asked who moved first to him about the making  
 m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford's will

Answered m<sup>r</sup> Kais asked him whether he was willing to make  
 m<sup>rs</sup> Graffords will; after haveing had some discourse with Said  
 Wade. And that Said Keais went upp to m<sup>rs</sup> Graffords Chamber  
 with Said Wade; and told m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford that m<sup>r</sup> Wade was willing  
 to make her will; upon which m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford made a Bow to Said  
 Wade and Gave him thanks. And in takeing the Minuitts of her  
 Will was directed by Said m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford out of her owne Mouth.  
 and by noe body else

m<sup>r</sup> John Wade being asked whether m<sup>r</sup> Keais proposed any thing  
 to m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford dureing the time of making her will./

Answered; that he did desire m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford to Leave him out of  
 the will as being Exec<sup>r</sup> and proposed to her to putt in her Brother  
 Major W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan as one of the Exec<sup>rs</sup> accordingly at that time  
 after Some Little considerac'on she Ordered S<sup>d</sup> Wade to sett it  
 Down soe; But to the Best of Said Wades remembrance before he  
 had wrote any Article of the will after Said Proposeall Said m<sup>rs</sup>  
 Grafford told Said Wade she could not be Satisfied till m<sup>r</sup> Vaughans  
 Name was putt out as Exec<sup>r</sup> and Said Keais Name putt in, (all this  
 being in the time of takeing the Minuitts of the will.)

And farther Said Wade Sayth that he heard Said Keais make

some reasonable proposealls to advance m<sup>rs</sup> Bridgett Vaughans Portion over & above some of the rest./ to m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford

m<sup>r</sup> John Wade being further Asked, whether he could Apprehend Said m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford to be of a Sound Disposeing Minde and Memory at the makeing of the will and that he could Rightly Und'stand what she said to him./

Answered that altho it was with much Difficultye yett he perfectly Understood her Meaneing in Reference to every Article in her Will./

Being likewise asked who Said m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford Ordered Or Named as a Legatee in the Minuitts of the Will, ffirst :

Answered that he cannott perfectly remember it haveing not the Minuitts ; but believes it Might be M<sup>r</sup> Keais./

m<sup>r</sup> John Wade being likewise asked if he Rightly Understood m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford in the Giveing m<sup>rs</sup> Bridgett Vaughan a Legacye of Twenty Pounds, provided she Renounced a Legacye formerly Given her by Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniells Will./

Answered that he Rightly Understood her to the Giveing that Legacye & wording it accordingly./

m<sup>r</sup> Obediah Moss being asked how he came to be Wittnesse to m<sup>rs</sup> Graffords Will.

Answered that M<sup>r</sup> Keais came to him and desired him to goe to m<sup>rs</sup> Grafford which accordingly he went ; and then M<sup>rs</sup> Grafford Signed her Will and he sett his Name as a Wittnesse thereto.

m<sup>r</sup> Splann Lovell being asked the Same Question :

Answered m<sup>r</sup> Keais desired him to Stay at m<sup>rs</sup> Graffords Some Little time and was then afterwards called up to the Chamber after a Little while m<sup>rs</sup> Br: Grafford Signed her Will and he Sett his Name as a Wittnesse who desired him to take Notice that it was her Last will and Testam<sup>t</sup>. And that he plainely Understood her Soe to Speak/

after haveing Considered upon the Questions & Answ<sup>rs</sup> his Hon<sup>r</sup> was pleased to prove the Will

m<sup>r</sup> Pickering Moved for an Appeale but the L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> hath Ordered till y<sup>e</sup> day Seavennight at 10: of the Clock to Consider of it/

Tuesday 22<sup>d</sup> July 1701/

m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow and m<sup>r</sup> Keais appeared at the House of W<sup>m</sup> Partridge Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> in Order Know the Opinion of his Hon<sup>r</sup> whither he would Allow an Appeale as aforementioned or would Grant a probate of m<sup>rs</sup> Graffords Will to pass under his hand and Seale Ordered a probate to pass &c.

C: S: Secretary

[Caveat, July 22, 1701, by William Vaughan against the probating of the will.]

[Account of Samuel Penhallow and Samuel Keais as executors; approved July 11, 1703.]

[Inventory of the personal property, and division among Margaret Vaughan, Mary King, Mrs. Bridget Vaughan, Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughan, Mrs. Abigail Vaughan, and Mrs. Mary Penhallow; amount, £392.14.3; attested July 11, 1703.]

[Account of Samuel Penhallow as executor, Sept. 4, 1705; attested Sept. 4, 1705.]

[Additional inventory, real estate, Feb. 3, 1707/8; amount, £980.0.0; signed by Job Alcock and John Pickering; attested Feb. 2, 1707/8.]

[Petition of Samuel Penhallow, Samuel Keais, and John Pickering, March 31, 1708, for the appointment of disinterested parties to divide the real estate; allowed March 31, 1708, and Mark Hunking, Thomas Phipps, John Dennett, Theodore Atkinson, Thomas Packer, and Samuel Alcock appointed.]

[Commission to the above appointees, April 1, 1708.]

Province of } Whereas the Honourable Joseph Smith  
New Hampshire } Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of Probate of Wills, and granting letters of Administration, within her Majesties province of New Hampshire in New England, did by Commission Under his

hand and the Seale of the Office of probates, dated the first day of April instant, Authorize and appointe us the Subscribers hereunto, to make a Just Right and Equal Division, of all the Houses Land and Real Estate ; Given by the last Will and Testament of M<sup>rs</sup> Bridgett Graffort deceased, Unto her Cosins John Daniel, Bridgett Vaughan ; Margaret Vaughan, Abigal Vaughan, and Elizabeth Vaughan, as nigh as possible among them in equal proportion according to the best of our Skils and Knowledge without ffavour to any person and to make Returne of Such Division &c: as by the Said Commission Reference being thereunto had will more at large appeare./

Pursueant to which Commission above Recited, wee the Subscribers Mark Hunkin, Thomas Phipps, John Dennett, Theodore Atkinson, Thomas Packer, and Samuel Alcock ; haveing taken upon us, to make a Just Right and Equal Division of the above-said Houses, Lands and Estate among the Legatees, and haveing well Considered of the Same without ffavour or Affection to any person, Have Unanimously Agreed to the best of our Skils and Knowledge to lay out to every Legatee their Equal proportion in Value of the Said Estate as nigh as possible ; And wee make our Returne as followeth, viz/

Imprimis. Wee have Divided the Lands and Houses into Seaventy Eight Lotts, and for the Benefitt and Advantage of the Legatees, and for the more Convenient comeing to the Said Lotts, have made Streets through the Same, as are plainely Sett forth in a Mapp hereunto Annexed ; in which Mapp, wee have alsoe Named each Street, and Sett down the breadth thereof ; And have incerted the first Letter of each Legatees Name in the Said Mapp or platt within the Several Lotts belong to them Viz where the Letter D: is Sett in any Lott Such Lott belongs to the abovesaid John Daniel, with all Houses and buildings thereupon and Soe consequently : N: G: to Nathaniel Gerrish who Married Bridgett Vaughan a Legatee ; M: to m<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Vaughan afores<sup>d</sup> A: to Abigal Vaughan a Legatee, and : E: to Elizabeth Vaughan another Legatee ; which is for the more plainer distinguishing

Each Legatees perticuler Lott. And there being two Lotts Valued at forty pounds, which were to be divided among Bridgett Vaughan Margaret Vaughan, Abigal Vaughan and Elizabeth Vaughan, wee See cause that the Said Nathaniel Gerrish have and Enjoy the Said two Lotts he paying to the Said Margaret Vaughan; Abigal Vaughan and Elizabeth Vaughan tenn pounds a peice each within Seaven years from the day of the date hereof.

Item Wee alsoe Divided a Pasture lying Neare the Creek into five Lotts with the Numbers and Names of the Legatees in the Said Lotts, A Mapp of which is likewise hereunto Annexed. All which wee have done impartially and ready to make oath of the Same— Given Under our hands at portsmouth the thirtyeth day of April Anno R Regiæ Annæ nune Angliæ &c: Septimo Annoq Domini 1708.

M Hunking  
Thom<sup>s</sup> Phipps  
John Dennet  
Theodore Atkinson  
Tho: Packer  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Allcock

[Allowed May 4, 1708.]

JOHN HATCH

1701

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Hatch of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to his widow, Sarah Hatch, May 2, 1701.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 231.]

[Bond of Sarah Hatch of Portsmouth, widow, with William Vaughan and Jacob Lavers, cordwainer, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, May 2, 1701, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Patience Elkins and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, July 29, 1701; amount, £296.16.8; liabilities, £31.5.0: signed by George Jaffrey and John Dennett.]

EPHRAIM TRICKEY 1701

DOVER

Province of } to y<sup>e</sup> honrabl William Partridge Esq<sup>r</sup> Judg  
 Newhampshire } of probat of wills & granting of Adminestrations  
 in this province—

may it ples youer honer for as much as Efram treckey of bloody poynt dyed Intestated : & no adminestration hether to granted to his Estat as we know of: my selff haveing prentice the Eldest son & heir to s<sup>d</sup> intested Estat : pray Cauetion may be entered that Iff Any person Espeshally will: wittum shold pray for adminestration to s<sup>d</sup> Estat : that I may in behalf of s<sup>d</sup> heir together with Izak trickey on onkle to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> heir may have Libert to shew Reson why it ought not to be granted unto s<sup>d</sup> wittum & that all persons concerned may have timly notes & Liberty Likwis : which is the humbl request of your most humbl & obedant subscribers

dated sep 1: 1701

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[William Wittum and Mary Wittum, his wife, formerly widow of Ephraim Trickey, renounce administration on the estate Sept. 22, 1701.]

[Administration on the estate of Ephraim Trickey of Dover, yeoman, granted to John Pickering, gentleman, and Isaac Trickey of Dover, yeoman, Sept. 24, 1701, the widow, Mary Wittum, now wife of William Wittum of Dover, yeoman, having renounced administration.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 242.]

[Bond of John Pickering of Portsmouth, gentleman, and Isaac Trickey of Dover, yeoman, with Richard Wibird of Portsmouth, mariner, and Benjamin Bickford of Dover, yeoman, as sureties, Sept. 24, 1701, in the sum of £40, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Edgerly and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, April 26, 1702; amount, £14.12.0; signed by Nicholas Harrison and Benjamin Bickford.]

HENRY MOULTON

1701

HAMPTON

Artikells of Agrem<sup>t</sup> made and Concluded Uppon this Thurtenth Daye of September in ye yere of our Lord Seventene Hundred and one and in ye thurtene yere of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Reigne Kinge William the Thurd over England &<sup>ca</sup> betwene us hoose Names are here Unto Subscribed viz<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Molton, Josiah Molton Jonathañ Molton, & Abygall Lecock are as ffolloeth— That whareas our Hon<sup>rd</sup> ffather Hen<sup>ry</sup> Molton Late Deaseded in Hampton in the province of New Hampshire in New: England Died Intestate w<sup>th</sup> out Declareing his Mind in writeinge, allthough he Did Declare what his Mind was fformery in y<sup>e</sup> time of his helth as to makeinge of a Divityon of his Estate Amoungst us his Children. Now to p<sup>vent</sup> Anny Contentyon y<sup>t</sup> May Afterward Arise betwene Anny of us, wee have So nere as wee can Remember was our Said fathers mind and will in his Life time Made this ffolloing Divi-tyon of his Estate as a ffinall Settlem<sup>t</sup> thereof viz<sup>t</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> That Jn<sup>o</sup> Moulton Shall have to him and his Heires for Ever ye Dwelling House, barne and Houses and House Loat beinge ffoure Acres More or Lese, w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> treeies thereon growinge, ye ffresh meddo at y<sup>e</sup> Beetch beinge Ten Acres More or Lese as it is and allso y<sup>t</sup> parte of y<sup>e</sup> Loat in y<sup>e</sup> Este feld y<sup>t</sup> was som time William ffifelds and Lyeth next Sam<sup>ll</sup> Dows Loat all y<sup>t</sup> was y<sup>e</sup> Said ffifelds, as allso one Share in the grete ox Comon, Comonly So Called Mash grownd Thatch Ground and upland as allso one Share of y<sup>e</sup> Cow Comon w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Right of North Divityon and Share of Marsh belonginge to one share and allso y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of y<sup>e</sup> Grant of Land at Bride hill, and allso one oxe and Jn<sup>o</sup> to be at Three-quarters of y<sup>e</sup> Charge, of Maintaineinge of our Mother Comfortably, and Honorably Duriuge her Naturall Life

2<sup>dly</sup> Agreid y<sup>t</sup> Josiah Moulton Shall have besids what hee have had of his ffather allredy the one halfe of the Grant of Land at Bride Hill and a steere goinge of ffoure yere Ould and a Haifer goinge of Three yere ould and a this yeres Calfe that is Now at Pasture at his owne House

3<sup>dly</sup> Agreid That Jonathan Molton Shall Have all the Land in

the Este ffield be the Same More or Lese as it is that is Not All Redy Disposed of to John, and to Josiah Molton formerly by our ffather, As allso the Acre of ffresh Meddow w<sup>th</sup> the upland Adjoyn- inge be the Same More or Lese as it is, As allso all the Mash in the place Comonly Called y<sup>e</sup> Springe Mash, all in that place more or Lese y<sup>t</sup> is not given to Josiah by a Deid of Gift, and one Share of the Cow Com'on w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Right of north Divityon and Share of Meddow belonginge and a grant of Land at North hill be the Same More or lese as it is, to him and his Heires for Ever As Allso ffower neat Cattell, And Jonathan to be at one quarter of the Charge of Maintaineinge of our Mother Comfortably & Honerably Duriinge her Naturall Life

4<sup>ly</sup> Agred that Abygall Lecock Shall Have two Cowes and to have prevelidge and the Benefitt of Livinge in the House for her Comfortable Livelyhood So longe as Shee her selfe Shall plesse to Live there but no Longer and for the trewth of all above writ- ten wee Doe Bind our Selves our Heires Executors and Admin- istrators firmly by these p<sup>r</sup>sents each to the other as witnes our hands and Seales the Daye and yere ffirst Above written

Witnes :	John Molton	[sele]
The Marke of	Josiah Molton	[sele]
Hannah X Dow	Jonathan Molton	[sele]
Jabes Dow	Abygall Leacok	[sele]

[Deeds, vol. 6, p. 295.]

JOSEPH ELWELL

1701

NEWCASTLE

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Elwell of Newcastle granted to his widow, Margaret Elwell, Sept. 15, 1701.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 241.]

[Bond of Margaret Elwell of Newcastle, with Joseph Elwell of Newcastle, fisherman, and Francis Tucker of Newcastle, mer- chant, as sureties, Sept. 15, 1701, in the sum of £50, for the ad- ministration of the estate of her husband, Joseph Elwell of New- castle, fisherman; witnesses, Richard Joce and Charles Story.]



WILLIAM MARSTON 1701

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen

I William Marston of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in new England being aged and Weake of Body \* \* \*

1<sup>st</sup> My Will is that all my Just and Honist Debts and ffunerall Expencis be all payd

2<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto my welbeloved Son Samuel marston My Dwelling House Barn and out Houses With all my lands hereafter mentioned ten acres where my Houses stand be the Same more or less and three acres more or less by Thomas Robeys and Seaventeen acres more or less lieng next to Samuel Dows in the north plaine Com'only so called and two shears in the north deviation be the same more or less and two shears of the Cow Com'ons of Hampton with all Rights therunto belonging and two small lotts of mash lately layd out in the littell River mash And sixe acres of upland adjoyning to Henry Moulstens on North hill And Sixe acres more or less of meadow or mash ground adjoyning to ffrancis pages in the Spring mashes Com'only so called and five acres more or less of Salt mash lieng by Benjamin Moulstens between the landing place River and the fals River com'only so called and fower acres more or less lieng by John Cliffords Cornfeild as also two shears in the great ox Com'on Com'only so alled both upland mash ground and thatch ground beloning to two shears in sd Com'on I also give unto my son Samuel Marston all my Cattell of all Sorts Whatso Ever and Wherso Ever any of them bee I also give unto the sayd Samuel Marston all my moveabls Both within dors and Without and all my Tools and implyments of Husbandrey not other ways disposed of in this my last Will and Teastiment

I give and bequeath unto Ann my welbeloved Wiffe the use of the west End of my Dwelling House So long as she Remaine a Widow or live in the House but if she Remove out of the House and lett the Sayd House to my son then my sayd son Samuel shall pay Hir one Hundred pound of meat and two bushells of Corn and two bushells of Mault A yeare And my sayd wife shall make

use of one Iron pott and a Scillitt and one Cow And my son Samu-  
uell Marston Sixe load of wood a yeare shall bring Home to the  
House for Hir and Cause it to be Cutt fitt for hir fire

I Give and bequeath unto my Welbeloved Daughter Rebecka  
smith now the wife of John smith twelve pound in pay but if my  
son pay in mony then it is to be but Eight pound to be payd by  
my Executour as hereafter Mentioned

I give and bequeath unto my Welbeloved Daughter Hannah  
ffogg the wife of Samu-ell ffogg the sum of twelve pound to be  
payd by my Executoure but if he pay it in mony then but Eight  
pound but if in pay then twelve to be payd as folowith if it be payd  
in pay then fower pound to Rebecka Smith the first yeare after  
my decease and fower pound to Hannah ffogg the Second yeare  
after my decease and fower pound to Rebecka Smith the third  
yeare after my decease and fower pound to Hannah ffogg the forth  
yeare after my decease and fower pound to Rebecka smith the fift  
yeare after my decease and fower pound to Hannah ffogg the sixt  
yeare after my deceas And so after the same Mannor if it be payd  
in mony according to proportion

I give and bequeath unto my Welbeloved Daughter Maria pres-  
cott now the Wife of James Prescottt the one Half of my ffortie  
acre lott lieng at Bride Hill Com'only so Called

I give and bequeath unto my Welbeloved grandchild Josiah  
Moulten the other half of my ffortie acre lott att Bride hill as  
above

I give unto my grand child William marston one gun and one  
puter platter and to my grand child Samuel Marston one puter  
platter And What so Ever land or Estate that I Have that is not  
disposed of in this my Will and Teastiment other Ways I doe give  
it unto my son Samu-ell Marston

And I doe make Constitute and Appoint my Welbeloved son  
Samu-ell Marston to be my Soale Executor to this my last Will  
and Teastiment and for the Confermation of this my last Will and  
Teastiment I the before Mentioned William Marston have hereunto  
put my Hand and affixt my seale this nineteen day of november

in the yeare of our lord Seaventeen Hundred and one And in the thirteen yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereaigne Lord William the third by the grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland defender of y<sup>e</sup> ffaith &°

Witnes

James fog  
Christopher Page  
Simon marston  
Henry Dow

The mark & seall of  
William X Marston [seal]

[Proved March 7, 1703/4.]

[Inventory of the estate of Capt. William Marston, who died Jan. 22, 1703/4; taken Jan. 28, 1703/4; amount, £240.5.0; signed by John Moulton and Ephraim Marston.]

[Warrant, March 27, 1704, authorizing Lt. John Moulton and Ephraim Marston, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

THOMAS MORRIS

1701

December y<sup>e</sup>: 1 : 1701 :—

In the Name of god Amen

The Last will and testement of Thomas Morress—

I do give my soule to god that gave it: and my body to be decently buried In y<sup>e</sup> earth and after my funiral expences are discharged

I doe give unto my frinds James and william Durgen my house and land to be equilly devid between them

I do give unto debro merrow fifteen shillings mony

I do give to John footman one Cowe and my maire Colt—

I do give unto elisabeth pinder fifteen shillings mony

I do give to James durgen one Cowe and my maire— and one of my Calves and one pig

I do give to william durgen one Cowe and one of my pigs

I doe give to benjemen york my stear now Coming too yeare old—

I do give to sarah pinder sener my Iron Cittle

I do give unto david davis one calfe

I do give unto John Crummall my Bool [bull]

I do give unto Abigial davis one Calfe

I do give unto James durgen and william durgen all y<sup>e</sup> Rest of my moveable estate to be aquilly to be devided between them

I do Apoint my friends Jame durgen and william durgen to be Joynt exeketers to this my last will and testament

I do apoint my trusty friends frances matthewes and John Doe to be my overseers to this my Last will and testament :

I the above s<sup>d</sup> Thomas morres do atest this to be my last will and testement and In wittnes hearof I have set to my hand and afixed my seal This first day of december : 1701—

signed sealed and delivered

Thomas morres

In Presenes of—

his X mark [seal]

John Pindar

Sarah Pinder X her mark

Edward Polly

[Proved June 5, 1710.]

RICHARD OTIS JR. 1701

DOVER

[Warrant, Dec. 15, 1701, authorizing John Gerrish and Capt. John Tuttle, both of Dover, to appraise the estate of Richard Otis, Jr., of Dover.]

[Inventory, Dec. 19, 1701; amount, £32.8.6; signed by John Gerrish and John Tuttle.]

[Notice by Susanna Otis, administratrix, Dec. 25, 1701, to the creditors to bring in their claims.]

[Administration on the estate granted to the widow, Susanna Otis, Jan. 1, 1701/2.]

[Settlement of the estate as insolvent, Dec. 11, 1702, at nine shillings and five pence in the pound; allowed Dec. 11, 1702.]

[Petition of Susanna Otis, asking for the guardianship of her children, Richard Otis, Stephen Otis, Nicholas Otis, Rebecca Otis, and Rose Otis.]

[Guardianship of Richard Otis, Stephen Otis, Nicholas Otis, Rebecca Otis, and Rose Otis, the five children of Richard Otis, granted to their mother, Susanna Otis, Jan. 2, 1704/5.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 60.]

[Various accounts, bills, etc., containing the signature of Nicholas Haskins.]

MOSES GILMAN

1701/2

EXETER

The last will and testament of Moses Gilman Sen<sup>r</sup> of Exeter in the province of Newhampshire in New England.

I Moses Gilman being of sound memory and understanding but ancient and infirm, \* \* \*

1. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Moses Gilman, all that dwelling house, out houses and land, which he is now possessed of adjoining unto mine; Also the one half of my meadow where my son John's mill now stands and the one third part of my two hundred acres of land lying by my fresh meadow immediately at my decease, Also I give him one peice of meadow lying opposite to Cap<sup>t</sup> More's which I formerly bought of my brother Edward Gilman, also one third part of my fresh meadow after his mother's decease.

2. I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Jeremiah Gilman all that house, out houses, and land which lyes between that of Bray's & Welches which he is possessed of, together with a peice of meadow joyning to that of my brother Gilman's.

3. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son James Gilman the one half of all that land which lyes between Welches and Cornelius Laryes, also a peice of meadow about three acres lying between two peices of meadow which were my brother Wilson's; also I give him my flats in the great cove.

4. I give unto my beloved son John Gilman all my right, title & interest in that land where his house and mill now stands, together with the land therunto adjoining, And fifty acres of land lying in the grassie swamp; also sixty acres lying on the other side of King's falls, and the one half of my meadow near where my son's mill stands.

5. I give unto my beloved son David Gilman the other half of that land lying between Welches and Cornelius Layres, viz, My will is that the whole tract of land between Welches & Cornelius's be equally devided between my two sons James and David as above-given, but David to have the meadow he mowed near to his brother James's.

6 I give unto my beloved son Joshua Gilman the new house by the fort together with the one half of all the land joyning to my dwelling house lying next to Samuel Pipers to be in his possession at his mothers decease; Also the one third part of my two hundred acres of land lying by my fresh meadow; and the one third part of my s<sup>d</sup> fresh meadow after his mothers decease: Also I give him the one half of my lying between my house & Thomas Dudley's, and the one half of my flats lying on the other side of the river.

7. I give unto my beloved son Caleb Gilman my dwelling house and out housing which I now possess, together with the other half of my home lands, lying next to his brother Moses's; which I will shall be wholly to his own proper use im'ediately after his mothers decease, but not before; Also I give him the one third part of my fresh meadow, and the one third of my two hundred acres of land lying by it; after his mothers decease; Also I give him the one half of all my flats lying between my house & Thomas Dudleys with the one half of my flats lying on the other side of the river.

8. I give unto my four sons, viz, John, David, Joshua & Caleb my peice of meadow lying between that which was brother Wilsons meadow, and Richard Matoon's meadow, to be equally devided between them after their mother's decease.

9. Farthermore I give and bequeath unto my beloved sons, viz,

Moses, Jeremiah, James, John, David, Joshua and Caleb Gilman all my land lying at Lamprel-river, also my sixteen shares of the priviledges of the town commons, purchased by M<sup>r</sup> Wheelwright ; And all that tract of land given me by Ben: Huntaway which I will shall be equally devided among the aboves<sup>d</sup> seaven sons.

10. I give unto my beloved daughter Dudley ten pounds mony or goods equivalent therto, which shall be paid at her mothers decease, if not before.

11. I give unto my beloved daughter, ten pounds, Viz, to my daughter Lyford, in mony or goods equivalent therto.

12. I give unto my beloved daughter Conner twenty pounds mony or goods equivalent therto ; and my will is that each of my daughters be paid the above-mentioned viz, to my daughter Dudley ten pounds, to Lyford ten pounds & to Conner twenty pounds, at my wives decease, or sooner if she be well capable of doing it.

13. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, all my dwelling house out housing land and flats adjoyning during her natural life or widowhood and at her marriage or decease, that then it shall be to the sole use and benifit of my two sons, viz, Joshua and Caleb as is mentioned in the sixth and seaventh articles ; I also give her my land lying by M<sup>r</sup> Scammons, and all my share in the saw mill, with the priviledges therto belonging, and all that land of Welches and fifty acres above it, also my will is that it shall all be to her proper use and disposal, together with all my moveable estate, or any other estate of what kind soever not already willed : Finally my will is that my s<sup>d</sup> wife shall have the use And improvement of all my meadows which are now in my possession during her natural life : And I do hereby appoint and constitute her my s<sup>d</sup> wife the full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament, Obliging her to pay all my just debts and legacies and to defray my funeral charges ; And in all things justly to perform what I have here engaged her, for the benefit of my children, and for the maintaing of love and unity among them. In testimony wherof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the twelvth day of

January Anno Domini one thousand seven-hundred and one.  
 Annoq decimo tertio R Regis Guilielmi tertii Angliæ &c.

Signed Sealed and declared                      Moses Gilman [seal]  
 in the presence of us—

William Gillman

Cartee Gillman

John Clark.

[Proved Aug. 6, 1702.]

ALLEN LLOYD

1701/2

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Allen Lloyd of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to Edward Toogood of Portsmouth, bricklayer, and his wife, Gartrite Toogood, Feb. 7, 1701/2, they being guardians of Allen Lloyd and Frances Lloyd, son and daughter of the deceased.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 244.]

[Bond of Edward Toogood and his wife, Gartrite Toogood, for administering the estate; dated Feb. 7, 1701/2; amount, £300; signed by Edward Toogood, bricklayer, Job Alcock, gentleman, and James Leavitt, cordwainer, all of Portsmouth.]

[Guardianship of Allen Lloyd and Frances Lloyd, son and daughter of Allen Lloyd of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to Edward Toogood of Portsmouth, their grandfather-in-law, and Gartrite, his wife, their own grandmother, Feb. 16, 1701/2.]

[Warrant, Feb. 20, 1701/2, to James Leavitt and William Hunking, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Feb 23, 1701/2; amount, £135.19.3; signed by James Leavitt and William Hunking; mentions Allen Lloyd, first husband of Sarah Fernald, and "second decesed Allen Lloyd."]

[Return of claims against the estate, Oct. 15, 1702; amount, £24.19.9; allowed March 8, 1702/3.]



[Account of the administrator against the estate, Feb. 21, 1702/3; amount, £3.16.0.]

[Order for the settlement of the accounts against the estate, March 8, 1702/3.]

[Division of the estate; "Goods and Chattells mentioned in the Inventory of both old and young Lloyd dec<sup>d</sup>," £19.19.0; balance for creditors, £6.3.9; claims against the estate, £11.3.6; allowed March 8, 1702/3.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 41.]

[Order for the sale of certain land to settle the claim of Richard Waterhouse, March 20, 1702/3.]

[Account of the administrator against the estate, April 20, 1703; amount, £3.1.0.]

SAMUEL FOLSOM

1701/2

EXETER

[Mary Folsom of Exeter, widow of Samuel Folsom, and Ebenezer Folsom, oldest son, renounce administration on the estate, Feb. 27, 1701/2, and request that a younger son, Samuel Folsom, may be appointed; witnesses, Moses Leavitt, Jr., and Dorothy Leavitt.]

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Folsom of Exeter, yeoman, granted to his son, Samuel Folsom of Exeter, yeoman, Feb. 28, 1701/2.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 245.]

[Inventory, May 27, 1702; amount, £36.16.6; signed by Benjamin Jones and Charles Rundlett, Jr.]

JOHN DAVIS

1702

DURHAM

[Guardianship, Oct. 14, 1702; Jeremiah Burnham of Oyster River, husbandman, appointed guardian of Sarah Davis, daughter

of John Davis of Oyster River, yeoman; signed by William Partridge.]

[Administration on the estate of John Davis of Oyster River, yeoman, granted to Jeremiah Burnham of Oyster River, yeoman, Oct. 16, 1702, as guardian of Sarah Davis, daughter of the deceased.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 250.]

[Bond of Jeremiah Burnham, with John Smith, of Oyster River, yeoman, and Samuel Shackford of Portsmouth, block-maker, as sureties, Oct. 16, 1702, in the sum of £150, for the administration of the estate.]

[Inventory, Jan. 11, 1702/3; amount, £72.9.5; signed by John Woodman and Stephen Jones.]

[Various receipts and accounts, containing signatures of John Cutt, John Davis, Nathaniel Rogers, and Joshua Peirce.]

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WILLIAM DURGIN                      1702                      DOVER

[Citation, Nov. 28, 1702, to Catherine Durgin, widow of William Durgin, to appear and take administration on the estate of her husband, her son, James Durgin, having applied.]

[Administration on the estate of William Durgin of Dover, yeoman, granted to his widow, Catherine Durgin, Nov. 30, 1702.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 251.]

[Warrant, Dec. 30, 1702, authorizing Elias Crockett and Samuel Doe, both of Dover, to appraise the estate; signed by William Partridge and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, Feb. 16, 1702/3; amount, £40.15.0; signed by Sampson Doe and Elias Crockett.]

[Citation, April 12, 1703, to James Durgin of Oyster River to appear and answer to the complaint of his stepmother, Catherine Durgin, administratrix, for retaining part of the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 364.]

[Acknowledgment of indebtedness, April 20, 1703, James Durgin to the estate.

Order that James Durgin deliver all the goods which he owned in the inventory to Thomas Footman.]

[Petition of John Pickering, attorney for James Durgin, for a postponement of a hearing in regard to the estate.]

RICHARD MANSON                      1702                      PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Richard Manson of Portsmouth, Nov. 30, 1702; amount, £329.2.0; signed by George Snell and John Abbott.]

[Administration on the estate of Richard Manson of Portsmouth, fisherman, granted to his widow, Esther Manson, Dec. 14, 1702.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 252.]

[Bond of Esther Manson of Portsmouth, widow, with John Manson and Samuel Manson, both of Portsmouth, mariners, as sureties, Dec. 14, 1702, in the sum of £650, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Thomas Packer and Charles Story.]

JACOB RANDALL                      1702

In the name of god Amen The twenty third Day of December one Thousand Seven hundred and two: I Jacob Rendell Being Sick and weake off of bodey \* \* \*

Imp<sup>r</sup> I give and bequeath To my Dearely Beloved wife Kathrine Rendell all my now dweling house with the Garding land and outhouseing to me belonging for and Dureing the tim that She

Remaines A widow, with all my household goods and all my other Estate Dureing her widowod; and at her mariage or (her my Said wifes Death) what Shall be lefte of my moveabell estate Shall be and Remaine to my wife at her death or mariage to be Disposed of by her amongs my Children as She Shall see ffit;

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Eldest Son Jacob Rendell the two third partes of my now Dwelling house and the two thirds of my Gardin Land out housing after the mariage or the Death of my wife his Mother Kathrine Rendell: to him and his heires and asigns for Ever; more over I give unto him my Said Son Jacob my gun and my Sword and three Silver Spoons—

It<sup>m</sup> I give unto my Son Stephen Rendell one third parte of my now Dwelling house one third parte of my Garding land and out housing after the mariage or the Death of my wife his mother Kathren Rendell to him his heirs and asignes for ever more over I give to my Son Stephen two Gould Rings my great gould Ring and one Small one

It<sup>m</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Susana Rendell five pounds to be paid unt her in mony or in good pay Equivlent to mony to be paid unto her By my Son Jacob Rendell within two yeares after he hath the two third partes of my now Dwelling house in his owne possession—

It<sup>m</sup> I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Kathrine Rendell Three pounds to be paid unto her in mony or in good pay Equivo- lent to mony to be paid unto her By my Son Stephen Rendell with in two yeares after he hath the one third parte of my now dwelling house in his possession—

It<sup>m</sup> my will is that If Either of my two Sons Jacob or Stephen Rendell Shall hapen to Dey before they attayne to the adge of twenty one yeares of Adge then the Sone that Survives Shall In Joy the whole house I now live in and the garden Land and out- housing; after the Mariage or death of his mother to him and to his heirs and asigns for Ever he paying his Sisters their portions according to my above will, and if Either of the Sisters Should hapen to. Dey before She attaines to the adge of Eighten yeares

then the Survivor of y<sup>e</sup> Sistrs to have the Dceaseds portion ; and If it Should So happen that the two Sons Jacob and Stephen Rendell Should hapen to Dey before Either of them com to the full adge of twenty one years of adge then the house and land to be qually devided betwene the two Sisters Susana and Kathrine ; and If they Should hapen all four to dey in their non age then the whole Estat of House land Gardin and outhousing, to be my wife Kathrins and her heirs fforever—

I Doe make my Dearely Beloved wife Kathrine Rendell my Sole Ecutrex to this my Last will and testament witness my hand and Seale

Witness

Jacob Rendell [seal]

John Hollicom }  
 John Card }  
 Francis Tucker }

[Proved June 30, 1703.]

MARY WALL

1702/3

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Mary Wall, widow, granted to her son, John Tuck of Hampton, Feb. 9, 1702/3.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 253.]

Articles of agreement made & Concluded upon the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 170<sup>2</sup> Betwene John Tuck of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of Newhamps<sup>r</sup> in New England Mill-wright, on the one part : And Mary Marston formerly Mary Wall & Benjamin Moulton in behalf of his Wife formerly Hannah Wall, all of y<sup>e</sup> above said Town & Province on y<sup>e</sup> other part Witnesseth (as followeth)

Impr<sup>e</sup> That where as our Hono<sup>rd</sup> Mother Mary Wall of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> aboves'd province late deceased did leave some Estate in lands, goods Chattels & debts ; & Administration being Granted unto s'd John Tuck &c. y<sup>e</sup> s'd Mary Marston & s'd Benjamin Moulton in Right of his wife Hannah Claims part of s'd Estate

and in order to y<sup>e</sup> settling s'd estate, & finall ending aney difference that hath, or here after may arise &c The above named John Tuck doth hereby for him self his Heirs, Executors & Admin<sup>rs</sup> Covinant & agree to & with y<sup>e</sup> s'd Mary Marston & Benjamin Moulton their, or either of their Heirs, Executors, & Admin<sup>rs</sup> that the meadow which y<sup>e</sup> above named mary wall their Hon<sup>rd</sup> mother late deceased bought of Richard Swain be the same nine acres more or less, being scituate & lying within y<sup>e</sup> limits of Hampton aboves'd, and lying on y<sup>e</sup> westwardly side of y<sup>e</sup> Causey beyond Benjamin Shaws house, &c— Be equally devided in to two parts, and y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> s'd John Tuck have the one half, and y<sup>t</sup> the s'd mary Marston, & Benjamin Moulton have the other moiety; and that in devideing s'd meadow regard be had to quantity onely, and that s'd John Tuck have his half on y<sup>e</sup> west side next his own meadow, & his two sisters (viz) Mary & hannah to have the other half betwene them— &c—

Item It is farther agreed betwene y<sup>e</sup> above named partys that the s'd John Tuck pay all the charge of Administration & fees due there for: and y<sup>t</sup> the above s'd Mary Marston & Benjamin Moulton shall defray y<sup>e</sup> funerall expences—

Itm. It is also agreed by the above named partys that y<sup>e</sup> s'd John Tuck shall have & possess all y<sup>e</sup> moveable goods that he had in his actuall possession at y<sup>e</sup> decease of his mother, together with one half of the debts due to her, and also shall pay one half of her debts which she y<sup>e</sup> s'd Mary wall owed at her decease—

and that y<sup>e</sup> s'd Mary Marston, & Benjamin Moulton shall have & possess all the moveable goods & chattells (of their s'd mother) which was in their or either of their custody, or possession at their s'd mothers decease: together with one half of her debts due to her &c— and likewise to pay the other half of all y<sup>e</sup> debts which their s'd mother owed at y<sup>e</sup> time of her death &c— And In Witnes that this is a full & finall settelment and agreement made and Concluded the year & day above mentioned: Wee y<sup>e</sup> said John Tuck, Mary Marston, & Benjamin Moulton have mutually sett to our hands & seals this sixth day of march Anno Dom one thousand

seven hundred & three or four : in the second year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign  
of our sovereign Lady Anne Queen of England &c—

signed sealed & owned	Jn <sup>o</sup> Tucke	[seal]
in presence of us	the marke & Seal	
Peter Johson	of Mary X Marston	[seal]
Dorothy Smith	the marke & seall of	
	Benj <sup>n</sup> X moulton	[seal]

[Acknowledged March 7, 1703/4.]

[Inventory of the estate of Mary Wall of Hampton, widow,  
who died in Oct., 1702; taken May 5, 1703; amount, £77.17.0;  
signed by Thomas Roby and John Leavitt.]

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MARY RICHARDS                      1702/3                      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Mary Richards of Portsmouth,  
widow, granted to her son, Samuel Richards, and his brother-in-  
law, Samuel Shackford of Portsmouth, block-maker, Feb. 10,  
1702/3.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 254.]

[Bond of Samuel Shackford, block-maker, and Samuel Rich-  
ards, both of Portsmouth, with William Cotton of Portsmouth and  
Theodore Atkinson of Newcastle as sureties, Feb. 10, 1702/3,  
in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate of Mary  
Richards, their mother; witnesses, Nehemiah Partridge and  
Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Feb. 11, 1702/3, authorizing Samuel Keais and Ed-  
ward Toogood, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Feb. 15, 1702/3; amount, £143.7.11; signed by  
Samuel Keais and Edward Toogood.]

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HEZRON LEAVITT                      1702/3                      HAMPTON

Artickels of agreement made this fifteenth day of february 1702 :  
three between Hezron Levvitt of Hampton in New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in

New England of y<sup>e</sup> one partie & his Son Thomas Leavvett of y<sup>e</sup> Other partie Wittneseth y<sup>t</sup> I y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Hizron Levvitt do Covenant<sup>t</sup> Promise & ingage to & with y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Thomas Levvitt y<sup>t</sup> he shall have y<sup>e</sup> use & improvement of all my Dwelling House out houses Tanyard & all y<sup>t</sup> is therein as allso all my Lands Meadow & Mashes (Excepting only y<sup>e</sup> on half of my lott in y<sup>e</sup> North plaine adjoyning to Isaac Marstons Lott) as also all my Cattell Horses & : Swine, as allso on bed with all y<sup>e</sup> bed Clothes thereunto belonging as also all y<sup>e</sup> Moveabls & Houshold Stuff Now in y<sup>e</sup> House & all Moveabls both Within Dors & : without all during my Naturall life but Reserve to my Self y<sup>e</sup> Disposing of y<sup>e</sup> Moveabls y<sup>t</sup> is now in y<sup>e</sup> house at my decease I y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Thomas Levvett Do Covenant<sup>t</sup> promise & Agree to & : with my S<sup>d</sup> ffather Hezrom Levvett y<sup>t</sup> I will ffaithfully & Carefully allow unto my S<sup>d</sup> ffather & Mother theire Living in y<sup>e</sup> Said House in which roome they please as also to Maintaine them with A Honourable & Comfortable Maintainance as to meat Drink Clothing & afier allways provided for them & Every thing Sutttable to make there lives Comfortable with what they Shall be pleased to doe themselves over & above besids what my ffather Doth Geet by his practiz & my Mother by Stilling which they are to Have for there own use: I also Promis & Ingage y<sup>t</sup> if it Should please god that my ffather Should Happen to Die within one yeare after y<sup>e</sup> date hereof that I will pay unto Every on of my fower Sisters five pounds apece but if he Live above a yeare after y<sup>e</sup> Date hereof I am to pay Nothing to my Sister Lidia Sambron nor to my Mary Thomas: & if my ffather Dye within two yeares after hereof then I am to pay five pound to my sister Abbigall Levvett & five pound to my sister Sarah Levvett but if my ffather live above two yeares after y<sup>e</sup> Date hereof then I am to pay them Nothing, but they are to have y<sup>e</sup> Houshold Stufe devided amongst them according as my father & Mother please & if it Shall pleas god y<sup>t</sup> I Happen to dye before my S<sup>d</sup> father then all his Estate y<sup>t</sup> Shall be then in being in my hands at y<sup>e</sup> time of my Decease Shall all Return into y<sup>e</sup> Hands of my ffather againe as formerly but if it Should Happen that I Should Leave a wife & Child



or Children at my Decease then my Wife is to Have all that is Hers that She bring with her to me She is also to Have all y<sup>t</sup> is mine y<sup>t</sup> I doe produce & bring into y<sup>e</sup> house by my Labour & industry And my father is to give my Child or Children an Equall proportion of his Estate with his own Children I y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Thomas Levvitt am to pay all Depts y<sup>t</sup> my ffather owe & to Receive all debts Due unto him to free him from any truble thereabout: And if it shall at any time fall out y<sup>t</sup> my ffather or Mother Shall think y<sup>t</sup> I neglect my Duty in not providing for them y<sup>t</sup> which Shall make there lives Comfortable according to all above Written It Shall be Ajudged by two or three Indiferant Men Chosen by us who if they shall adjudge y<sup>t</sup> I have not performed this above Written agreement Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Honourable & Comfortable Maintaining of my s<sup>d</sup> ffather & Mother in Every Respect as Above mentioned y<sup>t</sup> then it shall be in y<sup>e</sup> power of my S<sup>d</sup> ffather to ReEnter upon all y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Houses & lands and Estate y<sup>t</sup> was his without any Suitt att Law for y<sup>e</sup> Same & peaceably to enjoy y<sup>e</sup> Same as formerly: but if it shall so fall out y<sup>t</sup> their shall be no Re Entry upon y<sup>e</sup> Same as aboves<sup>d</sup> Then I y<sup>e</sup> above Mentioned Hizrom Levvitt doe Give Grant & Confirme unto y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Levvitt all and singuler my Dweling house out houses Tan House tanyearld with all therein & thereunto belonging with all my Right Title & intrust y<sup>t</sup> I have in any Lands Meadows or Mash ground in what place so Ever or where so Ever y<sup>e</sup> same Shall lay or bee Excepting only y<sup>e</sup> on halfe of my lott in y<sup>e</sup> North plaine Commonly so Caled Adjoyning to Isaac Marstons: y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned Thomas Levvitt To Have & to Hold and Peaceably to enjoy all y<sup>e</sup> above Mentioned Houses & lands Excepting what before Excepted) to him y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Thomas Levvett his heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup> & assigns to his & their owne proper uses & behoofes for Ever freely & Quietly without y<sup>e</sup> least lett Henderance or Molistation of me y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Hizrom Leavitt my heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup> Administ<sup>rs</sup> or assigns or any other person or persons what so Ever: from by or under me y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Hezrom Levvitt Moreover it is to be understood y<sup>t</sup> whereas it is Said above y<sup>t</sup> Thomas Levvitt is to have y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> Moveabls the intent is

y<sup>e</sup> Moveables without Doars but not y<sup>e</sup> household stuff Nor Movables within doars : Now & it is to be understood y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Thomas is to Maintaine his father & Mother as above S<sup>d</sup> both during there Naturall lifes & y<sup>e</sup> Said Hizrom Livvitt or his Wife to have y<sup>e</sup> Milk of on Cow if he or shee desierit during y<sup>t</sup> time to be improved ffor there Maintainance & if y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Hizron Levvett Dye before his Wife & y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Levvett neglect his Dutey in Providing for his Mother & it be so adjudged as aboves<sup>d</sup> then shee is to have y<sup>e</sup> use of So much of y<sup>e</sup> land & Estate as will make Her life Comfortable during hir Naturall Life & if it Should happen y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Thomas Levvett pay any of y<sup>e</sup> above Written Legecy's he is to pay but five pound a year beginning att y<sup>e</sup> Eldist first & So as they are of age And for y<sup>e</sup> Conformation of all above Writen wee y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Hezrom Levvett & Thomas Leavett Have hereunto put our Hands & Seales this fifteen day of february on thousand Seven Hundred : and two three & in y<sup>e</sup> first yeare of Her Maj<sup>ty</sup> Reigne Queen Anne Over England &c: —

Wittness :

John Tayler  
Samuell Smith

Hezron Leavit (saeal)  
Thomas Leavit (seale)

[Deeds, vol. 13, p. 237.]

JOSEPH DOW

1703

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen

I Joseph Dow of Hampton, in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire in New England haveing through Gods goodness, still my understanding & Memory, in some good measure, \* \* \*

2ly : I give unto Mary my Beloved Wife, my best Bed with all things therunto belonging my best Iron Pot, Iron Kettle, tramell, Bible, warming Pan thre Cyder Barrels and such other of my Household goods as she shall have occation of for hir own use (not heerafter otherwayes Disposed of) for Ever.

Also, I give unto my wife so long as shee shall Remain a Widdo, yearly and Every year hir liveing in the House y<sup>t</sup> I now

live in, withe so much Cham'ber Room, & Cellar Room as shee shall have occation of for hir own use, and also yearly, & Ever year so long as shee Remain a widdo ten bushels of Indian Corn, one bushel of Wheat, one bushel of Rye, two bushels of Malt, one hundred & twenty pound of Pork neat weight Eighty pound of Beef, thirty pound of Mutton, (all good & marchantable) also the milk of two Cows, three Barrels of Cyder, twelve Bushels of Apples for Winter, and what Apples shee shall have occation for in the sum'er, ten load of wood Cut fit for thè fire, also ten pound of Cotten Wool & flax, twelve pound of sheeps wool, all to be payd Annually (so long as my wife Remain a widdo) by my son Josiah.

3ly: I give to my beloved son Joseph, beside what I have already given him, Emediately after my Deceass, my part of a Lott of Land neer grape Hill (so Called) layd out to the name of Cobham, my Com'onage in Salisbury, and after my wives Deceas, or marriage one half of my peece of marsh bought of Richard Hubbard, y' is one half of that which layeth to the westward of the Iland of upland Joyning to his own Marsh, to him his heirs & Assignes for Ever.

4ly: I give to my beloved son John beside what he hath already had, Emediately after my Deceas, my Lot of Land in the North Division (so Called) being in Hampton, and a Quarter of my share of Cow Com'on in Hampton.

And after my Wives Deceas, or marriage, the other half of my peece of marsh bought of Richard Hubbard, from the westerly End of the Lott, to the Iland of upland; to him and his heirs & Assignes for Ever.

5ly: I give to my beloved Son Henery Emediately after my Deceas; My House, & Barn & orchard at Salisbury, & about Eleven Acres of Land as it is already bounded and in his possession. And after my Wifes Deceas, or Marriage my peece of marsh Laying neer the westerly End of the Cross Beach so Called. to him his heirs & Assignes for Ever he paying such Legacyes as Heerafter mentioned, to be payd by him.

6ly : I give to my beloved Son Jeremiah, Emediately after my Deceas, about thirteen Acres of Land at Salisbury, as it is alre dy bounded on which his House, & Barn standeth, & is alre dy in his Possession ; and my Cross Cutt Saw. And after my wifes Deceas, or Marriage, my Peece of marsh on the southerly side of the Cross Beach Joyning in part to his own marsh to him his heirs and Assignes for Ever.

7ly : I give to my beloved Son Josiah, Emediately after my Deceas my House & Land I now live upon, Barn, orchard, out houses being in Hampton, Cellars Cyder mill, press, Also my six Acres of marsh bought of Thomas Philbrick, one half of my part of flats at the Beach that is undivided, four Acres of my Lott in Halls farm at that End of my Lott next to Thomas Crams, a small peece of marsh in that Lott I bought of Richard Hubbard, between the Iland and the River, also my Lott of Land in the west Division, my peece of Land bought of Wymond Bradbury, one Quarter of my share of Cow Com'on in Hampton. also all my stock of Cattle, sheep, & swine, all my Implements of Husbandry, & Hay Boate. Also my Broadest Loom, with one half of all the tackleing belonging to weaveing, my Books, and Box of wrightings my Chest Dated . . . with what is in it, my biggest Iron Pott, tow Comb, Beding and Bed Cloathes not otherwayes disposed of in this my will, Cyder Cask and such other things belonging to the House as my wife hath not occation of for hir own use all abovesd to him, his heirs, & Assignes for Ever, always Reserving House Room & Cellar Room for my wife as aforesd.

Also I give unto him all Debts Due unto me of one sort or other.

Also, I give unto my son Josiah, the use & Improvement of all my other marsh, & mowing ground, flats, and the Rest of my Lott in Halls ffarm within fence, so long as my wife shall Remain a Widdo. Always provided, that he doth perform what I have ordered him to do.

8ly I give unto my beloved Son Thomas, Emediately after my Deceas, about thirteen Acres of Land in Salisbury as it is alre dy

bounded Joyning to the Land given to my son Jeremiah, also my Peece of Land in the great Plain (so Called) if I have not occasion to sell that peece in my Life time. also I give unto him one Quarter of my share of Cow Com'on in Hampton. Also I give unto him after my Wifes Deceas, or Marriage my Ditch medow so Called, to him his heirs, & Assignes for Ever.

gly I give to my beloved son Samuel, at the age of twenty one years about fower acres of Land at the south End of my Lott in Halls farme which is not fenced, my grant of Land at the New Plantation, and one Quarter of my share of Cow Com'on in Hampton, also my Narrowest Loom, & one half of my tackling belonging to weaveing. And after my Wifes Deceas, or marriage, I give unto him the Rest of my Lott in Halls farm (Excepting fower Acres given to Josiah.) and also my Peece of mowing ground on the North side of the Cross Beach which is already Divided to Me, to him, his heirs & Assignes for Ever.

Item, I give to my beloved Daughter Mary, the Bed shee useth to lay upon with all things therunto belonging; also ten pounds in marchantable Pay at mony price, to be payd as followeth: forty shillings in the month of October that shall happen to be six compleat Kallender months after my Deceas: and so Annually in october forty shillings a year untill the ten pounds be payd. this to be payd by my son Josiah.

Itt: I give to my Beloved Daughter Han'ah ffowler, twelve pounds in marchantable pay at mony price, to be payd as followeth: fower pounds in the month of October, that shall happen to be six Compleat Kallender months after my Deceas, and so fower pounds in the month october yearly untill the twelve pounds be payd. this twelve pounds to be payd by my Son Henery.

Item, I give to my Beloved Daughter Charity, twelve Pounds in Marchantable pay at mony price, to be payd as followeth: forty Shillings in the month october, that shall happen to be six Kallender months after my Deceas, and so forty shillings every year in the month october untill the twelve pounds be payd. this twelve pounds to be payd by my Son Josiah. Also it is to be un-

derstood that if it be not six Kallander months from the time of my Deceas, to the next following october, then the first payment to Every one of my Daughters is to be the next october following. and no horse Kind to be payd to any of my Daughters without their Consent.

Itt: After my wifes Deceas or marriage, I give unto my sons, Henery, Jeremiah, Thomas, & Samuel the other half of my part of the flats at the Beach that is not yet Divided, (between my sons Joseph & John and my self.) to them their heirs & Assignes for Ever.

It: My Will and Desire is, that my son Samuel should Live with my son Josiah, untill such time as he is twenty one years of Age, my son Josiah finding him Convenient Meat, Drink, Cloathes, washing & Lodging, and Teaching him the trade of Weaveing to the utmost of his Abillity, Also to be helpfull to him in his Wrighting & Arithmatick. And for my grandchild Philip that now liveth with me I leave to his ffather, & my son Josiah to agree Concerning him.

Lastly I Do Constitute, & Appoint my son Josiah, my sole Ex-ecutor to this my will, & Testament, written with my own hand. And for the further Confirmation therof I have hereunto sett my hand, & Seal, this twenty & ninth day of the first month in the year of our Lord, one Thousand seven hundred & three

Signed, & Sealed in the presence of us as Witnesses

Joseph Dow [seal]

Jonathan Philbrick

John ffrench

william Brown

Joseph mecres

[Proved April 19, 1703.]

[Inventory of the estate of Joseph Dow, who died April 4, 1703; amount, £369.12.0; signed by Benjamin Brown and Moses Swett.]

JOSHUA FRYER

1703

NEWCASTLE

In the name of God Amen. I Joshua fryer of Great Island otherwise called the Town of Newcastle in the province of New Hampshire in New England Master and Marriner \* \* \*

Item I give and bequeath Unto my deare & well beloved wife Abigall fryer (Except what is hereafter bequeathed) All my Estate both Reall and personall (that is to Say) all Houses Out Houses wharfes Lands Tenements and Appurtenances thereunto belonging As alsoe all my Goods Chattells & Debts whatsoever; wheresoever they or any of them are Standing being remaineing or to be found; or which may at any time hereafter become due or oweing Unto me. And I doe hereby Nominate And appointe my Said wife Abigall fryer my Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament—

Item I doe Nominate and appointe Theodore Atkinson of Newcastle aforesaid Esq<sup>r</sup> and Charles Story of the Town of Portsmouth in Said Province Gentleman to be my true and trusty ffreinds; as Assistants to my Said wife to see and take faithfull Care that this my will be duely proved and performed according to Law. And for the Care and trouble that my Said ffreinds Theodore Atkinson and Charles Story may have about the premisses, I give and bequeath Unto Each of them Severally the Sume five pounds Currant Mony of New England. In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale the Nineteenth day of Aprill In the first yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereaigne Lady Queen Anne that Now is over England &c, Annoq Domini 1703

Signed Sealed Published and  
Declared In the p'sence of

Joshua fryer [seal]

Elizabeth harvey

W<sup>m</sup> Kelly

John Chivallir

[Proved March 7, 1703/4.]

## WILLIAM WEYMOUTH 1703 STAR ISLAND

[Richard Currier and his wife, Elizabeth Currier, renounce administration on the estate of his brother-in-law, William Weymouth, April 22, 1703.]

James Weymouth consents that his father-in-law, Thomas Dimond, shall administer on the estate of his brother, William Weymouth, April 27, 1703.]

[Inventory of the estate of William Weymouth, who died March 31, 1703; amount, £76.7.0; signed by John Frost and Richard Gummer.]

[Inventory of the estate of William Weymouth of the Isles of Shoals, April 27, 1703; amount, £108.10.4; signed by Theodore Atkinson and Francis Tucker. Endorsed "Not perfected therefore not Recorded."]

[Administration on the estate of William Weymouth of Star Island, cooper, granted to Thomas Dimond of Star Island, fisherman, and his wife, Mary Dimond, April 28, 1703.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 263.]

[Bond of Thomas Dimond of the Isles of Shoals, fisherman, and Mary Dimond, his wife, with George Jaffrey and John Knight, both of Portsmouth, gentlemen, as sureties, April 28, 1703, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate.]

[James Weymouth of Newcastle and his wife, Catherine Weymouth, and Richard Currier of the Isles of Shoals and his wife, Elizabeth Currier, release all claim to the estate June 23, 1703, to Capt. Thomas Dimond, administrator of the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 117.]

## ROBERT SMART 1703 EXETER

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Smart of Exeter, July 1, 1703; amount, £333.17.0; signed by Isaac Cole and Andrew Wiggin.]



[Rebecca Smart renounces administration on the estate of her husband Dec. 11, 1703, and asks that Robert Smart, her step-son, be appointed; witnesses, Richard Hilton and Josiah Hilton.]

[Administration on the estate of Robert Smart of Exeter granted to his son, Robert Smart, Dec. 13, 1703, the widow, Rebecca Smart, having renounced administration.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 271.]

[Bond of Robert Smart of Exeter, yeoman, with Winthrop Hilton, gentleman, and Jonathan Hilton, yeoman, both of Exeter, as sureties, Dec. 13, 1703, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Matthew Nelson and Charles Story.]

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JOHN BOULTER

1703

HAMPTON

[Inventory of the estate of John Boulter of Hampton, Oct. 2, 1703; amount, £156.17.0; liabilities, £25.0.0; signed by John Smith, Abraham Drake, and John Garland; attested by John Garland and Abraham Drake, April 27, 1704.]

[Administration on the estate of John Boulter of Hampton granted to Bryan Door and his wife, Martha Door, formerly widow of the deceased, Dec. 14, 1703.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 270.]

[Warrant, Dec. 14, 1703, authorizing Abraham Drake and John Garland, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Bond of Bryan Door of Hampton, yeoman, with Richard Door of Portsmouth, yeoman, and Edward Cate of Portsmouth, house-carpenter, as sureties, Dec. 14, 1703, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Charles Story and Hannah Almary.]

[Warrant, May 1, 1704, authorizing Ephraim Marston, John Leavitt, and Samuel Chapman, Jr., all of Hampton, to receive claims against the estate.]

[Report of claims against the estate, Oct. 31, 1704; signed by Samuel Chapman, Jr., and Ephraim Marston.]

[Petition of Bryan Door and Martha Door, his wife, administrators, Jan. 12, 1705/6, for license to sell some of the real estate.]

[Account of the distribution of the personal property, Jan. 22, 1705/6; mentions children.]

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RICHARD ROWE

1703

DOVER

[Susanna Rowe, "being weak and Antient," renounces administration on the estate of her husband, Richard Rowe, and requests the appointment of her son, Thomas Rowe; witnesses, Nathaniel Hill and John Nutter.]

[Administration on the estate of Richard Rowe of Dover granted to his son, Thomas Rowe, Dec. 6, 1703.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 268.]

[Bond of Thomas Rowe of Portsmouth, yeoman, with John Brewster of Portsmouth and Nathaniel Hill of Dover, yeomen, as sureties, Dec. 6, 1703, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Thomas Webster and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Dec. 12, 1703, authorizing Nathaniel Hill and John Nutter, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Jan. 10, 1703/4; amount, £81.18.0; signed by Nathaniel Hill and John Nutter.]

[Warrant, Feb. 1, 1703/4, authorizing Nathaniel Hill and John Nutter to receive claims against the estate.]

[List of claims; amount, £37.9.1; signed by Nathaniel Hill and John Nutter.]

[Citation, May 2, 1704, to Edward Rowe, John Dam, Jr., and

his wife, Jane Dam, to appear and make agreement for the settlement of the estate.]

Province of } To the Honourable Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 New Hampshire } Judge of probate of wills and Granting Letters of Administration within said province.

Whereas Thomas Row is Adm<sup>r</sup> to the Estate of Richard Row late of Dover his father dec<sup>d</sup> and Edward Row and Jane the wife of John Damm being brother and Sister to the Said Thomas Row Adm<sup>r</sup> as aforesaid; having a Right to Some part of Said Estate after all Debts ffuneral Expences and other Charges are paid. wee whose Names are hereunto Subscribed Have Unanimously consented & Agreed to the Settling or Distribution of said Estate as followeth (And pray yo<sup>r</sup> Honour to Confirme the Same and Order the Divideing or Distributeing the same by such persons as you shall see meet.)

Imprimis It is mutually Agreed that the ffuneral Charges and Administrators Disbursements be first paid out of said Estate

Item that the Said Thomas Row have then the one halfe of all the Houses Lands Messuages Cottages Barns Orchards Gardens and other Real Estate that belonged to his father Rich'd Row dec<sup>d</sup> and one third part of all his personal Estate as Goods Chattells &c: and he to pay the one halfe of all such Debts as are oweing to any person from said Estate.

Item that Edward Row; and John Damm; (on the behalfe and for the proper share of his wife Jane) have the other halfe of the dec<sup>da</sup> Real Estate and two thirds of the personal; after such ffuneral Charges and Adm<sup>rs</sup> Disbursem<sup>ts</sup> are first paid. And that the said Edward Row and John Damm enter into a bond of two hundred pounds with Sufficient Securitye to the Judge of the probate &c: to pay one halfe of all the Debts that shall be made to appeare to be due to any person from Said Estate as alsoe if any other Sonn or daughter of the said dec<sup>d</sup> shall afterwards appeare and Claime y<sup>r</sup> proportion to said Estate that then Such proportion as the Law Allows him or her shall be paid the one halfe by the said Tho: Row and the other by the said Jn<sup>o</sup> Damm and Edward Row

&c: In wittesse whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands and Seales the sixth day of June 1704

wittesse

francis Mathes

Cha: Story Reg<sup>trus</sup>

Thomas X Rows mark

Edward X Rows mark

John Dam

Jane X Damm

[Allowed June 6, 1704, and Capt. John Woodman of Oyster River and Capt. John Tuttle of Dover were appointed commissioners to divide the estate.]

[Bond of Edward Rowe and John Dam, with William Furber of Dover, yeoman, as surety, June 6, 1704, in the sum of £200, for the fulfilling of the agreement; witnesses, Francis Mathes and Charles Story.]

[Appointment of John Lowe as commissioner, Nov. 21, 1704, in place of Capt. John Woodman, who declines to serve.]

New hampsh<sup>r</sup>

Persuant to the Power and Authority granted Us by the Honourable Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Judg of Probats of Wills and granting Administration &c—

According to our best skill and Judgment wee the subscribers have made a devetion of the Estate of Richard Roe Late of dover deceased where of Tho: Roe is Administrator, as followeth that is to say

first we doe order and determin that the dwelling house with the same bredth of Land at the East End there of to the high way going to m<sup>re</sup> Nutters as also ten foots bredth on the south side of s<sup>d</sup> house be Joyntly Improved by the Partners according to their Proportions so Long as the house shall stand in s<sup>d</sup> place and after the house is downe the Land to be Eaqually devided to the other devitions of Land—

2 we doe order and determin that the high way going a Cross the Land at the East End of the dwelling house shall be the deviding Line between the two dividants of Land and doe allot

fower Rods in bredth and Eight Rods in Length with the orchard there on standing on the north side of the house to belong to the dividant on the East side of s<sup>d</sup> high way— we do further order that Tho: Roe shall have five Acres of that Tenn acres granted to his father and to be Laid out on that side of sd Land that is next Adjateant to his owne Land

3<sup>ly</sup> as to y<sup>e</sup> Personall Estate it is agreed Upon by and betwen Thomas Roe the administrator to s<sup>d</sup> Estate and Jn<sup>o</sup> dam and Edw<sup>d</sup> Roe the other Parties Concerned that the s<sup>d</sup> administrator shall Pay to Each of them seven Pounds a Pees as their full Right and Just Proportion out of the moveable Part of s<sup>d</sup> Estate as p<sup>r</sup> his bills given Under his hand and seall Referance being had itt may appear

May y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1705

Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuttle sen<sup>r</sup>  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Low

[Various accounts, notes, bills, etc., containing signatures of Edward Toogood, Richard Rowe, Richard Martyn, William Vaughan, Nathaniel Hill, John Nutter, John Nelson, John Woodman, Joseph Hull, and Dodavah Hull.]

PHILIP ODIORNE

1703

ISLES OF SHOALS

[Administration on the estate of Philip Odiorne of the Isles of Shoals granted to his son, Nathaniel Odiorne of the Isles of Shoals, Dec. 11, 1703.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 269.]

[Bond of Nathaniel Odiorne of the Isles of Shoals, with George Jaffrey and Mark Hunking, mariner, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, Dec. 11, 1703, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, George Jaffrey, Jr., and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, March 6, 1703/4; amount, £64.16.6; signed by George Snell, Thomas Wakeham, Richard Leaver, and John Frost.]

ANDREW WIGGIN

1703/4

EXETER

The last Will and Testament of Andrew Wiggin Sen<sup>r</sup> of Quamscut of Exeter, in the province of Newhampshire.

I Andrew Wiggin of Quamscut in the province of Newhampshire in New England, being in years, & infirm as to bodily health, and waiting for my change, \* \* \*

1. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Simon Wiggins all my far neck, viz, all the upland and the marsh on each side of the mill creek, except what I hereafter, particularly dispose of, and all my land on the south-west side of the mill brook up as far as the southern hills, viz as far as, to butt against Andrews head line, he paying to his sister Sarah More thirty pounds in money or in goods at mony price within three years after my decease.

2. I give unto my beloved Son Andrew Wiggin my land begin'ing at the upper end of Exeter feild, at a little swamp there, and to run along by forty acres of land, which I otherwise dispose of, which forty acres layes on the south-west side of the wolfe trap brook, butting against the little brook that comes out of the southern hills ponds and so to run by s<sup>d</sup> little brook, & to run upon the west side of the pond, and at the end of that side of the pond, to run south east to the edge of a swamp and south west to the mill brook, reserving to my heirs as much land as may be convenient for laying of logs, & transporting of timber to & from my saw mill as long as she is improved, And I give him also twenty rods of marsh and flats lying by his new mill to make staging and half an acre of upland laying between the marsh & Sagamores hill, & a tract of marsh lying on the south east side of the far creek, from the head of s<sup>d</sup> creek down to a little turn, of the same where there is a little branch goes out into a parcel of bulrushes, from thence on a south east line to the upland and a small tract of marsh lying by the creek near Exeter feild, and the randevoo marsh, & the marsh near the cornfeild, (except what is herafter otherwise given) he defraying a quarter part of the charge in maintaining the causeway and bridge, that goes into the old feild; and paying to his sister Sarah More twenty pounds, in mony or merchantable

corn, cattle or boards as money within three years after my decease.

3. I give unto my two sons Simon & Andrew equally between them the whole priviledge of the mill creek & brook, excepting what belongs to my saw mill which stands on s<sup>d</sup> brook, they paying their mother forty shillins  $\text{p}$  annum during her natural life if she desires it.

4. I give unto my beloved Son Bradstreet Wiggin all that tract of land laying between the land I formerly gave him, and a little run that comes out of a swamp and runs into the new bridge brook, the land laying on the north-west side of the southern hills; and all the land between Thomas Reeds line & Elias Chritchets line, and the southern hills up to a little swamp run'ing into the cedar swamp; I also give him all the marsh on the east side of the home pasture & feild called the middle marsh, reserving liberty for a convenient causway, through the marsh; and three acres of marsh near the key on the north west side of the creek and all the flats against it, in the creek, & a point of marsh between my sons mill and the far ware, and I also give him half the bulring marsh from the key down-ward, he paying to his sister Dorothy Gilman twenty pounds in mony or merchantable pay as mony within three years after my decease.

5. I give unto my beloved Son Jonathan Wiggin my dwelling house, barn and out houses and the upland laying along up to the new bridge creek & the pasture, & all the land laying from a little swamp, or low valley, of land at the head of Exeter feild to the randevoo, and all the land that is between a little brook that comes from the southern hills pond & the wolf trap brook & to run up to the southern hills pond, by the hill, on the north west side of the hill, to a little run that goes into s<sup>d</sup> wolf trap brook, to meet with the land I formerly gave unto my son Thomas, and my son Bradstreets land, reserving alwayes a convenient place for cattle to go to water at the pond; Also I give him six acres of swamp, which shall be Darby's swamp & the branch coming into it, to make up six acres, & liberty to go through Andrews land with a cart to s<sup>d</sup>

swamp, I do also give him the marsh from the corn feild bridge on the west side of the creek, down to a point called sandy point, & so half way between s<sup>d</sup> point & the plumb point, & one half of the marsh from the key downward, called the bull ring marsh, & also the watering place marsh, and all the hay creek marsh on this side of the hay creek up to Bradstreets marsh, and all the flats laying upon the house creek; I do also give to Jonathan my grist mill & the southern hills pond, and also the one halfe of all my cattle sheep and swine, he paying to his sister Mary Gilman fifty pounds with what she has already received & to his sister Dorothy Gilman thirty pounds, in money or merchantable boards, cattle or grain, at money price within the space of three years after my decease; but if my son Jonathan die without heir of his body lawfully begotten, my will is that my Simon's eldest son shall have the grist mill, and that Bradstreets son Thomas shall have the southern hills pond; and all the rest of the houses land & marsh that I have given him shall be to the use & benefit of his wife so long as she remains his widow, but if she marry again my will is that at her marriage, my son Andrews son Andrew shall possess & enjoy it he paying to Jonathan's wife fifty pounds, in marchantable pay, within two years after she marry again, and if my son Andrew hath another son his name shall be Thomas & be bred a schollar. I also give unto Jonathan all the priviledge of the hay creek.

6. I do give unto my two sons Simon & Jonathan two hundred acres of land be it more or less, lying between the southern hills & the cedar swamp up towards Winnicut river.

7. I do give unto my daughter Abigail French one hundred and ten acres of land at the end of Elias Critchets land, to lay the same breadth of his land & to run up into the woods, untill the one hundred & ten acres be made up & compleated.

8. I do give unto my grandson Samuel Wentworth sixscore and ten acres of land laying at the end of M<sup>r</sup> Coles land, the same breadth of his land;

9. I do give unto each of my three daughters, viz, Mary Gil-



man, Dorothy Gilman & Sarah More fifty pounds apeice, to be paid as above-mentioned.

10. I do give unto my grandaughter Hannah Wiggin besides what I formerly gave her father Thomas Wiggin a two handle wrought cup.

11. My will is that where any of my Sons marsh lyeth against their brothers land that they shall have ten foot of upland joyning all round to their marsh for the convenient fencing of it, & that there shall be a competency of land at the randevoo, lay common for a landing for all my sons & their heirs for ever with convenient high wayes thither, for each of them from their above granted lands, through each persons land, & that there shall be an high way from Leiu<sup>t</sup> Samuel Leavits land by Simons house to run at the tail of my saw mill, and to the randevoo.

12. My will is that each of my sons viz. Simon, Andrew Bradstreet & Jonathan shall have, possess and enjoy the timber that is on the land that I have given them as their proper own, giving to their mother liberty to cut what she hath occasion for firing or fencing on any part of s<sup>d</sup> land, and that my land undisposed of shall lay common among my s<sup>d</sup> sons each to have an equal share of the timber; only my wife shall have liberty to cut what timber she hath occasion for on any part of s<sup>d</sup> land; And after my wives decease if my s<sup>d</sup> four sons, do with the advice of some freinds agree to devide s<sup>d</sup> common land that then it shall be equally divided between them four, by persons chosen by themselves if they cannot agree among themselves.

13. My will is that the land & meadow which I have given to my sons as above be not in their possession or at their dispose untill my wives decease, (that is to say) what of it I do give to my wife to be, to her use during her natural life, my will is that my wife shall have my dwelling house next the way, and my grist mill, and my feild on the South side, & my feild on the north side of the way to the corn feild bridge, & one half of the great & little barn, & the improvment of the marsh from the corn feild bridge to the causeway & halfe the bullring marsh, and all the watering place

marsh down as far as the creek that goes into my daughters Whipples marsh, and the corn feild bridge marsh on the feild side of the creek, along from the bridge to the middle of plumb point, & so over to the creek, and the marsh up at the far ware and at the bulrushes, and as much use of the pasture and garden as she hath occasion for, all which is to be to her proper use & improvment during her natural life; And further my will is that my wife shall have all the corn both english & Indyan that is growing on my land at my decease, and all the logs, boards, and planks, that shall lay cut at my decease, And that my wife & my son Jonathan shall have the one half of my saw mill during her natural life, and that they do pay the one half of my debts, and that my sons, Simon, Andrew & Bradstreet shall have the other half of my saw mill equally among them and pay the other halfe of my debts; and after my wives decease, my will is that, my saw mill be equally divided among my four sons, Simon, Andrew, Bradstreet & Jonathan to each of them a quarter part of s<sup>d</sup> mill, and the priviledge thereto belonging; and my will is that my wife doth take of Sarah Indyan during her natural life, and if Sarah survive my wife that my Son Jonathan do take care of her.

14. I do give unto my beloved wife Hannah Wiggin all the rest and residue of my personal estate, goods and chattels to be to her sole use and improvment & at her dispose; except my tankard which I give to my son Andrew, he paying to each of his brothers and sisters, thirty two shillins apeice, & my great bible which I give to my son Simon & after his decease to his son Simon.

15. My will is and I give unto my grandson Simon Wiggins the marsh I gave to his father Simon Wiggins, on the north-west side of the mill creek, and half the neck of upland to be in his possession after his fathers decease.

16. I give unto my grandson Chase Wiggin a yoke of oxen, to be out of my stock before division therof as above expressed be made.

ult. My Will is, and I do hereby, appoint and constitute my

loving wife Hannah Wiggin and my son Jonathan Wiggin to be my full and joynt executors of this my last will and testament; and I do hereby revoke, disanull & make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

And I do hereby nominate, desire & appoint my trusty & well beloved freinds Cap<sup>t</sup> Kinsley Hall & M<sup>r</sup> Moses Leavitt to be the overseers of this my last will & testament In Witness wherof I the s<sup>d</sup> Andrew Wiggin have to this my last will and testament set my hand and Seal, the thirteenth day of January, Anno Domini one thousand seaven hundred and three or four, Annoq Secundo Rogni Reginæ Annæ Angliæ &c.

Signed Sealed and owned  
in the presence of

Andrew Wiggin [seal]

Isaac Cole

John ———

The mark of  
Jams X Godfrey

April 18; 1707 m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Wiggins sen<sup>r</sup> being senceable that one of y<sup>e</sup> witnses to this his within will is Dceased and desierous y<sup>t</sup> this his last will might be sufficient proved doth in presence of us own & declare the within will & Testem<sup>t</sup> is his Last will & testament only where as his Dear wife Hannah Wiggins was Joynt Executrix now y<sup>t</sup> his son Jonathan be sole Executor—

Peter weare  
nathaniel watson

[Proved June 9, 1710.]

JOSEPH BEARD

1703/4

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Beard of Dover granted to his widow, Esther Beard, Feb. 9, 1703/4.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 272.]

[Bond of Esther Beard of Dover, widow, with William Furber and Tristram Heard, both of Dover, yeomen, as sureties, Feb. 8,

1703/4, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Mary Rymes and Charles Story.]

[Warrant Feb. 9, 1703/4, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Lieut. Thomas Tibbetts, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Feb. 24, 1703/4; amount, £52.9.0; signed by John Tuttle and Thomas Tibbetts; attested by them May 2, 1704; mentions Mary Williams, widow of Thomas Beard.]

[Warrant, March 7, 1703/4, authorizing John Tuttle and Thomas Tibbetts to receive claims against the estate.]

[List of claims against the estate, Sept. 30, 1704; amount, £101.17.3; signed by John Tuttle and Thomas Tibbetts; mentions Mary Hudson, daughter of Thomas Beard.]

[Additional claim of £23.7.3, Oct. 24, 1704.]

[Division of the estate as insolvent, Dec. 5, 1704, at seven shillings and two pence in the pound; allowed Dec. 5, 1704.]

[Account of Esther Beard, administratrix; amount, £7.1.0; allowed Jan., 1704/5.]

[Various notes, bonds, and accounts containing signatures of Joseph Beard, Harry Benning, John Light, Robert Elkins, John Norris, Edward Weymouth, John Bennett, Richard Seward, Thomas Wills, Nicholas Morrill, James Leavitt, and Sarah Jackson.]

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JONATHAN CRAM

1703/4

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Jonathan Cram of Hampton granted to Benjamin Cram of Hampton, March 7, 1703/4.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 273.]

[Warrant, March 7, 1703/4, authorizing Peter Weare and Daniel Tilton, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate of Jonathan

Cram, administration of which is granted to his brother, Benjamin Cram ; bears signatures of Daniel Tilton and Peter Weare.]

[Bond of Benjamin Cram, Jr., of Hampton, yeoman, with Timothy Hilliard of Hampton and Thomas Rollins of Exeter, yeomen, as sureties, March 7, 1703/4, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate ; witnesses, Richard Joce and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, March 18, 1703/4 ; amount, £32.13.0 ; an addition of £10.12.0 attested by Benjamin Cram May 2, 1704.]

this agreement made & concludid this 22<sup>d</sup> day of Decemb 1704. Betwene John Cram, Benjamin Cram Joseph Cram, Sarah Cram, mary Cram, William Fifield in Right of his wife formerly Hannah Cram, Hester Cram, Samuell Melsher in Right of his Wife, formerly Elizebeth Cram, (as followeth) (viz)

That where as Jonatham Cram late of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> Deceased (Intestated) And Administration to said Deceased Jonathan Cram Estate is Granted unto Benjamin Cram above named, And for a devision and full settelment of the Estate which our Dear brother had in his lifetime, Wee the above named persons to this agreement do for our Selves our Heirs & Successers Covenant & agree to and with each other, that after all Debts, Charges, & funerall expences be Justly & honistly paid, the Remainder of the Estate of the Deceased as it is Inventoryed by the Admin<sup>r</sup> be equally devided betwene us the eight abov named partys to this agreement, And if any Estat which of Right belonged to our said Brother in his life time Shall here after be known, or appear to be, or belong to our s<sup>d</sup> Brother Jonathan Cram Deceased, It shall also be eaqually devided among us the above named partys to this agreement our Lawfull Heirs or Successers ; And this Agreement to be a full Setteltment of the Estate of our Dear Brother Jonathan Cram deceased made by us the above named partys And we pray the Judg of Probats to allow the Same, And that it be Recorded in the Regesters office In Witnes hereof Wee the above

named persons named in this Agreement have set to our hands & Seals this twenty second day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> Anno Dom. one thousand seaven hundred and four in the third year of Queen Anne her Reign over England &c—

Signed Sealed & owned  
in presence of us—  
Peter Weare  
Daniell Tilton

John Cram [seal]  
Benjamin Cram [seal]  
Joseph Cram [seal]  
her mark  
sarah X Cram [seal]  
her mark  
Mary X Cram [seal]  
William ffield [seal]  
her mark  
Easta X Cram [seal]  
sam melcher [seal]

[Acknowledged Dec. 22, 1704; allowed Jan. 2, 1704/5.]

[Account of Benjamin Cram, administrator, against the estate; amount, £4.19.10; allowed in Jan., 1704/5.]

JAMES CHASE

1703/4

HAMPTON

[Administration on estate of James Chase of Hampton granted to John Chase of Hampton, March 7, 1703/4.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 274.]

[Bond of John Chase of Hampton, yeoman, with Benjamin Cram and David Wedgewood, both of Hampton, yeomen, as sureties, March 7, 1703/4, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate of James Chase of Hampton, his father-in-law; witnesses, John Tuttle and Thomas Tibbetts.]

[Warrant, March 7, 1703/4, authorizing Capt. Henry Dow and Ephraim Marston, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, June 2, 1704; amount, £85.10.0; signed by Henry Dow and Ephraim Marston.]

[Account of the administrator against the estate; amount, £3.18.0; allowed Jan. 1704/5.]

[License, Feb. 6, 1704/5, to the administrator to sell certain lands.]

[Appraisal of certain lands, March 5, 1704/5; signed by Henry Dow and Ephraim Marston.]

This Agreement made & Concluded this forth day of June Anno Dom 1705. Betwene John Chase John Chapman & Mary Chase all of Hampton In Province of N: Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England &c (viz) that where as James Chase of Hampton late deceased left an Estate In Lands & Chattels, and also three daughters (viz) Abigell, Dorothy & Mary Chase: and Administration is Granted unto John Chase above Named of all y<sup>e</sup> lands, goods, & Chattels which did belong to Said James Chase in his Lifetime, an Inventory of w<sup>ch</sup> is Regestred &c, Now know ye that we the above named partys to this agreemen, have fully agreed that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Estate be devided as followeth (Viz) that John Chapman Shall have for his part (In Right of his wife Dorothy) the home Lott with all orchards building or what so ever doth belong or appertain to y<sup>e</sup> home Lot be the same six acres more or Less, he the sd Chapman paying unto John Chase Seaven pounds—And that mary Chase Shall have for her part, a piece of salt marsh lying néer the great Boars head Containing five Acres more or Less with all y<sup>e</sup> Rights there unto be Longing, & thirty shillings paid her in money by sd John Chase &c— And that y<sup>e</sup> Said John Chase shall have for his part one share of y<sup>e</sup> ox-common and all other overplus of y<sup>e</sup> Estate which was sd James Chase<sup>s</sup> his above named late deceased by the same more or Less &c (In Right of his wife Abigell abovenamed.) And to this agreement, & settelment of y<sup>e</sup> estate which was our Hon<sup>rd</sup> fathers James Chase Deceased wee the above named partys to this agreement have sett to our hands and seals this forth day of June 1705 In the forth year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of Queen Anne over England &c And pray that the Hon<sup>able</sup> the Judge of Probates & grateing Letters of Adm<sup>sn</sup> to approve y<sup>e</sup> same & y<sup>t</sup> it may be Re-

corded &c— wee haveing all Redy agreed for y<sup>e</sup> widdows thirds  
&c—

signed sealed & owned	John Chase	[seal]
in presence of us	John Chapman	[seal]
Peter weare	her marke	
Joseph Cass	mary X Chase	[seal]

Province of New Hampsh<sup>h</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> 1705

John Chase John Chapman & Mary Chase personally appeared before me Joseph Smith one of her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Justice peace and acknowledged the above agreement to be their voluntary act & Deed—

Att a Court of probate &c: held at portsm<sup>o</sup> on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1705 I Allow and Approve of the within Agreem<sup>t</sup> according to the prayer within mentioned

Joseph Smith Judge of probates &c.

JOHN OWEN

1704

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Owen of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to his widow, Margaret Owen, May 2, 1704.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 282.]

Bond of Margaret Owen of Portsmouth, with George Jaffrey and Richard Wibird, mariner, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, July 6, 1704, in the sum of £40, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Henry Penny and Charles Story.]

SAMUEL ALCOCK

1704

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God, Amen—I Sam<sup>l</sup> Alcock of Portsm<sup>o</sup>: in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Mariner— being in health, \* \* \*

To my beloved wife I give the improvementt of my house & Land & all my estate moveable 'or immoveable Untill my son Sam<sup>l</sup> comes to the age of twenty one Years, but when my s<sup>d</sup> son shall attain to that age, then he shall recve as his own propper right the one halfe part of my house & Land & moveables, & the other halfe my wife shall improve during her life & after her



decease it shall all revert to my s<sup>d</sup> son, Provided Notwithstanding that if my wife should have Another child by me begotten, then my will is, that after my wifes decease, my house & Land & moveable Estate be all equally apprized by my Overseers or by persons indifferently chosen & that my son Sam<sup>l</sup> shall have a double portion of the Same, & my other child a single share thereof which my son Sam<sup>l</sup> shall pay him in money— or Moveables & Sam<sup>l</sup>: Keep the house as his proper right, & Provided also that if my beloved wife should by the providence of God be reduc'd to indigency & poverty in her widdowhood, then I give her full right & power to Sell & dispose off that halfe which I have above given her the improvement off ffor her naturall life, provided my overseers do Judge that she hath reall occasion so to doe— And if my child or children should dy before they Attain the age of twenty one Years, Then after their decease my will is that my wife have the improvement of the whole of my estate during her natural life & at her decease I give her the one halfe to be at her own disposal to be bequeathed to whom she pleases, & the other halfe I give to my Kinsm<sup>a</sup> Joseph Alcock & if he dy without Issue lawfully by him begotten, then I will that his halfe goe to To my Sister Mary Vaughans children, to be equally divided Amongst them.

Lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Alcock to be my sole Executrix— and my ffriends mr Thom<sup>s</sup> Phipps & m<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Cutt to be my overseers, desiring them to assist my wife in the execution of my will. In Testimony whereof I have hereto Set my hand And affixed my Seale this 17 day of May in the third Year of the reign of Queen Anne, by the Grace of God over England, Scotland— ffrance, & Ireland Queen &c— Annoq Dom: 1704.

Signed, Sealed & Declared  
in presence of us  
Robert Coffin  
Thom<sup>s</sup> Phipps  
Elener phipps

Sam<sup>l</sup> Allcock [seal]

[Proved Feb. 12, 1716/17.]

[Bond of Elizabeth Alcock, widow, with Amos Fernald and Richard Gerrish, Jr., as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £1000, Feb. 12, 1716/17, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Cotton and Nathaniel Odiorne.]

[Elizabeth Alcock, the widow, renounces administration Oct. 21, 1723, in order that her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Alcock, may administer the estate.]

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Alcock of Portsmouth granted to his mother, Elizabeth Alcock, Oct. 21, 1723.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 381.]

[Bond, Oct. 21, 1723, signed by Elizabeth Alcock, Michael Whidden, and Joseph Alcock; witnesses, Benjamin Gambling and Agnes Libby.]

JOSEPH CHASE

1704

HAMPTON

in the Name of God Amen—

I Joseph Chase of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hamshier in New England Being Antient, \* \* \*

2<sup>ly</sup>) I Give, & Bequeath, unto my beloved Wife Rachell all that money w<sup>ch</sup> I have formerly Given, & Delivered, unto her for ever at her Dispose as also the use, & Improvement of all my Estate Dureing her natureall Life be the same houses, lands, Stock, hushold Goods, or any thing Within doars or Without With the In-trest of Such mune<sup>y</sup> as is, or shall be Lett out to possess & Injoy the Same dureing the time of her Natureall Life as abovesaid

3<sup>ly</sup>) I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Anne Sinkeler one hundred pounds to be paid by my Executors ten pounds p<sup>r</sup> annum untill one hundred pounds be paid the one half to be paid in money, or Bills of Creaditt; the other half in goods, or merchantable pay at money price—

4<sup>ly</sup>) I Give & Bequeath unto my above named Daughter Annes Children; unto the Eldist Son twenty pounds, And the other of her Children now Born to Each ten pounds to be paid by Execu-

tors the one half in money or Bills of Creaditt the other half in Goods or merchantable pay at money price to be paid unto her Sons When they Come to y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty four years & to her Daughters at y<sup>e</sup> age of Eighteen years, or at the day of there marriage Which shall first happen

5:<sup>ly</sup>) I Give, & bequeath, unto my Daughter Elizabeth Hilyard after her Mothers Decease the one half of all my Estate (not other Ways Disposed of) Be the Same houses, Buyldings, orchars Gardings, lands, meadows, marches, pastures, out lands, With all Rights to Lands or Commonages What Soever unto her my Said Daughter dureing her Natureall Life, and at her Decease unto her Eldist Son of her body Lawfully begotton, And for Want of Such Issue, to be devided among her Daughters, and for Want of Such Daughter, or daughters, unto y<sup>e</sup> Heir att Law—

I also Give unto my above named Daughter the one half of my household goods excepting what is here after Excepted: With y<sup>e</sup> one half of ye Stocke of what Kind, or sort soever; together with the one half of my Booke debts or servants to to be Equally Devided betwene her my Daughter Elisabeth, & my Daughter Rachell Freese after my Wifes Decease. I farther Give unto my said Daughter Elisabeth peculerly & singelly forever at her own dispose, after the death of her Mother, the one half of my money not other Ways disposed of: be the same in my possession or What I have Bonds for still unpaid: to be equally Devided between her my Daughter Elisabeth, & my Daughter Rachell after my Wifes decease; my Will & meaning is y<sup>e</sup> my said Daughter shall dispose of y<sup>e</sup> said money as she sees meet, and if any person Controle her in the Improvement of y<sup>e</sup> same or goe about to Command it out of her hands, my Will is that in such a case; the Said money shall Revert to my Heir at Law— Whome I here by declare to be Heir to y<sup>e</sup> said mony

6:<sup>ly</sup>) I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Rachel Frees the other half of all my Building, houses, orchards Gardens Lands Wheather meadows & marches pastures out lands— Com'onages & Rights to lands What soever, or Where so ever to her after her

mothers Deceas : to hold & possess the same Dureing her my said Daughter Rachell her Life: & after her Deceas unto her second son & Want of such Issue Lawfully begett of her body unto her Daughters & for Want of such Issue unto my Heir at Law.

I also Give unto my said Daughter Rachell the one half of my household goods (excepting what is here after Excepted) With the one half of my stocke of What Kind or sort soever, With the one half of my Booke debts & sevants to be Equally Devided betwene her my Daughter Rachel & my above named Daughter Elizabeth after my Wifes Deceas

I farther Give unto my Daughter Rachell singelly & peculerly forever at her own dispose after y<sup>e</sup> Death of my Wife the one half of my Money not other Ways disposed of be the same in my possession or money Which I have bonds for Remaining unpaid to be Equally Devided betwene her & my Daughter Elizabeth after their mothers Decease my Will & meaning is y<sup>t</sup> my said Daughter Rachell Dispose of y<sup>e</sup> said money as she shall see meet, And that if it so happen y<sup>t</sup> any person Controle her or take it out of her hands In that Case y<sup>e</sup> said money shall Revert to my Heir at Law &c—

7<sup>ly</sup>) I give & bequeath unto y<sup>e</sup> poore among the people Called Quakers fifty pounds in money to be delivered unto my freind Walter Newbury to be by him distributed among the above mentioned poore people according to his prudence & Disscretion

8<sup>ly</sup>) my Will is that two of my best Beds With y<sup>e</sup> beding & furniture— and one Silver tankerd, six silver spoons one duzen of leather Chairs & ten turkey-worked Chairs Remain undevided, & that they be reserved in the house Where I now dwell ; With any other vesells needfull as I shall here after see Cause to mention out of my household goods all Which I Reserve for ye Entertaining of Strangers more particularly Quakers and my Will is y<sup>t</sup> When my Estate is divided ; that which so ever of my Daughters Whether Elizabeth or Rachel shall have my dwelling house that take Care to Entertain strangers according to the Intent of this my Will as in ther prudence shall be sutable & Convenient

9<sup>th</sup>) And unto this my last Will & Testament I Constitute & appoint my Wife Rachel and my sons in law, Benjamin Hilyard, & Jacob Frees, Executrix, & Executors &c

10<sup>th</sup>) I Desire my friend Walter Newbury of Boston & Joseph Smith, & Moses Swett of Hampton to doe What in them lyeth to Cause this my Will to be Well observed, & performed And in Case of y<sup>e</sup> Death of any of them the two surviveing Chuse & appoint another in his Rome for y<sup>e</sup> end abovesaid Thus Revoking all Wills by me formerly made I sign & seal this With my hand this fourteenth day of June in y<sup>e</sup> thirteenth Year of Queen anne her Reign over Great Britain &c Annoq: Domini 1704

Joseph Chase Signed Sealed &  
Declared this Instrument to be his  
last Will & Testament in presence  
of us witnesses

Joseph Chase [Seal]

Joseph Smith  
John Moulton  
Jabez Smith  
Rachell Lock  
Elizabeth Smith

[Proved Feb. 12, 1717/18.]

this Codicil to my foregoing Will I publish & declare this nineteenth day of may: 1716: in y<sup>e</sup> Second year of King George his Reign over Great Britain

Impr<sup>r</sup>: my meaning, is in my foregoing Will that my Wife Rachell hold & possess all my Estate Except what is hereafter Excepted dureing the time of her natureall Life or Widowhood: be it of what kind or sort whatsoever

I Do also Give her power to dispose of one hundred pounds among such of her Children or Grand Children as she shall thinke meet &c—

2<sup>ndly</sup>) I Give unto my son in Law Jacob Freess the one half of my Sloop with half her tackel for ever at his dispose

3<sup>dly</sup>) I Give & bequeath unto Rachell Lock now Rachell moulton a Legacy of five pounds in money to be paid within one year after my Decease

4<sup>ly</sup>) I Give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Swett Daughter of moses Swett five pounds in money to be paid her Within one year after my Deceas

5<sup>ly</sup>) I Give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Chase Daughter of John Chase deceased ten pounds in money to be paid Within one year afer my decease— if she then be arived to Eighteen years of age my meaning is when she Comes to y<sup>e</sup> age of 18 years or at her day of marriag which shall first happen &c

6<sup>ly</sup>) I Give & bequeath unto moses swett a Legacy of ten pounds in money to be paid With in one year after my decease

7<sup>ly</sup>) I Doe acquitt & discharg James Stanyon from any debt he Stands Charged in my Booke or may be debted therein at my decease—

I also Give unto the Said James Stanyons Wife Anne a legacy of five pounds in money to be paid within one year after my decease

8<sup>ly</sup>) I Give unto mary Dow Wife of Henry Dow five pounds in money to be paid With in one year after my decease

9<sup>ly</sup>) I Give unto Lidia Norton Wife of Samuel Norton five pounds in money to be paid within one year after my decease

10<sup>ly</sup>) my will is y<sup>e</sup> above legacys be paid by my wife Rachell at the time appointed but if she should not live so long, or neglect to pay the same then by my my other Executor befor named; and this addition to my will I do make and declare to be Equall with my foregoing will & do sett to my hand & seal the day & year above mentioned

Joseph Chase Signed, Sealed,  
& Declared the above Written  
to be an adition unto his Will  
before Written on the same pa-  
per on both sides in presence of  
us.

Joseph Chase [seal]

Joseph Smith  
Elizabeth Smith  
Dorothy Lock

[Proved March 5, 1717/18.]

[Blank sheet of paper for bond, signed by Jacob Freese, Benjamin Hilliard, Rachel Chase, Joshua Wingate, and Jabez Smith.]

[Inventory of the estate of Joseph Chase, who died Jan. 12, 1717/18; taken Feb. 27, 1717/18; amount, £3430.11.9; signed by Joshua Wingate, John Tuck, and Samuel Shaw.]

[Settlement of the estate by the executors, in which the real estate is divided as follows:]

As to the Division of Land, Houses & March

To Hilliarde

The Land bought of Dan<sup>t</sup> Lamprey As it is Specified in s<sup>d</sup> Deed of Sale With all the Buildings thereon And One Hundred & fifty pounds paid by Freese

Hilliard to have the Lot bought of John Smith Lyeing in a Place called the Windmill Lott As it is bounded in said Deed

Hilliard a share in y<sup>e</sup> Second North Division bought of Jo<sup>n</sup> Garland As it is bounded in s<sup>d</sup> Deed And Two shares in the Third West Division, One as it was bought of Josiah Moulton And the Other as it was drawn by M<sup>r</sup> Chase As they are bounded

To Freese

The Land bought of John & Nathaniel Huggins With the Swamp & Marsh As it is Specified & bounded in s<sup>d</sup> Deed With All the Buildings thereon Paying the sum'e of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds to Hilliard—

Freese the Lott bought of Jon: Sanborn Lyeing in a Place called the Windmill Lott As it is bounded in s<sup>d</sup> Deed & Two Shares of Upland in the Oxe Com'on.—

Freese the North Hill Pasture w<sup>ch</sup> was the 86<sup>th</sup> share in the Second North Division With the Land Adjoyning bought of the Com'oners.—

To Land in the first North Division The Lot drawn by M<sup>r</sup> Chase Divided in the Middle Length Wayes.

Hilliard the West Side

A Half Share in the Third West Division Drawn for on Right  
bought of John Nay

Freese the East Side

And a share in the same Division bought of Timothy Hilliard

Division of Marsh.

The Peice bought of Jon: Sanborn & W<sup>m</sup> Fifield divided in the  
Middle Length Wayes.

Hilliard the Westerly side and a Share of Marsh in the Ox  
Com'on Lyeing by the Little Island—

Freese the Easterly side and the Clam Bank Marsh As it was  
bought of Isaac Chase and Specified in s<sup>d</sup> Deed—

A Peice of Marsh & Thatch Ground Lyeing by the Boare's  
Head, As it is divided Length Wayes About a Rod Northerly of  
the Middle to the Stakes sett up.

Hilliard to have the North Side of the Marsh and the Thatch  
Ground from the Bounds mentioned at the North East Corner of  
said Marsh And so all the Thatch Ground between the Beach &  
Chapman's Marsh So Northward to the End of s<sup>d</sup> share

Item a peice of Marsh and Thatch Ground bought of the  
Com'oners at a place called Hendrix Cove As it is bounded in  
s<sup>d</sup> Deed—

A Peice of Marsh on y<sup>e</sup> South Side of the Falls River as it was  
bought of Jacob Basford

Freese to have the South Side between the Marsh & the Beach  
till it comes to the Stake at the North East Corner of the Marsh  
And then a Strait Line to bound on the Beach A Stake & a Stone  
laid by it.

Two Thatch shares in the Ox Com'on One Lyeing on an Island  
called Thatch Island and the Other as it was drawn for by M<sup>r</sup>  
Chase. —

A share of Marsh or Thatch Ground lyeing on a place called  
the Great Neck drawn by M<sup>r</sup> Chase And an Acre of Marsh lye-  
ing near James Perkins Bounded Northerly on Land of Jacob  
Brown—



As to the Vessells equally divided.

Hilliard The Halfe of the Sloop Joseph With all Things belonging to it—

Freese Halfe the Sloop called Anne with all belonging to it

FRANCIS MATTHEWS 1704

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Francis Matthews of Oyster River, yeoman, granted to his son, Benjamin Matthews of Oyster River, yeoman, July 10, 1704.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 283.]

[Bond of Benjamin Matthews, with Joseph Meader, yeoman, and Francis Matthews, yeoman, son of Benjamin Matthews, both of Oyster River, as sureties, July 10, 1704, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Philip Chesley and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, July 10, 1704, authorizing Capt. James Davis and Thomas Edgerly, both of Oyster River, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of Francis Matthews, "deceased at Oyster River about fifty or sixty years past"; amount, £119.0.0; signed by James Davis and Thomas Edgerly; attested by Benjamin Matthews March 6, 1704/5.]

[Warrant, the first Tuesday in March, 1704/5, authorizing Capt. James Davis and Joseph Meader to receive claims against the estate.]

[List of claims; amount, £356.0.0; signed by James Davis and Joseph Meader; allowed Nov. 6, 1705. One claim is that of Benjamin Matthews for "keeping his mother Twenty five years att fowerteen Pounds  $\text{p}$  year."]

[Administrator's account against the estate; amount, £4.12.0; allowed Nov. 6, 1705.]

the depision of Debro shoctford aged about Fifty Eight yers of yeag testifieth and saith that the said m<sup>rs</sup> tamson mathes dilive her son benjamin mathes about forty eyrs pas and that I did Live with the said Benjamin Matheys to tend uppon his mother tamson mathes

6<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>br</sup> 1705 Jurat Coram me

Joseph Smith

the depison of Josep Kent eged about forty five yers of Eage testifieth and saith that that i knew the said tamson mathes and that the said tamson mathes did Live with her son Benjamin methes abou thurty five yers past and I did Live with him and that hee did maintain hur tel the day of hur death Excepting sun few yers and that she dyed with hin about 15 years agoe

6<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>br</sup> 1705 : Jurat Coram/

Joseph Smith

the depison of Thomas Roberts Aged about sevinty yers of Eage testifieth and saith that about forty five yers past I was well aqunted with m<sup>rs</sup> tamsun methe and that the forsaid Mathes did Live with hur son Benjamin Mathes until the day of her Deth Excepting som few yers

6<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>br</sup> Jurat Coram me

Joseph Smith

SAMUEL TASKETT

1704

DURHAM

[Bond of Samuel Perkins of Dover, yeoman, with John Grey of Dover and Robert Smart of Exeter, yeomen, as sureties, July 10, 1704, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate of Samuel Taskett of Oyster River, yeoman; witnesses, Philip Chesley and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, Aug. 4, 1704; amount, £43.18.0; signed by John Woodman and Joseph Meader.]

[Administrator's account against the estate of Samuel Taskett, his brother-in-law; amount, £4.17.1.]

MARY SWAINE

1704

NEWCASTLE

[“An inventory of what Estat mary swain formerly of Newcastle Lefft when shee went to haverhill, married & there dyed”; amount, £50.0.0; taken by George Wallis and John Bickford Sept. 3, 1704.]

THOMAS CHESLEY

1704

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Chesley of Oyster River granted to Joseph Daniell and his wife, Ann Daniell, formerly widow of the deceased, Sept. 5, 1704.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 284.]

[Bond of Joseph Daniell of Dover, yeoman, with John Pickering of Portsmouth, gentleman, and George Vaughan of Portsmouth as sureties, Sept. 5, 1704, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate.]

[Warrant, Sept. 5, 1704, authorizing John Woodman and Stephen Jones of Oyster River to appraise the estate of Thomas Chesley of Oyster River.]

[Inventory, Sept. 29, 1704; amount, £100.4.5; signed by John Woodman and Stephen Jones.]

[Guardianship of Thomas Chesley, aged about sixteen years, son of Thomas Chesley, granted to his uncle, Joseph Chesley, Jan. 2, 1704/5.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 60.]

[Account of Joseph Daniell, administrator, against the estate; amount, £37.19.0; signed by Joseph Daniell; allowed in Jan., 1704/5; mentions his wife as dead. One item is “Keeping a Child from the age of Nine Months Until it Came to the age of five years and one halfe.”]

[Petition of John Chesley, aged seventeen years, son of Thomas Chesley, that his uncle, George Chesley, may be appointed his guardian; allowed June 1, 1708.]

[Citation, June 29, 1708, to Joseph Daniell, to appear and render an account of the estate.]

[Bond of George Chesley, with Joseph Chesley as surety, Aug. 2, 1708, in the sum of £150, for the guardianship of John Chesley.]

[Court record, Aug. 3, 1708: Joseph Daniell appeared and delivered administration of the estate to George Chesley, brother of the deceased, and guardian to John Chesley, oldest son of the deceased.]

## RICHARD OTIS

1704

DOVER

[Bond of Susanna Otis, widow, with Joseph Hanson and John Varney, both of Cocheco, yeomen, as sureties, Dec. 5, 1704, in the sum of £200, for the administration de bonis non of the estate of Richard Otis of Cocheco, father of her husband, Richard Otis, Jr.]

[Administration on the estate of Richard Otis granted to Susanna Otis, widow of his son, Richard Otis of Dover, May 1, 1705, "there being several children of the said Richard Otis the sonn now living of whome the said Susanna Otis is appointed by me as their Guardian And the said Richard Otis the sonn dying possessed of the Estate (in Lands)."]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 291.]

[Warrant, May 1, 1705, authorizing Tristram Heard and Thomas Tibbetts, both of Dover, yeomen, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, June 21, 1705; amount, £120.0.0; signed by Thomas Tibbetts and Tristram Heard; attested by them Aug. 7, 1705, and by Susanna Otis, "according to the Custome of Quakers," June 4, 1706.]

[List of claims against the estate, June 5, 1706; signed by John Pickering and Samuel Tibbetts; mentions Elizabeth Chadbourne, widow of James Chadbourne.]

[Division of the estate as insolvent at eight shillings, nine pence, half penny in the pound; allowed Sept. 3, 1706.]

[Order, Sept. 3, 1706, that Peter Coffin, principal creditor, have the first refusal of the land when sold.]

[Various notes, bonds, accounts, etc., containing signatures of George Jaffrey, Samuel Small, Richard Otis, blacksmith, Mary Nelson, Nathaniel Fryer, George Broughton of Berwick, Me., William Thompson, Thomas Paine, James Chadbourne, John Searle, Peter Wittum, Theodore Atkinson, Ichabod Plaisted, Nicholas Haskins, John Pickering, John Heard, Robert Elliot, Joseph Smith, Peter Coffin, Samuel Penhallow, John Shapleigh, and John Leighton; mentions Mrs. Elizabeth Bezar, late widow of Thomas Paine.]

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SAMUEL WALKER      1704/5

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Walker granted to his brother, George Walker, farmer, Jan. 8, 1704/5.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 285.]

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NATHANIEL FRYER      1704/5

NEWCASTLE

In the name of god Amen I nathanell ffrayer siner Inhabitant of the townes shipe of new Castle in the provnce of newhampshear in newengland Beeing weake in Body \* \* \*

I macke ordaine and Constitute my grand Child Abagall Elliot ffull and sole Executrix of my hole Estate Moveables & Immoveables with in dors and w<sup>t</sup> out of this my last will and testement After my Just Debts and ffrurneall Charges are paid

Itam I give and bequeth & Conforme unto my well beloved wife dorritey ffrey all that pt of the house w<sup>t</sup> the Ketchin which I now live in During her naturall life and the best bead and ffrurniture belongin to itt in p<sup>t</sup> of her therds which I formerly promised her with the Couch

Itam I give and bequeth and Conforme unto my beloved Dafter sarah Elliot and to her Desposeal all that land that lyth betwne my house and robt Elliot house home to m<sup>r</sup> John hinckes ware house alowing A foot way for said hinckes to goe to his back house which I gave to my Dafter Elliot In the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord one thousand Sex hundred ninty Eight 1698

Itam I give and bequeth and Conferme unto my grand sone nathanell ffryer Juner and his Ares that house and land that layth betwne Steven grafton major stillman and Edwerd Rendle and my well beeing the bounds betwne me and grafton and stillman

Itam I doe heareby Constute my sones in law Robt Elliot and John hincks Esq<sup>rs</sup> to be overseers of this my last will and testement and Desire the may see the same performed and be Assistante to my said Executrix I doe publish and Declare this to be my last will and testement macking voyid all other wills and testements In wittne wheare of I have heare . . . hand and seale this tenth Day ffebery one thousand . . . hundred and fouer 1704/5

Signed sealed and  
Deliverd in p<sup>s</sup>nt of us

Nathn<sup>n</sup> Fryer [seal]

Andrew Crainch  
the marke of John X Cranch  
Robert Jordan

[Proved July 2, 1715.]

[Bond of Daniel Greenough, goldsmith, with Daniel Bayley and John Cranch, all of Newcastle, as sureties, in the sum of £40, July 9, 1715, for the administration of the estate, in behalf of his wife, Abigail Greenough, formerly Abigail Elliot, executrix; witnesses, Eleazer Russell and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

[Warrant, July 9, 1715, authorizing Theodore Atkinson and Sampson Sheafe, both of Newcastle, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, July 20, 1715; amount, £8.0.0; signed by Theodore Atkinson and Sampson Sheafe, Jr.]

## JOHN YOUNG 1704/5 EXETER

[Administration on the estate of John Young of Exeter granted to Peter Coffin of Exeter March 6, 1704/5.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 286.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Young of Exeter, who died Aug. 8, 1704; amount, £66.6.4; signed by Alexander Magoon, Clement Moody, and William Graves.]

[Citation, Feb. 14, 1704/5, to Mary Young, widow of John Young, and Robert Young and Joseph Young, his brothers, to appear in answer to the petition of Peter Coffin, principal creditor, for letters of administration; served by Henry Wadleigh, constable.]

[List of claims against the estate, Feb. 1, 1705/6; amount, £124.18.3; signed by Nicholas Gilman and Samuel Thing.]

[Account of Peter Coffin, administrator, against the estate; amount, £8.15.0; allowed March 4, 1706/7.]

[Distribution of the estate, as insolvent, to the creditors, at the rate of six shillings and three pence to the pound; amount of claims, £124.15.5; amount distributed, £38.18.½; approved March 4, 1706/7.]

[Various bills, notes, bonds, and accounts, containing signatures of Thomas Vering, Peter Coffin, Henry Wadleigh, Joseph Smith, John Young, Barthomew Thing, Benjamin Leavitt, Samuel Thing, John Bean, James Young, Eleazer Collins, Stephen Coffin, Nathaniel Merrill, Sarah Merrill, Nathaniel Saltonstall of Haverhill, Mass., Thomas Phipps, Robert Wadleigh, George Jaffrey, Jonathan Wadleigh of Exeter, Edward Sewall, and Charles Story.]

## NATHANIEL MEADER 1705 DURHAM

[Eleanor Meader renounces administration on the estate of her husband, Nathaniel Meader, April 3, 1705, in favor of his brother, Joseph Meader.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 64.]

[Administration on the estate of Nathaniel Meader of Oyster River, granted to his brother, Joseph Meader of Oyster River, April 3, 1705.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 289.]

[Warrant, April 3, 1705, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Zacharias Field, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Warrant, April 3, 1705, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Zacharias Field to receive claims against the estate.]

[Inventory, June 19, 1705; amount, £116.9.0; signed by John Tuttle and Zacharias Field.]

[Account of the administrator against the estate; amount, £7.6.0; allowed Nov. 6, 1705.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £81.18.8; signed by John Tuttle and Zacharias Field.]

[Division of the estate among the creditors, widow, and children, April 2, 1706. No names of widow or children are given.]

[Various notes, claims, bills, etc., containing signatures of Richard Wibird, Nathaniel Meader, John Buss, Christian Leathers, John Smith, and Joseph Smith.]

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JAMES MARSTON

1705

HAMPTON

[Dinah Brackett, wife of John Brackett of Newcastle, renounces administration on the estate of her former husband, James Marston, May 1, 1705.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 64.]

[Administration on the estate of James Marston of Hampton granted to Nathaniel Prescott, May 1, 1705.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 290.]



[Inventory of the estate of James Marston, who died Sept. 3, 1693; amount, £91.0.0; signed by William Sanborn and Benjamin Moulton; dated July 12, 1705.]

[Account of Nathaniel Prescott, administrator, against the estate; amount, £4.5.0; signed by Nathaniel Prescott; attested May 7, 1706.]

This Agreement made this Seaventh day of May Anno Domini 1706 between John prescott in Right of his wife Abigal, Nathan<sup>n</sup> prescott in Right of his wife Anne, Bethia Marston Mary Marston and Lydia Marston Single women as followeth.

That whereas James Marston late of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England dec<sup>d</sup> and left five daughters (viz) Abigal the wife of John Prescott, Ann the wife of Nathaniel prescott, and Bethia Marston, Mary Marston, and Lydia Marston, and Administration is Granted unto the abovenamed Nathaniel prescott It is mutually Agreed and wee the abovenamed parties, doe for our Selves our heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> and Adm<sup>rs</sup> Covenant and Agree to and with each other that the Adm<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel prescott abovenamed for payment of Debts & Administration Charges doe Sell three Acres of Land be the Same more or less where the above named James Marston did dwell in his life time and where part of his House is now Standing. And the over plus of what it is sold for be Equally divided among us the five above Named Children And alsoe wee Agree that the Six Acres of Marsh lying at the Clamm Banks be Equally divided into three parts and the Share of the Ox Common be divided into two parts And what ever difference there be in the Goodness of each part, the other person or persons to this Agreem<sup>t</sup> to be paid soe much Mony by the party receiveing as the difference in Goodnesse shall be Judged by indifferent persons to be if the above named partyes cannot Agree; And alsoe that all other Estate either Real or personal which did belong to our father James Marston in his life time to be Equally divided among us the five above named partyes to this Agreement. And further wee the parties to this Agree-

ment doe Covenant and obleidge our Selves and each of us and each of our Successors to Sett out and deliver Unto our Mother formerly Dina Marston the one third of all the Estate that was our father James Marstons when she shall demand it out of each of our parts. And wee humbly request the Judge of probates &c: for this province to Allow of this Agreeem'; And that it be Recorded in the Registers office &c: In Witnesse hereof wee the parties to this Agreement have Sett to our hands and Seales this thirtyeth day of September. one thousand seaven hundred and Six in the fifth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Anne Queen of England &c:

Signed Sealed & owned  
in the p'sence of us—

John Sanborn

the mark of

Deborah X Godfrey

the mark and seal of

John X prescott [seal]

the mark & seale of

Nathaniel prescott [seal]

the mark & seal of

Bethiah X Marston [seal]

the mark & seal of

Mary X Marston [seal]

the mark & seal of

Lydia X Marston [seal]

[Attested Sept 30, 1706; allowed, Oct. 1, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 81.]

THOMAS DEVERSON 1705

PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Deverson, May 21, 1705; amount, £177.10.0; signed by John Partridge and James Leavitt.]

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Deverson of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to his widow, Sarah Deverson, Aug. 7, 1705.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 295.]

[Bond of Sarah Deverson, widow of Thomas Deverson of Portsmouth, with John Pickering of Portsmouth, gentleman, as surety,

Aug. 7, 1705, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Richard Joce and Charles Story.]

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[Account of disbursements from the estate by "Sarah X Deverson formerly but now Sarah Ward"; not dated; mentions daughters Sarah, Elizabeth, Joanna (a cripple), and Mary, and son John.]

[Division of the estate among widow and children, who were "John Deverson Eldest sonn of the deceased," "Elizabeth the wife of ——— being a Daughter of the deceased," "Sarah the wife of Ebenezer Morss being ditto," "Joanna Deverson another daughter of the dec<sup>d</sup>," "Mary Deverson ditto"; allowed March 4, 1706/7.]

[License to Sarah Ward, formerly Sarah Deverson, administratrix, Nov. 4, 1707, to sell land belonging to the estate of her former husband, Thomas Deverson, "containeing two Rodds in Breadth lying and being Bounded on the East Side by the Land formerly Nehemiah partridges dec<sup>d</sup> and on the west by the Land of John Hunkins, and by a Cove on the North End and Running twenty Rodds more or less unto a Cove on the south end Scituate lying and being in the Town of portsm<sup>o</sup> Neare Adjacent to the Meeting House."]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 98.]

ROGER ROSE

1705

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God Amen

I Roger Rose now of Portsm<sup>o</sup> being of a sound and disposing mind but very Infirm and week in body and remembering the certainty of my death, do constitute this to be my Last will and Testament hereby revoking all wills formerly made by me— Humbly commending my spiret into the hands of my Redeemer—

I Will that all my honest and Just Debts be paid and funerall charges defrayed— and then as to what substance it hath pleased God to bestoe upon me I dispose of it as followeth—

Impremise I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Abigail my farme at the mote in Lamperil River as also that Land bought of John Preson in Portsm<sup>o</sup> together with all my mony w<sup>ch</sup> I have by me or which may be due to me by bill or otherwise— and my will is that she have the same to live upon and if there be acation by Reason of Sicknes or Length of her Life that then she may spend the whole sum and also that she may sell the Land aboves<sup>d</sup> if her necessities do require it to subsist upon, fforther my Exspres will is that she shall not give away either mony or Land to any person whatsoever, And after her decase, my will is that my Executors pay as a Legecies to my brother Joseph Grant of Watertowne ten pounds, and to m<sup>r</sup> Rogers the minister of Portsm<sup>o</sup> three pound—

Item I will that after my wifs Decease that my Kinseweoman Elizabeth Aysley In London shall have my whole Estate w<sup>ch</sup> my wife Leaves

ffinally my will is that my freinds James Levitt and m<sup>r</sup> Denitt of Portsm<sup>o</sup> be overseers to my s<sup>d</sup> wife to whome I give forty shillings apeice praying them to advise her in what may be most proper for her, during her Life In testimony w<sup>of</sup> I have hereunto set my hand & seale this thirty day of July 1705—

signed Sealed &  
delivered before us

Joshua Peirce  
James Levitt  
Thom<sup>s</sup> Phipps

his mark  
Roger X Rose [seal]

[Proved Sept. 3, 1705, by Joshua Peirce and James Leavitt, but Thomas Phipps makes oath that he saw Roger Rose make his mark, and does not believe that he was of a sound mind.]

[Inventory of the estate of Roger Rose “sum time of Lubberland in y<sup>e</sup> township of dover in y<sup>e</sup> province of New hampshire Latly deseced in portsm<sup>o</sup>”; taken Sept. 3, 1705; amount, £216. 13.3; signed by John Pickering, William Cotton, and John Partridge.]

Upon a hearing of the Widdow Rose & the Trustees to the ffeofment made by Roger Rose

Ordered that the will be proved. And Administration granted to the widdow, she giving bond &c And that the ffeoffees pay out of the mony twenty pounds  $\text{℥}$  Annum for her Maintenance and give Acc<sup>ts</sup> thereof from time to time before the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council that there be noe further Complaite./

[Council Records, Oct. 21, 1706.]

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ROBERT HUGGINS

1705

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of Robert Huggins, "alias Hokius," of Dover, granted to his grandson, Robert Huggins, "alias Hokins," of Dover, yeoman, Aug. 7, 1705.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 296.]

[Bond of Robert Huggins of Oyster River, yeoman, with John Woodman and Jeremy Burnham, yeoman, both of Oyster River, as sureties, Aug. 7, 1705, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Knight and Charles Story.]

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JOHN WOODMAN

1705

DOVER

In The Name and ffear off God Amen— the twentie day of december in the year of our Lord God one thousand Sevin hundered and five I John Woodman of the Towne of dover in the provance of New hempshir being Aged and well stricken in yeares \* \* \*

first I will Bequeath and Give my Sone Jonathan Woodman the whole of all my Landes Improved and unImproved and the whole part of the mill att oyster river with the whole off all my marsh and middow Grownd all which whole off my Landes milles marshes and middowes I do Give with all the priveledges and appurtinances unto my Son Jonathan woodman his heires and Executores and assigneyes to be had and hold by him and them for Ever from and Immediatlle after my decease— Itt: I doe will bequeath give to my daughter Mary Small six shilliges in money with what I have formerlie Given her to be payed by my Executur within six

month after my decease. Itt I doe will bequeath and Give to my daughter Sarah Tamson six shillings money with what formerlie Given her to be payed by my Executor within Six month after my decease Itt as to the Remainder of my Esteat personall and Reall billes bonds dewes debts and demandes whatsoever or in whios hands soever it may be found I doe will bequeath to my sone and heir Jonathan Woodman whom I doe ordaine Constitut and ap-  
 poynt my Sole Executor in Trust to sie this my will performed all which Esteat to be had and hold by him the Said Jonathan woodman his heires Executors and assigneyes for Ever Immadiatlie from and after my decease he or they paying such sum or sumes of money as I shall see Cawse hereafter by a Coddisall to annex my hand and Seall

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John woodman [seal]

Stephen Jones

Joseph Jones

[Proved Feb. 4 and 11, 1706/7.]

JOHN CHAPMAN

1705/6

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of John Chapman of Hampton, yeoman, granted to his widow, Dorothy Chapman, March 5, 1705/6.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 303.]

[Bond of Dorothy Chapman of Hampton, widow, with Samuel Cass and John Chase as sureties, March 5, 1705/6, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate of her husband, John Chapman; witnesses, Thomas Chase and Abigail Chase.]

JOHN SEWARD

1705

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name of God Amen the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1705 I John sewer of portchmouth in the province of Newhampsher in Newinglant shiprit \* \* \*

Imprimis I do give all My present Estat or goods to My well beloved wif agnes Sewer during my Natrall Lif and After her deses I do givf and bequeth to My well beloved son hennery Sewer and his hers forever lafolly be gotton of his on boddy whom I do mak my only and Sole Eayre and Executer and Adminestator of Lands Goods Monneys Chattalls and moveables whatsoever by him frely to be possed and Injoyed and I do hereby uterly disanull all other wills and testamnts before this time any way by me named only Paying to my son sameuell sewer ten pounds and Lik wis to pay to my dafter Jhean ten pounds and Likwis to My dafter agnes ten pounds and Likwis to my dafter Charrety ten pounds and my dafter Lovf twelff pounds Ratifing and Confirming this to be my Last will and tesamnt In witness wher of I have herunto set my hand and Seale this day and year above written

Signed seled and pronounced  
and declared by the said John  
sewer as his Last will and testa-  
ment in y<sup>e</sup> present of ous

george Marchall

Reuben Hull

[Proved April 3, 1705.]

John sewer [seal]

JOHN CLARK

1706

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Rev. John Clark of Exeter granted to his widow, Elizabeth Clark, April 2, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 305.]

[Bond of Elizabeth Clark of Exeter, widow, with Capt. Robert Coffin and Lieut. Nicholas Gilman, both of Exeter, as sureties, April 2, 1706, in the sum of £1000, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Odlin and Martha Sinclair.]

[Warrant, April 2, 1706, authorizing Robert Coffin and Nicholas Gilman to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, July 2, 1706; amount, £811.14.6; signed by Nicholas Gilman and Robert Coffin.]

[Warrant, Aug. 5, 1706, authorizing Capt. Robert Coffin and Capt. Nicholas Gilman to receive claims against the estate.]

[List of claims against the estate, Sept. 30, 1706; amount, £140.18.1; signed by Robert Coffin and Nicholas Gilman.]

Province of } By the Honourable Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge  
New Hampshire } of Probate of Wills and Granting Letters of  
Administr for the said Province./

Whereas the Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Clark late of Exeter dyed intestate Leaveing behinde him as <sup>¶</sup> Inventory Eight hundred Eleaven pounds fourteen shillings and Six pence Administration of which is granted unto his widdow and Relict m<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Clerk who hath Since inter married with the Reverend John Odlin. And there being four Children of the Deceased left behinde to witt Benjamin Clerk Nathaniel Clerk Ward Clerk and Deborah Clerk And the Relations to them in General being willing that they should Remaine and live with the Said John Odlin and by him be brought upp and Educated and provided for with Meat Drink Lodging and Apparrell till they come to age And that their portions out of the Said Estate be & Remaine in the hands of the said John Odlin till they severally attaine the age of twenty one yeares &c:

I doe therefor hereby Order and decree that the Said John Odlin Maintaine and Keep or cause to be maintained & Kept the Said four Children with Sufficient Meat Drink Lodging Apparrell &c: till they attaine each of them the age of twenty one yeares or be Married; at his owne Cost and Charges without Chargeing the said Children any thing for the same; And that he the said Odlin pay Unto Benjamin Clerk when he attaines the age of Twenty one yeares the Sum'e of two hundred pounds Curr<sup>t</sup> mony of New England out of the Species mentioned in the Inventory of the dec<sup>d</sup> Estate. And doe likewise pay Unto the said Nathan<sup>l</sup> Clerk Ward Clerk and Deborah Clerk the sum'e of one hundred pounds



to each of them as they shall attaine to the Age of twenty one yeares or be married in the Species mentioned in the said Inventory. And I doe further Order and decree that the said John Odlin pay all such Debts as the deceased m<sup>r</sup> John Clerk owed to any person which is now brought into the Registers office without the least Defalcation to be made of any of the Childrens portions aforesaid. And that the said Elizabeth the Adm<sup>x</sup> & the said John Odlin (paying the Childrens portions as aforesaid) Have & Enjoy the Residue and Remainder of the said deceaseds Estate mentioned in the Inventory before Named. And if there shall happen to be any other or more Estate of the said deceaseds be it in Debts or otherwise which is not Inventoried that the same shall be divided, one third thereof to the widdow and Adm<sup>x</sup> and the other two thirds among the Children in proportion according to Law. And I doe Lastly Order and Decree that what Debts shall Justly appeare to be due from the said deceaseds Estate and Approved off by the Judge of probates &c: in the province aforesaid at any time after the date hereof. That then such Debts shall be paid one third part thereof by the Administratrix and the other two thirds in proportion out of the Childrens Dividens or shares And in Case any of the Children shall Choose their Guardians after they attaine the age of fourteen yeares and and shall take his or their proportion or Dividend of the said Estate out of the hands of the said John Odlin; that then the said John Odlin shall be Allowed and paid, Such reasonable Sum<sup>s</sup> of mony  $\text{p}$  Annum for the Maintenance of the said Children as shall be approved off by the Judge of probates for the time being (All Casualties of Houses Excepted) Dated at Portsmouth the third day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> Anno Domini: 1706

[Warrant, Sept. 15, 1707, authorizing Moses Leavitt and Samuel Thing, both of Exeter, to divide the estate according to law.]

[Division of the estate, Oct. 29, 1707; signed by Moses Leavitt and Samuel Thing.]

[Account of estate by the administratrix, no date.]

[Various bonds, accounts, etc., containing signatures of Benjamin Woodridge, Jr., Nicholas Gilman, and Thomas Webster.]

JOHN WHEELER

1706

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of John Wheeler of Oyster River, yeoman, granted to William Parkinson of Exeter, yeoman, no date.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 307.]

[Bond of William Parkinson of Exeter, yeoman, with James Burley of Exeter, husbandman, and John Lowe of Portsmouth, house-carpenter, as sureties, May 7, 1706, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witness, Samuel Thing.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Wheeler, who died April 27, 1706; taken May 15, 1706; amount, £107.6.0; signed by Francis Mathes and Thomas Drew.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 183.]

[Account of the administrator against the estate, May 23, 1706; amount, £32.11.6; includes funeral expenses of "y<sup>e</sup> Child."]

[William Wheeler and Richard Wheeler, sons of — Wheeler of Oyster River, deceased, make choice of their uncle, William Wheeler, as their guardian, Dec. 10, 1711; witnesses, J. Bridger and Charles Story.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 179.]

[Account of William Wheeler of Concord, Mass., guardian of his nephews, William Wheeler, Richard Wheeler, and Joseph Wheeler; he charges himself with £27.6.0 received in money from William Perkins, administrator, "So that y<sup>e</sup> Estate of W<sup>m</sup> Wheeler Dec<sup>d</sup> now remains is 80 Acres land at oyster river," valued at £32; expenses, £6.11.6; account allowed June 8, 1719.]

ISRAEL SMITH

1706

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Israel Smith of Hampton, tailor, granted to his widow, Sarah Smith, no date.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 306.]

[Bond of Sarah Smith of Hampton, widow, with John Smith and Abraham Drake, 2d, as sureties, May 7, 1706, in the sum of £80, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Peter Johnson and Deborah Godfrey.]

[Inventory, May 15, 1706; amount, £81.14.0; signed by James Prescott and Joseph Sanborn.]

GEORGE SNELL

1706

PORTSMOUTH

In y<sup>e</sup> name of God Amen

1706 may. 9 Geo: Snell: not being well in body: but of A perfett me'ory Doe make this to be my Last will and testament in maner and forem foloing—

first I Comit my soule to God that gave it me: and my body to be desently buried in hoope of A Glorious Reseriction at y<sup>e</sup> Last day

2. I doe Apoynt my well beloved wife: and my Sonn John Snell to be my Excetors to act in my place and stead—

3. I will that all my just Debts be payd—

4. I will that my oblygation w<sup>e</sup> I gave my wife in maridg: to give to Each child one hundred pound: fier and Enimis only Ex-cepted It is well known what I have Lost sinc by Enimis: but God gives and God takes away. blesed be y<sup>e</sup> name of God: I have cept Aco<sup>t</sup> of what Debts I have reseved and what I have ben out with which I have Disbusted one y<sup>e</sup> children as ☿ theare Aco<sup>s</sup> in my book now if my wif ples to aquit me and to betake hear selfe to hear own Estate it is well: if not y<sup>e</sup> hole is at my disposeall if my wife dorth take up with hear owne: then I doe Apoynt then my sone John Snell to be my Sole Excector—

5 I doe give to my wellbloved wife one quarter part of y<sup>e</sup> catch may flower: and one theard of y<sup>e</sup> rent of my house duering her Life: she paying one theard of y<sup>e</sup> repareing y<sup>e</sup> hous I doe also give my wife y<sup>e</sup> use of my Clock, and my Jack and close stoole Dearing hear natriall Life: and to retoren to my sonn John Snell—

6 I doe give to my sonn John snell And to his Eares for Ever my house and Land in portsmouth and y<sup>e</sup> use of my Land and marsh in Yorke Latly sold to Richard milbry as his Aco<sup>t</sup> will mak *out*\* in my booke, and I give to my sonn all my moveables: Except what I have geven allredy or may hearafter give: to say *my cattell* at wells my sheep in piscataqua boote or bootes, fish *houses*  $\frac{3}{4}$  of y<sup>e</sup> old: and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of y<sup>e</sup> new fishing craft as nets, Lines, *hookes* and Lead: and all my Debtes by book or bill, and my Clocke

7 my will is that my Sonn John Snell doe pay to this tow *sisteres* hannah Littelfeld: and Abiell hill what may be wanting to *make* up to Each one hundred pond: thear Aco<sup>t</sup> will make. out what *they have had*

8 I doe to my Dafter hannah Littelfeld my Silver *tancker* with hear mayden name one it—

9 I doe give to my Dafter Abiell hill my bead and *worsted ruge* and my barbadus Coverlett and my Great Ieron pote and *brase kettell* and bras collender: and six silver spounes: and y<sup>e</sup> cobberd and 6 Lether cheres in my *hous but if She* shoud not Live to come home out of captivity then to *remaine betwext* you and your sister hannah but if hear child doe Live and reteren home my will is to make hear fifty pond with what I have given hear mother before: if she retoren Lett hear have toungs: shovel and other Ieron

10. I doe give to my dafter snell my ring I had at m<sup>r</sup> severetts funerall—

11. I doe give to my sonn Dodivah hull my silver tumbler and m<sup>r</sup> pristons book of devenity

\* Words in Italics are supplied from a copy, the original being mutilated.

12. I doe give my sonn Joseph hull my sea Arkeles—
13. I doe give to my sonn Ruben hull my seale and compases :  
and waring Clouths
14. I doe give to my Dafter sarah my sillver scollup dish and  
my white codell pote and cheny basan—
15. I doe give to my Gransone Geo: Snell my sele ring and  
silver head stafe
16. I doe give to my Gransone John whelwright my ring at his  
granfather funerall
17. I doe give to my Grandafter hannah whilright my ring of  
m<sup>r</sup> Case
18. I doe give to my Grandafter Jane snell my ring of m<sup>r</sup>  
whites
19. and Lastly I doe give to my sonn John Snell all my books  
of all sorts and Every thing Elce that can be sayd mine Exp<sup>t</sup> m<sup>r</sup>  
perkings booke and for y<sup>e</sup> better performanc of this my will I  
ould Desier my wellbloved freinds m<sup>r</sup> samuell penhollow and my  
brother Jobe Allcock to be my overseers : to have give Rings and  
Gloves

In testimony to all and singular the premises, I have hereunto  
sote my hand, and affixed my seal this 25. febr. 170<sup>8</sup>.

Signed sealed and Declared  
in p<sup>s</sup>ence of us

Geo: Snell [seal]

Tho: Packer :

Benj<sup>a</sup> Gambling

Mary Penhallow.

[Proved March, 1707/8.]

[Administration on the estate of George Snell of Portsmouth,  
mariner, granted to his son, John Snell, March —, 1707/8.]

JOHN JONES

1706

DOVER

[Bond of Ann Jones, widow, with Richard Pinkham, house-  
carpenter, and Hatevil Hall, yeoman, both of Dover, as sureties,  
June 4, 1706, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the

estate of her husband, John Jones of Dover, yeoman; witnesses, William Partridge, Jr., John Tuttle, and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, July 2, 1706; amount, £16.0.0; signed by John Tuttle, Jr., and Richard Pinkham.]

[License to the administratrix of the estate of John Jones, Aug. 5, 1707, to sell real estate for the support of his two daughters.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 93.]

JOHN BROUGHTON                      1706                      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Broughton granted to Robert Tapleigh of Portsmouth, mariner, and his wife, Prudence Tapleigh, formerly widow of the deceased, June 4, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 308.]

[Bond of Prudence Broughton of Portsmouth, widow, with John Pickering, gentleman, and William Partridge, Jr., cordwainer, as sureties, June 4, 1706, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Tuttle and Charles Story.]

JOHN GERRISH                                      1706                                      DOVER

In the Name of God Amen

I John Gerrish of Dover in the Province of New Hampshire being weak of body \* \* \*

It I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Gerrish For & dureing her natural life the one halfe of all my Estate real & Psonal Excepting what is in this my will given to my Children. that is to Say the one halfe of all my houses, lands, mills, Rivers & priviledges thereof, Stock of Cattle, Grants of timber Implements of husbandry, houshold Stuff, Negro Slaves white Servants & ought else of right belonging to mee tho not here Pparticularly mention'd all w<sup>ch</sup> I desire & Will that my Son Timothy Improve

w<sup>th</sup> what I have in this my Will given him in Joynt w<sup>th</sup> his mother for the Comfortable mantainance of themselves & Family & payment of my Debts & Legacies hereafter mentioned, & what more Shall arise by the yearly Improvem<sup>t</sup> of my S<sup>d</sup> Estate. to be equally Divided between my Said wife & Son Timothy & moreover I Will that my Said wife have the one halfe of all my household Stuff Viz<sup>t</sup> Plate, Pewter, brasse, Iron, beds, Wollen, Linnen, Chairs Stools, tables, & ought else that is comon<sup>ly</sup> Accounted household Stuff together w<sup>th</sup> two of my Young Negro's a male & Female w<sup>ch</sup> I hereby give to her my Said wife her heirs or assigns for ever & to be at her disposal according to her discretion— but in case my S<sup>d</sup> wife should at any time hereafter desire to live a more private life & quitt her Selve of the Care & incumbrance of a great Family my will is that She resign unto my Son Timothy all her right title & Interest hereby given her in my Estate, Excepting onely halfe the house dureing her life & halfe the household Stuff & two negro's given her for ever & that then my Son Timothy shall Allow her an Honourable yearly mantainance as is hereafter in this my Will particularly Express'd & that thenceforward my S<sup>d</sup> wife be acquitted ffrom the payment of any of my debts or Legacies hereby Given that shall remain unpaid at the time of her resigning up her interest in the Estate to my Son Timothy as before mentioned

It I give to my Son John Gerrish besides what I have already given him, one hundred Acres of Land out of my tract of land lying on the South Side of Belamy's bank river bounded by S<sup>d</sup> river Northerly & Eastwardly by Oyster river path w<sup>ch</sup> hundred Acres of land shall be laid out on the South Side of S<sup>d</sup> tract bounded Easwardly by Oyster river path & Westwardly by the land of Jn<sup>o</sup> Knight late deceased

It I Give unto my Son Richard Gerrish besides what I have Already given him Sixty Acres of Land on the South Side of Belamy's bank river Joyning to the fourty Acres I formerly gave him & to run an equal breadth therew<sup>th</sup> Eastwardly into my land till it Compleat the S<sup>d</sup> Sixty acres

It I Give unto my Son Nathanael besides what I have already given him & am Obligated to pay for him a tract of land on Dover Neck containing ab<sup>t</sup> twelve acres Joyning to the land of Ralph Hall & Joseph Beard

It I give unto my Son Timothy the one halfe of my house & land adjoyning, on the Northerly Side of Belamy's bank river on w<sup>ch</sup> I now live together w<sup>th</sup> one halfe of my Saw mill & Grist mill Standing on Said river w<sup>th</sup> the halfe of all my rights & Priviledges of S<sup>d</sup> river & grants of timber, together w<sup>th</sup> one halfe of Sixty Acres of Land Granted mee by the Town of Dover & laid out on both Sides of s<sup>d</sup> River at a place comonly called the hook, as also One hundred acres of land on the South Side of Belamy's bank river more or lesse it being the one halfe of the remains of my tract of land, three hundred acres of w<sup>ch</sup> I have in this my Will given to my Son's Jn<sup>o</sup>, Richard, & Benjamin, as also one Halfe of My Stock of Cattle Implements of Husbandry, house hold Stuff, Negro Slaves, white Servants, or ought else of right belonging to me tho not here particularly mentioned, all w<sup>ch</sup> I Give my Son Timothy w<sup>th</sup> this proviso that he Improve the Same w<sup>th</sup> what I have given his mother in Joynt w<sup>th</sup> her for the Comfortable mantainance of themselves & Family and payment of my debts & Legacies given by this my will & what Further profits shall yearly arise to be equally Divided between my Said wife & Son Provided also that at what time hereafter my wife shall See cause to resign up to him my Son Timothy her interest in the Improved lands adjoyning to the house together w<sup>th</sup> her interest in the Stock of Cattle my Will is that From thence forward my Son Timothy pay his s<sup>d</sup> mother twenty pounds per annum in Specie as ffolloweth that is to Say five or Six thousand ffoot of merchantable pine boards at the Currant money price & the remainder in corn & Such provisions or other Goods as she shall have Occasion for at the then money price & this to be paid yearly dureing her Natural life as also that he find her Sufficient firewood, keep her a Cow both winter & Summer & find her a horse to ride when She shall See Occasion dureing her life as afore s<sup>d</sup> & after her



death all that I have Given her dureing her life onely shall be my Son Timothy's Excepting the halfe of the mills priviledges of y<sup>e</sup> River & timber w<sup>ch</sup> I give my Son Paul & the Severall parcels of Lands given to him my S<sup>d</sup> Son Paul & the rest of his brothers

It I Give unto my Son Benjamin one hundred acres of Land on the South Side of Belamy's bank river, Joyning to the hundred acres given my Son John bounded Eastw<sup>d</sup> by Oyster river high way & Westward by y<sup>e</sup> land givin to my Son Rich<sup>d</sup> also twenty pounds to be paid him out of my Estate in Lumber & provisions at Curr<sup>tt</sup> money price w<sup>ch</sup> in two years after my decease

It I give unto my Son Paul Gerrish when he shall come to the age of twenty one years the one halfe of my Saw Mill & grist mill on Belamys bank river w<sup>th</sup> the rights & priviledges of the river thereto belonging also one halfe of my Grant of timber together w<sup>th</sup> one halfe of Sixty acres of land, granted mee by the Town of Dover & laid out on both Sides of Belamy's bank river at a place comonly call'd the hook, as also ten acres of Land bought of y<sup>e</sup> Town Lying on the North East Side of the Way goeing to Cochecho & Joyning to the Land of Edw<sup>d</sup> Evans w<sup>th</sup> ten acres more w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of Peter Mason Joyning to the Same as also one hundred Acres of land on the South Side of Belamy's bank river, more or lesse it being the one halfe of the remains of my tract of Land; three hundred acres of w<sup>ch</sup> I have in this my Will given to my Son's John, Richard, & Benjamin, also one Cow & a yoke of Oxen w<sup>th</sup> a yoke & Chain Suteable thereto together w<sup>th</sup> my young Spay'd Mare my Fuzee Gun & my Case of Pistols all w<sup>ch</sup> I give to my Son Paul w<sup>th</sup> this proviso that he pay three thousand ffoot of Merch<sup>table</sup> pine boards per Annum tow<sup>ds</sup> the maintainance of his mother dureing her natural life

It I give unto my two Daughter Anna & Elizabeth thirty pounds a peece to be p<sup>d</sup> out of my Estate in Good merch<sup>table</sup> pay at the Curr<sup>tt</sup> money price w<sup>th</sup> in ffour years after my decease

& lastly I nominate & appoint my Welbeloved wife & Son Timothy to be Joynt Execut<sup>rs</sup> of this my last will But if any Difference arise Between my Wife & Sons Timothy & Paul about the under-

standing of this my Will or dissatisfaction in either concerning what I have ordred or given thereby, in such case I desire my Brother in Law Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron & my two Eldest Sons John & Richard Gerrish to hear the differing or dissatisfied partie or parties & what they or any two of y<sup>m</sup> (whereof my Br<sup>o</sup> Waldron to be one) shall determine I hereby confirm to be my last will & testam<sup>t</sup> July 12<sup>th</sup> 1796

Signed Sealed & declared by Jn<sup>o</sup> Gerrish [seal]  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Gerrish to be his last  
 will & Testam<sup>t</sup> in presence of  
 Richard Waldron  
 Thomas Roberts  
 John hayes

[Proved March 1, 1719/20.]

[Inventory of the estate of Capt. John Gerrish of Dover; amount, £2055.5.0; signed by John Tuttle and Tristram Heard.]

NICHOLAS PEARL

1706

DOVER

[Guardianship of John Pearl of Ipswich, Mass., minor, aged more than fourteen years, only son of Nicholas Pearl, formerly of Ipswich, Mass., late of Dover, deceased, granted to his kinsman, William Rogers of Wenham, Mass., Aug. 30, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 79.]

[Bond of William Rogers of Wenham, Mass., with John Gilbert of Ipswich, Mass., as surety, Aug. 30, 1706, for the guardianship of John Pearl; witnesses, James Merritt, Solomon Trough, and Daniel Rogers.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Administration on the estate of Nicholas Pearl of Dover granted to William Rogers of Wenham, Mass., Sept. 3, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 310.]

[Bond of William Rogers of Wenham, Mass., weaver, with Joseph Meader and William Dam, Jr., both of Dover, yeomen, as sureties, Sept. 3, 1706, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Tuttle and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Sept. 3, 1706, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Joseph Meader, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Sept. 4, 1706; amount, £14.11.6; signed by John Tuttle and Joseph Meader.]

John Pearle son of Nicholas & Eliz<sup>a</sup> Pearle— born July 17:  
1692

A True Copy as it stands Entered in Ipswich Records for Births—

Attest  
August 30— 1706

Daniel Rogers Cler  
for s<sup>d</sup> Ipsw

[Warrant, Nov. 5, 1706, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and William Dam to receive claims against the estate.]

[List of claims, Feb. 28, 1706/7; amount, £19.15.1; signed by John Tuttle and William Dam.]

[Account of the administrator against the estate; amount, £8.17.1.]

[Division of the estate as insolvent at £0.7.2 in the pound; allowed June 2, 1707.]

[Various claims against the estate, containing signatures of William Cotton, William Rogers, Daniel Roos, Mary Perkins, and John Davis.]

MORRIS HOBBS

1706

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Morris Hobbs of Hampton granted to his sons, Nehemiah Hobbs and Morris Hobbs, both

of Hampton, Sept. 3, 1706, the oldest son, John Hobbs, having renounced administration.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 311.]

[Bond of Nehemiah Hobbs and Morris Hobbs, both of Hampton, yeomen, with Timothy Hilliard of Hampton, yeoman, and Richard Waterhouse of Portsmouth, tanner, as sureties, Sept. 3, 1706, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Leavitt and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Oct. 11, 1706, authorizing Ephraim Marston and Ensign Samuel Marston, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Oct. 12, 1706; amount, £64.2.4; signed by Samuel Marston and Ephraim Marston.]

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BENJAMIN FIFIELD                      1706                      HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Benjamin Fifield of Hampton granted to Jonathan Fifield of Hampton Sept. 3, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 312.]

[Bond of Jonathan Fifield of Hampton, yeoman, with Thomas Cram and John French, both of Hampton, yeomen, as sureties, Aug. 3, 1706, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Nicholas Mead and Charles Story.]

Whereas Sarjant Benjamin fifeld of hampton in y<sup>e</sup> province of Newhamshier now deseased, losinge his life by y<sup>e</sup> hand of y<sup>e</sup> barbarous Indian Enemy and havinge made no writtinge under his hand for y<sup>e</sup> disposall of y<sup>e</sup> estatt it pleased god to give him

wee the widow & relectt of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Benjamin fifeld as also y<sup>e</sup> Children heirs & sucksessors of the s<sup>d</sup> fifield beinge mett together to Consider of matters relatinge to y<sup>e</sup> estatt left by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> deseased and willinge to doe; and y<sup>t</sup> it Should bee done as neare as may bee,

accordinge to y<sup>e</sup> mind and will somtims declared by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> person deseeded ; have thus unanimously agreed as followeth

first that the eldest son havinge had some upland of his father formerly, he is also to have three acers of march hee y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John fifeld useth to mow in y<sup>e</sup> nine acer lot of march Called the Clambanke march : on y<sup>e</sup> south sid of y<sup>e</sup> falls river, Joseph fifeld is to have three acers of march in y<sup>e</sup> same lot ajoyninge to his brother Johns three acers lower downe toward Sarjants Iland so Called— Edward fifeld is to have three acers of march in y<sup>e</sup> Same lot ajoyninge to his brother Josephs three acers lower downe, Benjamen fifeld is to have Sixe acers of upland Joyninge to the land hee bought of his brother John fifeld, as also thirteene pounds in marchantable pay at mony price, but it is to be understood that the thirteene pound and y<sup>e</sup> Sixe acers of upland that is to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> benjamen fifeld ; as also the three acers of march to Joseph fifeld and also the three acers of march to Edward fifeld is not to be delivered to them but to bee in the possession and for y<sup>e</sup> use and in y<sup>e</sup> improvement of their brother Jonathan fifeld for the space of fouer years from y<sup>e</sup> date hereof, and then to bee delivered to y<sup>m</sup> accordinge as above exprest mehitabell fifeld is to have aighteen pounds and Abigall fifeld is to have aighteen pounds to bee payd them by their brother Jonathan fifeld in marchantable pay at mony price nine pounds apece to bee payd them in y<sup>e</sup> space of time or end of two years from the date heareof and nine pound to each of them at or before y<sup>e</sup> end of three years : from the date heareof, their mother y<sup>e</sup> widow fifeld to have the use and disposall of all the houshold goods and utencells whatsoever belonginge to y<sup>e</sup> house within doars :— Jonathan fifeld to have all y<sup>e</sup> rest of his deseeded father fifelds lands y<sup>t</sup> is not above mentioned to his brothers ; all y<sup>e</sup> houses lands eareble pastuer ; the marches Comages with all apurtinances & privileiges whatsoever belonginge to his s<sup>d</sup> father deseeded, as also the Stoke of Cattell of all sorts whatsoever, and all y<sup>e</sup> toolls for husbentry worke as also whatsoever is due to y<sup>e</sup> estate from any person, y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan to receive hee payinge all honest & Just debts to any man due from y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> estatt, it is also

agreed & declared that the s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan fifeld is and hee doth agree to take Care for the Comfortable and honareble suport and maintainance of y<sup>e</sup> widow; theire mother duringe her naturell life, and if it Should so hapen y<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan should deasese before his mother the revenue and income of y<sup>e</sup> lands y<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan fifeld has y<sup>t</sup> was his fathers shall bee for y<sup>e</sup> seport and maintainance of his mother as much of it as is necessary as longe as shee doth remaine a widow, all these pertiqulers herein specified to each pertiquler person as it is by this Instrument declared, to Have and to Hold to them theire heiers execs and asignes forever and to declare our agrement to the true intent & performance of all and every pertiquler in the premeses and Confirmation heareof wee have sett to our hands & sealls this 30<sup>th</sup> day of agust 1706 and in y<sup>e</sup> fifth yeare of y<sup>e</sup> reigne of our Sovaraigne y<sup>e</sup> Lady Ann of England, france and Iarland quene: & wee y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers desier y<sup>e</sup> Judges & probat of wills to Confirm it accordingly

signed and Sealed	y <sup>e</sup> mark of X mary ffifeld [seal]
in y <sup>e</sup> presence of us	John ffifeld [seal]
witness	Joseph fifeild [seal]
Jacob Green	Edward fifeld [seal]
Tho Chase	Benjamen ffifeild [seal]
	Jonathan fifeild [seal]
	y <sup>e</sup> mark of X mehetabel ffifeld [seal]
	y <sup>e</sup> mark of X Abigail ffifeld [seal]

The subscribers heareof (viz) mary fifeld & John fifeld Joseph fifeld and Edward fifeld, Benjamin fifeld & Jonathan fifeld, mehitabell fifeld & abigell fifeld personally appeared and acknowligned this above written Instrument to bee theire free & vollintery act & deed this 2<sup>d</sup> day of septem<sup>br</sup> 1706 before mee

Nath<sup>l</sup> weare Justice of peace

3<sup>rd</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1706

I allow and Approve of the above Agreement

P<sup>r</sup> Joseph Smith  
Judge of probats of wills &c—

[Warrant, Sept. 3, 1706, authorizing Capt. Henry Dow and Capt. Jacob Green, both of Hampton, to receive claims against the estate.]

[Warrant, Sept. 3, 1706, authorizing Capt. Jacob Green and Thomas Chase, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Sept. 3, 1706; amount, £270.2.0; signed by Jacob Green and Thomas Chase.]

[List of claims against the estate, Feb. 28, 1706/7; amount, £18.7.8; signed by Henry Dow and Jacob Green.]

EDWARD BEAL

1706

NEWCASTLE

In the Name of God Amen the twentieth Seven<sup>th</sup> day of september 1706

I Edward Beal of Newcastle in the province of Newhampshire Mariner Being Sick and weak in Body \* \* \*

Item I Give And Bequeath unto my Son John Beall my house and Land on the Great Island, in the parish of Newcastle To him and his heirs Lawfull Begotten of his Body for ever To Have And To Hould To him and To them the heirs of his Body for ever Alwayes provided that If the sd John Beall Decease without Lawfull Issue then my three Daughters or the survivors of them shall have Liberty To sell or Dispose of the same and make Equall Division of the produce there of any thing above To the Contrary also my will is that my son John or three Daughters that Take posesion of my house and Land after my Death shal pay my Grandson will<sup>m</sup> wain three pounds

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my youngest Daughter Martha on fether Bed with all the furniture thereunto Belonging To her and her heirs for ever Also I Give my Daughter Elizabeth on fether Bed and furniture and a Silver Spoon the Two Beds and spoon To Be Equally Devided By Equall value Between the above sd martha and Elizabeth

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my three Daughters viz Sarah and Elizabeth and martha all the Remainder of my estate as household stuff and els nora heerein mentioned unto them and their heirs for ever To Be Equally Devided amongst them By Equall portions

And Last of all I Doe nominat and appoint my well Beloved Brothers John Cotton & [erased] To Be Sole Executors of this my Last will and Testament and in Case my said Brother John Cotton see Cause To Chuse any other To Beare part of the Executorship with himself I Doe By these presents allow and Ratefy the Same And Doe By these presents Declare all the above written To Be my Last will and Testament as is above Exprst witness my hand and Seal the Day and yeare above writ'en

Signed and sealed and Declared	the Signe of
In the presence of the subscribers	Edward X Beall [seal]
Charles Kelly	
Solomon Cotton	
w <sup>m</sup> Godsoe	

[Proved Jan. 7 and Feb. 4, 1706/7.]

[Inventory, Feb. 6, 1706/7; amount, £111.16.10; signed by John Pickering and Job Alcock.]

[Report of Job Alcock and John Pickering in regard to claims against the estate, Sept., 1707.]

[Various bills and accounts, containing signatures of Charles Kelly and George Jaffrey.]

THOMAS ROLLINS

1706

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Rollins of Exeter, yeoman, granted to his widow, Rachel Rollins, Oct. 19, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 316.]



[Warrant, Oct. 22, 1706, authorizing Capt. Robert Coffin and Lieut. Jonathan Wadleigh, both of Exeter, to receive claims against the estate.]

[Guardianship of Samuel Rollins, aged sixteen years, granted to his mother, Rachel Rollins, Nov. 5, 1706.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 82.]

[Inventory, Nov. 7, 1706; amount, £419.18.2; signed by Robert Coffin and Jonathan Wadleigh. On the back is a list of

“The Childrens Names

Thomas Rawlins

Moses Rawlins

Joseph Rawlins

Benj<sup>a</sup> Rawlins

John Rawlins

Aaron Rawlins

Sam<sup>n</sup> Rawlins

Mary the wife Steph: page

Alice the wife of Rog<sup>r</sup> Shaw

Rachel Rawlins”]

[List of claims against the estate, Jan. 28, 1706/7; amount, £72.4.4; signed by Jonathan Wadleigh and Robert Coffin.]

Aug<sup>t</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1707: An Agreement made and Concluded upon between Rachel Rawlins of Exeter Administratrix to the Estate of Thomas Rawlins Sen<sup>r</sup> deceased which she hath now made with her sons and daughters in divideing of the Lands and Orchards as ffolloweth.

first I Rachel Rawlins have took my third part of the Land adjoyneing to the House on the North Side of a Lane which Runns into my Land and the Orchard on the North Side of the House.

And Thomas Rawling his Land Sixteen Rodd wide and soe to Runn from the High way which is agreed upon between all my brothers into the Woods to the Extent of the aforesaid Land

And Joseph Rawlings Nine Rodd wide and Soe to Runn to the Extent of the aforesaid Land; And Aaron Rawlins Nine Rodd wide and soe to Runn the wedth to the Extent of the aforesaid Land

And Samuel Rawlins Nine Rodd wide and Soe to Runn to the Extent of the aforesaid Land.

And Mary page tenn Rodds wide, and Soe to Runn to the Extent of the aforesaid Land

And Alce Shaw tenn Rodd wide and Soe to Runn to the Extent of the aforesaid Land./

And Rachel Rawlins Tenn Rodds wide and Soe to Runn to the Extent of the aforesaid Land

And Benjamin Rawlins beginning at Hampton Road tenn Rodds wide and soe to Runn to the Extent of the aforesaid Land

And John Rawlins adjoyneing to Hampton Rode Eleaven Rodds wide and soe to Runn to the Extent of the aforesaid Land the Division of another little ffeild, adjoyneing to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Lorrances Land and an Orchard as followeth divided accordingly and agreed upon by us all whose Names are hereunder written.

her

Rachel X Rawlings  
Mark

Thomas Rawlings  
Moses Rawlings  
Joseph Rawlings  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Rawlings  
John Rawlings  
Aaron Rawlings  
Rachel Rawlings

Rachel Rawlings appeared before me Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of probates &c: and prayed the above Agreement might be Allowed and Recorded & Thomas Joseph and Aaron Rawlings desired the same on behalfe of the rest of the subscribers and themselves and that all debts due from the Estate be paid in Equal

proportion by the Children of Said dec<sup>d</sup> according to their Dividens

[Allowed Sept. 2, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 94.]

[Various accounts, notes, bills, receipts, etc., containing signatures of Thomas Rollins, James Sinclair, Richard Dolloff, George Jeffers, Richard King, Daniel Bean, Benjamin Rollins, John Badger, Humphrey Wilson, John Dole, Joseph Smith, George Jaffrey, Christopher Pottle, Peter Coffin, Nathaniel Ladd, Thomas Webster, Benjamin Dole, Samuel Fellows, Nathaniel Weare, Robert Coffin, Jonathan Wadleigh, John Pickering, Thomas Phipps, and James Dudley.]

AUGUSTINE BULLARD 1706

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name of God Amen the twenty fourth day of October in the fifth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Anne by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith &c: Augustin Bullard of portsmouth in the province of New Hampshire Marriner being Sick in body but of good and perfect Memory and Sound disposeing minde thanks be to Almighty God and calling to Remembrance the Uncertaine Estate of this Transitory life, and that all flesh must yeild Unto death when it shall please God to call doe make and declare this my last Will and Testament in Manner and forme following Revokeing and Annulling by these presents all and every Testament and Testaments, will and wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or writeing. And this to be taken onely for my last will and Testament and None other. And now for the Settling of my Estate both Real and personal as it hath pleased God farr above my deserts to bestow upon me I doe Order Give and dispose the Same in manner and forme following (that is to Say) first I will that all those Debts and duties as I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever

shall be well and truly contented and paid within Convenient time after my decease by my Executrix hereafter Named.

Item I give and bequeath Unto my Deare and loveing wife Hannah my dwelling House; and Land in portsmouth aforesaid belonging to my Said dwelling House with all Orchards Gardens and Appurtenances Adjoyneing to the Same, for and dureing her Natural life.

Item Give Unto my Said wife my Negroe Boy Quash to her sole proper use and behoofe for ever.

Item I give Unto my Said wife all my personal Estate as Household Goods Mony plate and all other Moveables and Utensils to be by her Sold or disposed off If occasion shall be towards her Maintenance and the bringing upp of my sonn Benjamin Bullerd.

Item My will is that after the decease of my Said wife My dwelling House Land Orchards and Gardens with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging shall Revert in fee to my Said Sonn Benjamin Bullerd and his heires for Ever.

Item My further will and minde is that in Case the said Benjamin Bullerd my Sonn shall dye without Issue lawfully begotten of his body that the said dwelling House Land Orchards & Gardens & Appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be and Remaine to my Sonn in Law Henry Dyer and his heires for ever./

Item I give and bequeath Unto my Said Sonn in Law Henry Dyer a certaine Lott of Land Scituate lying and being in portsmouth aforesaid Bounding by the dwelling House of Roger Swaine Westward and the land of Ruth Trueworthy Eastward, & ffronting upon the High way by m<sup>r</sup> Keais to him and his heires for ever.

Item I doe Order and direct that when my Said Sonn Benjamin Bullerd shall possesse and Enjoy my said dwelling House Land Orchards Gardens and Appurtenances thereunto belonging that from the time he enters into peaceable possession of the same he shall pay Unto my Said Sonn in Law Henry Dyer twenty pounds  $\text{p}$  Annum for two yeares./

Item I give Unto my Brothers Benjamin and Jasper Bullard of Barbadoes five shillings each as a legacye./

Lastly I doe hereby Nominate and appointe my Said Loveing wife to be sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first before written Annoq Domini 1706./

Signed Sealed Published and his  
declared In the presence off— Augustin X Bullard [seal]  
Ichabod Plaisted Mark

John Knight

Cha: Story

[Proved Sept. 8, 1709.]

[Warrant, Sept. 8, 1709, authorizing Samuel Keais and Obadiah Morse, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Jan. 10, 1709; amount, £435.18.4; signed by Samuel Keais and Obadiah Morse.]

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THOMAS BICKFORD

1706

DOVER

In the name of God amen I thomas Bickford being very sick and weak in body \* \* \*

Imp I will and give to my well beloved wife brigit all my moveable Estate both wihin in dors and without Except one Cow and one bead which I bequeath and give to my daughter Johanna and my wife is to discharge all my Just debts and funarall charges and allso my wife is to have the hole benfit and Improvement of all my farme and pasture whih belongeth to it Untill my sons John and Eliezer shall be of age—

Itm I will and give to my son John all the plantation on which I now Live with the whome pasture but John is not to have it till he coms of age and my son John shall pay to his brother Joseph twelve Pounds in any Good pay when Joseph shall com of age and for Every year that my wife shall Remaine a widow after

John hath the farme in his possession John shall pay her tenn pounds per year dureing her widowhood—

Item I will and give to my son Elezer I will and give forty Acors of Land which Lieith at Long marsh with all Priviledges thereto belonging when he shall com to twenty one years dureing that time my wife shall have the whole benefit and when Elezer hath the possession of the Land he shall pay to his mother five pounds ayear dureing her widowhood

signed sealed pronounced and                    Thomas Bickford [seal]  
declared in the presence of Us  
october the thirty first— 1706

William ffurbur

John bickford

John Dam

[Proved March 4, 1706/7.]

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Bickford of Dover granted to his widow, Bridget Bickford, March 4, 1706/7.]

[Warrant, first Tuesday in April, 1707, authorizing Jeremiah Burnham and Francis Matthews, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Bickford of Oyster River; amount, £253.10.0; signed by Jeremiah Burnham and Francis Matthews; attested Sept. 2, 1707.]

SAMUEL PEASE

1706

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Pease of Exeter granted to Richard Hilton of Exeter, yeoman, Nov. 5, 1706, the widow having renounced administration.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 317.]

FRANCIS PAGE

1706

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen

The last Will and Teastiment of ffrancis Page of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England Who being aged and Weak of Body \* \* \*

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Merabah my welbeloved wife two load of good march<sup>ble</sup> Hay a yeare to be delivered att Home or twentie shilling of mony a yeare which she please to be payd by my son ffrancis page during Her Naturall life or to Her day of Marriage: And she is to Have the use of all my pastures att the lott Com'only So called that is now in possession during her naturall life or to Her day of marriage: Also the use and improvement of my Right of the saw mill hereafter given to my son Joseph page so long as she live: As also the use of one End of my Dwelling House Where I now live which End she please so long as she live.: As also the use of that End of my lott where sayd House stand taking the whole Bredth so ffar as Robert Moul- tens so long as she live As also the use and improvement of all the land and mash that I give hereafter to my son Joseph page untill sd Joseph arive to the age of twentie one years And then she is only to Have the use of ffive acres of mash by goodman ffullers: And I give and bequeath to my sayd wife all my stock of Cattell of all sorts Whatsoever and all my moveable and Hous- hold stuff and impliments of Husbandrey all within dors and with- out Excepting only what I shall hereafter dispose of in this my last will All ffor Her disposing off according to Her descretion so it be among my Childring:

It I give and bequeath unto Samuel Page my Welbeloved Son all the land meadow and mash ground for the which I Have given Him a Deed of gift under my Hand and Seall already It being ffor his Portion although sayd gift should not be Recorded accord- ing to law yitt I do here Confeirm the sayd Deed of gift by this my last will I also give him half my Right in the sawmill

It I give and bequeath unto ffrancis page my welbeloved Son my Dwelling House where he now liveth and all that lott where

said House standith being ten acres more or lass which was some times William Marstons of Hampton senior With all the out Houses standing there upon and ffirute trees growing upon the same the said lott is lieing and being betwene the lott of Christopher page and the lott of Ensg<sup>n</sup> Samuel Marston: I also give unto the said ffancis page five acres of Salt mash adjoyning to Christopher pages part of that I bought of William ffuller: And also ffive acres of ffresh meadow that I bought of Nathaniel Boulter lieng westerly of the mill Brook in the West Meadows Commonly so Called: As also two shears of mash ground in the litell River Mashesh All which land meadow and mash ground he the Sayd ffancis Page have now already in his Possession I also give unto the Sayd ffancis Page All my Right of land in the north devition And Half a sheare in the Cow Common with all Rights and privelidgis belonging to Half a sheare of the s<sup>d</sup> Common as it lieth now in Common. I Also give and bequeath unto him the said ffancis page A Certaine Parsell of Meadow and upland that was Some times Jefery Mingies lieng over the mill Brook above said being in all five acres More or less lieng on the Right Hand of the way going to Abraham Draks lieng between land some times Thomas Wards now in the possession of Abraham: Drake And bounded with the above said Mill Brooke on the East or Easterly: all to Him and his Heiers ffor Ever He paying unto his mother all what I Have ordred Him to pay as above s<sup>d</sup> in this my last will & Teastiment

It I give and bequeath unto Joseph Page my welbeloved son all that land where I Now live that was some times John Redmans And now in my Possession Reserving only fortie Rod att the Corner next Peter garlands Hous which I dispose of other ways I Also give unto the said Joseph page all the Houses there upon standing to Injoy one End att the age of twentie one years and the other after his mothers decease but he the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph is not to Injoy all the land that was John Redmans untill after his mothers decease as before mentioned I also give unto the said Joseph page all that my lott of upland and swamp that was sometimes



William fullers lieng between the land of John ffuller on the East or Easterly and West or Westerly the land of Peter Garland in part and the land of Thomas Crosbey in part be the same Eight acres More or less as it is so bounded, I also give unto the sayd Joseph page my ffresh meadow att the springs Commonly so Called being Sixe acres more or less lieng between the meadow of Samuel Marston and Thomas Nudd I also give unto the sayd Joseph page five acres of salt mash that I bought of William ffuller lieng next ffrancis pagis on the westerly side ffrancis pages I also give s<sup>d</sup> Joseph page the one Half of my Right in the Saw mill upon Taylers River after His mothers decease I also give to s<sup>d</sup> Joseph page The one Half of a sheare of Cow Commons in Hampton with all Rights belonging to Half a sheare of s<sup>d</sup> Common as it lye in common now to Him & his Heiers :

It: I give and Bequath unto my welbeloved Daughters (viz) Lucy Robey the wife of Icabod Robey : Susanah Bachilder the now wife of Benjamin Bachilder Meribah Tilton the now wife of Samuel Tilton & Rebeckah Page my pece of ffresh meadow lieng near Pine Island to be Equally devided between them And my will is that lucy Robeys part of s<sup>d</sup> meadow After Her decease Is to goe to Her now Daughter Lucy Robey If she be liveing if not to the next Eldist Child that she Have liveing att her DARTH : And if any of my other Daughters dye without Children there parts of the meadow my will is shall goe to my son Samuel Pagis Eldist son then liveing And my will is ffurther that the acre of meadow that I bought of Nath<sup>l</sup> Boulter And the meadow and upland on the left Hand of the way goeing to Abraham Draks that was some times Cap<sup>n</sup> Husseys my Executors I give them full power to sell part or all for the paying my Just and Honist Debts and if that be not Enough I give them ffull power to Sell any part of my stock of Cattell to pay what is wanting—

And my will ffurther is that wheras my Son Samuel Page is to pay twentie five pound to me or my order that he build a House for that upon the fortie Rod of land I Reserved by Peter Garlands And my two sons ffrancis page and Joseph page to build

two Chimlys of Brick in the middle of sayd House and one End of sayd House I Give to my Daughter Rebeckah page the other to my granchild Lucy Robey and the fortie Rod of land wher it stand to be Equally devided between them I also give to my Daughter Rebeckah page one Bed & all the bed cloths there unto belonging—

It I give unto my two daughters Meribah Tilton & Rebecka page one shear of the Cow Commons as it lieth now in Common And to Rebecka ten bushells of Endien corn a yeare after Her mothers decease So long as she live unmarried to be payd by my Son Joseph and francis is to put the chamber att the East End of the House in good Repayre and Rebacka to have it So long as She live unmarried and ffrancis to find Her : sixe cord a wood a yeare after Her mothers decease till she is married I give to my son Joseph page a pece of fresh meadow lieng over the mill Brooke Commonly so Called be the Same more or less lieng on the left Side or Southerly Side the way.—

And I do constitute and appoint my trustie and welbeloved sons Samuel page Samuel Tilton and Benjamin Bachilder to be my Executours them or Either of them to this my last will and teastiment as witnes my Hand and seale this fourteen day of November in the yeare of our Lord : One thousand Seaven Hundred and sixe and in the fift yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of Greatt Brittainne france and Ireland defender of the faith : &c

francis page senior did Signe  
seale and declared this Before  
written to be his last will and  
teastiment in pressence of us  
witnesses

francis page  
Senior His mark [seal]  
& X Seale

Samuel Chapman  
Tho Crosbie  
Susanah X knowls  
Her mark :

Henry Dow

[Proved Dec. 2, 1706.]

## RICHARD BUCKLEY 1706/7 PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Richard Buckley of Portsmouth, merchant, granted to his widow, Sarah Buckley, Jan. 7, 1706/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 322.]

[Bond of Sarah Buckley of Portsmouth, widow, with George Jaffrey of Portsmouth as surety, Jan. 7, 1706/7, in the sum of £600, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Robert Armstrong and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Jan. 7, 1706/7, authorizing Richard Joce and Charles Story to receive claims against the estate.]

[Inventory, Jan. 10, 1706/7; amount, £431.4.8; signed by George Turfrey and Richard Joce.]

## EZEKIEL PITMAN 1706/7 DOVER

[William Pitman of Dover, minor, more than fourteen years old, son of Ezekiel Pitman of Dover, deceased, makes choice of Jeremiah Burnham of Oyster River, yeoman, as his guardian, Jan. 7, 1706/7; witnesses, John Cotton and Charles Story.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 237.]

[Citation, Feb. 7, 1708/9, to Elizabeth Pitman of Oyster River, widow of Ezekiel Pitman, and Francis Pitman, his brother, to appear on the first Monday in March to administer the estate of Ezekiel Pitman, otherwise administration to be granted to Jeremiah Burnham, guardian of William Pitman, son of the deceased; return signed by John Ambler, constable.]

[Administration granted to Jeremiah Burnham, guardian, April 4, 1709.]

[Inventory, Jan. 2, 1709/10; amount, £81.2.0; signed by Joseph Jones and Francis Mathes.]

[Warrant, Feb. 14, 1709/10, authorizing Francis Matthews and Joseph Jones to receive claims against the estate.]

[Release of guardianship, April 16, 1712, William Pitman to Jeremiah Burnham, and Jeremiah Burnham to William Pitman, the ward having reached the age of twenty-one years.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 238, 239.]

[Note, May 12, 1691, with signatures of Ezekiel Pitman, Edward Wakeham, and John Smith.]

JAMES WEYMOUTH      1706/7      NEWCASTLE

In the Name of: God Amen: the ninth day of Jenuary in the year of: our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Six Seven I James Waymouth of New Castle in the province of New hampshire in New England: in America., being Sick and weak in body, \* \* \*

Item: I give and bequeath unto my three Children Mary Waymouth Kathrin Waymouth and Luce Waymouth this my Dwelling house and Land belongin now in My own possession Equally to be devided amongst them but further my intent and Meaning is that my beloved wife Kathrin Waymouth shall have & Injoye the Said house dureing the Terme of: her Natural Life and after her Decease then to my aforesaid three Children Mary: Kathrin & Luce Waymouth

Item I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid three Childrin Mary Waymouth Kathrin Waymouth and Luce Waymouth all that my Shop: with the Land: ajoyning and belonging which I lately bought of George Vaughan being forty foot front by: the highway and one hundred and Ninty foot in lenght and adjoynin to my Now Dwelling house: only: my intent and Meaning is that my aforesaid Wife Kathrin Waymouth Shall have and injoye the same Dureing her Natural Life and if she shall be droven to Straits and Wants the same May be disposed of: for her Soport and releife and. Not Other ways

Item I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Child Mary Way-

mouth my Gold ring to be delivered unto her by my Executrix. when she shall arive to years of discretion

Item I give and bequeath unto my three Childrin Mary Waymouth Kathrin Waymouth and Luce Waymouth all the platte Lately given me by my Mother ——— Dimond deceased Equally to be devided between them and to be delivered to Each of: them att Each of: their ages of one and Twenty Years or Dayes of Maraige, and in Case Either of my Said Children Should Dye and Depart this Life before the arrive to their severall ages of one and Twenty years then my will and Meaning is that the bequests of any of them that shall soe happen to Dye shall redound to the survivor or survivors by Equall porc'ion

Item I give and bequeath unto my Dear and Well beloved. wife Kathrin Waymouth all my ready Mony platt goods: and Chattles and Debts what Soever and Whare soever to me oweing and belonging only my True intent and Meaning is that all my just and honest Debts and funerall Charges be paid out of the same— Item I give and bequeath unto my Two Daughters in Law Elizabeth Lidden & Mary Lidden Each of them a silver spoon to be delivered unto them by my: Executrix within one Years time after my Decease, if in Case itt should please god that my said wife should dye and Depart this Life before my Said three Childrin arive of Age of one and Twenty Years if itt should Soe happen that my said wife who is my Executrix: should soe dye then my desire is that my Two brothers in Law Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Alcock of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> pro: of Newhamp<sup>t</sup> aforesaid and m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Cutts of Kittery in the pro of Main shall be my Executors and over seers to see the performance of this my Last will According as itt is before Expressed In Wittness to These presents I have hereunto sett my hand Seal the Day and year first above Written

Signed and Sealed in

the Mark of

Presence of

James X Waymouth [seal]

William Mansfield

George Walton

[Proved Feb. 4, 1706/7.]

JOHN ODIORNE

1706/7

NEWCASTLE

[Administration on the estate of John Odiorne of Newcastle granted to his widow, Mary Odiorne, Feb. 4, 1706/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 330.]

[Bond of Mary Odiorne of Newcastle, widow, with Mark Hunking of Portsmouth, merchant, and William Seavey of Newcastle, yeoman, as sureties, Feb. 4, 1706/7, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Henry Penny and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Feb. 4, 1706/7, authorizing Capt. Mark Hunking and William Seavey to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory; amount, £149.10.6; signed by Mark Hunking and William Seavey; attested June 2, 1707.]

[Warrant, July 1, 1707, authorizing Capt. John Pickering and James Leavitt, both of Portsmouth, to receive claims against the estate. Return signed by Pickering and Leavitt.]

[List of claims against the estate, Feb. 3, 1707/8; amount, £98.4.4; signed by John Pickering and James Leavitt. Mentions James Abbott and his wife Lambert.]

[Account of the administratrix against the estate; amount, £17.2.3; attested Feb. 3, 1707/8.]

[Division of the estate as insolvent at £0.18.3 in the pound; allowed March 2, 1707/8.]

[Petition of Mary Odiorne, administratrix, May 4, 1708, for liberty to sell certain land.]

[Order of court, May 4, 1708, authorizing Mary Odiorne to sell certain land.]

[Various accounts, bills, notes, etc., containing signatures of Richard Wibird, Charles Story, James Abbott, John Pickering,

Theodore Atkinson, John Plaisted, Jotham Odiorne, Samuel Penhallow, Mark Hunking, John Partridge, N. Follett, Joseph Smith, Nehemiah Partridge, Martin Hall, Richard Piper, John Hunking, Thomas Stevens, and George Jaffrey.]

ISAAC COLE

1706/7

EXETER

I Isaac Cole of Quamescut in the province of new hampshaire in New ingland being but weak of body \* \* \*

Item i give to my cosen Isac foss an hundred akers of upland at that end of my land that is now improved and twenty akers of land in the nek which i bought of thomas reed and all of it to be at the disposing of his mother til he be twenty one years of age

Item i give to my cosen John felibroun an hundred and five akers of land at the head of my land and the barbary pond on the south side of the great hil

Item i give ten pounds of mooney to thomas felibroun

Item i give ten pounds mooney to my sister felibroune if she be liveing if dead then to her daughter mary

Item i give my brother Jacobs 3 children four pounds apeace: mooney

Item i give my cosen abigail foss and hur sun five pounds apeice

Item i give my brother Abraham ten pounds

Item i give to my cosen thomas felibroun my fowr oxen and two cows and one stear and a hors

Item i give to my too cossens John and thomas felibroun all the rest of my estate

And my will is & i do here by apoaynt my cosens John and thomas felibroun to be my full and Just executorrers of this my last will and & testament to see that my debts be all fully paid and discharged

And i do here by revoke and disanull and make void all former wils and testaments by me heretofore made In Witnes where of i the said Isaac Cole have hereunto set my hand and

Seale this tenth day of february Ano dominy one thousand seven hundred and six seven

signed and sealed  
in the presence of us  
witness

Isaac Cole [seal]

William french  
Jonathan wiggin  
nathaniel watson

[Proved March 4, 1706/7, and June 2, 1707.]

[Warrant, March 4, 1706/7, authorizing Bradstreet Wiggin and Jonathan Wiggin, both of Exeter, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of Isaac Cole, who died Feb. 13, 1706/7; dated March 4, 1706/7; amount, £168.14.3; signed by Bradstreet Wiggin and Jonathan Wiggin.]

RACHEL MARDEN 1706/7

Province New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>

John foss : Sen<sup>r</sup> : & : Mary his wife made Oath before me y<sup>e</sup> Subscriber that they being with Rachale Marden : not Long before her deth And heard her Declare her last will by word of Mouth she being in her Right Mind & Memory— which was as followeth :— (viz<sup>tt</sup>) She gave the howse & Land where her Husband John Marden in his life time dwelt unto her Son William Marden— and her bed & beding together with a small Iron po<sup>tt</sup>, and her Riding hood unto her Daughter Elizabeth Ran— and likewise a small table to her Daughter Mary Jones : &c—

John floss & Mary foss : his wife made Oath to the truth of all above written this : 12<sup>th</sup> day of february : 170<sup>s</sup> before me :—

Joseph Smith : Judge of Probats : &c.

[Deeds, vol. 13, p. 94.]

The Depposition of William Wallis of full eage testifieth and Saith that he was with Rachel Marden the Widow of John Mar-



den Deseed when she lay upon her Death bed then in perfect Sences; And she did Declare to me that as her hosbend: John Marden Deceased did leave the hole desposing of there Estat to hir: So she Did Give and bequeath unto hir Son Willeam Marden the Place at Sande beatch which was formerly his fathers: and to her Son John Marden: she gave a shep & to her Daughter Elizebeth Rand She gave the bed she then Lay on with the bedding belonging to it: and further I say not:—

Province of New Hampshe<sup>re</sup>: Will<sup>m</sup> Wallis Made Oath to y<sup>e</sup> truth of all above written this: 12<sup>th</sup> day of ffebeuary: 170<sup>6</sup> before me—

Joseph Smith Judge of Probats &c—

[Deeds, vol. 13, p. 94.]

GEORGE JAFFREY                      1706/7                      PORTSMOUTH

[Hannah Jaffrey, widow, renounces administration on the estate of her husband, George Jaffrey, and asks that administration be granted to his son, George Jaffrey; dated Feb. 20, 1706/7.]

[Administration on the estate of George Jaffrey of Portsmouth granted to his son, George Jaffrey of Portsmouth, Feb. 20, 1706/7, the widow, Hannah Jaffrey, having renounced administration.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 331.]

[Bond of George Jaffrey of Portsmouth, merchant, with Mark Hunking and Charles Story, both of Portsmouth, gentlemen, as sureties, Feb. 20, 1706/7, in the sum of £5000, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Henry Penny and William Seavey.]

[Inventory, April 29, 1707; amount, £2425.9.5; signed by Mark Hunking and Richard Joce.]

SAMUEL RAND                      1706/7                      NEWCASTLE

In the nam of god amen— the Last well and testement of Samuell Rand ferst I Bequead my soul to god that gave it me and my

body to the dost from whens I was taken Sekeondly I gove and bequead onto my wif all my esteat both movabels and Immovabels doueren her Lif and to her despos to ether of our sons hom shee shall see Case bot If shee should see Case to marey agean then to mannege It tel thes son hom shee doth bequeaed It to Com in eage and then he to have the plas in his own hand only allowing his mother the thord part as Long as Shee Leveth and fearther I order that the son that hath the plas shall peay to each of his brothers and sesters twenty shilins a peas in sesh pay as the plas perduesseth

william wallis the mark of X Samuel Rand

the mark of X James marden

neklas X hogs mark— wetneses

the 25<sup>th</sup> febeary— 1707/6

[Proved July 1, 1707.]

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Rand of Newcastle granted to his widow, Susanna Rand, July 1, 1707, no executor being named in the will.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 343.]

[Bond of Susanna Rand of Newcastle, widow, with William Wallace and James Marden, both of Newcastle, yeomen, as sureties, July 1, 1707, in the sum of £100, for the payment of all debts due from the estate; witnesses, Robert Armstrong and Charles Story.]

CHRISTOPHER PALMER 1706/7

HAMPTON

[Citation, March 1, 1706/7, to Samuel Palmer of Hampton to appear and administer or renounce administration upon the estate of his father, Christopher Palmer of Hampton, administration having been asked for by Theodore Atkinson, principal creditor. Endorsed "March y<sup>o</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1706 / non est Inventus Samuel Mars-ton constabel."]

RALPH HALL

1706/7

DOVER

[Mary Hall renounces administration on the estate of her husband, Ralph Hall of Dover, March 4, 1706/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 86.]

[Administration granted to Joseph Hall and James Hall, sons of the deceased, March 4, 1706/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 336.]

[Warrant, March 4, 1706/7, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Samuel Tibbetts, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Warrant, March 4, 1706/7, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Samuel Tibbetts to receive claims against the estate.]

[Inventory, April 14, 1707; amount, £161.0.2; signed by John Tuttle and Samuel Tibbetts.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £24.6.9; signed by John Tuttle and Samuel Tibbetts; mentions Mrs. Elizabeth Wade, administratrix to the estate of Rev. John Wade, late minister of Berwick.]

[Administrators' account against the estate; amount, £6.1.2; allowed Dec. 2, 1707.]

[Division of the estate among the widow and children, John Hall (oldest son), James Hall, Jonathan Hall, Isaac Hall, Benjamin Hall, Ralph Hall, and Joseph Hall; amount, £161.0.2; to the widow, £93.14.7; to oldest son, John Hall, £16.6.6, and to each of the other children, £8.8.3.]

I doe Order and decree the above written to be a true Division and distrebuton of the Estate of Ralph Hall Late of Dover dec<sup>d</sup> and doe Order M<sup>r</sup> Charles Story Register of the Court of probates to Issue forth Orders to the Adm<sup>r</sup> for the payment of the Creditors widdow and the Childrens proportions to be paid to Such as are

at age and to the Guardians of others that are not at age And to pay the Said Childrens proportions each at two pounds 16<sup>s</sup> one penny  $\text{q}$  Annum till the whole is paid with lawfull interest for the Same, dated at portsmouth the 2<sup>d</sup> of March 1707./

Joseph Smith  
Judg of probats &c

[Order of court, July 19, 1735, assigning to John Hall forty acres of land not formerly inventoried, he paying to the other children the value of their proportionate shares.]

[Various claims, bills, a blank bond, etc., containing signatures of Edward Ayers, John Hall, James Hall, Joseph Beard, Thomas Ash, (the last four of Dover), Mark Hunking, Charles Story, Job Clements, Joseph Smith, and John Gerrish.]

JOHN LOCKE

1706/7

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of John Locke of Hampton granted to his sons, John Locke and Joseph Locke, both of Hampton, March 4, 1706/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 335.]

[Bond of John Locke and Joseph Locke of Hampton, yeomen, with Edward Locke and James Locke of Hampton, yeomen, as sureties, March 4, 1706/7, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, James Leavitt and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, March 4, 1706/7, authorizing Theodore Atkinson and James Randall, both of Newcastle, to receive claims against the estate. Endorsed

“Pro: N: Hamp:

Notifications Were posted In Each Town in this Province And Att Kittery According to the Within order but Noe Claimers Appeared Given Under our hands the 3<sup>d</sup> Oct 1707

$\text{q}$  : Theodore Atkinson  
James Rendle”]

[Inventory, May 19, 1707; amount, £64.7.0; signed by James Randall and William Seavey.]

[Claim of Robert Elliot against the estate, attested Feb. 3, 1707/8; amount, £55.4.0; signed by Robert Elliot; allowed Feb. 3, 1707/8.]

[Administrators' account against the estate; amount, £60.7.0, in which is a debt of £55.4.0 paid to Robert Elliot; "Inventory Am<sup>o</sup> to 64 : 7 : 0 : four pounds of which is to be divided Among tenn Children the Eldest sonn to have a double portion the Adm<sup>rs</sup> to take care for Maintenance of their Mother." Allowed May 4, 1708.]

[Division of the estate of John Locke of Newcastle, May 4, 1708, among the ten children, John Locke, oldest son, Nathaniel Locke, Edward Locke, William Locke, James Locke, Joseph Locke, Alice Locke, Phenea Locke, Rebecca Locke, and Mary Locke, the administrators to maintain the widow during her natural life.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 107.]

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JOHN MOULTON . . . . . 1706/7 . . . . . HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Lieut. John Moulton of Hampton granted to his son, John Moulton of Hampton, March 4, 1706/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 332.]

[Bond of John Moulton of Hampton, with Humphrey Perkins and Daniel Moulton as sureties, March 4, 1706/7, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Thomas Batchelder and Jacob Moulton.]

An Agreem<sup>t</sup> about the Estat of L<sup>t</sup> John Moulton of Hampton dec<sup>d</sup> as foll:

Know all men by these presents that whereas Lieu<sup>t</sup> John Moulton of Hampton, in the province of New Hampshire in New Eng-

land late deceased, dyed Intestate, and left an Estate of Lands Goods & Chattels, and Administration being granted Unto his eldest Sonn John Moulton; as alsoe the Said John Moulton deceased left a wife and Tenn Children the widdow and Relict of the Said L<sup>t</sup> John Moulton deceased, as alsoe the Children hereafter Named doe Mutually Agree that the Estate be divided and Settled 'as followeth./ viz.

1<sup>ly</sup> That the widdow Lydia Moulton shall possess and Enjoy dureing her Natural life the west end of the dwelling House with all the Roomes and Convenyences Unto the Same belonging, together with one third part of the Orchard, and one third part of all the Lands which did of Right belong Unto her Husband John Moulton in his life time, And alsoe to Have hold, possess and Enjoy the one third part of all the Goods and Chattells after the ffuneral Expences, Debts and Charges are paid to her the Said Lydia Moulton widdow Unto her for Ever at her dispose.

2<sup>dy</sup> The Said John Moulton Jun<sup>r</sup> To have hold, possess and Enjoy to him his heires and Assignes for Ever, all the Lands, Meadows, Marshes Outlands, Orchards, Buildings, Excepting what is in this Covenant of Agreement Excepted, together with two thirds of all the Goods and Chattells, after all Debts and Charges are paid Unto him the Said John Moulton for Ever at his dispose./ he paying Such portions and Divisions of Lands to each of his Brothers and Sisters as is hereafter mentioned (viz) the said Adm<sup>r</sup> John Moulton doth hereby binde and obleidge himselfe and his Successors, to pay all Debts whatsoever which his father owed in his life time; and to deliver his Mother Lydia Moulton her thirds as abovementioned, and to Deliver Unto his Brother Daniel Moulton one peice of Land being part of the home Lott, containeing two Acres and three quarters adjoyneing to Land of the Said Daniels Eastwardly, Land of palmers North-erly, and of Said John Moultons at the Topp of the Hill South-erly Upon Land of Nathaniel Batchelers South Eastwardly the Said John Moulton Reserving a peice of Land of one Rodd in Breadth next Nathaniel Batchelors, for a way into the Woods

Engageing not any wayes to Dampnifie the Inclosure of the General ffeild by Improving the said way &c.; Alsoe the Said John Moulton above Named doth Engage to pay Unto his Brother James Moulton the Sum'e of three pounds. And Unto his brother Nathan Moulton if he demand it Twenty shillings he having received his portion in his fathers life time. And Unto his brother David Moulton forty acres of Land lying at Bridehill, and halfe a share of the Cow Common, And Unto his brother Jacob Moulton two Acres of Marsh lying at a place Called the Severals, and abutting Upon the ffresh River.

And Unto his Sister Martha perkins the Sum'e of forty shillings.

And Unto his Sister Ann Marston the Sum'e of forty shillings.

And Unto his Sister Lydia Marston the Sum'e of forty shillings.

And Unto his Sister Rachel Moulton the Sum'e of five pounds./

In Confirmation of all above written wee the above Named persons to this Agreement, have Mutually Sett to our hands and Seales this fourth day of March 1706, or Seaven; in the fifth yeare of the Reigne of Queen Anne that now is Over England &c: And pray the Honourable Judge of probates to Confirme and Ratifie the Same, as a full and final Settlement of the Estate of our father L<sup>t</sup> John Moulton deceased./

Signed Sealed & Deliv <sup>ed</sup>	Lydia Moulton	[seal]
In the presence of us	John Moulton	[seal]
Joseph Palmer	Daniel Moulton	[seal]
the Mark of	James Moulton	[seal]
Samuel X Palmer Jun <sup>r</sup>	David Moulton	[seal]
	Jacob Moulton	[seal]
	Humphrey Perkins	[seal]
	Caleb Marston	[seal]
	the Mark and Seal of	
	Thomas X Marston	[seal]
	the Mark and Seal of	
	Rachel X Moulton	[seal]

[Allowed March 11, 1706/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 88.]

JOHN HEARD

1707

DOVER

The will of John Hird of Cochecha in the Townshipp of Dover in the province of New Hampshire dec<sup>d</sup> dated the Second day of Aprill 1687 : (as upon file) was offered to this Board to be proved approved and Allowed. The Wittnesses to the Said will being Dead, And dyed before the Exec<sup>r</sup> to the Said Will could have them Sworne in their life times there being noe legal Authoritye at that time in the Said province to Approve or Allow of the probate of Wills. And the following Evidences were Sworne viz.

W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan Esq<sup>r</sup> made oath before this Board that he was well acquainted with m<sup>r</sup> Richard Waldron one of the Wittnesses to the Said will, and had frequently seen the Said Richard Waldron write his Name in his life time, and doth verily believe that the Name of Richard Waldron as Wittnesse to the Said will is of his owne hand writinge.

John Gerrish Esq<sup>r</sup> made oath before this Board that he was well acquainted with Richard Waldron and John Evens two of the Wittnesses to the Said Will and had frequently seen them write their Names in their life times. And doth Verily believe that the Names of the Said Richard Waldron and John Evens as witnesses to the Said Will are of their own hand writeings./

John Hamm of Cochecha in the Said province yeoman aged about ffifty Seaven years made oath that he was well acquainted with Richard Walden Abraham Lee and John Evens Wittnesses to the will before mentioned, and had frequently seen them write their Names in their life times and doth verily beleive that the Names of the Said Richard Walden Abraham Lee and John Evens as witnesses to the Said Will are of their owne hand writeings

His Excellency the Governour and Council haveing Considered the Legalitye of the Said Will and the Testimonies of the Said W<sup>m</sup> Vaughan and John Gerrish Esq<sup>r</sup> and John Hamm doe declare the Said will to be proved Approved and Allowed off.

[Council Records, April 9, 1707.]

[See p. 312, *ante*.]



BENJAMIN DOLE

1707

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Benjamin Dole of Hampton, chirurgion, granted to his widow, Frances Dole, June 3, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 342.]

[Bond of Frances Dole of Hampton, widow, with Ephraim Marston and Samuel Marston, both of Hampton, yeomen, as sureties, June 2, 1707, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Redman and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, Aug. 29, 1707; amount, £329.8.0; signed by John Redman and James Philbrick.]

[Account of the administratrix against the estate; amount, £102.9.10; signed by Frances Dole; allowed June 1, 1708. One item is "To Bringing up three Children the one four years one two years the other five months old/ one yeare £18.0.0."]

[Division of the estate of Benjamin Dole of Hampton, under the administration of his widow, Frances Dole; amount of estate, £424.8.0; divided among the widow and three children, Jonathan Dole, oldest son, Mary Dole, and Love Dole.

"I doe Order and decree that when the Eighty pounds Sixteen shillings off difficult Debts are gott in, or any part of them that they be proportioned as followeth viz the widdow to have one third part thereof for Ever the other two thirds to be divided into four parts one halfe thereof to Jonathan Dole, the other halfe to Mary and Love Dole And that the widdow pay her Selfe her Disbursements and thirds of the Debts, out of the Said Debts as farr as they will Amount And that Jonathan have the Homestead at Newberry he paying the Overplus of his proportion of the Value of Said Homestead to his Sisters towards their proportion; And further that the widdow have six pounds  $\text{p}$  Annum for Each Childs Maintenance till they attaine the Age of Seven years and noe longer; And that she pay her selfe for Such Maintenance

out of each Childs proportion; Dated at portsmouth the first day of June 1708."]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 109.]

Division of the estate among the widow and three children, an "Eldest sonn," name not stated, and daughters Mary and Love; not dated.]

[Bond of Henry Somersby of Newbury, Mass., with Samuel Hart and Thomas Peirce as sureties, Sept. 25, 1717, in the sum of £600, for the guardianship of Jonathan Dole and Mary Dole, children of Dr. Benjamin Dole of Hampton; witnesses, Eleazer Russell and R. Gerrish, Jr.]

[Jonathan Dole and Mary Dole, minors, aged more than fourteen years, children of Dr. Benjamin Dole of Hampton, make choice of Col. Henry Somersby of Newbury, Mass., as their guardian Oct. 28, 1718; allowed.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, pp. 186. 187.]

[Administration on the estate of Benjamin Dole of Hampton, intestate, granted to his son, Jonathan Dole of Newbury, Mass., Jan. 26, 1724/5.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Records, vol. 314, p. 157.]

[Bond of Jonathan Dole, saddler, with Joshua Swan of Haverhill, Mass., husbandman, and Samuel Waite of Ipswich, Mass., clothier, as sureties, Jan. 26, 1724/5.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

To all People to whom these presents shall come Greeting.  
 Know ye that whereas m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Dole late of Hampton in his Majesties Province of Newhampshier in New-england Phisician Deceased Intestate, leaving Sundry lands scituate laying & being in y<sup>e</sup> Towneship of Newbury in y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex, in his Majesties Province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay in Newengland & else where in s<sup>d</sup> Province— and sundry lands scituate laying & being in y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Hampton afore s<sup>d</sup> & Sundery Sums of money due both

by book Bonds ect, and whereas we— Jonathan Dole of Newbury afore s<sup>d</sup>— Sadler & Mary Dole alias Mary Tuck y<sup>e</sup> now wife of m<sup>r</sup> John Tuck jun<sup>r</sup> of Hampton afore s<sup>d</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup> are y<sup>e</sup> only surviving children & heirs of y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Dole, we do therefore mutuallly covenant & agree, that y<sup>e</sup> division of s<sup>d</sup> lands & money shall be as followeth viz—

That y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Dole his heirs & assigns shall forever, hereafter have hold use occupy possess and enjoy all & singular y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> lands tenements hereditaments, scituate lying & being in y<sup>e</sup> Province of the Massachusetts Bay afore s<sup>d</sup> together with all y<sup>e</sup> priviledges profits & appurtences thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, as allso all right & priviledges in any comon or undivided lands in y<sup>e</sup> Township of Newbury afores<sup>d</sup> as allso all & singular y<sup>e</sup> sums of money due to y<sup>e</sup> Estate of y<sup>e</sup> said Benjamin Dole, And that y<sup>e</sup> said John Tuck & Mary his wife their Heirs & Assigns shall forever hereafter Have hold use occupy possess & enjoy all & Singular y<sup>e</sup> lands tenements & hereditaments scituate lying & being in y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Hampton afores<sup>d</sup> as allso three shares of land laid out by y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Hampton in a place called y<sup>e</sup> first west division of lands being : y<sup>e</sup> 347<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 348<sup>th</sup> and the 349<sup>th</sup> shares in number with all y<sup>e</sup> profits priviledges & appurtenances there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Furthermore I y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Dole for my self my heirs Executors & Administrators do by these presents remise releas & forever Quit claim unto y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Tuck & Mary his wife their heirs & assigns forever, all such right estate title interest property claime or demand as I y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Dole now hath might or ought to have of in or to all singular y<sup>e</sup> premises lying in Hampton afore said and unto y<sup>e</sup> three shares of land afore s<sup>d</sup> so that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Tuck & Mary his wife their Heirs & assigns shall & may forever hereafter by force & virtue of these presents, Have hold use occupy possess & enjoy y<sup>e</sup> said premises lawfully peaceably & quietly to their only use & behoofe forever without any lett hindrance suit molestation or interruption or denial of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Dole his heirs Excutors Administrators or assigns forever,

And we y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Tuck & Mary his wife for our selves oure heirs Excutors & Administrators do by these presents remise releas & forever Quit claim unto y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Dole his heirs & assigns forever all such right estate title interest property claime or demand: as we y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Tuck & Mary his wife had now have might or ought to have of in or to all & singuler y<sup>e</sup> premises laying in y<sup>e</sup> Township of Newbury or Province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusets Bay afore s<sup>d</sup> as allso unto all y<sup>e</sup> sums of money afore s<sup>d</sup> so that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Dole his Heirs & assigns shall & may forever hereafter by force & virtue of these presents lawfully peceably & Quietly have hold possess & injoy y<sup>e</sup> above said premises to his & their owne proper use benifit & behoofe forever without any lett hinderance suit molestation or denial of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John Tuck & Mary his wife their heirs Excutors Administrators or assigns forever—in witness & confermation of all & singuler y<sup>e</sup> written covenants engagements & acquitances we y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Dole. John Tuck & Mary his wife have Set to oure hands & seals y<sup>e</sup> fifth day of Aprill Ann-Domini seventeen hundred twenty & five & in y<sup>e</sup> eleventh year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our sovereign Lord George by y<sup>e</sup> grace of God of great Britain France & Irland King defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith ect.

Signed sealed & delivered  
in presence of us  
William Staniford  
Shubel Sanborn  
Henry Moulton

Jonathan Dole [seal]  
John Tucke [seal]  
Mary tucke [seal]

Essex ss. Ipswich Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1729 Then Jonath Dole: and John Tucke & Mary: his Wife Parsonally Appeare<sup>d</sup> & Acknowledged this agreem<sup>t</sup> to be their act & Deed

Before John Appleton, J: P<sup>ce</sup>

The above s<sup>d</sup> Agreem<sup>t</sup> Made by the Party's above said: That Part of the Land that Lyes in the Coun<sup>ty</sup> of Essex, & convey<sup>d</sup> to the above s<sup>d</sup> Jonath Dole: I do allow & approve of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> agreem<sup>t</sup>  
By John Appleton Judg Proba<sup>te</sup>

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Probate Records, vol. 316, p. 151.]

THOMAS DIMOND

1707

STAR ISLAND

In the Name of God Amen

The fourteenth day of July 1707. I Thomas Diamond of star Iland one of y<sup>e</sup> Iles of shoals in y<sup>e</sup> Province of new Hampsheir Fisherman \* \* \*

Imprimis I give & bequeath unto Jane my Dearly beloved wife whom I make y<sup>e</sup> sole executrix of y<sup>e</sup> my last will & testament y<sup>e</sup> summ of five hundred pounds of good & lawfull mony to be raised & Levyed out of my Estate together with all my houshold goods debts & moveable effects she paying what debts I owe but in case my wife should be now with child, & y<sup>e</sup> Child live then it is my will y<sup>t</sup> my wife have but two hundred & fifty pound together with all my houshold goods debts & moveable effects as afore s<sup>d</sup> & y<sup>e</sup> Child y<sup>t</sup> she may now go withall to have all y<sup>e</sup> remainder of my estate

Item. In Case my wife dos not prove with child or has not a liveing Child to inherrit my estate y<sup>n</sup> I give & bequeath unto my nephew Thomas Diamond son of John Diamond deceas'd y<sup>e</sup> summ of one hundred & fifty pounds mony.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my nephew John Diamond y<sup>e</sup> youngest son of my brother John Diamond y<sup>e</sup> like sum<sup>—</sup> of one hundred & fifty pounds mony.

Item I give & bequeath unto my sister Grace Luis y<sup>e</sup> sum<sup>—</sup> of fifty pounds mony. And thirty pounds more to be divided equally between her children

Item I give unto my Cousin mary Spinny y<sup>e</sup> Daughter of my Brother John Diamond y<sup>e</sup> summ of twenty pounds mony.

Item I give unto my Cousin Margett Tripe daughter of my Brother will<sup>m</sup> Diamond y<sup>e</sup> sum<sup>—</sup> of twenty pounds likewise

Item I give & bequeath unto Diamond Currier & Weymouth Currier sons of my son in law Richard Currier all my Houses, warehouses, stage & flakerooms y<sup>t</sup> I have here upon y<sup>e</sup> Iles of shoals to be equally divided between y<sup>m</sup> And I do hereby disallow, revoke & disannull all & every other former testaments wils, Legacies & bequests & execut<sup>ns</sup> by me in any wayes, before

named, willed, & bequeathed Ratifying & confirming y<sup>s</sup> & no other to be my last will & testament

In witness w<sup>o</sup>f I have hereunto set my hand & seal y<sup>e</sup> day & year above written) y<sup>t</sup> Clause (whom I make y<sup>e</sup> sole Executrix of y<sup>s</sup> my last will & testament) was enterlind before y<sup>e</sup> ensealing & publishing of y<sup>es</sup> presents

Sign<sup>d</sup> Seal<sup>d</sup> & Dclared Pub- thomes: dimond [seal]  
lished & Pronounced by Thomas  
Dimond In Presence of us

Dan<sup>l</sup> Greenleaf

Edward Gould

George Blackdon

[Proved April 27, 1708, and June 7 and 9, 1709.]

[Inventory; amount, £1308.17.11; signed by Theodore Atkinson.]

SAMUEL LEAVITT

1707

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Leavitt of Exeter granted to James Leavitt of Exeter Aug. 12, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 349.]

[Bond of James Leavitt of Exeter, yeoman, with Robert Coffin, gentleman, and William Moore, yeoman, both of Exeter, as sureties, Aug. 12, 1707, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate of his father, Samuel Leavitt; witnesses, Charles Story and Benjamin Leavitt.]

[Inventory, Sept. 17, 1707; amount, £1441.15.4; signed by James Sinclair and David Lawrence; attested Dec. 2, 1707.]

[List of claims against the estate, Feb. 26, 1707/8; amount, £67.16.7; signed by James Sinclair and Jonathan Wadleigh.]

[Various accounts, bills, etc., containing signatures of Job Judkins, Joseph Smith, Nicholas Gilman, Enoch Sanborn, Clement Hughes, Richard Wibird, Thomas Phipps, Charles Story, James

Leavitt, John Hanaford, Edward Sewall, Thomas Webster, Samuel Thing, and James Dudley.]

Administration being granted Unto James Levit of Exeter of his father m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Levit's Estate late dec<sup>d</sup> hath divided it as followeth.

first to his Mother in Moveables fifty Seaven pounds tenn shill Six pence; to one halfe of the dwelling House and one halfe of the Barn, one third of the Saw Mill to four Acres of Marsh at the Long Marsh, and one halfe of the Improved Land adjoyneing to the House, and as much more land adjoyneing to it as shall make it upp forty Acres, And the use of three Acres of Land at Town, and the third part of one hundred Loggs./

Next: To Samuel Levit one Yoke of Steers at: 6<sup>l</sup>:13<sup>s</sup>:8<sup>d</sup>: Three Loads of Hay 4<sup>l</sup>:10<sup>s</sup>:0<sup>d</sup>: To one Cow and Nine Sheep :4<sup>l</sup>:19<sup>s</sup>:0<sup>d</sup> one Horse at four pound, one Muskett at fifteen shillings To one House and Barn and Land Upp the Countrey Eighty Nine Acres; To one hundred and Sixty Eight Acres of Land adjoyneing to his House to beginn at the Long Marsh and to southeast forty Rodds in wedth to the Countrey Road and from thence Nine and thirty Rodds and halfe in wedth the Length of Ephraim & Daniel and Moses Levitts land, and the Remainder his Land to lye a Cross the ffarme at the head of Ephraim Levitts & Daniel Levitts & Moses Levitts Land./

Next: To Ephraim Leavett one heifer at 25<sup>s</sup>: one Gunn at 17<sup>s</sup>:— 2<sup>l</sup>:2<sup>s</sup>:0<sup>d</sup> To land upp Countrey: 44 Acres to three Acres and halfe of Marsh at the long Marsh adjoyneing to his Land, one hundred & fourteen Acres of Land beginning at his Marsh next to William Mores Land and soe to Runn Southeast by William Mores Land forty Rods in Wedth up to the Rodd Excepting ag<sup>t</sup> the Lott of Samuel Leavit where the Orchard is he is to be but thirty five Rodds and Soe to runn the Same Course above the Countrey Road leaveing a high way two Rodds wide next to William Mores Line Northeast a Cross the ffarme a Straite Line & to be thirty Nine Rodds and a halfe in wedth upon that Line and soe to Runn Southeast till he extends the aforementioned 114

Acres— Samuel Leavits before it mentioned is to be the next Lott to Ephraims and to pay to the widdow tenn shillings  $\text{p}$  yeare dureing her life

Next Dapiel Levit is to have next to Samuel Levits land one hundred Seaventeen Acres and halfe of Land, beginning at the long Marsh and soe to Runn forty Rodds in wedth Southeast till it comes to the Northeast Line before mentioned and from that Line to Runn in wedth thirty Nine Rods and a halfe Southeast till it Extends the aforesaid  $117\frac{3}{4}$  of Land and to have three Acres and a halfe of the Long Marsh adjoyneing to Said Land and 44 of Land upp Countrey and to pay to his Mother the widdow tenn shillings  $\text{p}$  yeare./

Next Moses Levit one bedd and ffurniture one Cow and Trundel Bedd Stead and in Land next to Daniel Leavitts Land 117 : Acres, and to beginn at the South Side of the pockett at the ffence North . . . and soe to Runn in wedth fforty Rodds Southeast in length till it comes to the North east Line before mentioned, Excepting m<sup>r</sup> Edgerlyes ffeild and Soe to Runn from the North east ffence, thirty Nine Rodds and a halfe southeast till it Extends 127 : Acres and 44 Acres of Land upp Countrey what Land within the ffence on the South Side of the Said pockett that would ffall to Moses Levit upon a Line Dániel Levit is to have it allowing to Moses the Same quantity of Land out of his laying to the Wedth of Moses Levits Land below the way and to pay the widdow tenn shillings  $\text{p}$  yeare dureing her life./

James Dudley twenty Acres of Land in the Mast Swamp Soe called part of Pine Hill, and forty four Acres of Land upp Countrey and  $108\frac{1}{4}$  of Land lying next to Samuel Levits Land the whole Breath of the ffarme leaveing two Rodds for a way next William Mores Line, and to his twenty Acres in the Mast next to James Sincklers the whole breadth of his Land and it is to lye from the Brooke North east, and to pay to the Widdow Tenn shillings  $\text{p}$  yeare./

Next James Levit Administrator in Land at Town Eight Acres and halfe To 44 Acres of Land upp Countrey, Land in the Mast



Swamp twenty Acres and upon the ffarme ffifty Acres, 40 Rodds lying next to James Dudley Land and soe to Runn a Cross the ffarme as Dudleys doth leaveing a way two Rodds wide next to William Mores Line, and To five Acres of Marsh at Hampton; To two thirds of halfe a Saw in one fframe; And to pay to the widdow Tenn shillings a yeare dureing her life/

Next Benjamin Levit to his fathers weareing Cloaths, One paire of Boots Two Calves, one Heifer, To Twenty Six Acres of Land in the Great pasture to five Acres of Marsh at Hampton, to forty four Acres of Land upp Countrey, To fforty Acres of Land upon the ffarme lying next to James Dudley<sup>s</sup> Land and to Runn a Cross the ffarme as the other Lands doe leaveing a way two Rodds wide next W<sup>m</sup> Mores Line. There is to be a way two Rodds wide left through the great pasture next to Thomas Wilsons Land from Hampton Roade into the Mast Swamp allowing Benjamin Levit as much Land upon the ffarme to his own Land, James Levit and James Dudley is to be at halfe the Charge in making and in Keeping in Repaire the ffence next Said way, Said Benjamin to pay to the widdow Tenn shillings Annually./

Next Thomas Veasey to one paire of Curtaines one Heifer, One Ox to Land upp the Countrey: 44: Acres. To that part of the Temple Meadow Soe called, that was Lieu<sup>t</sup> Levits deceased, and at the upper end of the ffarme 120 $\frac{1}{2}$  of Land, and Seaven Acres to be taken out of Moses Levits Land added to it which will Make 127 $\frac{1}{2}$  and to pay the widdow tenn shillings a yeare Annually/

It is further to be Understood, that the House and Land and Marsh that is for the widdows use dureing her life, at her decease is to fall to Samuel Leavet Excepting three Acres at Town that is to fall to James Leavit, and that all the Long Marsh Excepting the ffour Acres for the widdow is to Equal between Daniel Levit and Ephraim, and that Samuel Levit is to Equal Shares in Said Marsh with Daniel and Ephraim dureing their Mothers life and noe longer. It is further to be Understood that if James Dudley purchase a way to his Land in the Mast Swamp and if James

Levit see good to make use of Said way he is not to be hindred by James Dudleys comeing to his Land the Said Levit paying his part in the said way/

It is farther to be Understood that what Land is Overplus upon the ffarme, when Every one has his part laid out; he that hath not his whole portion upon this Said ffarm shall have his Overplus according to what his part of Land is/

Mary Levit widdow and Relict of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Levit of Exeter late deceased, and Samuel Levit, Ephraim Levit and Daniel Levit Moses Levit James Dudley Ben Levit James Levit Thomas Veasey us and every of doe firmly ingage by these presents to stand and abide to every Article of this within written Instrument and are Satisfied Contented in the Said Division which was made this third day of June one thousand Seaven hundred and Eight as Wittnesse our hands and Seales./

Signed and Sealed	The mark X of Mary Levit [seal]
In the p <sup>s</sup> ence of us	The mark X of Sam <sup>l</sup> Levit [seal]
within written Witt-	Ephraim Levit [seal]
nesse	Daniel Levit [seal]
Henry X Lamprel	Moses Levit [seal]
James Sinckler	James Dudley [seal]
	Benj <sup>a</sup> Levit [seal]
	James Leavit [seal]
	Thomas Veasey [seal]

[Allowed Aug. 3, 1708.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 112.]

ALEXANDER COMBES 1707

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Alexander Combes of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Abigail Combes, Aug. 15, 1707.]

[Bond of Abigail Combes of Portsmouth, widow, with Thomas Phipps of Portsmouth and Clement Hughes as sureties, Aug. 15, 1707, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Lowe and Charles Story.]

## SAMUEL FELLOWS 1707 HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Fellows of Hampton granted to his widow, Deborah Fellows, Sept. 2, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 346.]

[Bond of Deborah Fellows of Hampton, widow, with John Sanborn and Samuel Melcher as sureties, Sept. 2, 1707, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Judah Sanborn and Tristram Sanborn.]

[Warrant, Sept. 2, 1707, authorizing Lieut. Joseph Swett and William Wilson, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Nov., 1707, amount, £379.17.9; signed by Joseph Swett and William Wilson.]

[Warrant, Dec. 2, 1707, authorizing Lieut. Joseph Swett and William Wilson to receive claims against the estate. No claims appeared.]

[Account of Deborah Fellows, administratrix, against the estate, Sept. 5, 1708. One item is "to bringing up six Children one year one eight year old called Isaac John 6 years old, Hannah 5 year old Iaiah 4 years old, Rach 2 years old Samuell born two months after his fathers decease—" Allowed Sept. 5, 1708.]

[Guardianship of Samuel Fellows, Jr., aged fifteen, son of Samuel Fellows of Hampton, saddler, granted to his uncle, Jonathan Fellows of Ipswich, Mass., yeoman, Jan. 14, 1723/4.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Records, vol. 314, p. 383.]

[Bond of Jonathan Fellows, with John Harris, laborer, and Joseph Abbey, blacksmith, both of Ipswich, Mass., as sureties, in the sum of £1000, Jan. 14, 1723/4.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

GABRIEL GROUT

1707

PORTSMOUTH

The testimony of W<sup>m</sup> Partridge Jun of full age: Testefyeth and saith that on the tenth day of sept: 1707 that he the said partridge asked Gabrell Grout whether he wold send any of his Estate to Eegland to his dafters he said It was small that he had and that what he had he wold give to the old woman & her son which I took to be abgill Rously and her son Capt sammuell AlCock after his Decease & funerall Charges are paid—

sep: 13<sup>th</sup> 1707Sworn before George Vaughan Jus<sup>t</sup> p<sup>ce</sup>

The Deposito<sup>n</sup> of Nath<sup>l</sup> ffreeman of full age testyfieth that he heard Gabriell Grout on y<sup>e</sup> tenth Ins<sup>t</sup> declare that after his Decease & Interm<sup>t</sup> Abigail Rously & her Son Alcock Should have y<sup>e</sup> Remainder of his Estate—

Sep: 13<sup>th</sup> 1707Sworn before Geo: Vaughan Jus<sup>t</sup> p<sup>ce</sup>

Mary Lamson of full Age saith that Gabriell Grout told Abigail Rously after his Decease & Decent Interment she should have all things for herself w<sup>ch</sup> he left; all w<sup>ch</sup> she solemnly declared to be y<sup>e</sup> Truth in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>s</sup>ence of Almighty God— before Geo: Vaughan Jus<sup>t</sup> p<sup>ce</sup>

sep: 13<sup>th</sup> 1707

[Administration on the estate of Gabriel Grout of Portsmouth, butcher, granted to William Williams of Portsmouth, blockmaker and butcher, Sept. 15, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 347.]

[Bond of William Williams of Portsmouth, with Christopher Pottle and Isaac Marston, both of Hampton, yeomen, as sureties, Sept. 15, 1707, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Elizabeth Scott and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, Sept. 19, 1707; amount, £9.19.0; signed by William Cotton and Christopher Pottle; £5.2.0 added later; a list of accounts was added July 6, 1708, amounting to £39.3.2, making the whole estate £54.4.2. The list of accounts states that Mr.

Grout was in partnership with the administrator, William Williams.]

Att a Court of probate \* \* \* the first Tuesday in October Anno D'm 1707

Christopher pottle made oath that William Gline now in Court is the Reputed Sonn of one Agnes Grout wife to W<sup>m</sup> Gline in South Trent in the County of Devon in England, which Agnes Grout was Sister to Nicholas Grout of the Same place who was father to one Gabriel Grout lately deceased in portsmouth in New England./

Edward Weycomb made oath in Court that he was well acquainted with Gabriel Grout aforesaid, deceased, and did often hear the said Gabriel Grout in his life time Say that W<sup>m</sup> Gline above mentioned was his owne Cozen./

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 95.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £31.6.10; no date.]

[Minutes of probate court, July 6, 1708; Abigail Rousley brings in her claim for £21, but refuses to make oath to it and settles for £6. Her account is for boarding, lodging, washing and attendance for five years. The accounts of Thomas Matthews and William Williams were presented and allowed.]

[Various accounts, bills, etc., containing signatures of Dr. Richard Mills, Thomas Phipps, Charles Story, Joseph Smith, and Abigail Rousley.]

SIMON DOW

1707

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen: The Eighteenth Day of September: 1707— I Simon Dow of Hampton, in the province of New Hamshier, in New England; Husbandman being very sick and weak in Body, \* \* \*

Imprimis I Give and bequeath unto Mehetable my dearly beloved Wife, my dwelling House, and new Barn, one half of my

Orchard, My Land at the Plain Lot, it lying between land of my two brothers Sam<sup>l</sup> an Jabez, as also a piece of Land, lying on the south side of the highwaw, going to the Beach, commonly known by the Name of Cap<sup>t</sup> Dows Pasture, As also my Marsh at Little River, which I bought of Daniel Lamprrie, as also she to have liberty to cut, and improve, two Stacks of Grass in the Spring Marsh which Marsh was given me by my honoured father, and one Shear of the Ox common, She y<sup>e</sup> said Mehetabel, my beloved wife, to have and enjoy, what is above mentioned during the time of her widowhood and no longer

item I Give unto my well beloved son Simon Dow, When come of age, the Leanto belonging to my dwelling house, and after my wives second Marriage or decease, the whole house, I give unto him also all my Right in the lot where my house standeth, with the Orchard, and Barns, As also the Land and Orchard which I Bought of Aaron Sleepper, As also my Plain Lot, and one half of my Land which Bought of William ffield, he to have that half lying next to Benjamin Lamprrie, as also one Shear of the Cow common, As also my part of Seventeen Acres in the spring Marsh, bought of Philemon Dalton, And also my fresh Meadow, which I bought of Aaron Sleepper, it being Eight acres more or less, as also one shear of the ox common (viz) Marsh Thatch and upland, he my s<sup>d</sup> son Simon to have what is above metioned when come to the age of twenty one years excepting what is before given to my wife and he not to have y<sup>t</sup> during her widowhood and a shear of thatch and upland bought of Isaac Godfree

item I Give unto my son Isaac Dow, my Lot at the North Plain, my Land in the East field, which I bought of William Sanborn with half y<sup>e</sup> Land bought of Wm: ffield, joyning to s<sup>d</sup> land, as also a piece of Land commonly called the pasture, before given his mother during her Widowhood, all mi right in the spring Marsh, which my father gave me, it being part of marsh commonly called his seventeen Acres, As also one shear of Marsh Thatch and upland, on the Ox common, before given his mother, And two shears of Marsh, att y<sup>e</sup> Little River, bought of Daniel Moulton,

item I Give unto my son Jonathan Dow, my House and Land bought of William Moulton, which Samuel Chapman now liveth in, provided y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Chapman doth not pay the money agreed for, but if he doth, then my son Jonathan to have the money, I Give unto him also all my Right in the West Divition, be it more or less, as also my Marsh, at the Little River which I bought of Daniel Lamprie, before desposed of to his Mother, during her widowhood As also a piece of Meadow, lying in great meadow, bought of Benjamin Moulton, Half a shear of Marsh and Thatch, bought of my uncle Joseph Dow, with half a shear of Marsh, and upland bought of Philemon Dalton—

item I Give unto my Daughter Mary Dow, two Acres of Marsh, commonly called the spring Marsh bought of Sam<sup>l</sup> Colcord :

item I Give unto my daughter Hannah Dow, three shears in y<sup>e</sup> Little River Marsh, the one bought of Tho Webster snr, & one of Josiah Dow, the other laid out to my self

item I Give unto my Daughter Sarah Dow, five pounds to be paid her by my son Simon, when she cometh to the age of twenty years,

item I Give to my daughter Mehetabel Dow, five pounds to be paid by her Brother Simon Dow att her marriage,

And I appoint my well beloved Brothers, Samuel and Jabez Dow, to be executors unto This my last will and Testament, And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disanul, all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, and bequests, and Executors, by me in any ways before Named, Willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and Conferming this, and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Year before specified

signed sealed by the said Simon  
Dow as his last Will and Testa-  
ment in presence of us witnesses

Simon Dow [seal]

Tho Crosbie

Benjamin Lamprey Syener

Seth fog Sn<sup>r</sup>

[Proved Nov. 19, 1707.]

[Warrant, Nov. 26, 1707, authorizing Thomas Crosby, Jonathan Moulton, and Jonathan Marston, all of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Nov. 28, 1707; amount, £483.5.3; signed by Jonathan Moulton and Jonathan Marston.]

To the Honorable Judge of the Probats  
that i mehetable dow, the wife of Simon dow latly desesed i  
wholly renounce all that my husband gave me in his will i desier  
my priviledg that the law gives me but I not being able to go my  
self I wholly give my father fre power to act for me

dated y<sup>e</sup> 2 day of desember 1707

mehetabel dow

I doe Allow of Such Renuntiation and shall Order her Dowry  
according to Law when the Inventory comes in

Joseph Smith

WILLIAM FURBER 1707 DOVER

Att a Court of probate \* \* \* the first Tuesday in October  
Anno D'm 1707

W<sup>m</sup> ffurber eldest Sonn of W<sup>m</sup> ffurbur late of Dover Townshipp  
dec<sup>d</sup> appeared at this Court and prayed letters of Administration  
to be granted to his mother In Law [step-mother] m<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth  
ffurbur which was accordingly granted./

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 95.]

[Administration on the estate of William Furber of Portsmouth  
granted to his widow, Elizabeth Furber, Nov. 4, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 353 ]

[Inventory, Nov. 8, 1707; amount, £229.16.6; signed by John  
Tuttle and Nathaniel Hill.]

[Warrant, Aug. 3, 1708, authorizing Capt. John Pickering and  
Samuel Keais, both of Portsmouth, to receive claims against the  
estate.]



[List of claims, amounting to £95.2.10; signed by John Pickering and Samuel Keais.]

Know all men by these Presents that I william ffurber of Welch Cove in y<sup>e</sup> towneshipp of Dover in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England, yeoman, Doe Acknolidge my selfe to be Justly Indepted unto Elizabeth Kenard of the Towne of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in said Province Widdow the full and Just sume of Two Hundred pounds Current Muney of New England to Be paid upon Demand; for y<sup>e</sup> Confermation Here of I the above said William ffurber Doe bind my selfe My Heirs Exsexct<sup>rs</sup> and Administ<sup>rs</sup> unto y<sup>e</sup> above said Elizabeth Kenard and Her Hears Exsexct<sup>rs</sup> administ<sup>rs</sup> or Assignes as wittness My Hand and seale this third day of Aprel in y<sup>e</sup> fifth yeare of Her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Reigne that Now is over England Annoq Dom: 1706—

The Condition of the Obligation is such that where as there is A Contract of Maredge Concluded to be Betwen y<sup>e</sup> above said william ffurber and y<sup>e</sup> said Elizabeth Konard that forth with after the Day of Maridge is sellibrated if she doe out live me y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> william ffurber that then I doe Give grante Bargain and by these Presents Doe Conferme unto her y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth Kenard, During her Naturall Life if she shuld out Live me; the hole and sole, use, Benifet profits, Priviledges and Advantages of all and singuler the Houses, Barnes, Orchards; and Lands where on I now Dwell; (Excepting what I have Given to my two suns: W<sup>m</sup> and Jethro ffurber by eache of them one Dead of Gift Baring Equall Date w<sup>th</sup> these Presents) to say all the Land Lieng on y<sup>e</sup> westward side of two Elm Trees one of them standing about Eight Rods to the Eastward of y<sup>e</sup> spring that Goes from my house to Bludy Point and y<sup>e</sup> other being an Elme Tree standing Neare the Line of that land I have Given my sunn Jethro ffurber being the two Westermost Bound Marke Trees of that Land I have Given my sun William ffurber by y<sup>e</sup> Deade of Gift above mentioned, being all the land I have laying to y<sup>e</sup> westward of y<sup>e</sup> above said Bound Trees As Pasturing Corne land Medow or Mowing Ground with all the

Previdgedes wayes and Pathes wood and underwood that now is or shall be there unto belonging shall be to y<sup>e</sup> only and sole use of Her y<sup>e</sup> said Elizabeth Kenard that Now is if she Doth out Live me ; which shall be to her y<sup>e</sup> sd : Elizabeth for her Naturall Life w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> Benifets and Profits thereof with y<sup>e</sup> Halfe of that Land I Purchaced of M<sup>r</sup> Moodey as allso y<sup>e</sup> one Halfe of the Benifett and Profits of y<sup>e</sup> Broock of fresh water, of which I have Given my sun W<sup>m</sup> ffurber Jun<sup>r</sup> the other halfe ; all which abovesaid Houses and Lands Meadows and Broock to be to y<sup>e</sup> above said Elizabeth Kenard (that now is) Provided she Doe becom my wife that Is to say During her Naturall life if she doath out Live me ; and then after her deceace to be to whome I shall see Cause to Give it to and I Do allso further Give and Bequeath unto Her y<sup>e</sup> said Elizabeth above Mentioned the one halfe of all my Mufable Goods and Estate after my deceace with in dores and with out as household Goods stock of Cattell and what other Mufeables I shall have ; to be to her and att her disposall to whome she shall see Cause to bestow it on ; Provided she out Live me, that then the above obligation to Be Voyde and of None Effect or Ellce to be and Remaine In full force and Power to all Intents and Purposes what so ever

sealed and Dillivred

William ffurber [seal]

In Presence of us

Theodore Atkinson

Jonathan Plumer

Pro: New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Furber Acknowledged this Instrument to be his free Act And Deed the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1706 before me

Theodore Atkinson J: Peace

[Administration on the estate of William Furber granted to his son, William Furber of Dover, March 6, 1712/13.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 106.]

[Bond of William Furber, with Jethro Furber and Hatevil Nutter of Portsmouth as sureties, in the sum of £300, March 6, 1712/13, for the administration de bonis non of the estate of his father; witnesses, Robert Armstrong and Charles Story.]

[Decision of Richard Gerrish of Portsmouth and John Tuttle of Dover, arbitrators of a question of bounds between lands of William Furber, only son of William Furber, Jr., of Dover, and Leah Furber, widow of Jethro Furber, Dec. 22, 1715, "that the afore s<sup>d</sup> Line of pertission shall begin at the bound Tree att the head of hogsti Cove being in the deviding Line between dover and portsmoth and from that tree to Rune Easterly on a Circular Course on the North side of the slow or gutter as the old fence formerly was sett upon the upland till it Comes to Joyn to the Elm tree in the southwest Cornor of William furburs Land given unto him by his father deceased and from that Elm Tree to Rune Easterly on a straigh Course till it Comes to Joyn to a great white oake in the north East Cornor of Jethro furburs Land given to him by his father deceased and from that white oake Tree to Rune south sumthing Easterly on a straight Cours till it Comes to Joyne to a white Ash stump in the north East Cornor of a parcell of Land the s<sup>d</sup> Jethro furbur had of his Cousen Jethro furber"]

[Various accounts, notes, etc., containing signatures of Michael Kennard, William Furber, John Walker, Robert Almery, John Knight, Peter Coffin, William Furber, Jr., Margaret Pike, John Tuttle, John Cutt, John Dam, William Ardell, Ephraim Folsom, William Pomfret, John Kennard, John Partridge, Edward Polly, Thomas Phipps, Richard Wibird, William Partridge, Jr., John Plaisted, Samuel Penhallow, Ichabod Plaisted, and George Jaffrey.

The widow, Elizabeth Furber, appears as Mrs. Elizabeth Nason Sept. 7, 1710; Michael Kennard mentions his father and mother Nov. 20, 1707; Robert Almery mentions his son, John Hill, Oct. 17, 1707.]

HENRY ELKINS

1707

KINGSTON

[Bond of Thomas Elkins of Hampton, farmer, with Joseph Towle and William Sanborn, Jr., both of Hampton, as sureties, Nov. 1, 1707, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate of Henry Elkins of Kingston; witnesses, Nathaniel Locke and Mary Smith.]

[Administration on the estate granted to Thomas Elkins of Hampton Nov. 4, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 6, p. 270.]

[Warrant, Nov. 18, 1707, authorizing Lieut. Thomas Philbrick and Ichabod Roby, both of Kingston, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Nov. 22, 1707; amount, £74.5.6; signed by Thomas Philbrick and Ichabod Roby.]

[Account of the administrator against the estate, Nov. 4, 1707; amount, £26.6.5; signed by Thomas Elkins; attested Oct. 4, 1708.]

JOHN BANFIELD

1707

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Banfield of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Mary Banfield, Nov. 4, 1707.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 355.]

Att a Court of probates . . . on the fourth day of May  
1708 . . .

Portsm<sup>o</sup> in New } To the Honourable Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge  
Hampshire } of probate of Wills and Granting letters of  
Administration in this province./

Whereas our Honoured father John Banfeild dyed intestate and that little Estate he left behinde him remaines yett Undivided, Wee

the Subscribers hereof humbly pray that your Worshipp please to appointe two or three meet persons as Comm<sup>rs</sup> to make an Equal Division of Said deceaseds Estate Soe that the eldest Sonn may have a double portion, the widdow her thirds, and every of us the Children our Equal proportion Soe prays

Yo<sup>r</sup> Worshipp's most humble Servants

Sam<sup>l</sup> Banfeild

Tho: perkins

Cha: Banfeild

Geo: Banfeild

[The court appointed Lieut. Joshua Peirce, John Cotton, and Nathan Knight.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 106.]

Hugh Banfield Appell<sup>t</sup>

v

His Brothers and Sisters Appell<sup>s</sup> } &c—

Ordered That the Clerk Issue out a warr<sup>t</sup> for a new appraisment<sup>t</sup> upon John Banfield Dec<sup>d</sup> his land Estate and for making a plat thereof to be delivered to the Clerk of the Council within Thirty days who Shall Administer the proper oathes to the Appraisers and that the Appell<sup>t</sup> chuse one the appelle another and the Council appoint M<sup>r</sup> Hughes The third—

[Council Records, Dec. 9, 1721.]

Hugh Banfield Eldest Son of John } Appell<sup>t</sup>  
Banfeild Deceased—

v

His Brothers and Sisters the other } Appelle  
children of the Said John Banfield—

From a Judgment of the Judge of Probates for the division of the aforesaid deceased John Banfields land Estate among his Children.

The Pleas and allegations on each Side Being fully heard and a new appraisment and plat of the premises made and Exhibitted

to the Court upon oath according to law It is Considered that the lott formerly allotted to Agnis Fletcher by the Judge of probates be hereby confirmed to her now Agnis Parsly, and that y<sup>e</sup> proportion of Charles Banfield be Confirmed where his house now Stands and that Hugh Banfield the Appell<sup>t</sup> have the residue of the premises paying to Each of the other Children of the deceased after the rate of Eight pounds ꝥ Acre for their respective proportions w<sup>th</sup>in two years from this time with lawfull Interest for the Same provided he the S<sup>d</sup> Hugh give Sufficient Security within ten days for the aforesaid payments, and in case of his default or neglect, then the other Children to have their Several allotments and proportions according to the aforesaid division of the Judge of probates and that the widow of the Deceased have the homestead and Orchard according to former allotment—

[Council Records, March 7, 1721/2.]

The Judgment of this Court of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant in the Case of Hugh Banfield Appell<sup>t</sup> v his brothers and Sisters appelle wanting Some Explanation. It is hereby declared that the true Intent and meaning thereof was that the Said Hugh Banfield shall give Security for the payment of no more mony to his brothers and Sisters than the price of the land (at y<sup>e</sup> rate of eight pound an Acre) which he is forthw<sup>th</sup> To possess and enjoy and that he the Said Hugh Shall have two years time after the death of his mother for the paym<sup>t</sup> of what the house and homsted amounts to at the afores<sup>d</sup> rate w<sup>th</sup> Interest which Said house and homsted his S<sup>d</sup> mother is to Improve and Enjoy dureing her natural life

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Cler Coun

Memorand<sup>m</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Parsly has taken upon himself to keep and maintain the fence at y<sup>e</sup> lower end of his lott at his own cost & Charge

[Council Records, March 13, 1721/2.]

RUTH TARLETON

1707/8

NEWCASTLE

In the Name of god Amen, the fourth day of January in the Year of our lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seven, Eight I Ruth Tarlton of New Castle in the province of New hampshire in New England, Widdow being Sick and weak in body \* \* \*

I give and bequeath unto my four Children Elias William Richard and Ruth my Dewlling house I now Live in with the Land belongin and Apertainin, that is I will that my Daughter Shall have her Choyce of the best rom in Said house and the Residue and remainder of Said house and Land I will that itt be Equally Devided between my aforesaid three sons; Item I give and bequeath unto my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter my best bed and bedin with the Curtains belongin and also I give unto my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter all my Cotten and all my Linin Cloathes and all my wareing Cloathes with the great brasses for a Chemny that are in the best Chamber Chimney Item I give unto my aforesaid four Chilldrin Eight silver Spoons that is to Say two Spoons to Each Child one of S<sup>d</sup> Spoons haveing a fork to the End of itt I will that that be in my Son Elias his Devidend and I also give unto my afors<sup>d</sup> son Elias a silver Chain and Whistell

Item I give unto my S<sup>d</sup> four Children five gold rings that is to my S<sup>d</sup> Sons Eeach of them one and if my husband Rich<sup>d</sup> Talton Deceased his daughter Shall Come into this Cuntry then one to her but if She Come not, then I give unto my fores<sup>d</sup> Daughter Ruth two Rings— and Elias his Ring to be a ring that was given his grandfath<sup>r</sup> att m<sup>r</sup> Martins funerall. Item I give unto my son Will<sup>m</sup> a silver Cup— Item I give unto my Son Richard and Daughter Ruth my silver Tankard Equally to be devidend betwixt them, and all the Rest and Residue of my goods Chattels Debts ready Mony &c I give unto my S<sup>d</sup> four Chilldrin Equally to be devided my Sons to Receive their afores<sup>d</sup> parts and porcions att there severall ages of one and Twenty Years, and my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter shall receive her Said porcion att the Age of one and Twenty Years or of Day of Maraige and to be paid or Delivered unto them by my Executors here after named, and if itt Shall

please god that any of my Said Childrein shall happen to Dye and Depart this Life before they Shall arive to the Age of one and Twenty Years or Day of Marraige that then the part or porcion of him or her soe Dying Shall redound to the survivors by Equall porc'ion and if itt Should please god that all of my afors<sup>d</sup> Chilldrin Should Dye and Depart this Life before there Severall Ages of one and Twenty Years, or Day of Marridge that then and in Such Case my mind and Meaning is and I doe hereby give and bequeath all and Every the afors<sup>d</sup> parts and porcions of afores<sup>d</sup> four Childrin unto my two Cusins Ruth Langsford of Salem and Mary atkinson of New Castle and I doe hereby Make and Ordain the Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Emmerson Teacher of the Church of Christ att New Castle and Theoder atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> in Said Town to be my Execut<sup>rs</sup> and I Likewise make and Apoint the afores<sup>d</sup> Theoder Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Over seer to see this my Last will and Testem<sup>t</sup> Executed and done; In Wittness whareof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the Day and Year in the begining of the three pages first written

Signed Sealed and }  
Delivered in p<sup>r</sup>sence of }

Note that before the Ensealing of these p<sup>r</sup>sents I doe also give unto my son Elias my great bible and I Like wise give my son Richard unto Theoder atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>— and My Daughter Ruth unto S<sup>d</sup> Atkinsons wife to be brott up in the Nurtuer and fear of the Lord and I allso will that if my afores<sup>d</sup> husb<sup>d</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Tarlton his Daughter do Come over, that Shee may have her being in the house untill Such time as she Shall be better provided for—

(Witnessed by)

Ruth talton [seal]

Signed Sealed published  
and Declared in p<sup>r</sup>sence of

John Emerson  
Sampson Sheafe  
George Walton

[Proved March 4, 1707/8.]



RICHARD JOCE

1707/8

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Richard Joice of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Hannah Joice, Feb. 3, 1707/8.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 99.]

[Section of a bond of Hannah Joice, administratrix, to bring in the will if any should appear; signed by Hannah Joice, Thomas Packer, and Richard Gerrish, and witnesses, Jotham Odiorne and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, April 29, 1708; amount, £924.11.0; signed by John Dennett and William Cotton; attested by Joan Joice April 14, 1711.]

[Probate minute, April 14, 1711; Hannah Joice, administratrix, being cited to appear and explain why she had not settled the estate among her children in three years, she appeared and asked further time; granted until April 26, 1711.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 189.]

[Order of court, Feb. 14, 1711/12, rough draft, that Mrs. Joice dispose of "the ffarm in the possession of Ichabod plaisted Esq<sup>r</sup> the wharfe & warehouse in the possession of Richard Gerrish, And to dispose of any part of the ffarm Comonly Called Commis ffarme and the Right of the Commons in portsm<sup>o</sup> belonging to the Dec<sup>d</sup> Estate, Adding to the Inventory the Said Commons being 85 Acres of Land."]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 189.]

[License to Hannah Joice, administratrix, Feb. 15, 1711/12, to sell real estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 261.]

[Account of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, £924.11.0; expenditures, £814.7.3. Land unsold, 58½ acres. "It being Agreed that the Eldest Son Should have his 13

acres where the Dwelling house now stands & the house after his Mothers Decease. John Prays part joyning to Coll<sup>o</sup> Tho. Packers. John Roberts part that is 4 Acres of it, Joyning to John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hiltons joyning to that 4 acres of John Roberts & Each one of the Children that takes his part fully to pay their Mother her Thirds for it Dureing life." Allowed Feb. 12, 1717/18.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 281.]

[Account of Hannah Joce, administratrix; allowed Feb. 12, 1717/18; Mentions "Sister Gerrish & Sister Plaisted," "legacy Given By the Deceaseds mother to her two Grand Children then Liveing: Joana & Hannah," "Legacy given by M<sup>rs</sup> Severit to her two Neeces: Joana & Hannah," "Legacie given me ¶ Michall man."

[Administration on the estate of Richard Joce granted to his son-in-law, Edward Cate of Portsmouth, March 19, 1721/2, the widow, Hannah Joce, formerly administratrix, having died.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 209.]

[Citation, June 6, 1722, to Joshua Brewster of Portsmouth, blacksmith, to appear and state whether or not he has in his custody any of Richard Joce's estate not yet administered.]

John Pray being Cited to this Court by y<sup>o</sup> request of Edw<sup>d</sup> Cate Jun<sup>r</sup> adm<sup>r</sup> de bonis non of Rich<sup>d</sup> Jose's estate appear'd & made oath that he has no part of the Estate of Rich<sup>d</sup> Jose Esq<sup>r</sup> Dec<sup>d</sup> in his hands that is unadministered upon

[Probate Minutes, Sept. 8, 1722.]

Agreement made and concluded upon this Eighteenth day of March in the Ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c Annoq Domini 1722/3—

By us the Subscribers, for the Division of the Estate of our Late Hon<sup>d</sup> Father, Rich<sup>d</sup> Jose Late of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Prov of New

Hamp<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceased Among our Selves which Estate Consists of Sixty Nine Acres and one Quarter of an Acre of Land adjoining to his late Dwelling House

Imp<sup>r</sup> Richard Joce his part being a double share is fifteen Acres and Sixty Rodds Six Acres and one Quarter of which, he has had and Sold to Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Wibird w<sup>ch</sup> Lies on the Northern Side of the High way Leading to the plaines, the other Nine Acres and twenty Rodds he is to have on the Southern side of the afores<sup>d</sup> Highway And Next Adjoyning to m<sup>rs</sup> Hunkings's Land.

Item Martin Jose his part being Seven Acres and one Hundred and ten Rodds, he is to have Fronting on the Highway Leading from the old Meeting House to the plaines and Next Adjoyning to Three Acres and one Quarter of Jane Cates part, which Three Acres and Quarter Lyes Next Adjoyning to Coll<sup>o</sup> Wentworths pasture

Item Joanna Pray, her part being Seven Acres and one hundred and ten Rodds, of w<sup>ch</sup> her Husband and she have Sold Six Acres and half to Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Gerrish Dec<sup>d</sup> and formerly laid out to him, the Remainder being one Acre and Thirty Rodds is allowed and Laid out to her and laid out, Next Adjoyning to Rich<sup>d</sup> Jose's lott.—

Item Hannah Hilton Dec<sup>d</sup> her part being Seven Acres & one Hundred and ten Rodds is Laid out for her Daughter Hannah Hilton, next to Martin Jose's Lott.

Item Jane Cate her part being Seven Acres and one Hundred and ten Rodds, is Laid out four acres & Seventy rodts of it Next adjoining to the Six Acres and half formerly laid out to Joana Pray, and also twenty Rodds more, w<sup>ch</sup> is allowed her for her part of the Highway the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> bought out of the Estate, and the other Three Acres & one quarter Next to Coll<sup>o</sup> Wentworths pasture

Item Mary Roberts her part being seven Acres and one Hundred and ten Rodds, Four Acres of which she has sold to Coll<sup>o</sup> Ich<sup>d</sup> Plaisted Dec<sup>d</sup> two acres of w<sup>ch</sup> four, is in Coll<sup>o</sup> Wentworths pasture and the other two Acres, is laid out next adjoining to

Hannah Hiltons part and two Acres, she has Sold to m<sup>r</sup> Ichabod Plaisted is laid Out for him Next to his own Land, and the Remainder being one Acre and one Hundred and ten Rodds is laid out Next adjoining to Jane Cates lott.

Item Sarah Brewsters part being Seven Acres and one hundred and ten rodods, is laid out Next to the aforesaid one Acre and hundred & ten Rodds of Mary Roberts's

Item Margaret Jose her part being Seven Acres and one hundred and ten Rodds is laid out Next adjoining to Joanna Prays, one acre and thirty Rodds.

Furthermore all the abovesaid parcells of Land are Measured & Staked out according to the foregoing Divisions, And are further Explained by a platt thereof hereunto Annexed,

In Confirmation of the above Agreement and Division Each party have hereunto Sett their hands & Seals the day and year above written

John Pray	[seal]
Richard Jose	[seal]
Martyn Jose	[seal]
Edward Cates Jun <sup>r</sup>	[seal]
John Roberts	[seal]
Joshua Bruster	[seal]
Joann Pray	[seal]
Jane Cate	[seal]
her	
Mary X Robarts	[seal]
mark	
hir	
Sarah X Bruster	[seal]
marke	
John Pray garden to	
Margret Jose	[seal]

[Petition of Margaret Jose of Portsmouth, minor, daughter of Richard Jose, asking that John Pray, her brother-in-law, may be appointed her guardian.]

november y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1723

these may Sartifi that I Joseph hilton of Exeter father of Hannah hilton y<sup>e</sup> Daughter of hannah Hilton formerly Hannah Joce Do alow and Consent that m<sup>r</sup> John Pray be alowed to be her Garden to take Care of anny Estate may fall to her on her mother hannah Jose account and to take Care of her as wittness my hand this 6th day of november 1723

Witt George Townsend  
Benja dockum

Joseph Hilton

[Blank sheet of paper for bond, signed by John Pray, Henry Keyes, and Samuel Plaisted; witnesses, Benjamin Gambling and Mary Creed.]

JOHN PLAISTED

1707/8

In the Name of God Amen: I John Plaisted the Grand Sonn of John Pickering and Mary his wife as within Nominated being now goeing to Sea upon a Voyage to the West Indies doe make this as my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to Say) after all my Just Debts and ffuneral Charges are paid I Give and Bequeath unto my deare and Loveing wife all my Estate both Real and personal for Ever. (Provided she is not with Child, at this present time); in case she is now with Child, then I give all my Real Estate to my Child after he or she Be it male or ffemale attaines to the age of Twenty one years, And I doe hereby Nominate and appointe my deare wife aforesaid Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and seale the Nineteenth day of ffebruary Anno R Reginae Annæ nune Angliæ &c Sexto Annoq Domini 1707

sealed and Deliv<sup>rd</sup> In the  
presence off

John Plaisted [seal]

Tho: Packer  
Nathaniell Packer  
Cha: Story

BENJAMIN CRAM

1707/8

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen the first day of March, 1707/8 : in y<sup>e</sup> sixth year of the Reign of Queen anne over Great Britain &c— I Benjamin Cram sen<sup>r</sup> of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England : Being of a Competant measure of health \* \* \*

Imprim<sup>o</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my Son John Cram ten pounds which I have allredy promised him with y<sup>e</sup> addition of five shillings, all which ten pounds & five shilling is to be paid him in Cattell or other speasha at the merchantable price by my son Benjamin Cram with in one year after my Decease—

Ittm. I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Cram ten pounds to be paid her by her Brother Benja<sup>n</sup> Cram in Cattell or other good pay at y<sup>e</sup> merchantable price within one year after my Decease—

Ittm— I Give & bequeath unto my son Benjamin Cram all my Lands meadowes marshes, out Lands by they in Hampton or elce where Named, or not Named together with all houses, bylding, Rights & previledges y<sup>t</sup> unto me do belong or here after may of Right belong ; unto him my son Benjamin Cram & unto his Heirs & ssuccessors for ever at their dispose : together with all my stocke goods & utensels y<sup>t</sup> I leave undisposed of at my Decease ; he pay- ing such debts & legacys as is above and here after mentioned—

Ittem. I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter mary Cram five pounds to be paid by my son Benjamin Cram in Cattell or other merchantable pay at y<sup>e</sup> ordidary market price within two years after my decease—

Ittem I Give & bequeath unto my son Joseph Cram five shillings to be paid him by my son Benjamin Cram he haveing all Redy Received his portion—

Ittem— I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Cram five pounds in Cattell or other good merchantabl pay to be paid by my son Benjamin Cram within three years after my Deceasse

Ittem I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Hester Cram five pounds to be paid her by my son Benjamin Cram in Cattell or

other merchantable good pay to be paid her with in three years after my Decease—

Item— I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizebeth Melsher five pounds to be paid her by her Brother Benjamin Cram in merchantable good pay at Currant price to be paid with in four years after my Decease.— And to this my last Will & Testament I constitute & appoynt my beloved son Benjamin Cram my executor: thus Commending my self your selves my Dear Childred unto the Infinite Grace of God alsufficient: I Doe in y<sup>e</sup> presence of God & man Revoke all former wills by me made & sign this as my last will & Testament with my hand & seal this first day of march Anno Dom seventeen hundred & seven or eight whilst I am well & in health

This instrument was signed  
& sealed by Benjamin Cram  
Sen<sup>r</sup> & declared by him to be  
his Last will & Testament in  
presence of us witnesses

Joseph Smith  
Joseph Cass  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Dow

the marke & seel of  
Benjamin X Cram sen<sup>r</sup> [seal]

as a Codicill to this my last will & Testiment my will is y<sup>t</sup> my son Benjamin Cram do provid a sutable house for my two Daughters mary Cram & Easter Cram so long as they or either of them shall Live a singell life— may— 27: 1708—

witness  
Mary Smith

the marke of  
Benjamin X Cram sen<sup>r</sup>

[Proved Dec. 5, 1711.]

NICHOLAS HARRISON 1707/8

DOVER

I Nicholas Harrison of Dover in the Province of Newhampsh<sup>r</sup> In New Engld being of Sound Memory and Understanding, butt weak and infirm \* \* \*

Item I will and bequeath unto my Son in law John Downing, and Eliz<sup>a</sup> His Wife, as my Eldest Daughter, all my housing, orchards and lands att ffox point, which was given by my ffather in law John Bickford, Deceased, to be to y<sup>m</sup> and there heirs for Ever. I also give unto said John Downing and Eliz<sup>a</sup> his Wife my one half of all the right title and interest of all my lands in New Jersey, as also one half of all cattle, or any other Estate whatsoever with all maner of priviledges belonging to said land, that therin appertains to me. I moreover give unto Said John Downing and Eliz<sup>a</sup> his Wife, the one half of all my moveable Estate both within doors & without.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Temperance Harrison, the two lots of Land lying att and nere y<sup>e</sup> head of Broad Cove, the one containing Eleven acres, the other containing nineteen acres, granted mee by y<sup>e</sup> Town, to bee to her and her heirs for Ever. I also give her my said Daughter Temperance threescore acres of land lying att Piscassick nere Lampry Eal river which I bought of Arthur Bennick, together with all y<sup>e</sup> priveldges of wood timber, water or what else of right thereunto belongs I more over give her my Said Daughter the other half of my whole interest in New Jersey, whether of lands, cattle, or whatsoever of right therein belongs to mee Besides I give to her my said Daughter Temperance the other half of all my moveable Estate both within doors and without.

The managem<sup>t</sup> of my funerall and y<sup>e</sup> paym<sup>t</sup> of all my Just Debts I will shalbe Equally defrayed by my said two Daughters, viz<sup>t</sup> Eliz<sup>a</sup> Downing, and Temperance Harrison whom I hereby Constitute Execut<sup>rs</sup> unto this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> And if any other Estate of any kind or nature whatsoever, not already given or mentioned, doth or may of right belong to mee, My will



is that it shalbe Equally divided between my said two Daughters and their heirs for Ever.

In testimony to all and Singular y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>emises, I have hereunto Sate my hand and affixed my seal this fifth day of March 1707.

Signed, Sealed, and declared          Nicholas Harrison [seal]  
in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>esence of us.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow  
Joseph Smith  
Jeremiah Burnum

[Proved June 1, 1708.]

CLEMENT JACKSON          1708          PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Clement Jackson, mariner, granted to his widow, Sarah Jackson of Portsmouth, March 25, 1708.]

[Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 362.]

[Bond of Sarah Jackson of Portsmouth, widow, with Thomas Packer, chirurgion, and Joshua Peirce, joiner, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, March 25, 1708, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate.]

ANDREW SAMPSON          1708          PORTSMOUTH

[Rachel Shores, wife of John Shores, formerly widow of Andrew Sampson, formerly of Boston, mariner, renounces administration on the estate of Andrew Sampson March 31, 1708, in favor of William Cotton of Portsmouth, tanner.]

[Administration on the estate of Andrew Sampson, mariner, formerly of Boston and sometime of Portsmouth, granted to William Cotton May 3, 1708.]

JOSHUA FURBER

1708

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name or God Amen. I Joshua ffurbur of Portsmouth in the province of New Hampshire in New England Marriner; now bound to Sea upon a Voyage to the West Indies and not Knowing how the Lord Almighty may dispose of me \* \* \*

Imprimis I give Unto my deare and loveing wife Elizabeth ffurbur all that dwelling House at Welch Cove with all the Out Houseing Lands Barns Edifices Orchards Gardens waters priviledges and Appurtenances whatsoever, beginning at a pitch pine Tree Standing below the pointe about fifteen Rodds or thereabouts below the fferry place where the Turn of the Tide begins at Ebb and flood, and from thence to a Stake in the ffeild on the south side of the old Barn, and soe to Williams Line, and from thence to the Elme Tree by the Brick yard home to the Meadow of Thomas Roberts, being the house and Land which my father W<sup>m</sup> ffurbur dec<sup>d</sup> gave me by his Deed dated the thirteenth day of September one thousand Seaven hundred and Seaven; untill Joshua ffurbur her Sonn borne of her body shall attaine to the age of Twenty one years, and noe longer; then my Will is that the Said Joshua ffurbur shall hold and Enjoy the Said dwelling House and all Out Houses and Lands Orchards Gardens Barns &c: above specified dureing his Natural life and after his decease to the Heires Males of his body lawfully begotten; and in default of Such Issue then, to the ffirst heire Male lawfully begotten by me of the body of my Said wife Elizabeth; and his heires male for Ever; and in default of Such Issue; then to the next heire Male by me lawfully begotten of the body of my Said wife Elizabeth Successively and their heires Males for Ever. And in default of such Issue then my will is that all the Estate before mentioned shall Revert to my Said wife Elizabeth dureing her Natural life; and after her decease then to the next heire in Law of me the Testator

Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Said wife after my Debts and ffuneral Charges are paid all my Psonal Estate of what Nature and Kinde Soever, and I doe hereby Nominate and

appointe her Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament ;  
In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale  
this Nineteenth day of May Anno Domini 1708

Signed Sealed published and Joshua furbur [seal]  
declared, In the presence of us—

Jn<sup>o</sup> Low  
Jonathan Plumer  
Cha: Story  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Cutt

[Proved Dec. 6, 1712.]

Mem<sup>d</sup> to give Eliz<sup>a</sup> Ditty a warr<sup>t</sup> of appraisment to appraise y<sup>o</sup>  
Estate of her late husband Joshua Furburs Estate y<sup>o</sup> will being  
formerly prov'd but no Inventory brot in John Dam & Hateevil  
Nutter apprisors

[Probate Minutes, Sept. 6, 1721.]

[Warrant, Oct. 30, 1721, authorizing John Dam and John Fab-  
yan, both of Newington, to appraise the estate, administration of  
which is granted to Elizabeth Ditty, formerly Elizabeth Furber,  
widow.]

[Inventory, Dec. 5, 1721; amount, £252.5.0; signed by John  
Dam and John Fabyan.]

[License to Elizabeth Ditty, executor of the will of Joshua  
Furber of Portsmouth, March 9, 1721/2, to sell a house lot.]

[Probate Minutes, March 9, 1721/2.]

[Account of the settlement of the estate, allowed March 14,  
1721/2; amount of estate, £252.5.0; charges, £102.19.6; men-  
tions "funerall of a Child," "bringing up my son Joshua from  
y<sup>o</sup> age of 5½ y<sup>rs</sup> to 7 years," "ditto my Son Edward from one year  
old to 7 years."]

PHILIP CROMWELL

1708

DOVER

In the Name and ffear of God A Men

I Phillip Cromwell of the Towne of dover in the Province of new hampshier being Aged and weak in boddy \* \* \*

I<sup>t</sup> I doo will give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my beloved wife the Use benefet and yearly Proffett or Clear Incom of all my Improved Lands houses barnes orchards and gardens situate Lyeing and being on dover neck for and duering her widdow hood but if shee see Cause and doo marry again then my will is that shee shall have but one third Part of the yearly Incum of those Lands above mentioned, secondly I doo will give and bequeath unt my ffore s<sup>d</sup> wife the bed whereon we Lye to geather with one third part of all my moveable Estate within dores and without dores and to be at her dispose for Ever

I<sup>t</sup> I doo will bequeath and give to my son Joshua Cromwell all that my dwelling house barne orchard and Land Lyeing and between Thomas whitehouses and abraham Nuts on the west side of dover neck to be had and held by him his Executors or assigns for Ever he or they yelding and pay ther fore unto his mother the yearly profet or Clear Incum there of duering her widdowhood after my deceas— I doo farther give and bequeath to my affore s<sup>d</sup> son Joshua Cromwell Tenn acres of Land Lyeing between Little Johns Creek and John Tuttlles Land—

I<sup>t</sup> I doo will give and bequeath unto son samuel Cromwell all that or parcell of Land Lyeing and being between william harfords Land and a lane formerly Called Nutters Lane on the north side of the meeting house on dover neck he yealding and paying ther for unto his mother the yearly proffet or Clear Incum there of duering her widdowhood affter my deceas and allso I doo further give and bequeath unto my affore s<sup>d</sup> sam<sup>n</sup> Cromwell forty Acres of Land at the head of fresh Creek to geather with one half part of my saw mill there standing to geather withe priviledges and apurtinances there unto belonging Exceptting and Reserving unto the s<sup>d</sup> mill two Acres of the above s<sup>d</sup> Land for accomadations ther unto I doo further give and bequeath unto my said

son samuell Cromwell Tenn acres of Land which I bought of the Towne next to Tho<sup>s</sup> beards as by the Towne Record doth appear all which given and granded premises shall be had and held by him his heires and assignes for Ever from and Imediatly after my deceas—

I<sup>th</sup> I doo will bequeath and give daughter Joanna hobs her heires and asigns one quarter Part of my saw mill at fresh Creek with the priviledges and apurtinances there unto belongin to be had and held by her her heires Executors or assignes from and Imediatly after my deceas—

I<sup>th</sup> I doo will give and bequeath unto other five daughters viz Alce Elizabeth sarah marcy and Ann thirty five pounds in good species by Even and Equall Proportions to be paid by my Executor here in and After mentioned within one year and one day next After my deceas—

Lastly I doo by these Presents nominate or dain and appoynt my well beloved son samuell Cro[m]well my Lawfull heir and sole Executor in trust to see this my will Performed here by Abrogateing Ad nulling and makeing Void all former and other will or wills testament or testaments hertofore by me made Ratifying and holding fearme and stable this and this only to be my Last will and Testament Erevokeable as witnes my hand seall this nineteen day may in the year of our Lord god 1708

signed sealed and published Phillip Cromell [seal]  
in Presents of

Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuttle sen<sup>r</sup>

Job Clements

Timothy Carll

[Proved April 5, 1709.]

JOHN KIMMINGS

1708

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of John Kimmings of Exeter granted to his son, Moses Kimmings of Exeter, house-carpenter, June 5, 1708.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 148.]

Ordered that a Citation be sent to moses Kimins of Exeter to come & give in acc<sup>t</sup> of his adm: on his father Jn<sup>o</sup> Kiminss Estate

[Probate Minutes, July 23, 1718.]

[Warrant for the arrest, for contempt of court, of Moses Kimings of Exeter, Dec. 1, 1724, who refused to appear and take administration on the estate of his father.]

CHRISTIAN DOLLOFF 1708

EXETER

I Christian Dolhoof of Exeter, in the Province of New : hampshire In New England, being in good health of body \* \* \*

Item : I give to my sons samuel & Richard Dolhoofe, my further Meadow as bounded by me, to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs. they paying five pounds a peice.

Item I give to my son Thomas Dolhoofe, my little meadow by pickpocket road and all my upland that lyes round it, from Lt: Things fence to W<sup>m</sup> Taylors, & ten acres of land upon the neck, he paying five pounds.

Item : I give to my three daughters Mary, Prudence & Katharine five pounds a peice to be paid by my three sons before named.

Item : I give to my two daughters prudence & Katharine, all my household goods to be equally divided between them :

Item My will is that none of my Children shall receive their portions till after mine & my wifes decease.

Item : I give to my beloved wife sarah Dolhoofe, all my Meadow & upland, and all my household goods for her life, and all my stock for her own proper use & to dispose of according to her pleasure.

finally : My will is and I do hereby appoint my loving wife & my son Thomas Dolhoofe, to be the full & joynt Executors of this my last will and testament ; And do hereby revoke disanull and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof I the s<sup>d</sup> Christian Dolhoofe have to this my



[Bond of Elizabeth Chesley, widow, with Joseph Smith of Oyster River, yeoman, and John Pickering of Portsmouth, gentleman, as sureties, in the sum of £200, Aug. 3, 1708, for the administration of the estate.]

[Warrant, Aug. 3, 1708, authorizing Capt. John Pickering of Portsmouth and Stephen Jones of Oyster River to receive and examine claims against the estate.]

[Warrant, Aug. 3, 1708, authorizing Jeremiah Burnham and Stephen Jones, both of Oyster River, to appraise the estate.]

[List of claims against the estate, April 4, 1709; signed by John Pickering and Stephen Jones.]

[Citation, Sept. 5, 1725, to Amos Pinkham of Dover, and his wife, Elizabeth Pinkham, formerly Elizabeth Chesley, widow of Samuel Chesley, and administratrix of his estate, to appear and render an account of the estate.]

[Account of debts paid by the administratrix, without date, and entitled "Elizabeth Pinkham formerly his wife Account of Debts paid by her mother upon the Estate of Cap<sup>t</sup> Chesley"; amount, £126.10.5.]

[Various accounts and claims, containing the signatures of Joseph Jones and James Davis.]

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JAMES HOWARD

1708

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of James Howard of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Mary Howard, Sept. 7, 1708.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 139.]

[Bond of Mary Howard of Portsmouth, widow, with Tobias Lear of Newcastle and John Davis of Portsmouth, weaver, as sureties, Sept. 7, 1708, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate.]



Pro: N- Hamp<sup>r</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1718

To The Honourable Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of Probates  
&c—

The Petition of Pitman Howard is as follows (viz<sup>t</sup>)

That Whereas your petitioner is Eldest Son of James Howard of Portsm<sup>o</sup> Some time since dec<sup>d</sup> & that Whereas administration was granted to yo<sup>r</sup> petitioners mother in law [step-mother] upon y<sup>e</sup> estate of y<sup>e</sup> Dec<sup>d</sup> & Whereas She did not fully Administer & is Since dead whereby the right of Administration descends down to your petitioner who is not only y<sup>e</sup> eldest Son but y<sup>e</sup> onely one of age These are therefore humbly to pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> favour in granting Administration (de bonis non Administratis) unto my trusty freind M<sup>r</sup> George Banfield in my stead and place my living & busyness lying too far distant hence to Attend it my self. besides this request I have left a sale pow<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Banfield to Act in My behalf as your Hon<sup>rs</sup> (if you please) may See. I am y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup> & shall ever pray as in duty bound—

Test

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Ju<sup>r</sup>

his

Pitman X Howard

Mark

[Administration granted to George Banfield of Portsmouth Sept. 3, 1718, the widow having died before completing administration.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 73.]

Wee the subscribers hereof Interested in the Real Estate of James Howard Late of Portsmouth in New Hampshire in New England ffisherman Deceasd Intestate: Viz<sup>t</sup> Lydia Howard the Widdow And Adm<sup>rs</sup> to the Estate of Pitman Howard the Eldest son of the above Named James Howard for her Children By the said Pitman Howard: And in their Right John Davis of Portsmouth affore said ffisherman for the Right of Edward Howard the son of the above Named James Hayward, or Howard And Reuben Abitt in the Right of William another son of the above Named James Howard, Do hereby Covenant Grant and agree for

us our heirs Ex<sup>ts</sup> adm<sup>rs</sup> and Assigns for the Divission of the said James Howards Real Estates In severalty according to our severall Proportion's That is: That John Davis for the Part & share he hath Bought of Edward Howard above said shall have and Enjoy in Severalty the Westerly side of the Land that the said James Howard Dyed seized and Possessed of being Bounded as followeth By a fence that Parts the said Howard land and the land of W<sup>m</sup> Cotton of Portsmouth by the said Cottons Land thirty foure Rod: then on the Northerly side thirty six Rods by the Lands in Part by the said William Cottons and in part by the Land of Thomas Maine: And then about forty Rod Down to the Land of sampson or shower which line Is the Divideing line between the Part of the said John Davis and the above said Ruben abbit and then on sampson land about five Rod and three Quarters— over to Cottons Land where it began To have And To hold to him the said John Davis his heirs and Assignes in Severalty for Ever—

Ruben Abbitts Part and Share that he hath in the Right of William Howard above said lies on the East side of the above Part Lotted and Laid out for John Davis Running from Davis's Corner at showers land thirty one Rod and three foot By the Creek Called sagamores Creek or Branch of it: and then up by the five Raile fence Now Made and runs about North West halfe West to the Land of the above said Thomas Maine: and then by Mains Land over to Davises part above Laid out and Bounded and then the above said forty Rod line of the said John Davis to be the Dividing line Between the said John Davis and the said Ruben Abitt: all the above Last Lot or percell of Land to be to the said Ruben Abbitt To have And To hold To him his heirs and assigns for Ever: the other Divission for the Children of the affore said Pittman Howard to ly on the East side of the above Lot or cell of Land of the said Ruben Abbitt on the East of the affore said five Raile fence: And takes in all the Remaining Lands that the said James Howard Died seized and Possessed off together with the Dwelling house And Two Orchards with all the preve-

liges of the same To have And To hold the above said Eastern part of the said Land as above sett off unto the Children of the said Pittman Howard their heirs and Assigns in Severalty for Ever: And In Wittness of the above said Agreement & Division of the said Land the said Lydia Howard Administratrix as affore said for the said Pittman Howards Children: and the said John Davis & Ruben Abbitt for their Parts have hereunto Set their hands & Seals this thirty first day of october Anno Domini—1728—

signed Sealed and Delivered	John Davis	[seal]
in presence off	Ruben abott	[seal]
Edward howrd	the mark of	
James Jeffry	Lydia X Howard	[seal]

[Allowed Oct. 31, 1728.]

**RICHARD CURRIER      1708      ISLES OF SHOALS**

[Administration on the estate of Richard Currier of the Isles of Shoals granted to his widow, Elizabeth Currier, Oct. 13, 1708.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 151.]

[Bond of Elizabeth Currier of the Isles of Shoals, widow, with James Blagdon of the same place and Richard Wibird of Portsmouth, gentleman, as sureties, Oct. 13, 1708, in the sum of £1000, for the administration of the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of Richard Currier, who died Nov. 12, 1707; amount, £124.16.10; signed by Edward Gould and John Frost, Jr.]

[Guardianship, Nov. 15, 1710, of Diamond Currier and Weymouth Currier, both minors not of age to choose their own guardians, granted to Nathaniel Lord, and Elizabeth Lord, his wife, who is executrix of the will of her former husband, Richard Currier.]

ELIZABETH SAVAGE

1708

PORTSMOUTH

Portsmouth in New hampshir in newengland november the 13 day 1708

In y<sup>e</sup> name of the Lord

The last will and testement of Elizabeth savage being very sick and weak but in perfect memory

1 first I doe bequeath my soule to god to him that gave it and to dispose of itt at his good will and pleasure as he sees good in is due time—

2<sup>ly</sup> I will & bequeath unto my son John savage ten pound in silver mony to be paid within six month after my deseas

3<sup>ly</sup> I will and give unto my grandaughter Easter savage one Gould ring—

4<sup>ly</sup> I will bequeath and give unto my Granson Edward wills and his heirs for ever to say my house and half my land belonging to my house and for it to Com into his hands when he Comes to the age of twenty one years and the other half of my land to Com into his hands emeaditly after the death of his mother deborah wills allso I give and bequeath unto my granson Edward wills the full half of my puter and a Cobbord and a great Cheast and a bed and bolster Curtains and vallants one pair of blankets one rug and all these to be keep for the said wills untell that he shal Com of age with out usage

5<sup>ly</sup> I will and give unto my Grandaughter ann wills one sheep—

6<sup>ly</sup> I will and give unto my Grandaughter Elizabeth wills one sheep—

7<sup>ly</sup> I will and give unto Edward wills tow youngest Children twenty shillings apeice

8<sup>ly</sup> I will and give unto the reverend m<sup>r</sup> Rogers one peice of eight—

9<sup>ly</sup> I will and bequeath unto my Grandaughter mary wills six pounds in silver mony and my bed and pilow and tow blankets and one rug and one Cow and one sheep tow swine all my fowls : all is to be delivered to her att y<sup>e</sup> age of sixteen years it is to

remain in my dafters deborah wills hand till the time : also I give mary wills all y<sup>e</sup> Indian Corn that is dew to me

10<sup>ly</sup> I will and bequeath unto my daughter deborah wills all my Estate what so ever now belongeth unto me and not mentioned hearin all bill and writings which is dow unto me now and allso all debts

11<sup>ly</sup> and lastly I dow nomenat and appoint and make and order my son in law Edward will my sole Executor to see this my last will duely proformed in all petickler in Confermation hearof I have set hear unto my hand and seall

signed sealed and delivered	her
In Presents of	Elizabeth X savage [seal]
Abraham Jones	mark and seall
Hugh Banfeill	

It is to be under stood that mary wills is to live with william Cotton juner untel she Comes to y<sup>e</sup> age of sixteen years if s<sup>d</sup> Cotton will keep her it was agreed before y<sup>e</sup> signing hear of

[Proved, no date. Endorsed "proved 1709."]

NATHANIEL STEVENS 1708

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Nathaniel Stevens of Exeter granted to his sons, Nathaniel Stevens and Samnel Stevens, both of Exeter, yeomen, Dec. 6, 1708.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 153.]

[Bond of Nathaniel Stevens and Samuel Stevens, both of Exeter, yeomen, with Peter Coffin of Exeter as surety, Dec. 6, 1708, in the sum of £100, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Charles Story and Benjamin Gambling.]

## RICHARD TOMLIN                      1708/9                      PORTSMOUTH

[Guardianship of Richard Tomlin of Boston, Mass., minor, more than fourteen years old, son of Richard Tomlin and Grace Tomlin, alias Dimond, of Portsmouth, was granted to John Harris of Ipswich, Mass., fisherman, Jan. 3, 1708/9.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Records, vol. 310, p. 63.]

[Bond of John Harris, 3d, with John Rogers, saddler, and Thomas Smith, innholder, as sureties, in the sum of £100, Jan. 3, 1708/9; witnesses, Nehemiah Jewett and Daniel Rogers.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

## HENRY PENNY                              1708/9                              PORTSMOUTH

The Last Will and Testament of Henry Penny of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> In New England.

I Henry Penny being of Sound Memory and understanding butt ancient and infirm \* \* \*

2<sup>do</sup> I give and bequeath unto my Dearly beloved Son Henry Penny, all my housing, lands, goods and chattells belonging unto mee in England, Moreover all my money bills, bonds, books, gold, plate, and what Ever Else of right belongs unto mee in New England; Obliging him my said Son to pay out of y<sup>e</sup> Same, unto my Sister Judith Clark, the Sum of ten pounds, if living; but if dead, then to distribute the said sum in Equall proportion among her children, and y<sup>t</sup> he also Satisfyeth my just and honest Debts.

3<sup>tio</sup>. I hereby make and ordaine and Constitute my trusty and well beloved friends, Maj<sup>r</sup> William Vaughan, and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow, my Execut<sup>rs</sup> in trust, of all and Singular my goods and chattells in New England, desiring them to take care thereof, for the interest and benefitt of my Said Son, when Ever he shall come or Send for the Same; and that they provide for my funerall, not Exceeding thirty pounds; w<sup>ch</sup> charge together with the Expence of my sickness, I will shalbe defrayd out of what I have herein



[Bond of Roger Kelly of Newcastle, with Capt. John Pickering and William Partridge, Jr., as sureties, in the sum of £300, April 4, 1709, for the administration of the estate of his son, Andrew Kelley.]

JOHN SMITH

1709

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen: I John Smith of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England: being weeke of Body \* \* \*

Imprimis my Will is y<sup>t</sup> first all my Honist & Just Debts together with funerall Charg be duly paid—

2<sup>y</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my well-beloved Wife Hulday her choyce of what Rosome she pleases in my dwelling house: together with Conveniencys of Celler Rome &c— to have her choyce from time to time, & at all times while she Remains a Widdow: I also Give unto Hulday my beloved Wife all my stock of Cattell of all soarts what-so-ever, and all my moveable estate both within dores & without: to be all at her dispose, for her Comfortable liveing, & bringing up my children; and shee to dispose of all y<sup>t</sup> is left amongst my children according to her disscretion—

3<sup>y</sup>— I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son John Smith fourty acres of land lying at brumbly hill com'only so called where his house now stands be y<sup>e</sup> same more or less; And also three acres of march grown be y<sup>e</sup> same more or less lying at a place called y<sup>e</sup> hop-ground; next land of Nathaniell Bacheldrs, Sen<sup>r</sup> his land: as also one quarter part of my lott of marsh lying in y<sup>e</sup> spring marsh Commonly so called: And one share in y<sup>e</sup> Great ox common, both marsh, upland & thach ground: And one share of y<sup>e</sup> Cow Common, as it was in the Year of our Lord 1702; and likewise one acre of marsh be it more or less lying at y<sup>e</sup> little River— and four shares in y<sup>e</sup> litle River marsh as they were some time since laid out: and also my two first shares or lotts in y<sup>e</sup> first North division Commonly so called

4<sup>y</sup>: I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Son Samuell Smith



y<sup>e</sup> lott of land where his House now stands be the same more or less, which land I had by way of Exchange with Joseph Chase : & lyeth at a place Called north-hill plain :— As also one quarter part of my lott of marsh lying in y<sup>e</sup> spring marsh so Called :— And one share in y<sup>e</sup> Cow-Commons as it was in y<sup>e</sup> year of our lord : 1702— & half a share in y<sup>e</sup> Great ox common, both upland, marsh, & thatch ground :— and also my Grants of lands at y<sup>e</sup> place called y<sup>e</sup> new plantation

5<sup>thly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Son Phillip Smith my Dwelling house Barn & outhouses my orchard & all my land where my said house standeth, both plow-land, pasture, & swamp land, streight along by y<sup>e</sup> Towls fence, & so to carrey y<sup>t</sup> line streight to y<sup>e</sup> land Somtimes Edward Colcords, and all y<sup>e</sup> land on y<sup>e</sup> eastwardly side of y<sup>t</sup> streight line, & so to y<sup>e</sup> Com'on Country Road both ways ; Reserveing onely to my wife hous Rome as above mentioned.— And likewise y<sup>e</sup> one half of y<sup>e</sup> pasture be it more or less when it shall be devided equally lying westwardly of y<sup>e</sup> above said streight line, up towards y<sup>e</sup> land of Joshua Towle :— and y<sup>e</sup> one half of all my land both plow land & swamp land lying in one piece betwene y<sup>e</sup> land of Gershon Elkins, & so westwardly towards John Nays, be y<sup>e</sup> one half more or less, when it shall be Equally divided :— And my Will is y<sup>t</sup> phillip shall devide & Elisha shall Chuse which half he will have : I also Give unto my son phillip the one quarter part of my lott in y<sup>e</sup> spring march so called : be it more or less as it is : as also one half share of y<sup>e</sup> great ox-common both upland, marsh, & thach ground ; and one share of y<sup>e</sup> cow-commons as it was in y<sup>e</sup> year of our lord 1702 : likewise two acres of meadow lying on y<sup>e</sup> southward side of browns swamp be the same more or less, lying adjoining to meadow of peter Johnson Eastward, & meadow of John fuller Westward : And five acres of marsh be y<sup>e</sup> same more or less lying adjoining unto Browns River commonly so called below James Perkin : and one share of y<sup>e</sup> north division be y<sup>e</sup> same more or less as also my lott of upland in y<sup>e</sup> East field be the same seven or eight acres more or less— lying betwene y<sup>e</sup> lott of thomas Nud ;

& the lott formerly belonging unto Christopher palmer deceased— and also y<sup>e</sup> one half of four acres of marsh bought of william fifield lying in y<sup>e</sup> clambankes marsh going down to Browns Rivers mouth: my son Elisha to have y<sup>e</sup> other half &c

6<sup>th</sup>ly I Give & bequeath unto my well beloved Son Elisha Smith y<sup>e</sup> one half of my land both plow land & Swamp lying in one piece betwene y<sup>e</sup> lott of Gershan Elkins, & so westwardly towards John Nays be y<sup>e</sup> same more, or less, when it shall be equally devided betwene my two sons, phillip to devide & Elisha to chuse as also y<sup>e</sup> one half of y<sup>e</sup> before mentioned piece of pasture land, lying westwardly of y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid streight line from Towls fence unto Colcords land, & so towards Joshua Towls be y<sup>e</sup> one half more or less when it shall be equally devided:— as also one share of y<sup>e</sup> Great ox-common both upland marsh land, & thach Grownd;— likewise one share of y<sup>e</sup> Cow-Common of Hampton as it was in the year of our Lord 1702: also two acres of meadow be y<sup>e</sup> same more or less lying in y<sup>e</sup> East field adjoining to land formerly William Eastows Deceased: also apiece of land containing one acre be y<sup>e</sup> same more or less adjoining to y<sup>e</sup> Ring & lying next y<sup>e</sup> land of peter Johnson Eastward and the land of Benjamin shaw westward & y<sup>e</sup> highway southward: and also the one half of four acres of salt marsh bought of William Fifield lying in y<sup>e</sup> clambanke marsh, going down unto Browns Rivers mouth: and one share in y<sup>e</sup> first North division commonly so called be y<sup>e</sup> same more or less: and one quarter part of my lott of Salt marsh lying in y<sup>e</sup> spring marsh Commonly so Called:

All these my above mentioned lands are scituate & lying within y<sup>e</sup> limits of y<sup>e</sup> Township of Hampton & all the lands Given & bequeathed unto my above named sons I give unto them & each of them their Heirs & successors forever at their dispose; but if it so happen y<sup>t</sup> any of my above named sons should dye & leave no child or children, in y<sup>t</sup> Case my will & meaning is y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> lands above given him shall be equally devided between those of my sons y<sup>t</sup> are liveing: And if any of my sons should have a mind to sell any lands which I have given them my will is y<sup>t</sup> they lett

their brother, or brothers have it if they will Give as much as an other will give: And farther my Will & meaning is y<sup>t</sup> each of my sons shall free egress & Regress to go to their own land doing as little damage to y<sup>e</sup> other as possoble may bee— and what ever lands are not disposed of I give to phillip & Elisha in equall part

7<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Huldey the wife of Thomas Dearborn five pounds, to be paid her by my sons John Smith, & Samuell Smith equally in merchantable pay as it passeth from man to man, over & above (fifteen pounds which she hath had of me allredy :) to be paid within three years after my decease

8<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Abigell Smith twenty pounds in marchantable pay as it passeth from man to man, to be paid her by my son Phillip Smith the one half within one year after my decease; & y<sup>e</sup> other half within four years after my decease—

9<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Smith twenty pounds in marchantable pay as it passeth from man, to man, to be payd by my Son Elisha Smith ten pounds within one year after my Decease, & y<sup>e</sup> other ten pounds within four years after my decease—

ult— My Will is y<sup>t</sup> my wife Hulda shall make use of what land she hath ocation for which is here before willed to my son Phillip; & if y<sup>e</sup> said Phillip Do not take care to make her life cumfortable with what I have left her from time to time, & at all times whilst she is a Widdow dureing her Natureall Life, And rather than she shall want for her Cumfortable Subsistence; she shall have power to sell of his y<sup>e</sup> said phillips his land to make her life Cumfortable—

And I Do by these presents Constitute & appoynt my beloved Wife Huldey Smith, and my beloved son Phillip Smith Executrix: & Executor, to this my last Will & testament and in case of y<sup>e</sup> Death of y<sup>e</sup> one the other to be sole &c— In Witnes here of I the above named John Smith Do herby Renounce all former

wills by me made & sign this with my hand & seal this eighth day of Aprill Anno: Dom: seventeen hundred and nine: in y<sup>e</sup> seventh year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of Queen Anne over Great-Britain &c—  
signed sealed & decared John Smith [seal]

in presence of us witnesse

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Joseph Smith

[Proved March 8, 1709/10.]

PHILIP TOWLE

1709

HAMPTON

I Phillip towl of Hampton in New hampsh<sup>r</sup> being in good helth & Sound memory; And now going in to Her majestys Service & not knowing how God may deel with me Do make & declare this my last will & testement

Imprimes I Give my Sole to God hoping in his mercy in Jesus Christ for pardon of all my Sins; & my body to y<sup>e</sup> dust from whence it was taken to be buryed in Christ an manner— & my worldly Estate after my Just Debts are paid— I give and bequev unto my Brother Caleb whether Real or personal & appynt my above named brother Caleb towl my Executor to this my last will & testament in testimony where of I Sett my hand & Seal this 31: day of may 1709: in y<sup>e</sup> eighth yeare of her majestys Queen ann her Reign ove Great Britans &c

Signed Sealed & declared  
before us witnesses

the marke & Seal of  
Philip X towl [seal]

Robert Drake

Joshua Winget

Test Joseph Smith Justice of pece

[Proved Sept. 6, 1717.]

[Inventory, July 13, 1717; amount, £135.2.0; signed by Joseph Smith and Joshua Wingate; mentions a widow.]

## WILLIAM ARDELL 1709 EXETER

[Administration on the estate of William Ardell of Exeter, gentleman, granted to Richard Hilton of Exeter, gentleman, June 16, 1709.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 162.]

[Bond of Richard Hilton of Exeter, gentleman, with James Burley of Exeter, yeoman, and Edward Polly of Portsmouth, tailor, as sureties, June 16, 1709, in the sum of £300, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Samuel Moody and Joseph Scott.]

[Inventory; amount, £22.3.0; signed by James Burley and Dudley Hilton: attested by the administrator June 5, 1710.

Administrator's account of disbursements; amount, £25.19.0.]

## BRADSTREET WIGGIN 1709 EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Bradstreet Wiggin of Exeter granted to his widow, Ann Wiggin, no date.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 167.]

[Bond of Ann Wiggin, widow, with Andrew Wiggin, tanner, and William French, house-carpenter, both of Exeter, as sureties, Sept. 22, 1709, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Ephraim Folsom and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, Sept. 22, 1709, authorizing William French and William Moore, both of Exeter, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of Bradstreet Wiggin, who died Jan. 18, 1708/9; amount, £941.15.10; signed by William Moore and William French.]

[Guardianship of Chase Wiggin, Thomas Wiggin, Joseph Wiggin, and Elizabeth Wiggin, children of Bradstreet Wiggin, granted to John Sinclair June 7, 1711, who married the widow.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 181, and vol. 7, p. 189.]

[Bond of John Sinclair, Jr., of Exeter, yeoman, with James Sinclair of Exeter, yeoman, as surety, June 7, 1711, in the sum of £500, for the guardianship of Chase Wiggin, Thomas Wiggin, Joseph Wiggin, and Elizabeth Wiggin; witnesses, James Davis and Tobias Langdon.]

This Indenture made and agreed upon this Eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand [seven] hundred & twenty six, Between m<sup>r</sup> John Sinkler of Stretham in the province of New Hampshir in New England Creditor unto the esteat of m<sup>r</sup> Broadstreet Wiggin of Quamscook in s<sup>d</sup> Provence in s<sup>d</sup> town, late deseased, and Gaurdeen over the childdren of the S<sup>d</sup> Broadstreet Wiggin and Husband unto the widow of s<sup>d</sup> Wiggin, and Chase Wiggin and Thomas Wiggin heirs unto the esteat and children of the s<sup>d</sup> Broadstreet Wiggin and Jonathan Wiggin in s<sup>d</sup> Town in the behalf of and Now Gaurdeen of Joseph Wiggin of s<sup>d</sup> Town child and heir unto the esteat of the said Bradstreet Wiggin, send greeting Know Yee that we the s<sup>d</sup> John Sinkler Chase Wiggin Thomas Wiggin & Jonathan Wiggin in the behalf of s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Wiggin Have by these Presents for our selves our heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> and Admin<sup>rs</sup> made a Just and Satisfactory divition of all the esteat of the s<sup>d</sup> Broadstreet Wiggin, Now in strethem both real and Personal, Excepting the salt marsh belonging to the s<sup>d</sup> Bradstreet Wiggins esteat The divition of the lands & esteat belonging to the s<sup>d</sup> Bradstreet Wiggins being divided and bounded as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup>—

1) To the s<sup>d</sup> John Sinkler one hundred and thirty one acers of land laid out and bounded as followeth be it more or less Beginning at a white oak Tree spotted on four sides standing upon the east side of the countrey road it being the southeast corner of Sam<sup>l</sup> Pipers land from thence runing southeest somewhat easterly and bounding upon m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Wiggins land two hundred and Eighty six rods to a black ash tree spotted on four sides, and from thence runing North-east sixty seven rods & five feet to a white oak stump spotted on four sides and from thence runing Near

Norwest to a stake standing by the countrey road about thirteen rods Northeast from s<sup>d</sup> sinklers house: and also an addition to s<sup>d</sup> land and bounded as followeth it being about an acer and an half Viz: begining at the s<sup>d</sup> black ash tree and from thence to run southeast somewhat easterly bounding upon s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Wiggins land seven rods and from thence to run Northeast thirty rods, and from thence to run Near Norwest untill it comes to s<sup>d</sup> sinklers land before mentioned, and also all the movable esteat belonging to the s<sup>d</sup> Bradstreet Wiggin—

To y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Chase Wiggin one hundred and sixty seven acers of land Laid out and bounded as ffolloweth more or less Viz<sup>tt</sup> begining at a stake standing upon the east side of the countrey road it being the Northwest corner of s<sup>d</sup> John sinklers land from thence runing Northeast and bounding upon s<sup>d</sup> road seventy six rods & five feet to a stake spotted on four sides and from thence runing about south east three hundred rods to a stake spotted on four sides which stake standeth fifty five rods and an half Northeast from s<sup>d</sup> John Sinkler Northeast corner and from s<sup>d</sup> stake runing southeast sumwhat easterly Eighty rod to a white pine tree spotted on four sides, and then to run southwest Ninty two rods and an half to a black ash tree spotted on four sides standing in m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Wiggins line and from thence runing Norwest somewhat westerly Eighty rods to s<sup>d</sup> John Sinklers land and so to bound on s<sup>d</sup> sinklers land Untill it comes to the stake first mentioned s<sup>d</sup> Chase Wiggin allowing a convenient way through his land from the head of his s<sup>d</sup> land to the southwest corner of the Ceader swamp he having liberty to hang gates at y<sup>e</sup> way

3) To the said Thomas Wiggins two hundred and sixty one acers of land be it more or less as it is laid out & bounded. Viz<sup>tt</sup> Begining at the Norwest corner of Chase Wiggins land from thence running about south east three hundred rods to a stake spotted on four sides and then Eighty rods southeast sumwhat easterly to a pine tree spotted on four sides and then to run southwest Ninty two rods and a half to a black ash tree spotted on four sides standing in s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Wiggins line and then to run south east

sumwhat easterly bounding upon s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Wiggins line one hundred and fifty rods to a stake spotted on four sides standing in Benjamin Hoag line and from thence to run upon a Northeast point untill it comes to W<sup>m</sup> ffrenchs land and then to run, Norwest bounding upon s<sup>d</sup> ffrenches land Hoags and Kenistons land Untill it comes to y<sup>e</sup> Countrey road and then to bound upon s<sup>d</sup> road untill it comes to y<sup>e</sup> place first mentioned s<sup>d</sup> Tho Wiggim allowing a covenant way through his land from y<sup>e</sup> head of his land to Chase Wiggins land and from the south west corner of y<sup>e</sup> ceader swamp to y<sup>e</sup> country road he haveing liberty to hang gates at said way

4) To the s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Wiggins as Garadeen and in the behalf of the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Wiggins one hundred and forty two acers of land be it more or less as it is laid out and bounded Viz Begining at a stake spotted on four sides standing in the Widdow Hickers line, about four rods from the south east Corner of s<sup>d</sup> Hickers land and from s<sup>d</sup> stake to run one hundred rods south west to a beach tree spotted on four sides it being the Northeast corner of s<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Hoags land and from thence runing Norwest sumwhat westerly bounding upon s<sup>d</sup> hoags land two hundred and four rods to a stake spotted on four sides it being the south east corner of Thomas Wiggins land and then to run Northeast untill it comes to s<sup>d</sup> Frenches land and then to bound upon s<sup>d</sup> frenches land and s<sup>d</sup> Hicks land Untill it comes to the stake first mentioned s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Wiggim allowing a convenient way thro his land from the head of his land to Tho Wiggins land he having liberty to hang gates at s<sup>d</sup> way

And farther we the s<sup>d</sup> John sinkler Chase Wiggim Thomas Wiggim and Jonathan Wiggim in the behalf of s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Wiggins do for our selves our heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> & Admin<sup>rs</sup> covenant promis and Engage unto each other that all the bounds and divitions of the afores<sup>d</sup> land to each ones part shall stand fixt abide and remain forever as before mentioned and do further hereby bind our selves our heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> and Admin<sup>rs</sup> unto each other in the penal sume of one thousand pound pasable mony of New England fermly by these Presents, and in Testimony hereof we the s<sup>d</sup> John sinkler



Chase Wiggin Thomas Wiggin and Jonathan Wiggin in the behalf of s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Wiggin have hereunto set our hands and seals this Eighteenth day April 1726

signed sealed & Delivered	John Sinkler [seal]
In the Presents of	Chas wiggin [seal]
benjamin hoeg	Thomas wiggin [seal]
Moses Leavitt	Jonathan wiggin [seal]

ROBERT COFFIN

1709

EXETER

In y<sup>e</sup> name of god, Amen. I Robart Coffin of the town of Exetor in y<sup>e</sup> Province of Newhampsheir in Newingland: tho weak of body: \* \* \*

Item: I give unto my beloved sister Abigil Davison fifteen pounds in money (to be payed by my excutors within two years after my death) as a token of my love and in gratification for kiendnes received ect.—

and all y<sup>e</sup> rest & residue of my parsonal estate Goods & chattels whatsoever both household goods & living stock & utencals of husbandary & other tools & tackling of all sorts whatsoever with all debts to me due either by booke bills bonds or otherwise I give & bequeth unto my loving & wellbeloved wife: Johannah Coffin for to be at her owne dispose—

and further my will is & I do hearby give unto my: wife which is afore named: to her & to her heirs & assigns foreve all my reall estate consisting in severall parcels of land & medow or medow grounds (as by deds & grants or other writings to me made may appear) with all y<sup>e</sup> preveledges to them belonging: as housings timber orchards mills streams with all other preveledges to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining: be the same in the township of Exetor or in any other place or places whare thay are or shall be found—

And I do apoint my brother Nicolas Gillman & my wife above named to be y<sup>e</sup> excutors of this my will to receive all my debts

& to pay all my debts; & to sell or dispose of any of the lands given to my wife to suply her wants as need shall be or as she shall se good to do and in case my s<sup>d</sup> brother Nicolas Gillman shall refuse or neglect to accept y<sup>e</sup> trust hearin comitted to him to be excutor with my wife or in case he shall not be living after my death— then my will is and I do hearby apoint my wife Johannah Coffin to be the sole: Executrix of this my will & do hearby give her full power to act and do all things needfull in y<sup>e</sup> law to be done refering to this my last will & testament— and I do hereby revoke disanul & make voyde all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made and do ratifie & confierm this to be my last will & testament in witnis whareof I y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Robart Coffin to this my last will and testament: contained in this one sheet of paper: have set to my hand & seal this twenty Secund day of october Anno Domini one thousand Seaven hundred and nine, and in the eight year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Soverign Lady Ann by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of God: Queen of grate Britaine ect—

Signed Sealed & published by Rob<sup>t</sup> Coffin [seal]  
 y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Robert Coffin to be his last  
 will & testament: in presence of  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Noyes  
 Edmund Greenlef  
 Nathaniel Coffin  
 [Proved June 4, 1710.]

EPHRAIM FOLSOM 1709 EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Ephraim Folsom of Exeter granted to his widow, Phaltiel Folsom, 1709.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 166 ]

[Bond of Phaltiel Folsom of Exeter, with Ephraim Folsom and William French, both of Exeter, as sureties, in the sum of £100, no date, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Andrew Wiggin and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, Oct. 26, 1709; taken by Richard Hilton and Winthrop Hilton; amount, £33.]

CHRISTOPHER POTTLE 1709

HAMPTON

In the Name of God— Amen I Christopher Pottell of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England being weeke in body \* \* \*

3<sup>ly</sup> I Give unto my beloved wife Hannah the Improvement of all my Estate both Reall & personall for y<sup>e</sup> suport of her self & bring up my children untill my Eldist son Com to y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty one years if she live so long a Widdow : but if my said wife marrey again before my said son Com to full age then she to have her thirds & the best Rome in y<sup>e</sup> house as part of her thirds all dureing her naturall life. And the management of my Estate in the minnurity of my said son be performed by my Executors & such as I shall apoyt as overseers to my son in his minority—

4 I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Hannah fifteen pounds in marchentable pay to be paid by my executors when she Coms to the age of eighteen years or at her marriage which shall first happen

5 I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elisabeth fifteen pounds in merchantable pay to be paid by my executors when she Coms to y<sup>e</sup> age of eighteen year or at her marriage which shall first happen

6<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Anne fifteen pounds in merchantable pay to be paid by my executors when she Coms to the age of Eighteen years or at y<sup>e</sup> Day of her marriage the which shall first happen—

7<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah fiften pounds in merchantable pay to be paid her by my executors when she Coms to y<sup>e</sup> age of eighteen years or at y<sup>e</sup> Day of her marriage y<sup>e</sup> which shall first happen

8<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeath unto my son Christopher my home stead

both houses, lands orchards meadows tanyards & all things belonging to my homestead lying on y<sup>e</sup> north side y<sup>e</sup> falls River & also one share or lott in y<sup>e</sup> west division & two shares in y<sup>e</sup> North division and two thirds of all my moveable estate & two thirds of all my dets which are owing me: he my son Christopher to pay out of itt two thirds of all my Debts & legeseys—

and farther my will is that if my Debts owing me and my moveable estate be not sufficient to pay my Debts y<sup>t</sup> then my out lands be sold to perform the full payment in equal parts betwene my two sons out of what I have given them: as also the one half of y<sup>e</sup> lands and Rights of Lands I bought of Nathaniel samborn lying at Kingstown I give unto my son Christopher above named—

8<sup>y</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my son william my land I bought of Stephen Hussey lying on y<sup>e</sup> south side y<sup>e</sup> falls River & also five half shares in y<sup>e</sup> first west division, and one third part of all my moveable estate & one third part of all my debts y<sup>t</sup> are owing me he my said son william paying out of y<sup>e</sup> same one third part of all my debts & legeceyes as before mentioned

9<sup>y</sup> wher as my wife is now with childe my will is y<sup>t</sup> if she be delivered of a childe which shall live to y<sup>e</sup> age of sixteen years that then my sons pay to said childe ten pounds in merchantable pay when it shall come to y<sup>e</sup> age of 16 years as abovesaid in each of there proportionable som as is before expressed— but if my said wife have a son I give him the one half of y<sup>e</sup> land I bought of Nathaniel Samborn at Kingstown; but if a daughter I give it to my son william above named—

10<sup>y</sup> unto this my last will & testament I appoynt my beloved wife Hannah & my son Christopher executrix & executors, and desire my good friend Decon Samuell Shaw to be overseer to my son Christophe: & fully to act & do in his behalf untill he my son Com of full age—

thus Revokeing all wills by me formerly made I Do declare this to be my last will & testament, & do signe & seal it with my hand while I am in my Righ mind & of a disposing memory: this

ninteennth day of Decembr Anno: Dom seventeen hundred & nine ;  
in y<sup>e</sup> Eighth year of y<sup>e</sup> Queens Raign Anne over Great-Britain  
&c—

signed Sealed & declared in Christopher pottell [seal]  
presence of us witnesses

Nathan Longfellow

nathanill Samburn

Joseph Smith

[Proved Feb. 8, 1709/10.]

[Inventory, Nov. 30, 1710; amount, £408.19.0; signed by  
Samuel Shaw and Joseph Swett.]

DAVID LAWRENCE 1709/10

EXETER

In the name of God Amen. I David Larance of Exeter in the  
Province of Newhampshire in New England do make and ordain  
my last will and testament in manner and form following \* \* \*

Imp<sup>f</sup> I will that my Just debts and funeral charges be paid, and  
for my funeral my will is that thirty pounds shall be expended out  
of my estate

Item: I give unto my son William Larance eight acres of my  
middle marsh lying in Hampton, and six acres of upland Lying  
in David Robinsons field.

Item: I give unto my son Joseph Larance my Lower Marsh  
Lying in Hampton, and five acres in my great pasture Lying next  
to Jonathan Robinsons land.

Item: I give unto my son David Larance eighty pounds in  
money in case he ever return home again.

Item: I give unto my two sons William & Joseph my saw Mill  
Lying upon Exeter falls, they paying their mother five pounds a  
year during life.

Item: I give unto my daughter Phebe Rawlins two acres of my  
middle marsh at Hampton, and thirty pounds in money to be paid  
out of my estate.

Item: I give unto my well beloved wife Mary Larance my dwelling house Barn and land belonging to it on both sides of the way, except what I before gave to my son Joseph, together with seven acres of Marsh lying at Perkins's and five pounds a year to be paid by my two sons as above expressed, during life. And all my household goods and four Cows, and a yoak of neb Oxen and a Cart & Chains and all things fitting for it, & fifteen sheep and all the swine, to be for her own proper use & to dispose of as She sees cause.

Item: I give unto my Grandson David Larance my dwelling house and Barn, and the land adjoyning or belonging to it On both sides of the way, together with four acres of the marsh after his Grandmothers decease.

Item I give unto my two sons William & Joseph the other three acres of Marsh lying at Perkins's, and all the rest and residue of my stock not already disposed on.

Item I give to my Grandaughter Mary Stevens fourscore pounds in money to be payed out of my estate when she comes of age or upon marriage day if married before.

Item. I give to my brother Benjamin Taylor two acres of my middle marsh lying in Hampton & five pounds money.

Item I give to my Grandson Jonathan Larance five pounds money.

Item: I give to my Grandson Nath<sup>l</sup> Stevens five pounds.

Item: I give to my son Rawlins's Eldest daughter five pounds.

Item. I give to the Chh of Christ in Exeter five pounds to be layed by them for a silver Cup to be used at the sacrament.

Item: My will is that my two sons William and Joseph shall pay my Just debts Legacies & funeral Charges and then the rest and residue of my whole estate both real and personal shall be equally divided between them, only their mother shall have the use of the Negro during life & then to return to them to be equally divided between them.—

finally: My will is and I do hereby appoint my well beloved wife mary Larance & my two sons William & Joseph to be the

Joynt Execu<sup>rs</sup> to this my last will & testament and do hereby revoke disannull and make void all former wills and testaments by m<sup>e</sup> heretofore made. In witness whereof, I the s<sup>d</sup> David Larance have hereunto set my hand and seal, this sixteenth Day of February Anno Dom: one thousand seven hundred & nine, ten, Annoq R R Anne magnæ Britanniaë &c: Octavo :

Signed, Sealed & owned In pres- David Larans [seal]  
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William X Taylor  
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[Proved May 16, 1710.]

[Inventory of the estate of Lieut. David Lawrence, taken May 20, 1710: amount, £1220.10.0; signed by James Sinclair and Moses Leavitt.]

JOHN PIKE

1709/10

DOVER

Dover the 6<sup>th</sup> of march 1709/10

I John Pike of Dover minister of the Gospel being Sick & weak of body but of Sound & p<sup>er</sup>fect mind & memory do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & Form Following

Imprimis I bequeath my Soul to god who gave it & my body to y<sup>e</sup> grave to be decently Interd according to y<sup>e</sup> Discretion of my Execut<sup>rs</sup> hereafter named

Item I give to my Son Nathanael the one halfe of that Farm or estate of house land & marish that was Formerly m<sup>r</sup> Goldways w<sup>th</sup> all priviledges & Appurtenances thereunto belonging. I have already given him by deed of Gift the other halfe of s<sup>d</sup> Estate soe that now he shall have y<sup>e</sup> Whole to him his heirs & assigns for Ever also that w<sup>ch</sup> was m<sup>r</sup> Wosters orchard & liveing Standing Just before it Accounted about two acres & all this I give to my s<sup>d</sup> Son Nath<sup>l</sup> w<sup>th</sup> this proviso that he Joynt w<sup>th</sup> his Brother Robert

in paying an Equal proportion of the Charge of bringing up their Brother Solomon to School till he Arrive to the Age of fifteen year

Item I give to my Son Robert that part of my land lying upon the little River Between the Comon High way & a place call'd Fox hill containing about Acres Sixteen w<sup>th</sup> all the houseing thereon & all priviledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging w<sup>th</sup> this proviso that he Joyn w<sup>th</sup> his Brother Nath<sup>l</sup> in paying an Equal proportion of y<sup>e</sup> Charge of bringing up their Brother Solomon to School till he Arrive to y<sup>e</sup> age of fifteen years & then take care to dispose of him as he & his Brother Nath<sup>l</sup> shall think most for his Advantage, also I give Robert one third part of my meadow in Joynt w<sup>th</sup> his two younger Brothers

Item I Give to my sons Joshua & Solomon in Equal proportion that whole parcell of land lying on the Norwest side of little river Containing three score Acres more or lesse w<sup>th</sup> two thirds of my meadow in Joynt w<sup>th</sup> their Brother Robert w<sup>ch</sup> meadow is comonly called Great Meadow & it is to be understood all the land & meadow before mentioned lies in the Town of Salisbury in y<sup>e</sup> province of the massachusetts

It I give to my daughter Hannah two twenty acre lotts lying a little way over the river to the Eastw<sup>rd</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Trews In Salisbury & one halfe of the Lott Comonly called the beach Lott in Salisbury

It I give to my Daughter Mercy One halfe of a Six score Acre lott Lying betwixt Amesbury & Haverhill formerly bought by my Father of w<sup>m</sup> Huntingdon & one halfe of y<sup>e</sup> Lott comonly call'd y<sup>e</sup> beach lott in Salisbury

It I give to Joseph Stockman Jun<sup>r</sup> twenty acres out of the Sixscore acre lott lying Between Amesbury & Haverhill & to my neices Dorothy Light & Sarah Pike daughter of Robert Pike each of them twenty Acres out of the Six score acre lott afores<sup>d</sup>

It I give all my moveable Estate into the hands of my Execut<sup>rs</sup> to Defray the Charge of my Funerall & pay my Just debts & y<sup>e</sup> remainder to be Equally Divided Between my daughters Hannah & mercy



And finally I make my two Eldest Sons Execut<sup>rs</sup> of this my last will & Testament to whome also I give a lott of ab<sup>t</sup> thirty acres in a place call'd mill division tow<sup>ns</sup> Amsbury & a ten acre lott at Salisbury at a place call'd y<sup>e</sup> run the better to Enable them to pay my debts

Signed Sealed & declared to  
be his last will & Testament in  
p<sup>r</sup>esence of

John Pike [seal]

Samuel Tebets

John ambler

Sarah Cutt

[Proved March 10, 1709/10.]

[Warrant, March 10, 1709/10, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Thomas Tibbetts, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate in New Hampshire, March 25, 1710; amount, £104.19.2; signed by John Tuttle and Thomas Tibbetts.]

[List of Dr. Robert Pike's disbursements on account of his father's estate; amount, £236.6.2.]

[List of debts due from the estate; amount, £211.5.9.]

[Joshua Pike, son of Rev. John Pike, makes choice of his brother, Robert Pike, as his guardian, Oct. 28, 1712; witnesses, Robert Rutherford and Charles Story.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 243.]

JOHN DENNETT

1709/10

PORTSMOUTH

The last will and testament of John Dennet

I John Dennet of the towne of Portsmouth in the Province of newhampshire in newengland who through the goodnesse of God have Present health \* \* \*

2 As to my temporel Estate I make Ammi my wife my sole

Executrix unto this my last will and testament and unto her I give all my movable Estate except what after shall be excepted as also I give unto her the one half of the income or yearly Profits of the lands orchards gardins housen now in my Posestion and Improved by mee during her naturel life and whilest Shee remains a widow but if shee is married to another husband : then the whole of my lands orchards housen gardins shall descend to my son Ephraim : and the one halfe of my movable Estate to be devided amongst the rest of my Children

3 I give unto my son John Dennet all that land which I bought of Isaac Remack in the towne of Kitrey which is now in his Posestion and whare hee dweleth I give him also that twenty Pounds in money which hee formerly borrowed of mee but hath not Returned

4 I give unto my daughter Ammi Adams twenty Pounds in money besides what She has allready had

5 I give unto my Son Joseph Dennet all that track of land which I bought of the towne which lyeth in the way to boodey Poynt except twenty acres tharof which I give to his brother Ephraim

6 I give unto my son Ephraim all the lands orchods gardins housen now improved by mee to wit the land which I bought of John fernell also that which I bought of Mathew Ham and of Thomas Ham and of John Jackson and of Nathaniel Jackson and of Roger Swain as doth appeare by their severl deeds of sale I say I give it to my Son Ephraim the one half at my decease and the other halfe at the decease of his mother I give him also one fetherbed with the furniture thareof I give him also one yoake of oxen : and it is my will that my son Ephraim do not interrupt nor molest his mother in the quiet Posestion of what I have above given her vise my movabels both within the house and without as also the on halfe of my lands orchards gardins and what Part of the houses Shee liketh best

7 I give to my granddaughter Margret Adams that Peice of land which I bought of M<sup>r</sup> Graferd an house lot at Strawberry

banke which is on the west side of the house which formerly m<sup>r</sup> Caleb Beks and is 85 foot front by the stret and is 88 foot deep as doth appear by deed of sale

8 I give to my grand daughter Mary dennet who is blind forty Pounds to be Payd in money

9 I give my son Ephraim ten acers of land in the uper Part of the land which I bought of the towne metioned on the other side vise to begin at the south Corner on the hend and run 40 rod noth west and from thenc 40 rod noth East and from thence 40 rod southeast and from thenc 40 rod southwest whare it begun which is ten acers I give him the wood of other ten acers of land joynen to the former 40 rod squar on the northeast side tharof I say the wood of this last ten acers but not the soyl and as for the former ten acers if hee be at any time disposed to sell it my will is that he sell it to non but his brother Joseph if hee will buy it

And Joseph shall give his brother Ephraim free liberty to carry off his wood over his land to the high way as he hath ocation

but if my son Ephraim dye without heirs lawfully begoten of his owne body I will that the afforesaid ten acers shall Return to his brother Joseph both the land as well as the wood

moreover if my son Ephraim die with out heirs lawfully begoteen of his owne body my will is that after his deceas and the deceas of ammy my wife the lands orchads gardens housen which I have given him on the other side shall be devided betwen my other children only so that my son John Dennet have a dub Portion tharof

in testimoney hereof I set my hand and seal this 17 of march 1709

signed sealed and Published  
in the Presence of us

John Dennet [seal]

Sam<sup>n</sup> Keais  
Timothy Davis  
Mary Gerrish

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[Proved Aug. 1, 1709.]

JOHN COTTON

1710

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Rev. John Cotton of Hampton granted to his widow, Ann Cotton, April 6, 1710.]

[Warrant, April 6, 1710, authorizing John Tuck and Joshua Wingate, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Mary Cotton, Dorothy Cotton, and Thomas Cotton, children of Rev. John Cotton, make choice of their mother, Ann Cotton, as their guardian April 10, 1710; witnesses, Joseph Smith and William Williams; allowed the same day.]

[Inventory, June 1, 1710; amount, £349.18.8; signed by John Tuck and Joshua Wingate.]

[Warrant from Gov. Joseph Dudley, April 14, 1715, authorizing Capt. William Heath, Capt. Edward Bridge, and Ichabod Griggs, all of Roxbury, Mass., to report whether or not the estate of Rev. John Cotton in Brookline, Mass., is capable of division among his children without injury to the whole. They report April 28, 1715; appraising the property at £700.0.0, and advising against its division.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Bond of Ann Cotton of Brookline, Mass., widow, with Samuel Wentworth and John Watts, merchants, both of Boston, as sureties, May 2, 1715, in the sum of £590, for the distribution of the Brookline property of her husband, Rev. John Cotton of Hampton, according to the direction of the governor and council; witnesses, Benjamin Rolfe and Samuel Tyley, Jr. Mentions an only son Thomas, a minor, and daughters Mary Whiting, Dorothy Gookin, and Ann Cotton, a minor.]

[Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Files.]

JAMES ROBINSON 1710 NEWCASTLE

[Lucretia Robinson, widow of James Robinson of Newcastle, asks, April 6, 1710, that administration on the estate of her husband may be granted to Nathan White, her son-in-law.]

[Administration on the estate of James Robinson of Newcastle, cooper, granted to Nathan White of Newcastle and his wife, Elizabeth White, daughter of the deceased, May 1, 1710.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 174.]

THOMAS DEARBORN 1710 HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen, the Tenth Day of Aprill; 1710 I Thomas Derborn of Hampton senior, in the Province of New Hamshier in New England, being weak of Body \* \* \*

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Hannah my dearly beloved Wife my dwelling House with the Barn Orchard And all my home Lott thereunto belonging, with my Pasture Westward of my House which Lyeth between Land of my Brother John Derborn and Land of John Leavit, I likewise give unto my wife a certain piece of Land be the same more or less which was my father Colcord's and lieth between Land of Leutt John Smith on the North and Land of sergeant John Tuck on the south and butting on the Country Road on the East; I likewise give unto my sd wife All my moveable Estate within doors with two oxen with all sutable impliments of Husbandry needful for the working of two oxen, As also two Cows and Ten Sheep with all my swine and Mare All the which afore mentioned I give unto my s<sup>d</sup> wife as her own proper Estate to despose of at her death or before as shee shall see meet

Item I give unto my s<sup>d</sup> wife during her Widowhood my piece of salt Marsh joyning in part to Marsh of Isaac Marston and Marsh of John Godfrie but chiefly upon the River commonly called Browns River, except what I shall despose of hereafter I also order my four sons to find her yearly ten cords of wood

for her use (Viz) Samuel one Cord and half, And Ebenezer one Cord and half; Thomas four Cord And Jonathan three Cord

Item I give unto my well beloved son Samuel one share of Land in the North Divition comonly so called, As also one Acre and half of Marsh and Thatch grownd to be laid out to him in that part of my Marsh Joyning to John Godfrie, As also one Quarter part of A share in the Cow Common not yet laid out

Item I give unto my well beloved son Ebenezer one Acre and half of Marsh and Thatch Ground to be laid out to him joyning to his Brother Samuel as also one quarter part of A share of the Cow Common not yet laid out

Item I give unto my well beloved son Thomas Eight Acres of Land joyning to Land where his Brother Ebenezer now dwelleth, As also A share of Land lately laid out near a place called the Temple I do likewise give unto him at his mothers decease or at her second marriage the one half of my Marsh before given to her I likewise give him at my decease all my implements of Husbandry which his mother shall not have occation for in the improving her two oxen as also all my carpenters tools As also on Quarter part of A Share in the Cow Common

Item I give unto my well beloved son Jonathan one Share of Land lately laid out at the falls and is Joyning to Land of John Green, With one Share in the West Divition, And a third part of a share at the falls coming to me by my Father Colcord's right, As also two Acres of upland joyning to my brother John Derborns Pasture which was formerly my fathers, As likewise one Quarter part of a Share in the Cow Common, I do likewise give unto him att his mothers decease one half of my Marsh given to my wife

Item I give the remainder of my Cattle and Sheep not disposed of to be equally divided amongst my Grand Children which shall be living att my decease, Excepting one cow which I give unto my son Thomas

And I do constitute and appoint my Dearly beloved Wife to be my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, And I do

hereby utterly disallow revoke and disanul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies Bequests, and Executors before named by me in any ways, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament: In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and seal the Day and Year above Written

Signed sealed and declared by Thomas X Derborn [seal]  
 the said Thomas Derborn to be his mark  
 his last Will and Testament in the  
 presence of us the subscribers

Thomas Wabster

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Tho: Crosbie

[Proved June 9, 1710.]

[Inventory of the estate of Deacon Thomas Dearborn, June 3, 1710; amount, £290.10.0; signed by Thomas Crosby and John Dearborn.]

JOHN HORNE

1710

DOVER

[Warrant, blank, April 10, 1710, for the appraisal of the estate of John Horne of Dover.]

THOMAS HANSON

1710

DOVER

In y<sup>e</sup> Name of god amen y<sup>e</sup> 24 day of y<sup>e</sup> 2 month 17010 I Thomas Hanson of Cochecha in y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Dover in y<sup>e</sup> provence of Newhampshire planter being sick and weak of bodey  
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Item I give and bequeath to Marey my well beloved wife halfe y<sup>e</sup> purduce of my homestead to be raised and levyed oute of y<sup>e</sup> Estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my well bloved sun Nathanuall y<sup>t</sup> tractt or parcall of land lying and being betwene Rainers brooke and y<sup>e</sup> Indion widgwom broock

Item I give and bequeth unto my well be loved daughter maray a suffisient Maintaince oute of my Estate or homested to gether with her mothers fether bead Duiring her Life time if shee sees scose but if other wise I give unto her twentey powne lawful money to be raised and levyed oute of my homesteede and y<sup>e</sup> fether bed to be parte of y<sup>e</sup> twentey pownd

Item I give and bequeth unto my well beloved Elezabeth y<sup>e</sup> sum of ten powne to be raised and levyed oute of my home steed in lawfull money and to paid by my beloved sun James home I opint my Excutor

Item I give and bequeth unto my well beloved sun James Hanson home I lickewise Constitute make and ordaine my onley an sole Executor of this my laste will an testament all and singuler all y<sup>e</sup> lands of my home steed onley I macke my wife duering her life time Joyntly Executerecks with him and to have half y<sup>e</sup> purduse of y<sup>e</sup> place duiring her life time and After her deces to be y<sup>e</sup> onley and sole Executor of all my lands of my homested of this my laste will and testament by him freely to be possessed an Injoyd and I doe heare by uterly disallow revok and disannul al an Every other formor testements wills an legacies be fore this time named willed and bequethed ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my laste will and testament in witnise whereof I heare unto sete my hand and seale y<sup>e</sup> daye and yeare above writen and furder it is my will y<sup>t</sup> my sun James shall have a yoake of oxen and all tacklan an geare belongen theare unto an also y<sup>t</sup> after I and my wifes decese all y<sup>e</sup> moveabels goods shall be Equaley devided amongst all my Children

signed sealed published pronounced and Declared by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Hanson as his last will and testament in y<sup>e</sup> presentce of us y<sup>e</sup> subscribrs

Jonathan watson  
Richard Scamon  
John Bampton

Thomas X Hanson [seal]  
his mark



Be it known to all men by these presents y<sup>t</sup> whereas I Thomas Hanson of Cochecha of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Dover and province of New-hampshire planter have made and declared my laste will an testamente in wrighteing bearing date y<sup>e</sup> 24 day of y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> month 1710 I y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Hanson doe by this present Codicil Confirm an ratfie my s<sup>d</sup> laste will and testemente I give and bequeath unto my well beloved suns Thomas and John y<sup>t</sup> parsall of land y<sup>t</sup> I purchased of henerey Nock Comonly Coled an known by y<sup>e</sup> name of Nocks mash and allso I have gave: y<sup>e</sup> have allreadey had Ethe of them a yoake of oxen an tacklan and gears beloning thear unto and my will and meaning is y<sup>t</sup> this Codicil schedule be and be a Judged to be a parte an parcel of my s<sup>d</sup> last will and testement and y<sup>t</sup> all things theare in Contained an mentioned be faithfully an truly performed and as fully an amply in my laste respect as if y<sup>e</sup> same ware soe declared an set down in Every will an testement

and allso I have given unto my well beloved Daughters marrey an Abagall and they have allreadey had Eashe of them a Cowe and a feathear bead a pece this is to put an End to diferance y<sup>t</sup> may arise after my decese an to sartifi all whome it may Consarne y<sup>t</sup> these heare mentioned have had theare parts and porshens y<sup>t</sup> I have gave them with y<sup>e</sup> reste of my Children in witnes wheare of I have heare unto sete my hand and seale this sixth day of y<sup>e</sup> 3 month 1710

signed sealed published and declared by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Hanson as parte of his laste will an testamente in y<sup>e</sup> presents of us y<sup>e</sup> subscribers

John Bampton

Richard Scamon

Jonathn watson

[Proved Dec. 5, 1711.]

his  
Thomas X Hanson [seal]  
mark

[Inventory, Nov. 8, 1711; amount, £250.16.6; signed by John Tuttle and Tristram Heard.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 193.]

## WILLIAM WILSON                      1710                      HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of William Wilson of Hampton, cooper, granted to his widow, Elizabeth Wilson, April 26, 1710.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 134.]

[Bond of Elizabeth Wilson of Hampton, widow, with Lieut. Joseph Swett and John Gove as sureties, in the sum of £100, April 26, 1710, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Joseph Smith and Elizabeth Smith.]

[Abigail Wilson of Hampton, daughter of William Wilson, makes choice of Joseph Swett of Hampton as her guardian, April 26, 1710; witnesses, Joseph Smith and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, signed by Joseph Gove and John Gove: amount, £71.12.0.]

[Settlement of the estate, allowed May 20, 1716; estate, less funeral charges, £64.11.7; claims against estate, £12.10.11; one third to the widow, and the remainder divided equally among four daughters, Abigail Wilson, Martha Wilson, Hannah Wilson, and Elizabeth Wilson.]

[License to the administratrix, June 8, 1716, to sell real estate, that division may be made among the children.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 12.]

## CALEB GRIFFITH                      1710                      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Caleb Griffith of Portsmouth granted to Henry Lyon of York, Me., and his wife, Elizabeth Lyon, formerly widow of the deceased, May 24, 1710.]

[Bond of Henry Lyon, with Edward Ayers and Clement Hughes as sureties, in the sum of £300, May 24, 1710; witness, Samuel Penhallow.]

ISAAC GODFREY

1710

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen I Isaac Godfrey of Hampton in the Province of new Hampsheire in newengland (ffarmer) being weake of Body \* \* \*

1 Item: I give and bequeath to Hannah my Dearly beloved wife the previledg of my Dewlling House for to Live in so Long as she shall Live or till she shall marrey agine: and also I give unto Hannah my wife all my houshold goods for her to dispose of as shee shall see meete: and also Jonathan is for to provied for hannah my wife meat drink and fier woode and to maintaine her Comfartabell and Honerabell so Long as shee Lives or till she shall marrey again; and if my Son Jonathon shoud fail in any purtickeler then my said wife shall have full power for to make seal of any of my Esstat ayether Land or marsh for her Comfertabell Livelyhood deuring the tarme abovesaid; and my three Daughters is to have Liberty for to Live in my now Dewlling House till they shall marey that is to say Abigail Elizabeth and hannah

2 Item. I give to william my wellbeloved Son my Lott of Land in the north plaine being ten acres more or Less as tis Layd out and the House and Barn upon itt: and the north Ende of my Lott in the west ffield Bутten upon Jonathan Elkins taken the hoole Breadth of my Lotte till itt Comes to John ffuller Bounds between the sd ffuller and Parkins and So Square of to Henry Darborn and also the on half of my west medow william to Devide and Jonathon to Chuse; and also my nine acres of Salt marsh on the South Side the ffalls River Bутten on m<sup>r</sup> Husseys ffarme; and also my two sudermost Stacks in my marsh att Burch Iland being about fouer acres to to be parted as we uise to mowe them: and also the on half of my medow Joyning to the Parsonesag william to devid And Jonathon Chuse: and also one shear in the Cow Common that was my father marrons and also two Lotts on in the first north Devition and on The second north Devition; and also two half shears in the first west Devition and on shear in the Second west Devi-

tion; and also my Two Timber Chaines that he has now in his possessione

3 Item: I give to Jonathan my well beloved Son all thess things herafter mentioned only what is befor Excepted: viz my home Lott that Is to Saye plow Land and pauster Land and Houses Barns orchards: and also my Southerly End of my Lott in the west feild that is not befor dispossed of: and also the on half of my west medow william to Devid and Jonathon to Chuse: and also the on half of my medow Ad Joying to the parsonag Land william to Devied and Jonathon for to Chuse: and also all my Remainer of my marsh att Burch Iland only the two Stacks that I desposed of befor; and also Six acres of Salt marsh Laying on the north side of the ffalls River; and also one Shear of the Cow Common that was fformely my father william Godfreys: and also two half Shears in the first west Devition and on shear in the Second west Devition; and also on shear in the Second north Devition; and also all my Right att kingstowne: only Jonathan is not for to dispose of any thing so Long as my wiff Liveth: and also I give unto Jonathon all my Stock of what Cinde so ever and also all my Implyments for Husbendery of what sort soever only what is before disposed of

4 Item I give to my well beloved Daughter Abigail ten pounds in marchantabell paye as itt pases from man to man to be payd By my Son Jonathan Godfrey with in on yeare after my Decess

5 Item: I give to my well beloved Daughter Elizabeth ten pounds in Marchantabell paye as itt pases from man to man to be payd by my Son Jonathon Godfrey with in two years after my Deceses

6 Item: I give to my well-beloved Daughter Hannah ten pounds in marchentabell paye as itt pases from man to man To be payd by my Son william Godfrey with in two yeares after my Deceses

And I do make Constitute and Appoint my well beloved Sons william Godfrey and Jonathon Godfrey to be my sole Executors to This my Last will and Teastiment In wittnes here untoo I the

before mentioned Isaac Godfrey have here unto put my hand And affixt my seale this Eleventh day of July in the yeare of our Lord seventeen hundred and Ten and in the ninth yeare of Her Majesties Reigne Queen Anne over England

my Intent and meing is that my Sons shont Com to A Devition so Long as my wiff Liveth this was aded before the signing and sealing :

wittnesis

Jonathan Philbrick  
John Garland Junor  
Sam<sup>u</sup> Dow

Isaac X Godfrey [seal]  
His mark and seal

[Proved March 5, 1717/18.]

[Blank sheet of paper for bond, signed by William Godfrey, Jonathan Godfrey, Jabez Smith, and Thomas Elkins.]

[Inventory, Feb. 28, 1717/18; amount, £827.13.0; signed by Jabez Smith and Thomas Elkins.]

GEORGE CHESLEY 1710

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of George Chesley of Oyster River granted to his widow, Deliverance Chesley, and his brother, Joseph Chesley, Sept. 5, 1710.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 176.]

[Bond of Deliverance Chesley, widow, and Joseph Chesley, with Capt. James Davis and John Smith as sureties, all of Oyster River, in the sum of £200, Sept. 5, 1710, for the administration of the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of George Chesley of Oyster River, who died June 8, 1710; taken Dec. 23, 1710; amount, £413.18.0; signed by Joseph Smith and Abraham Bennick.]

SAMUEL WINSLEY

1710

KINGSTON

[Administration on the estate in Salisbury, Mass., of Samuel Winsley of Kingston granted to his widow, Catherine Winsley, Oct. 5, 1710.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Records, vol. 310, p. 275.]

[Inventory, taken by Solomon Shepard and Samuel Eastman; amount, £36.10.0; attested by the administratrix Oct. 5, 1710.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

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Newhampsheir } cluded upon the nintenth day of novembr 1723  
and In the tenth year of his majestys Ragine king Geoarge over  
gratt brittain france and Irland &c

As to y<sup>e</sup> devesion of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Sam<sup>ll</sup> winsley late of kings-  
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firstly to y<sup>e</sup> widow of y<sup>e</sup> said sam<sup>ll</sup> winsly desesed Cattren winsly  
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devesion and y<sup>e</sup> twenty acre Loot Laying betwen y<sup>e</sup> Louer second  
devesion and y<sup>e</sup> two hundred acre grant

2ly as to Sam<sup>ll</sup> winsly y<sup>e</sup> son of y<sup>e</sup> aboves<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> winsly desesed  
for his part one halfe y<sup>e</sup> first devesion and y<sup>e</sup> forty Acre Loot In  
y<sup>e</sup> uper devesion next Chesser and one share In y<sup>e</sup> Common

3ly mary pages part of y<sup>e</sup> abovesd Estat who was dafter of y<sup>e</sup>  
abovesd sam<sup>ll</sup> winsly desesed and now y<sup>e</sup> wife of John page of  
Salsbury In y<sup>e</sup> County of Esex in provence of y<sup>e</sup> masetussetts bay  
In newe nglannd Cordwiner which part Is as fouelloweth one third  
of y<sup>e</sup> two hundred acre grantt and the north grant and y<sup>e</sup> Litell  
Loot nextt Exetar line Below Israls meddow and one share in y<sup>e</sup>  
Common

4ly the part of Elisha winsly y<sup>e</sup> son of y<sup>e</sup> above said sam<sup>ll</sup> winsly  
desesed as to y<sup>e</sup> abovesd Estat which Is as foulloweth y<sup>e</sup> second  
devesion and y<sup>e</sup> twenty acre Loot Laying betwen y<sup>e</sup> two hundred  
acer grant and the west devesion and one share in y<sup>e</sup> Common

5ly as to y<sup>e</sup> part of hannah winsly y<sup>e</sup> dafter of the above said Samu<sup>l</sup> winsly In y<sup>e</sup> above said Estat which is as fouldoweth two thirds of y<sup>e</sup> two hundred acre grant and one share in y<sup>e</sup> Common and we y<sup>e</sup> above named Cattren winsly widdow Sam<sup>l</sup> winsly John page and mary page the dafter Elisha winsly and Hannah winsly do by these presints Bind our selves our heirs Exectours adminstratours and asignes to stand fully Satisfied as to y<sup>e</sup> deveision of y<sup>e</sup> above said Estat as It is above mentioned as witness our hands and seals y<sup>e</sup> day and year above mentioned

It is to be understod y<sup>e</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Stevens of y<sup>e</sup> town and provence abovesd Is Chosen by y<sup>e</sup> abovesd hannah winsly to be garden to hir And he doh allow of this abovesd deveision this was Intred befor sining and sealing of thes presents as witness his hand

Signed Sealed and delivered	hir
In y <sup>e</sup> presents of us	Cattren X winsly [seal]
Peter colcord	mark
John fifield	Samuel winsle [seal]
Sam <sup>l</sup> Easman	John Paige [seal]
	Elisha Winsle [seal]
	mary page [seal]
	Eben Stevens [seal]

[Inventory, Feb. 29, 1723/4; amount, £330.0.0; signed by Samuel Eastman and John Fifield.]

JOHN HARRIS

1710

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of John Harris of Portsmouth, formerly of Boston, Mass., granted to Oliver Williams of Boston, Mass., merchant, "Now in portsmouth," 1710.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 183.]

[Bond of Oliver Williams for the administration of the estate, partly filled out; signed by Oliver Williams, Richard Wibird, and William Fellows.]

[Inventory of goods in possession of John Harris, merchant, "who, being bound for Loudon w<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Martyn, Deceas<sup>d</sup> at Portsmouth the — Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1710"; amount, £41.7.3; attested by Peletiah Whittemore and Peter Papillian Dec. 15, 1710.]

[Account of Oliver Williams, administrator, for the settlement of the estate; charges, £33.8.4.]

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WINTHROP HILTON      1710      EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Winthrop Hilton of Exeter granted to his widow, Ann Hilton, no date.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 88.]

[Inventory of the estate of Col. Winthrop Hilton, Nov. 29, 1710; amount, £1000.18.0; signed by Theophilus Dudley, Moses Leavitt, and Biley Dudley.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 191.]

[Account of the administratrix against the estate; amount, £644.8.6; one item is the maintenance of six children from the time of taking the inventory, three years and nine months.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 201.]

[Order of court, Oct. 3, 1717, that the whole estate of Col. Winthrop Hilton of Exeter be sold, and that the balance, £133.4.0, after paying the debts, be paid to Ann Wadleigh, formerly the widow of Col. Hilton, in consideration of her expenses in caring for the children and settling the estate.]

[Sundry accounts, claims, notes, etc., containing signatures of Richard Hilton, John Coleman, John Knight, Winthrop Hilton, Robert Coffin, Thomas Webster, Ephraim Severance, Samuel Penhallow, Jr., Benjamin Clark, John Light, James Jeffrey, Edward Ayers, Samuel Mighill, Mary Polly, Richard Gerrish,



Joseph Moulton, Samuel Hinckes, Nathaniel Webb, John Plais-  
ted, George Jaffrey, and Michael Bowden.]

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BENJAMIN MATTHEWS 1710/11 DURHAM

[License, March 9, 1710/11, to Francis Matthews of Oyster River, son and administrator of the estate of Benjamin Matthews of Oyster River, to sell real estate, Francis Matthews, Jr., son of the administrator, and next heir, consenting.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 186.]

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THOMAS DOWNES 1711 DOVER

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Downes of Dover granted to his son, Gershom Downes of Dover, yeoman, April 13, 1711.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 189.]

[Bond of Gershom Downes of Dover, yeoman, with Tobias Hanson and Ephraim Wentworth, both of Dover, yeomen, as sureties, in the sum of £200, April 13, 1711, for the administration of the estate of his father, Thomas Downes of Dover, house-carpenter; witnesses, Susanna Ellison and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, April 20, 1711, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Lieut. Tristram Heard, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 181.]

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ELIZABETH FABES 1711 NEWCASTLE

[Administration on the estate of Elizabeth Fabes of Newcastle granted to John Holden of Newcastle and his wife, Deborah Holden, daughter of the deceased, June 6, 1711.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 197.]

[Bond of John Holden of Newcastle, joiner, with Theodore Atkinson of Newcastle and John Pickering of Portsmouth, gentlemen, as sureties, in the sum of £300, June 6, 1711, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Nathaniel Green and Charles Story.]

— ABBOTT

1711

[Citation is ordered, June 7, 1711, to be sent to John Abbott to show cause why his brother, — Abbott, should not administer his father's estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 181.]

HOPKIN DAVIS

1711

PORTSMOUTH

Pro<sup>o</sup> of N— Hamps<sup>r</sup> In N— Engl<sup>d</sup> In America Elizabeth Stoneman Aged about Sixty five years & Deborah Branscum Aged about fifty nine years Deposeth & sth y<sup>t</sup> they well knew Timothy Davis Sen<sup>r</sup> of Portsm<sup>o</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> Pro<sup>o</sup> of N— Hamps<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Joyner who is now fifty years of age or thereabouts to be y<sup>e</sup> lawful Reput<sup>d</sup> Son of Hopkin Davis formerly of Portsm<sup>o</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Tanner Dec<sup>d</sup> & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Davis was Born by Ruth y<sup>e</sup> Wife of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Hopkin Davis who was y<sup>e</sup> Daughter of John Roberts of y<sup>e</sup> village of Pamfret Aaiskell Belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Town of Swansey In Glamorgan-shire Millwright In Great Brittain & farther sth not—

Eliz<sup>a</sup> X Stoneman

her mark

Deborah X Branscum

her mark

Capt et Jurat In Portsm<sup>o</sup> In Nova Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in Nova Anglice undecimo Die July An<sup>o</sup> Dom — 1711 An<sup>o</sup> 9: R Regine Anne nune Anglice &c: Decimo

Coram John Plaisted of y<sup>e</sup> Council  
& Jus<sup>t</sup> Peace et unus Quorum  
Cha<sup>s</sup> Story Secretary & Jus<sup>t</sup> Peace

[Deeds, vol. 22, p. 222.]

## THOMAS FERNALD                      1711                      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Fernald of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to his widow, Elizabeth Fernald, Aug. 20, 1711.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 195.]

[Bond, in blank, Aug. 20, 1711, signed by Elizabeth Fernald, George Jaffrey, and Charles Story; witnesses, Elizabeth Armstrong and Susanna Ellison.]

## RICHARD SLOPER                      1711                      PORTSMOUTH

In the Name of God, Amen—

I Richard Sloper of Portsm<sup>o</sup> In the Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> In New England— being old, and Infirm, \* \* \*

2. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Richard sloper, the Sum of twenty pounds money; but If in case he bee dead, or dies before my son Henery my will is, that it then reverts unto my s<sup>d</sup> Son Henery Sloper

3. I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Son Henery Sloper, twenty Eight pounds money besides

4. I give unto my beloved Daughter martha, the Wife of obediah Mors Jun<sup>r</sup> the sum of ten pounds Money.

5. I give unto my Daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Sloper the Sum of ten pounds money.

6. I give unto my Daughter Tabitha, the wife of — Bridgman, fourty shillings mony. All which sums aforesaid, I will, shall be payd by my Son Ambrose Sloper within two years after the Decease of me and my wife he being obliged by a certain Instrum<sup>t</sup> to pay so much unto my order, In all amounting to Seaventy pounds; as appears from under his hand March 27, 1706.

7. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Sloper, all the rest of my Estate both real and personall, to bee to her comfortable use and Subsistence during her Naturall life; and what she leaves to bee unto my Daughter Elizabeth Sloper and her proper disposall

Finally I make and Constitute my said Wife, and Daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Sloper my sole Executrixes unto this my last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> hereby Injoyning them to pay all my Just debts, and funerall charges I also desire my Brother Mark Hunkyn & cousen Tobias Langdon, overseers,

In testimony to all and singular the premises, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 26<sup>th</sup> octb<sup>r</sup> 1711.

Signed, Sealed and Declared	his
In the presence of	Richard X Sloper [seal]
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Penhallow,	mark
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Penhallow— Jun <sup>r</sup>	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Clark—	

[Proved Dec. 28, 1713.]

[Bond of Henry Sloper, with John Knight and John Janvrin as sureties, Feb. 1, 1712/13, for the administration of the estate; witness, Robert Rutherford.]

[Citation to Capt. Henry Sloper of Portsmouth, mariner, April 20, 1720, to appear in answer to the complaint of Elizabeth Sloper, executrix, and account for a certain part of the estate.]

JOHN CHURCH JR.

1711

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of John Church of Dover, yeoman, granted to his widow, Mercy Church, Dec. 5, 1711.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 187.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Church, Jr., of Dover, oldest son of John Church of Dover, Nov. 9, 1711; amount, £209.0.6; signed by John Tuttle and Tristram Heard; attested by Mercy Church, administratrix, Dec. 5, 1711.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 199.]

[Bond, in blank, for the administration of the estate, Dec. 5, 1711, signed by Mercy Church, Tristram Heard, and Tobias Hanson.]

HENRY RICE

1711

DOVER.

In The name of God Amen the thretie one day off december in the year of our Lord God one thousand Sevin hundred and elevelin I Henry ryce of the towne of dover in the provance of New hampshire being aged and well struckine in yeares but of perfect memorie and a sound desposing mind blessed be God for it do make this my Last will and testament in manner and form following In first I beqwath my Sowll to God that gave it and then my bodie to be discretlie burried by an Christian buirall in Soum Convenient place at the discreation of my Executrix then and there in eafter mentioned and after my funerall charges defryed my Just and honest debtes payed I will and dispose the remainder of worldlie goods and esteat in manner and form following I will and bequath my whole estat in money and my beding and all my other Goods what some ever unto Elezabeth Chaslee the onlie Lawfull daughter of George Chaslee deceased lat of oyster river and to be hold and had to the forsaid Eleizabath Chaslee to her her hairees executores Administrators or asigneyes for ever and do hereby Constitut and ordaine deliverance Chaslee my Lawfull Executrix in all things in trust to see this performed Immaidiatlie eafter my decease and buiriall and do hereunto Annax my hand and seall

In presence off

Jonathan woodman  
John tomsun  
David Kincaid

his

Henry X Ryce [seal]  
mark

I doe Renounce all my Right of Executorshipp to the above Nominated will this 13<sup>th</sup> June 1712 & desire Letters of Administration to be Granted to James Jackson the dec<sup>d</sup> sonn in Law

witnesses

Cha: Story  
John pickerin

Deliverance X Chisley  
mark

[Administration on the estate of Henry Rice of Oyster River granted to James Jackson of Oyster River, yeoman, June 13, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 233.]

[Bond of James Jackson, with William Jackson and William Jenks, all of Oyster River, as sureties, in the sum of £100, June 13, 1712, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Nathaniel Hill and Charles Story.]

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JOEL WHITTEMORE 1711/12

[Administration on the estate of Joel Whittemore, mariner, granted to his brother, Pelatiah Whittemore of Portsmouth, merchant, Jan. 9, 1711/12.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 200.]

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HENRY WILLIAMS 1711/12 HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Williams of Hampton in the province of New Hampshire being weak of body \* \* \*

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Christian Williams One third part,

Item, I Give to my Sonn Thomas Williams one third part, And to my Daughter in Law Lydia Haskins a third part, To have And to hold, to them their Heirs, Ex<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>r</sup> and Assigns for Ever, And my Will is it be Equally Divided, in such manner as it may best suite every perticuler person, as much as possible may be, provided alsoe that if my Sonn Henry Williams live and come here to receive it, I give and bequeath to him the Sume of Fifteen pounds to be paid five pounds a peice to him by the persons before Named that is to Say five pounds out of Each third of the Estate, And my Will is and I make Constitute and appoint my Said wife Christian Williams and my Sonn Thomas Williams the true and Sole Executrix and Executor to this my last Will and Testament, In Confirmation hereof I have sett to my hand, and fixed my Seal this, before the Signeing and Sealing hereof I doe declare I wholly Except my Right of Land and Marsh and Meadow, I have at Black pointe there is nothing intended of any Rights or

Claimes, I have in that part of that province, and to what is all above written in Confirmation hereof I sett to my hand and affix my Seal this first day of February one thousand Seven hundred Eleven, twelve, and in the tenth year of Her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Reigne.

Signed and Sealed

Henry Williams [Seal].

Witnesses

Nath<sup>l</sup> Wear

Sam<sup>l</sup> Cass

[Proved April 10, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 203.]

[Thomas Williams renounces executorship of the estate of his father, Henry Williams of Hampton, April 7, 1712; witnesses, Dorothy Chapman and Lydia Haskins.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 203.]

[Administration on the estate of Henry Williams granted to his widow, Christian Williams, April 10, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 5, p. 52.]

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SAMUEL RYMES

1711/12

PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Capt. Samuel Rymes, in possession of Mrs. Mary Martin, taken Feb. 6, 1711/12, at the request of Samuel Wentworth and John Wentworth, attorneys for John Clifton of London, Eng.; amount, £695.0.0; signed by Samuel Penhallow and George Jaffrey.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 259.]

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Rymes of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to John Wentworth of Portsmouth and Samuel Wentworth of Boston, Mass., merchant, Oct. 1, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 263]

[Bond of John Wentworth, with George Jaffrey as surety, both of Portsmouth, gentlemen, in the sum of £1000, Oct. 1, 1712, for

the administration of the estate of Samuel Rymes of Portsmouth, mariner; no witnesses.]

To R. Waldron Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of probate &c

Whereas administration has bin lately granted upon the Estate of Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes late dec<sup>d</sup> & no Settlem<sup>t</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> Estate yet made, for that one of the Children is under age another at Sea so y<sup>t</sup> it cannot be yet well done Wee therefore y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers mary Clifton relict Widdow & Sam<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup> & Christopher, sons of y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes dec<sup>d</sup> are humbly of Opinion & it will be most agreable to us that y<sup>e</sup> Estate for the p<sup>r</sup>sent may be thus Improved viz<sup>t</sup> That y<sup>e</sup> Widdow & her Eldest Son Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes have the use of the house & Orchard in equal halves & that y<sup>e</sup> Warehouse & wharfe together w<sup>th</sup> the land be let out to best advantage of y<sup>e</sup> Widdow & Children in equal proportions & this for & Dureing y<sup>e</sup> term of three years from y<sup>e</sup> day of the date & at y<sup>e</sup> Expiration thereof the whole Estate to be Divided & Settled as the Law directs & further that that halfe of the house w<sup>ch</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes now enjoys shall be part of his portion of y<sup>e</sup> Estate w<sup>a</sup> it comes to be fully Settled— & this being acceptable to us wee pray yo<sup>r</sup> Favour & order accordingly

Dated at Portsm<sup>o</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> march 1717/8

Jn<sup>o</sup> Wentworth  
for Mary Clifton  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes  
Chris<sup>o</sup> Rymes

I consent to y<sup>e</sup> desire of the Subscribers above & order y<sup>e</sup> Estate to be setled at p<sup>r</sup>s<sup>t</sup> according to the tenor of the above writeing

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Judge of probate &c

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1717/8

[Order of court, Dec. 5, 1719, allowing John Wentworth and Samuel Wentworth, administrators, to sell real estate to pay debts.]

This Indenture of Partition made this fourth day of Sep<sup>r</sup> Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & twenty two Between Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes Will<sup>m</sup> Rymes & Christopher Rymes all of Portsm<sup>o</sup> In



New hampsh<sup>r</sup> In New England Marriners Wittneseth that they y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Rymes W<sup>m</sup> Rymes & Christopher Rymes are & Do now Stand Seized & Possessed of y<sup>e</sup> Dwelling house Ware house & Lands Adjoyning to y<sup>e</sup> Same in ffee w<sup>th</sup> their Honoured ffather Sam<sup>ll</sup> Rymes Late of Portsm<sup>o</sup> afore S<sup>d</sup> marriner Dec<sup>d</sup> Died Seized & Possessed of S<sup>d</sup> houses & Lands In ffee by w<sup>ch</sup> Means it descended & Came to his three Sons above named Now to y<sup>e</sup> End a perpetuall Divission Shall be had & made between y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Parties off and in y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> houses & Lands it is Covenanted Concluded & Agreed by and between y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Parties to these ¶sents in manner & form following And first y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> & Christ<sup>o</sup> Rymes for themselves their heirs Ex<sup>ra</sup> & Adm<sup>ra</sup> by these ¶sents that their S<sup>d</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Rymes his heirs & Assigns Shall from henceforth have hold & Peaceably Enjoy in Severalty to him his heirs & Assigns for Ever: that Is to Say The Late Dwelling house of their S<sup>d</sup> ffather Sam<sup>ll</sup> Rymes Scituate Lying and being in Ports<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> above S<sup>d</sup> & Land Butted & Bounded as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Land of Eliz<sup>a</sup> Eburn on y<sup>e</sup> Northerly Side, the Land of m<sup>rs</sup> Mary Martyn on y<sup>e</sup> Southerly Side, y<sup>e</sup> high Street on y<sup>e</sup> Westerly End, y<sup>e</sup> Land of Sam<sup>ll</sup> White on y<sup>e</sup> Easterly End of part of S<sup>d</sup> Rymes & y<sup>e</sup> Same Lott of S<sup>d</sup> White also Butting on part of y<sup>e</sup> Northerly Side of S<sup>d</sup> Rymes's Orchard & y<sup>e</sup> Lott of Land of m<sup>r</sup> Henry or W<sup>m</sup> Caswell in part on y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> North Side of S<sup>d</sup> Rymes's Orchard & from y<sup>e</sup> South East Corner of S<sup>d</sup> Caswells Lott to run Square over Southerly as S<sup>d</sup> Rymes's Orchard was formerly fenced In about Ninety foot to y<sup>e</sup> Southerly Side of S<sup>d</sup> Orchard then up Westerly or y<sup>e</sup> South Side S<sup>d</sup> Orchard as formerly fenced in up to y<sup>e</sup> Land of m<sup>rs</sup> Martin afore S<sup>d</sup> & then on y<sup>e</sup> East End of S<sup>d</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Martins Land to S<sup>d</sup> Rymes's own Land ag<sup>n</sup> & also the Westernmost half of y<sup>e</sup> wharff Were house & Land Lying on y<sup>e</sup> Creek near m<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Ayers's To have & to hold all & Singuler y<sup>e</sup> above S<sup>d</sup> house half Warehouse Wharf and Lands as above butted & Bounded together w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> ¶viledges & a¶tenances thereof unto y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Rymes his heirs & assigns for Ever to his & their own proper Use Benefitt and behoof from henceforth & for Ever in full of his y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>

Rymes<sup>s</sup> part or Portion of his S<sup>d</sup> ffather Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes<sup>s</sup> Reale Estate on y<sup>e</sup> Bank in Portsm<sup>o</sup> And y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes for himself his heirs Ex<sup>rs</sup> & Adm<sup>rs</sup> Do Covenant & Engage to his S<sup>d</sup> Brothers Will<sup>m</sup> & Christ<sup>o</sup> Rymes that they y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> & Christ<sup>o</sup> Rymes y<sup>r</sup> heirs and assigns Shall from henceforth have hold & Peaceably Enjoy in Severalty to them Selves their heirs & assigns for Ever that is to Say all that peice or ¶cell of Land Scittuate in Portsm<sup>o</sup> afore S<sup>d</sup> being butted & Bounded as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> Land of M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Martin afore S<sup>d</sup> & the Orchard of Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes afore S<sup>d</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> North, y<sup>e</sup> high Street on y<sup>e</sup> West & South and a Small Lane or Street on y<sup>e</sup> East y<sup>e</sup> End of y<sup>e</sup> above S<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes & y<sup>e</sup> Land of y<sup>e</sup> above S<sup>d</sup> Caswell on y<sup>e</sup> West & y<sup>e</sup> high Street against y<sup>e</sup> Land formerly M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Keaises on y<sup>e</sup> North, All of it Lying in y<sup>e</sup> form of an Ell And also y<sup>e</sup> Easterly half of y<sup>e</sup> Wharf & Land & warehouse afore S<sup>d</sup> together w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> ¶viledges & a ¶tenances to y<sup>e</sup> Same belonging or in any Wise a ¶taining To have & To hold all & Singuler y<sup>e</sup> above S<sup>d</sup> Lands warehouse Wharff and ¶viledges whatsoever to them y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> & Christ<sup>o</sup> Rymes y<sup>r</sup> heirs & Assigns for Ever to them & their own proper Use Benifitt & Behoof from hence forth & for Ever And ffurther y<sup>e</sup> parties above named for themselves & Each for himself his heirs Ex<sup>rs</sup> & Adm<sup>rs</sup>, Do Covenant & Engage (y<sup>e</sup> above S<sup>d</sup> parts & Portions of y<sup>r</sup> S<sup>d</sup> ffathers Lands as above Sett out Butted & Bounded) Each unto y<sup>e</sup> others his & y<sup>r</sup> heirs & Assigns To Warrant Secure & for Ever to defend In Wittness whereof they y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes William Rymes & Christopher Rymes have here unto Sett thire hands & Seals y<sup>e</sup> Day & year first above written 1722.

It is further agreed by y<sup>e</sup> afore S<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes y<sup>t</sup> he Quitt Claim to y<sup>e</sup> Land y<sup>e</sup> new part of M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Martins house now Stands upon & Down Easterly So far as y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Mary Martins Land for him his heirs and assigns for Ever—

Sealed & Delivered  
In ¶sence of us  
David Gregory  
Sam<sup>l</sup> M<sup>o</sup>nemarra

Sam<sup>l</sup> Rymes [seal]  
Will<sup>m</sup> Rymes [seal]  
Chris<sup>o</sup> Rymes [seal]

ROBERT ALMARY                      1711/12                      PORTSMOUTH

The Last Will and Testament of Robert Almary of Portsm<sup>o</sup> In the Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> In New England.

I Robert almary being of Sound memory and understanding butt verry Inferm & weake \* \* \*

2 Unto my Beloved wife Hannah Almary I give the free and full use and benefitt of all my dwelling House garden, and previdges thereunto belonging during her widdowhead; I moreover give her all my Household goods linin & plate beds and bedding, money debts bills bond and what ever elce of right belongs to me excepting what is hereafter Excepted which I give unto my beloved Children viz<sup>t</sup> I give unto my beloved Son Jn<sup>o</sup> Almary the sum of ten pounds money.

I give unto my beloved Son Geo: Almary Robert Almary, Hannah Hill, & Rachel Almary five pound each to buy them a mourning Suit I moreover give the Said George Robert, Hannah & Rachell all my dwelling House yard gardin and previdges thereunto belonging Imediatly at there mothers death or if ever she may alter her widdow'd state to be Equally devided between them, to be to them and there heirs for ever.

Finally I make and Constitute my beloved wife Hannah Almary sole Executrix unto this my Last will and Testament; obliging her to pay all my Just Debts and funerall Charges, also to be verry carefull & tender of all my Childrens welfare

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Affixed my Seal y<sup>e</sup> 20 ffeb<sup>r</sup> 1711

Signed Sealed & declared  
in y<sup>e</sup> Presents of  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow  
John Partridge  
Sabina X Lewis marke

his  
Rob<sup>t</sup> X Almary  
Mark

As an Appendix and further Explanation of this my Last will & Testament my will is that if in Case my Daught<sup>r</sup> Hannah Hill should dye before my Grand daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Hill arrives to the

age of Twenty years, that then the Quarter part of y<sup>e</sup> House I within mentioned w<sup>th</sup> I have given her mother shall be her my s<sup>d</sup> grandaught<sup>r</sup> and her own free disposall and benefitt

Witness  
 Sam<sup>n</sup> Penhallow  
 John Partridge  
 her  
 Sabina X Lewis  
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[Proved June 8, 1716.]

EDWARD GOVE

1712

HAMPTON

An agreement made and Concluded betweene Ensigne John gove and Ebenezer gove of hampton in the Province of new Hampshire in New England

These Presents Declaireth and Wittnesseth that whareas our honoured Father Edward gove of hampton in said Province Deceased some Years Since and left his Lands and Estate undisposed of by will and there happening to be many arears and disburstments ariseing to the Lands belonging to our Said father and haveing in some Compitent measure Come to a Settlement thereof wee the Sons and Suckcessers of our S<sup>d</sup> father Viz<sup>t</sup> John gove & Ebenezer Gove to the end wee may Injoy our parts of Land and Propriety to ouer Selves our heirs and Suckcessors w<sup>th</sup>out invading and Intruding or Claimeing of Right of Propriety in one or the others Precinkts wee the said John Gove and Ebenezer Gove are Come to a full and final Agreement w<sup>th</sup> is as followeth; The Said Ebenezer Gove to have the homested whare he now Dwells his Land thereof bounded Easterly on the Cuntry Road that Leadeth from hampton too Salsbury northerly as the fence now Standeth betweene him and his brother John Gove and westerly on Lands of Thomas Chace and Southerly on a Small Peace of Land belonging to the Said Tho: Chace this whomested Containig thirty acres more or Less as it is bounded; as also a lott of

Land Some times John stevens Laid out in a place Com'only Called Halls Farme, Containing foure acres more or Less as it is laid out bounded on Land Some times Andrew Greeles Eastward, and Land of one fellowes westerly it being the fourty fifth Lott in number in that divition as also y<sup>e</sup> said Eben<sup>r</sup> Gove To have Severall two acree Lotts of meddow or marsh Land w<sup>ch</sup> are as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup> In a Place Called Halls farme, two acres of marsh bounded Easterly on marsh of Isach Greene, and westerly on the ends of Severall mens Lotts as of William osgoods m<sup>r</sup> stanyans and other Lotts, also two acres of marsh or meddow bounded w<sup>th</sup> W<sup>m</sup> osgoods Land northerly and abraham greens Southerly w<sup>ch</sup> Lott was Some time John Illslys more or less as it is, as allso a lott of meddow or marsh Containing two acres more or Less Lyeing Something Eastward of the Island Called greenes Island bounded w<sup>th</sup> the Land of abraham greene on the west and Isach greene Easterly and Joseph ffrench Southerly and abraham greene northerly and also a lott of meddow or marsh Containeing two acres more or Less Lyeing in the Said Place Called halls farme bounded northerly on Calib Perkins marsh Isach Greenes Easterly and Southerly John French Westerly, all these Severall Lotts or peaceses of Land as it is herein Specified w<sup>th</sup> all wood under wood Springs, all Proffits and Priviledges thereunto belonging is to the Said Eben<sup>r</sup> Gove To Have and to hold to him his heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> and assignes forever; And all the Rest of the Lands any way belonging to our S<sup>d</sup> Father Edward gove be it airable Lands meddows marshes Pasture Land Com'onages writts and Priviledges under what name or Denomination whatsoever they may be Called, is and Remaine to the Said John gove To have and to hold: to him his heires Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> and assignes w<sup>th</sup> all Profitts Priviledges and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging forever Without any Pretence of Interest title or Claime of what nature soever of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> gove his heires or Suckcessors forever. In Confirmation of all above written in this Said agreement wee doe each for our selves Sett to our hands and fix our Seales this twenty Sixt day of march Anno Domini

one thousand Seaven Hundered and Twelve and in the Eleventh year of our Sovereigne the Lad Ann over great Brittain<sup>e</sup> france and Ire Land Queene Defender of the faith./

Signed & Sealed	John Gove	[sele]
In y <sup>e</sup> Presents of us	Ebenezer Gove	[sele]
Nath <sup>l</sup> Ware Sen <sup>r</sup>		
Iscoc Green		

[Deeds, vol. 8, p. 200.]

WILLIAM HASKINS 1712

[Christian Williams renounces administration on the estate of her former husband, William Haskins, April 10, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 203]

— CASS 1712 HAMPTON

[Jonathan Cass, son of — Cass of Hampton, makes choice of his father, — Cass, as his guardian April 10, 1712; witnesses, Thomas Phipps and Charles Story.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 207.]

TIMOTHY HILLIARD 1712 HAMPTON

In the name of God amen: This 16 Day of aprell 1712 I Timothy Hiliard of Hampton in the provin<sup>e</sup> of New hamshier in New England being Crazey (and not knowing the Day of my death) but of perfect minde and memory, Thanks be to God: \* \* \*

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughtr Elizabeth Shaw all my moveable Estate, Aexcept my plow-tackling which I Reserve to my Executors.

Itim. wheras I have formerly givin one third-part of my homstead to my son Benjamin Hiliard, by Deed of gift, I now give to

him (my sd son) one third part more of my homsted, with two third parts of all my out Lands and Com'ons, with two third parts, of my farm Rights, and Orchard, and two thirds of all my marsh and meddo ground, and all my Dwelling hows, Itim: I give, and bequeath, one third part of all my homsted, upland meddo ground salt marsh and orcherd, with out third part of all my out lands, Com'onidg and farm rites, to my Grandson Benjamin Hiliard when he shall Cum to the age of twnty-one years, and my sd grandson shall have the Liberty to sett a hows over that Celler where my owld hows now stands, (If he pleas) when he shall Cum of age. ferthermore: I order that my abovesd moveables, given to my Daughter Shaw at my Deceas, shall be appraised, and If it shall fall short of sixty pounds, it shall be made up sixty pounds by my sd Son and Grandson, Each according to his propotion, (to say, my son two thirds and my Gan: son one third

I also Constitute make and ordaine; my son Benjamin Hiliard my sole Executor to this my Last will and Testament, and I Doo herby Disallow, Revok and Disan'ull all and Evry other former testaments, wills, Legacies and bequests, and Executors, by me in any ways before named, willed and bequeathed, Retifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and testament, in witnes wherof, I have herunto set my hand and seall the Day and year above written

Signed sealed published and performed and Declared by me Timothy Hilliard as my Last will and testament before us the subscribers

Timothy hillyard [seal]

James Philbrick  
Joseph Philbrick Junr  
Nathan Philbrick

Be it known to all men by these presents that Wheras I Timothy Hilliard of Hampton in the province of New Hamshier in new-

England have made my Last will and testament, as on the other side, bearing Date the 16th Day of aprell 1712, I the said Tim<sup>o</sup> Hiliard, by this present Codicil Doe Ratifie and Confirm my Last will and testament; and Doe give and bequeath unto my wel beloved wife, besde what I have Confirmed to her formerly in an Instrument bearing Date the 20<sup>th</sup> of septemb<sup>r</sup> 1712, Viz that my son Benjamen Hiliard shall give unto mehitobell my beloved wife two Calves with the two Cows mention<sup>d</sup> in the above named Instrument, and shall keep said two Cows and one Calf, for his mother (in law,) winter and sumer so Long as she shall Live in my hous or Remain a widoe, and that my said wife shall have the use of the East End of my house where we now Live, with the Celer under and Chamber over it, during her naturall Life or widoehood and if my sd: wife shall think best to Remove and Live in some other place; she shall have power to Latt out her said hous, only giving my sone Benja: the Refusing of it, my son Benjam<sup>n</sup> shall allso give her his sd mother two good sheets & one good new Bed blanket and one box to put Lining in, and shall find his sd mother with one years provishon after my Deceace and my will and meaning is that this Codicil or schedule be, and be adjudged to be part and percell of my sd Last will and testament and that all things herein mentioned and Contained, be faithfully and truly performed, and as fully and amply in Every Respect, as if the same were so Declared and set Down in my sd Last will and testament, witness my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of January in the year 1720/21

Witnes

Timothy X Hiliards mark

Ephram marston

Jm<sup>s</sup> Philbrick

[Proved Dec. 4, 1723.]

[Inventory, signed by Nathaniel Weare and Joshua Wingate; amount, £805.0.0; attested by Benjamin Hilliard, executor, March 4, 1723/4.]



THOMAS CHASE

1712

HAMPTON

In the Name of god Amen

I Thomas Chace of hampton in the province of Newhampshier in newengland beinge aged & weke of body \* \* \*

Itim I give & bequeth to my brother Joseph Chace my right in a pece of medow lyinge neare the widow bristors lot Comonly So Called my right beinge one halfe of that pece of medow the other halfe beinge my sd brothers alreedy all my right & intrest in that pece of medow bee it more or less I give to my sd brother Joseph

2<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeth to my brother Isaac Chace four pounds in good marchanteble pay to bee payd at Currant prize, to bee payd to him, by my brother Jacob garland within the space & time of four years after my deases if hee the sd garland intend to have the pece of march heare after mentioned

3<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeth to my sd brother Jacob garland upon Condition that hee payeth the aforsd four pounds to my brother Isaac Chace not elce: a Certaine pece of Salt march, beinge in the townshipe of hampton lyinge not farr from burch Iland So Called which Sd march hee the sd garland has had the use & Improvment thereof a Considerable time alreedy, the sd march lyinge on the north or northerly sid of a great Crike runinge westerly in the march it beinge part of my nine acers as I Comonly Called it,

4<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeth to mary Chace the daughter of James Chace one Cow

5<sup>ly</sup> I give to the widow Duglis & her daughter mary Duglis duringe theier Naturell life the Sumeringe of one Cow in my pastuer every Sumer so longe as they or ether of them live in the house where they now dwell neare my house not Elce/

6<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeth to my Cousen Abigall Chace the daughter of my brother James Chace & now widow & relect of John Chace deasesed all my moveble Estatt that is to Say my Stoke of Cattell of what natuer So ever & goods & utencills in the house to her & her heiers for ever, Also I give unto the sd Abigall

Chace the use improvment & benefitt of the one halfe of all my housinge & orchard lands & medows not other ways disposed of duringe her Naturall life if Shee remains a widow & also the use improvement & benefitt of the other halfe of all my housinge orchard medows pasturs & all my lands, untill her sons Jonathan Elihu & John Chace Come to the age of twenty one years to whome I give it as is heare after exprest:

7<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeth to the sons of John & abigall Chace namely Jonathan Elihu & John, all my housinge orchard lands eareble pastuer medows marchis & all rightes of Comonage all lands of what Natuer Soever not otherwise disposed of by this my will to them & theier heiery for ever which are lawfully begoten of their owne body to be equely devided betwne them that is to Say: they are to recive the one halfe of my sd lands when they Come to the age of twenty one years & the other halfe at the deases of their mother Abigall Chace, if shee remaine a widow duringe her Naturall life if shee hapen to marry, her Children (viz) Jonathen Elihu & John to recive & enter upon the whole of the lands at the age of twenty one years & thaier mother abigall Chace to have the use & benefitt of sd lands untill that time as is before exprest And my will is that no part of my sd lands Shall be Sold, but it Shall remaine to the sd Jonathan Elihu & John to them and their heiery lawfully begotton of their owne body for ever equely to bee devided betwne them as aforsd & if eather of them hapen to dye before he has any heier lawfully begotton as aforsd then to bee equely devided betwne the other two & if two of them dye before he has any heier lawfull begotton as aforsd, then to bee unto him that is livinge & his heiery lawfully begotton as aforsaied, and if hee dye without heiery as aforsd then my will is it shall bee & returne to the Eldest daughter or daughters of the sd abigall Chace that shall bee then livinge, but if all her sons & daughters dye without heiery as aforsd, my will is that it Shall bee & remaine unto my brother Isacc Chaces Eldest Son that shall bee then livinge which in that Case Shall bee my proper heier

8<sup>ly</sup> whereas I have Sold a pece of land to moses Norrice of

exeter & upon failluer of payment there is a forfittuer my will is that if the sd norrice shall & doe within a yeaere after my deseas pay the mony accordinge to Condition mentioned in his sd deed then the land to bee & remaine to the sd norrice, but if hee doe not pay the mony the sd land is to bee returned acordinge to Condition Specified in Sd deed & then my will is that the land Shall bee equelly devided betwene the two daughters of Abigall Chace which shee had by her husband John Chace deasesed Namly Elizabeth & hanah Chace Shall have but if the mony bee paid by the sd norrice to the excetrix or executor to this my will that they or either of them Shall have liberty at the age of fourteene years to make Choice of theier gardien : who may demand & recive the mony of the executor or exsekitrix & improve it to the best advantige hee Can till thay Come to the age of aighteen years & then deliver it with what profit Shall bee to the two daughters Namly Elizabeth & hanah Chace & if ether of them die before they recive thier part of the mony then the other livinge to recive the whole

Item I give & bequeth to Henry williams & to Christian his now wife a small pece of land where the sd williams his house now Standeth of about fouer rod squire bounded easterly on the Contry road northerly on the fence by the metinge house yard westerly toward the house where Sarah downer dwelt, Southerly to Ephrim Hoitts fence So as there bee a Convenent way left to the well : & so to the house where Sarah downer somtims dwelt & after the deasese of sd henry williams & Christian his wife I give it to the daughter of sd williams wife Namly lidia haskins & if Shee dye without havinge any Child then to the next of sd Christians children that Shall bee proper heier

Item I make Constitutt & apoint my well beloved Cousan Abigall Chace widow & relect of John Chace deasesed my true & lawfull Exckitrix to this my last will & testament but if shee shall see Cause not to except thereof then I make ordaine & apoint Captin Jacob greene to bee my true & lawfull executor ; to this my last will, but if hee shall See Cause not to except thereof, my

will is that the Judge of the probat of wills doe apoint an executor, or over seare to see this my will performed untill the Son of the sd abigall Chace now widow, Shall arive to the age of twenty one years who at that age I make Constitutt & apoint him my true & lawfull executor my meaninge is the eldest of the Sons of the sd Abigall Chace that are now livinge & if hee dye before hee Come to the age of twenty on years of age then his brother that Shall first bee of the age of twenty on years to bee executor to this my last will

the lyne & two halfe lyns oblittereted on the other page was before the Signinge and Seallinge heareof signed & sealed this twenty sixth day of apriell Ano: Dom: one thousand Seven hundred & twelve and in the eleventh yeare of her majestys reigne the lady Ann over great Brittin queen &c

Witness

Tho Chase [seal]

Nath<sup>l</sup> Weare Jun<sup>r</sup>

John Gove S<sup>r</sup>

Tho Waite

[Proved Dec. 8, 1714.]

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Chase, who died Oct. 23, 1714; taken Nov. 8, 1714; amount, £837.10.0; signed by Nathaniel Weare, Jr., and John Gove.]

THOMAS PHILBRICK 1712

KINGSTON

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Philbrick of Kingston, yeoman, granted to his widow, Mehitable Philbrick, June 6, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 92.]

[Bond of Mehitable Philbrick, widow, with Lieut. James Philbrick and John Redman as sureties, in the sum of £200, Sept. 24, 1712, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Thomas Philbrick of Kingston; witnesses, Joseph Smith and Ephraim Marston.]

[Warrant, Sept 24, 1712, authorizing Ebenezer Stevens and Thomas Sleeper, both of Kingston, to appraise the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 243.]

[Warrant, Dec. 6, 1712, authorizing Major Joseph Smith and Capt. Joshua Wingate, both of Hampton, to receive claims against the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 241.]

[Inventory, Oct. 8, 1712; amount, £141.11.0; signed by Ebenezer Stevens and Thomas Sleeper.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 247.]

[License, Aug. 14, 1713, to the administratrix to sell real estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 251.]

[Various accounts, notes, etc., containing signatures of Joseph Russell, Samuel Rollins, Bartholomew Thing, and Philip Greeley. Mentions a wife, son, and daughter.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 245, 249, 251.]

## STEPHEN GILMAN

1712

## KINGSTON

[Bond of Cartee Gilman of Exeter, with Clement Moody of Exeter and Bartholomew Thing of Portsmouth, shipwright, as sureties, July 7, 1712, in the sum of £200, for the administration of the estate of Stephen Gilman of Kingston; witnesses, Richard Wibird and Charles Story.]

[Warrant, July 13, 1712, authorizing Capt. Nicholas Gilman and Samuel Thing, both of Exeter, to receive claims against the estate of Stephen Gilman, administration of which is granted to his brother, Cartee Gilman.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 275.]

[Warrant, July 16, 1712, authorizing John Fifield and Joseph Young, both of Kingston, yeomen, to appraise the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 281.]

[Inventory, Oct. 3, 1712; amount, £153.16.0; signed by John Fifield and Joseph Young.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 283.]

[List of claims against the estate, Oct. 6, 1712; amount, £25.9.6; signed by Samuel Thing and Nicholas Gilman.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 285.]

[Various bills, etc., containing signatures of Thomas Webster, Francis Mason, Charles Rundlett, James Dudley, Bartholomew Thing, Daniel Ladd, Samuel Thing, William Long, Tristram Sanborn, Thomas Sleeper, and Joseph Brown.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 287-291.]

ISAAC TRICKEY

1712

DOVER

[Warrant, Aug. 4, 1712, authorizing John Dam and John Downing, both of Dover, to appraise the estate of Isaac Trickey.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 255.]

[Administration on the estate of Isaac Trickey of Dover granted to his son, John Trickey of Dover, yeoman, Aug. 13, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 277.]

[Bond of John Trickey of Dover, yeoman, with Samuel Shackford and John Shackford, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, in the sum of £200, Aug. 13, 1712, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Samuel Ring and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, Sept. 16, 1712; amount, £99.12.2; signed by John Dam and John Downing, Jr.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 259.]

[Warrant, Oct. 30, 1712, authorizing Thomas Phipps and William Fellows to receive claims against the estate.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £123.10.8; signed by Thomas Phipps and William Fellows; allowed July 2, 1714; mentions Thomas Trickey, son of Isaac Trickey.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 9.]

[Administrator's account against the estate; amount, £15.12.4; allowed July 2, 1714.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 17.]

[Settlement of the estate as insolvent, April 10, 1717; amount of inventory, £99.12.2; administrator's account, £16.15.4; net estate, £82.16.10; debts due from the estate, £123.10.8.]

[Various bonds, notes, and accounts, containing signatures of Isaac Trickey, Richard Gerrish, Richard Webber, William Pitman, George Vaughan, John Pickering, Charles Story, George Jaffrey, James Libby, Mary Martyn, Samuel Fernald, Nathaniel Hill, Thomas Coxill, Nicholas Harrison, James Thomas, John Smith, Robert Elliott, Samuel Penhallow, and Elihu Gunnison.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 13-31.]

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HUMPHREY PERKINS 1712

HAMPTON

[Administration on the estate of Humphrey Perkins of Hampton, yeoman, granted to his widow, Martha Perkins, Sept. 16, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 119.]

[Inventory of the estate of Humphrey Perkins, who died Jan. 7, 1711/12; amount, £174.10.0; taken Sept. 15, 1712; signed by Samuel Marston and John Moulton. On the reverse is written

“Childrens Names Jonathan Perkins, Lydia, Mary, James, Martha, Sarah, Abigail.”]

[Bond of Martha Perkins, widow, with Samuel Marston and John Moulton, as sureties, all of Hampton, in the sum of £500, Sept. 16, 1712, for the administration of the estate; witness, Charles Story.]

[Order of court, March 6, 1713/14, allowing the widow to sell certain real estate for payment of debts and support of herself and two young children.]

[Account of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, £174.10.0; expenditures, £15.7.0; attested by the administratrix March 6, 1714/15.]

[A scrap of paper, on which is written “my youngest Child was borne in march the forth day in the year 1708”.]

[Various documents bearing signatures of Nathaniel Sargent, Joshua Wingate, Jonathan Perkins, Jasper Blake, Samuel Lunt, and Jacob Clifford.]

THOMAS SEWALL

1712

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Sewall granted to his brother, Edward Sewall, and his brother-in-law, Alexander Gordon, both of Exeter, Sept. 19, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 98.]

[Warrant, Dec. 3, 1712, authorizing Alexander Magoon and Cartee Gilman, both of Exeter, yeomen, to appraise the estate of Thomas Sewall of Exeter.]

[Inventory, June 2, 1713; amount, £53.17.0; signed by Alexander Magoon and Cartee Gilman.]



JOHN LEIGHTON

1712

DOVER

Dover in the provence of Newhamshear the 24<sup>th</sup> of the: 7<sup>th</sup> month 1712 John Layton his will and desiear how his estate shall be devided after his desece I give to my son Thomas himself and his ayeares forever my home place with all the priviliges and buldings thareon binding him to let my wife Ellenor have hous rume and fier wood covenant he shall hall the wood to the dor and cut itt fit to put into the fier as long as shee seese fit to live with him on the place with hous roome for her creaturs thomas shall manage the place to the best advantage that he can and he shall give unto his mother in law ellener the six<sup>th</sup> part of the produce of the hole farm the corn husks and the grain the asht and the hay evary yeare year by year as long as she liveth I give to my son John him and hairs forever all my land and marsh up the back river binding him to pay ten shillings every year to his mother in law Ellenor as long as she liveth I give my land att madbary to my Sun James after my funiral charg is payed and severral depts payed my movables shall be equally devided betwene my wife ellenor and my dafter lidia and my son James Sarah hath her porstion allredy in a cow and bead and other things what movables within dors that can be found which my wife ellennor had when wee ware married one with 2 cows and six good sheepe that shall not be rectened in my estate

witnesses

John layton

Joseph Meder

mark

mary X Roalings

her

[Endorsed "not to be recorded."]

[Inventory, April 8, 1718; amount, £524.1.0; signed by Samuel Emerson and Tristram Heard; attested by Thomas Leighton, administrator, June 4, 1718.]

[Administration on the estate of John Leighton of Dover granted to his son, Thomas Leighton of Dover, June 4, 1718.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 31.]

[Blank sheet of paper for bond, signed by Thomas Leighton, Tristram Heard, and James Nute.]

JOSEPH SMITH

1712

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen : I Joseph Smith of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshier in New England : being at this present time in good helth of Body : \* \* \*

Imprimes I Give unto my beloved Wife Elisabeth the Improvement of all my Estate both Real & personall Dureing the time of her Widdowhood : and if She marrey to Injoy one third part dureing her natureall Life & to have my house & homestead in part of her thirds &c—

Item I Give unto my Couson Jabez Smith my second West Division Lott : lying towards y<sup>e</sup> old saw mill Joyning to his lott : & also that piece of Land on y<sup>e</sup> south side tailer River near Israell Cliffards

Item I Give unto my Couson Samuell Pages Eldest son my Dweling house & homestead, & half my marsh at y<sup>e</sup> Clambankes and my share in y<sup>e</sup> Cow Com'on as it now is : the other half of my marsh at the Clambankes I Give to my above named Couson Jabez Smith—

Item I Give unto my Couson Francis Page my lott in y<sup>e</sup> old North division—

Item I Give unto my Couson Joseph page my upland, and meadow in the East field towards y<sup>e</sup> beach.—

Item I Give unto my Couson Jacob Smith my Land at Bridehill : and my share or Lott in y<sup>e</sup> first West Division—

Item I Give unto my Couson Joseph Smith at Dedham my lott in the Second West division next Salsbury

Item I Give unto my Brother in Lawe William Moors Dauter by his first Wife : Called mary moore all y<sup>t</sup> Land which Capt. William moore Gave to my Wife formerly mary moore deceded : and also I Give unto y<sup>e</sup> Said mary moore my above named brother in Law William moores daughter a Gould Ring Which Was her

Grand mothers which is in a box With another Ring which was her own mothers together With some other small things which was her mothers & left in the Care & keeping of her aunt my wife decesed, which my present wife Elisabeth is to Deliver to her father, or her when at age or upon her father wil<sup>m</sup> mores demand

Item I Give nathaniell Locke my oldes fether bed or 40: shilling which he shall chuse to be delivred to him in Convenient time after my decease by my wife

Item my Will & meaning is y<sup>t</sup> what debts, or dues are owing from me before my decease & not by me paid these to whom I have Given my Lands pay them in due time after my decease in Equall proportion as their part of my Lands are apprised: Which if any of them Refuse to doe then what Lands I have Given him, or them to be sold by my Executress and the bequest to them to be voyd

Lastly my will is y<sup>t</sup> what chattels goods or money I have Given to my beloved wife Elisabeth and if shee have not ocation to make use of them in her Life time y<sup>t</sup> shee dispose of What is left among my Kindred as shee shall in prudence thinke meet

and I Doe appoint my beloved Wife Elisabeth Samuell page & Jabez Smith all above named Executors to this my Last Will & testament and in Confirmation hereof I have here unto Sett my hand & Seal this 28: day of october 1712, in y<sup>e</sup> Eleventh yeare of Queen Anne her Reign over Great Brittain &c

Signed Sealed & declared by Joseph Smith [seal]  
Joseph Smith to be his last will  
& testamen in presence of us

Richard Sanburn

John Samborn

Thomas bachelder

July 3<sup>d</sup> 1714. I See good to alter y<sup>t</sup> part of my Will Where I have Given unto Jacob Smith my land at Bridehill I haveing since sold it to Seth fogg & in lew thereof that ten pounds be paid him out of my Estate by executors before Named Within Con-

venient time after my decas & if & alltho this adition be not Witnessed I char[g]e my Executors to see it performed & if any person Contend at law for any other thing then what I have Given them my Will is y<sup>t</sup> the Contending party Shall loose his bequest to be devided Equally among y<sup>e</sup> Rest before named

Joseph Smith

[Proved Feb. 12, 1717/18.]

[Inventory, signed by Joshua Wingate and Peter Johnson; amount, £1034.2.0; attested by Elizabeth Smith and Jabez Smith, executors, March 5, 1717/18.]

[Citation, Oct. 7, 1720, to Capt. Jabez Smith to appear and answer the complaint of Samuel Page that certain articles were not included in the inventory.]

[Citation to Ephraim Jackson of Portsmouth and his wife, Elizabeth Jackson, executrix, Oct. 7, 1720, to appear and answer the complaint of Samuel Page.]

[Statement of Joshua Wingate and Peter Johnson, Dec. 6, 1720, as to the manner of making the inventory.]

m<sup>r</sup> Eph<sup>t</sup> Jackson & wife & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jabez Smith Exec<sup>rs</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> last will & Testam<sup>t</sup> of Joseph Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> appearing at this Court to hear his hon<sup>rs</sup> Decree relating to y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>ts</sup> of Sam<sup>l</sup> Page Exec<sup>r</sup> also to s<sup>d</sup> will ag<sup>st</sup> them as on file & y<sup>e</sup> matter having been considered by the Judge It is order'd that y<sup>e</sup> affair be dismissed for y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Exec<sup>rs</sup> difference who are all residuary Legataries is cognizable only at y<sup>e</sup> Com'on Law

[Probate Minutes, June 7, 1721.]

JOB ALCOCK

1712

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God amen.

I Job Alcock of Portsm<sup>o</sup> In the province of New Hampshire in New England being compleatly in Health \* \* \*

Imprimas I give unto My Cossen John Snell and my Cosen Joseph: Banckes; and my Cosen John Banckes My ffarme at york: to Them and Their: Heairs for Ever allways provided y<sup>t</sup> Richard Millbre hoe now Lives Apon it: shall have y<sup>e</sup> refusing of it as ractionell Men shall Judg: it to be worth

2<sup>d</sup>ly I give: unto Robeart Walker and his wife My house I now Live In: Warfe: and Wear houses with all privileg<sup>s</sup> And Apertenancs ther unto belonginge to him and his Heires for Ever: he paing unto Abiall Hill: twenty five pounds Currant Money of Newingland halfe A year after my Deseas: alsoe I give: unto Abiall hill My great bras: Kittell: and Cubard: A fether bed and Covered:

3<sup>d</sup>ly: I will: y<sup>t</sup>: after my funerall Charges: and Leggises: be paid that what: mony: or Lands Is Left Is to be Equily Devided: betwen my two Execttar:

4<sup>d</sup>ly: I give unto Abigall Walker my Lands In England which was her antes Desire and all my Moveables Not: Mentioned In my Will to her and her Heiar for Ever

5<sup>d</sup>: I will y<sup>t</sup> Marey Wellright and Hanah Littellfield And Samuel Allcock: and Joseph allcock y<sup>t</sup> Thay be paied Twenty Shillings Apes: to be paied In one year: after My Deseas by my Exectuors:

6: I will y<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Hill and Robart Walker b my two Excutors to this my Last will and testement: and allsoe that Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Phipps: and M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Keais be my oversears to see y<sup>e</sup> performenc of This my wille and y<sup>t</sup> Thay be paied twenty Shillings Apeas by my Excutors In mony:

Sined Sealed and delivered In  
y<sup>e</sup> presence of us This 2<sup>d</sup> of De-  
cember: 1712

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Sam<sup>t</sup>: Keais

Job Acock [seal]

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[Proved Jan. 27, 1716/17.]

EDWARD SEWALL

1712

EXETER

[Bond of Sarah Sewall of Exeter, widow, with Daniel Bean and Alexander Gordon, both of Exeter, yeomen, as sureties, in the sum of £200, Dec. 3, 1712, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Edward Sewall of Exeter, yeoman; witness, Stephen England.]

[Warrant, Dec. 3, 1712, authorizing Lieut. John Gilman and Cartee Gilman, both of Exeter, to appraise the estate.]

[Administration on the estate of Edward Sewall granted to his widow, Sarah Sewall, Dec. 6, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 132.]

[Inventory, April 17, 1713; amount, £193.12.6; signed by John Gilman and Cartee Gilman.]

[Edward Sewall, aged about fourteen years, and Sarah Sewall, aged about sixteen years, children of Edward Sewall, make choice of their grandfather, Nicholas Gordon, for their guardian, June 7, 1715.]

[Account of the estate by Samuel Lovering in behalf of his wife, Sarah Lovering, formerly widow of Edward Sewall, 1717.]

[Order of court, 1717, allowing the widow £22.10.10 for her third interest, and Samuel Lovering £47.0.0 for his account for the settlement of the estate; total, £69.10.10; amount of personal property, £67.12.6; the balance, £1.18.4, they relinquish to save the lands from sale.]

[Guardianship of Elizabeth Sewall, daughter of Edward Sewall, granted to her uncle, Alexander Gordon, April 10, 1717.]

[Guardianship of Thomas Sewall and Samuel Sewall, minors, under the age for choosing guardians, sons of Edward Sewall of Exeter, granted to their grandfather, Nicholas Gordon, April 10, 1717.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 52.]

[Bond of Nicholas Gordon of Exeter, yeoman, with Joseph Hall of Exeter, yeoman, and Abraham Bennick of Lubberland as sureties, in the sum of £800, April 10, 1717, for the guardianship of his grandchildren, Thomas Sewall and Samuel Sewall, sons of Edward Sewall; witnesses, Richard Gerrish, Jr., and Alexander Gordon.]

[Various accounts containing signatures of Thomas Webster, John Harris, Israel Murch, John Scribner, John Ladd, Anne Mills, James Dudley, John Light, Tristram Coffin, John Lougee, William Cotton, Stephen England, Deborah Wincoll, Bartholomew Thing, John Brown, John Pratt, John Siverett, Nicholas Mead, John Gilman, and Benjamin Leavitt.]

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MUNGO CRAWFORD 1712

NEWCASTLE

[Letter, Susanna Crawford to Charles Story, dated Boston, Nov. 13, 1712, accepting his and Theodore Atkinson's administration in her behalf.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 205.]

[Administration on the estate of Mungo Crawford granted to Charles Story and Theodore Atkinson, in behalf of the widow, Susanna Crawford of Boston, Mass., Dec. 6, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 203.]

[Bond of Theodore Atkinson of Newcastle and Charles Story of Portsmouth, with Richard Wibird and Benjamin Gambling of Portsmouth as sureties, Dec. 6, 1712, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Joseph Sherburne and Henry Johnson.]

[Inventory of the estate of Mungo Crawford of Newcastle, Dec., 1712; amount, £166.13.8½; signed by Richard Wibird and John Frost.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 225.]

[List of claims against the estate, April 9, 1714; amount, £400.9.5.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 215.]

[Division of the estate of Mungo Crawford of Newcastle, merchant, under the administration of Theodore Atkinson and Susannah Story, widow of Charles Story; amount of estate, £228.18.6; claims allowed against the estate, £400.9.5; charges of administration, £55.12.2; allowed May 3, 1716.]

[Various accounts, notes, bills, etc., containing signatures of George Vaughan, Thomas Phipps, Daniel Johonnot, John Light, Abraham Merrill, William Ayers, Catherine Weymouth, Charles Story, Joshua Henshaw, Samuel Penhallow, Mungo Crawford, Benjamin Gambling, John Frost, Theodore Atkinson, Joseph Calender, Samuel Lynde, James Lendall, Jeremiah Dummer, John Cutt, John Walley, Paul Dudley, Timothy Davis, Jr., Samuel Wentworth, Isaac Addington, Thomas Newton, Charles Hobby, Penn Townsend, and Alexander Miller.]

[Various bills, notes, bonds, etc., containing signatures of John Cotton, William Fellows, James Sinclair, Thomas Webster, John Gilman, William Kelly, John Giles, George Peream, John Pitts, Mungo Crawford, Robert Armstrong, Susanna Ellison, Thomas Bannister, Paul Dudley, Oliver Welsted, Jeremiah Dummer, Jonathan Hilton, Joseph Jacob, Charles Frost, Clement Hughes, Richard Wibird, Thomas Packer, Enoch Hobart, Peter Reverdy, John Heath, and Thomas Phipps.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 205-231.]

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EDWARD KENNARD

1712

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Edward Kennard granted to his son, John Kennard of Portsmouth, mariner, Dec. 6, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 264.]



[Bond, in blank, signed by John Kennard, Charles Story, and Joshua Peirce; witnesses, Robert Armstrong and Edward Sargent.]

[Warrant, Dec. 6, 1712, authorizing Mark Hunking and Thomas Phipps, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 269.]

[Inventory, signed by Mark Hunking and Thomas Phipps; amount, £130.0.0.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 271.]

WILLIAM MORGAN 1712

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of William Morgan of Exeter granted to Edward Masury of Exeter, yeoman, and his wife, Abiel Masury, formerly widow of the deceased, Dec. 9, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 141.]

[Bond of Edward Masury, with Benjamin Jones and Charles Rundlet, as sureties, all of Exeter, in the sum of £400, Dec. 9, 1712, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, William Fellows and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, Feb. 6, 1712/13; amount, £34.0.0; signed by James Sinclair and Benjamin Jones.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 247.]

RICHARD SHORTRIDGE 1712

PORTSMOUTH

[Warrant, Dec. 19, 1712, authorizing Mark Hunking and George Walker, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate of Richard Shortridge of Portsmouth, administration of which is granted to his widow, Alice Shortridge.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 265.]

[Administration on the estate of Richard Shortridge of Portsmouth, mariner, granted to his widow, Alice Shortridge, Dec. 22, 1712.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 267.]

[Inventory, Dec. 23, 1712; amount, £114.8.6.; signed by Mark Hunking and George Walker.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 267.]

THOMAS JONES

1712/13

NEWCASTLE

The deposition of John Russel of full age Testifieth and Saith That The Seventeenth Day of This Instant January That: he was att The: house of Shadrack Bells where Thomas Jones Lay Sick and The said John: Russel asked The said Thomas Jones whome: He intended to leave: his estate To and He answered That thay that did most for Him should have it and farther saith not—

Pro: N: Hamp<sup>r</sup>

Sworne the 23<sup>d</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1712

before Theo: Atkinson J: Peace

The: deposition of m<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Reed of full age Testifieth: and Saith That The sixtenth of This Instant January: That she: was: att The house of Shadrak Bells: whare: Thomas Jones: lay Sick and she: The said Sarah: Reed Asked The Said Thomas: Jones and Advised him To make: his Peace: with God and also to settel: his Esstate And he answered and Said Thay That looked after Him should: have it and farther saith not—

Pro: N: Hamp<sup>r</sup>

Sworne the 23 Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1712

before Theo: Atkinson J: Peace

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Jones of Newcastle granted to Shadrach Bell of Newcastle, fisherman, Jan. 23, 1712/13.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 109.]

[Bond of Shadrach Bell, with Meshech Bell and Thomas Paine as sureties, in the sum of £50, Jan. 23, 1712/13, for the administration of the estate; witness, J. Bridger.]

[Inventory, Jan. 29, 1712/13; amount, £25.5.0; signed by Andrew Peppereil and Thomas Paine.]

[Various accounts, containing signatures of Timothy Davis, Theodore Atkinson, Honor Bryant, Thomas Paine, Matthew Williams, and Sarah Reed.]

ISAAC GREEN

1712/13

HAMPTON

In the name of God amen y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of feberuary 17<sup>12</sup> I Isaac Green of Hamton in new hamshier in New England laborer being weak in body \* \* \*

Impri<sup>s</sup>: I give & bequath unt Mary Green My dearly beloved wife all my housing stock of cattle money debts houshold goods & all moveable estate to be at her own dispose to her & her heirs for ever excepting my iron chains w<sup>ch</sup> my will is they should be devided between my two sones namely Jacob & Isaac Green w<sup>ch</sup> Isaac shall divide & Jacob chuse also I give unto my s<sup>d</sup> wife the whole improvement & use of all my real estate both lands & Marsh with all the appurtenances during her widowhood—

2<sup>ly</sup> I give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mehetabell Page the one half of a six acre lot of salt Marsh lying in Salisbury Cow Common division near the long pines so called w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of Jacob Bradbury—

3<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my beloved sone Jacob Green all the rest of my Marsh lying southerly of Andrew Grelys Mill in y<sup>e</sup> township of Salisbury as also the one half of two lotts of marsh w<sup>ch</sup> is between my brother Abraham Green & myself w<sup>ch</sup> is yet undivided as also thre Acres of Marsh contain<sup>d</sup> on two small Islands a little northerly of s<sup>d</sup> Greelys Mill as also a lot called y<sup>e</sup> ponde Lot together with all my land at a place called high spaín butting

upon y<sup>e</sup> road leading to Exeter all w<sup>ch</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Marsh & land my s<sup>d</sup> sone is to be posses<sup>t</sup> of at my Wifes decease or as soon as she shall be Married again—

4<sup>ly</sup> I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Isaac Green all the rest of my land & marsh which I have in Hamton or else where not before disposed of (except my common Right in hamton w<sup>ch</sup> my will is it be devided betwixt my s<sup>d</sup> sones w<sup>ch</sup> Isaac shall devide & Jacob chuse if ever it be laid out) & my s<sup>d</sup> sone Isaac shall possess y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> land & marsh at my s<sup>d</sup> wifes decease or as soon as she shall marry again—

5<sup>ly</sup> My will is that my son Isaac shall pay as a legacy thirty pounds in or as money to my beloved daughter Mary Green when she comes to the age of twenty one years & also twenty pounds in or as money to my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter Mehetabel Pages four Children which she had by her husband dow five pound to each Child when they come to the age of twenty one years

Item. I make Constitute & ordain my loving wife Mary Green my sole Executrix of this my last will & testament & I do hereby utterly disalow revoke & disanull all & every other former testament by me in any wise before named willed & bequeathed, Rati-fying & Confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament in witness wherof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above written—

Signed sealed published pro-nounced & declared by the s<sup>d</sup> Isaac Green as his last will & tes-tament in presence of us the sub-scribers

Isaac Green [seal]

Jacob Bradbury  
Thomas Crosbie  
deborah Crosby

[Proved June 6, 1716.]

[Inventory, May 25, 1716; amount, £761.17.0; signed by Benjamin Brown and Thomas Crosby.]

## THOMAS ROUSE                      1712/13                      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Rouse granted to his widow, Rebecca Rouse, March 6, 1712/13.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 279.]

[Bond, in blank, signed by Rebecca Rouse and Anthony Rowe; witness, George Vaughan.]

[Warrant, May 22, 1713, authorizing William Walker and John Savage to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, signed by Benjamin Gambling and William Walker; amount, £106.4.0; attested June 2, 1713.]

## SAMUEL WENTWORTH JR.    1712/13    BOSTON MASS.

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Wentworth, Jr., granted to his father, Samuel Wentworth of Boston, Mass., merchant, March 6, 1712/13.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 136.]

[Warrant, Feb. 16, 1715/16, authorizing Capt. Nicholas Gilman and Sergt. Samuel Dudley, both of Exeter, to appraise the New Hampshire estate of Samuel Wentworth, Jr., of Boston, Mass., merchant.]

[Inventory, March, 1715/16, signed by Nicholas Gilman and Samuel Dudley. The estate is "one hundred & thirty acres of land lying in Quanscot patent given him by his Granfather M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Wiggin Deceast," valued at £130.]

THEOPHILUS DUDLEY 1713

EXETER

In the Name of God Amen the Eight day of april in the year of our lord : one Thousand Seven hundred & Thirteen I Theophilus Dudley of Exeter in the Province of New Hampshir in New England gentleman being very Sick and weak in body \* \* \*

Item I Give unto my well beloved Brother : Biley Dudley whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my only & : Sole Executor of this my last will & Testament : all my : moveable Estate : & all my moneys : and my house : & orchyard with about a acre of land to him and his wife forever to be at their own Dispose : Item I give unto my Brother Biley Dudly two Thirds of all my lands and medow Lying Between the Larys land & Staynels Brook : below the way within fences and the other third part of y<sup>e</sup> said land & medow unto my Sister hardy during their Natural life : and after the decease of my Brother biley on third part of his two thirds unto my Cousen Stephen Lyford and the other third part unto my Cousen Theophilus Hardy : and after y<sup>e</sup> decease of my sister Hardy her third part I give unto my said Cousen Theophtlis Hardy : to be by : them possessed and Enjoyed : Item I give unto my Brother Thomas dudley and to my sister Lyfords three youngest Daughters & to my cousen Marcey Hilton my hundred acres of land at the head of brayes lot above Jeremiah Gillmans to be Equally Divied amongst them five : Iten I give unto my cousens Theophilus Hardy & Stephen Lyford my fifty acre of land at the head of Kingsley Hall hundred acre lot to be Equally devided amongst them and do hereby utterly Disallow revoke & Disannul all and Every other former wills testaments and lagacies bequeasts and Executors by me in any wayes before this time named willed and bequeathed ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will & Testament : In witnese whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seale the day and year above written.

litem I give unto my cousens Theophilus Hardy and Stephen Lyford my lands above the way between the larys & Stanyels

Brooke Joyning to said way to be Equally devided amongst them both being about fourteen acres :

Signed Sealed Published Pro-      Theophilus Dudley [seal]  
nounced and declared by the  
said Theophilus Dudley as his  
last will and Testament in the  
presences of us the Subscribers  
viz<sup>t</sup>

Thom<sup>s</sup> Webster ju<sup>r</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Dudley

Joseph sinkler

[Proved June 3, 1713.]

MATTHEW NELSON      1713      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Matthew Nelson of Portsmouth, tanner, granted to his widow, Agnes Nelson, April 11, 1713.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 116.]

[Bond of Agnes Nelson, widow, with Thomas Westbrook and Nathaniel Tuckerman as sureties, in the sum of £500, April 11, 1713, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, John Peverly, Matthew Nelson, and John Edmunds.]

[Inventory of the estate; amount, £1163.13.0; signed by Thomas Westbrook and Henry Sherburne.]

[Account of the administration of the estate; amount of estate, not including homestead, £222.14.0; expended, £279.14.4.]

[Order for the division of the estate, Sept. 19, 1715, "that the Widdow have one thurd p<sup>t</sup> of both Real and personal Estate during her natural life and that the other two thurds be Equally devided amongst the Children the Eldest haveing two Sheirs Save only that the two thurds partes of the Land be devided In Seven Sheires amongst the Six Sons they giving Security to pay there

Sisters Each there proportions of S<sup>d</sup> Land when they come to Age or marry." Capt. Tobias Langdon and Capt. Thomas Westbrook, both of Portsmouth, are appointed to divide the estate.]

[License, June 6, 1716, to Agnes Nelson, administratrix, to sell real estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 1.]

Mem<sup>d</sup> to write a new order for y<sup>e</sup> Division of Matthew Nelsons Estate & to date it 7 years backward

Nath<sup>n</sup> Tuckerman appointed Guardian to mark Nelson & to W<sup>m</sup> Nelson if he s<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> desire it he being of age to chuse his Guardian

[Probate Minutes, March 8, 1720/1.]

W<sup>as</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Westbrook & Cap<sup>t</sup> Langdon were impowered to make a Devison of m<sup>r</sup> Mathew Nelson Dec<sup>d</sup> his Estate but they not perfecting the Same it is therefore authoriz'd that m<sup>r</sup> James Jeffrey be Joined w<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Langdon to finish s<sup>d</sup> Division

W<sup>m</sup> & mark Nelson having chosen Nath<sup>n</sup> Tuckerman their Guardian it is allow'd by y<sup>e</sup> Judge

[Probate Minutes, March 6, 1722/3.]

HENRY NOCK

1713

DOVER.

In the Name of god, Amen, the Twentie third Day of may, 1713: I Henry Nock of Dover in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshier Weaver; being very Sick and Weak in Body \* \* \*

Imprimis I Give and bequeath to Sarah my Dearly beloved Wife Whome I Likewise Constitute make and ordain my sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, all and singular my Lands, Messuages and Tenements by her freely to be possessed and Enjoyed

Item I give and be queth to my Brother Sillvenas Nock my half partt of a Cross Cutt saw and a pair of chisels



nextly I give and bequeth to my Cousen silvenas Nock a great Coat and my Broad Ax—

Item I give and bequeath to my Cousen Thomas Nock my Beast Hatt—

Nextly I give and bequeath to my Cousen Zachariah Nock my best Gunn—

And I Do hereby utterly Disallow, Revoke and Disannul all and every other former Testimants, Wills Legacies and Bequests and executors, by me in any wais before Named, Willed, and bequethed Rattifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament: In Wittness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and Seal the Day and year above Written

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 nounced and Declared by the said  
 Henry Nock, as his Last will and  
 testament in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of us the  
 Subscribers

Samuell Tebets sen<sup>r</sup>

Benjamin Peirce

[Proved March 2, 1713/14.]

[Inventory, May 19, 1714; amount, £180.6.3; signed by Silvanus Nock and Samuel Tibbetts.]

JOHN LOWE

1713

PORTSMOUTH

[Bond of Joanna Lowe, widow, with William Fellows, vintner, and Samuel Hart, smith, as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £1000, June 11, 1713, for the administration of the estate of her husband, John Lowe of Portsmouth; witnesses, Richard Wibird and Charles Story.]

[Administration on the estate of John Lowe of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Joanna Lowe, June 14, 1713.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 112.]

[Inventory, July 22, 1713; amount, £593.5.0; signed by William Fellows, Samuel Hart, and Michael Whidden.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £151.13.11.

“The deceased John low: departed this life: on May y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1713:

“The names of his Children and thare Ages when he dyed are as followeth:

“Sarah Low 11 year and 3 mounths

“Mary D<sup>o</sup> 9 year & : 1 Mounth

“John : D<sup>o</sup> 6 year & : 8 mounths

“Johanah D<sup>o</sup> 4 : year & : 3 Mounths

“Nathaniell D<sup>o</sup> 1 year & : 1 Mounth”]

WILLIAM HOSKINS

1713

NEWCASTLE

[Administration on the estate of William Hoskins of Newcastle granted to James Chaddock and his wife, Rachel Chaddock, daughter of the deceased, June 15, 1713.]

[Bond of James Chaddock of Newcastle, weaver, with Timothy Davis of Portsmouth, joiner, as surety, June 15, 1713, for the administration of the estate of William Hoskins, joiner; witness, Charles Story.]

[Warrant, June 15, 1713, authorizing George Walton and John Searle, both of Newcastle, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, June 16, 1713; amount, £6.0.0; signed by George Walton and John Searle.]

JOHN FROST

1713

STAR ISLAND

In The Name of God Amen I John ffrost of Starr island in y<sup>e</sup> Province of N: Hampshire ffisherman \* \* \*

Imprimis I Give & Bequeath unto my Dear & Loving Wife

Sarah ffrost during her Naturall Life if shee dye my widdow y<sup>e</sup> free & Sole use Income benefitts & profits of All & Singular my Estate as well reall as p<sup>r</sup>sonall on this Island & Elsewhere but if it so happen that shee Marry my Will is that my Execut<sup>r</sup> pay her forty pounds Viz twenty pounds in household Stuff Such as Shee Shall chose & twenty pounds in Mony & my Will is that if my Sd wife dye my widdow that her funerall Charges be Defrayed out of my Estate

Item I Give & bequeath unto John ffrost y<sup>e</sup> Son of my Eldest Son Jn<sup>o</sup> Deceas<sup>d</sup> all that my Land at Bricksum that was my ffathers & Allso a peece of salt Marish Lying in York Marishes Next to m<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Daniells to him y<sup>e</sup> Sd Jn<sup>o</sup> & y<sup>e</sup> heires of his body Lawfully begotten for Ever & in Case of failure of Such Issue y<sup>e</sup> Sd Land & Marish to bee Equally Devided between all my other children

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Sam<sup>l</sup> his Heires & Assignes for Ever after y<sup>e</sup> decease or Marriage of my Sd wife y<sup>e</sup> one half of my now dwelling house & y<sup>e</sup> garden adjoining thereunto

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Ithamer and y<sup>e</sup> heires of his body for Ever y<sup>e</sup> other half of my Sd House & Garden Adjoyning to bee Equally between them at y<sup>e</sup> Time aforesd.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Deare & Loving wife all my household Stuff of what nature or kind Soever to be disposed off as shee shall see meet at her Decease

Item I Give & Bequeath all y<sup>e</sup> remaining part of my Estate not hereby Disposed of having given my Son in Law William ffox a Deed of Gift of y<sup>e</sup> Land that his house stands on : Viz my land in Yorke & Elsewhere & all & singular my Stages Stage rooms, boat if any bee morings moring places flakes flakrooms that was formerly m<sup>r</sup>.Phebeans that I bought of Capt: Jn<sup>o</sup> Lane together with all & Singular y<sup>e</sup> rights priviledges appertences belonging to y<sup>e</sup> fishery & fishing places to bee Equally Divided between my Sd Two sons & Sd Son in Law to them & to their Heires & Assignes for Ever my son Ita mars part & Interest therein to bee to y<sup>e</sup> heires of his body for Ever only & as for

y<sup>e</sup> division of y<sup>e</sup> flak room my Will is that William ffox have his part next Capt Diamonds Dec<sup>d</sup> & So a third part of y<sup>e</sup> bredth from Sd Diamond to Jn<sup>o</sup> Muchemores & I Doe appoint my Son Sam<sup>l</sup>. ffrost my Sole Executor of this my last will & testament hereby disannulling all other in wittness & Confirmation hereof I have here unto Sett my hand & Seale y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> of June Anno Dom: 1713

Signed Sealed & Declared by  
Sd Jn<sup>o</sup> ffrost to bee his last Will  
& Testament in presence of  
Nathaneil Lord

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John X ffrost [seal]

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Eliz X Cruz  
J Haniford

[Proved March 7, 1718/19.]

[Inventory, May 19, 1719; amount, £470.4.6, and 332 ounces of silver money; signed by Nathaniel Lord and Joshua Moody.]

FRANCIS JONES

1713

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of god Amen

I ffancis Jones beeing very agged and weak \* \* \*

Item I give unto my beloved wife Susanah all my Estate both houses Lands feilds orchards wood Cattell or goods Untisiles Beds Pewter Brass or Iron or what ever thing or things were or accounted or acknowledged mine in my life tyme Item I give unto my beloved son Abraham Jones all those things expressed that I have given unto my beloved wife Susanah Imediately after her deceas: I also order and appoynt my son Abraham att his Mother decease: to pay unto My Daugh<sup>t</sup> Abig<sup>l</sup> Banfeild five pounds in cash And also my Sd Son to pay unto Sam<sup>l</sup> Widdon Junior his wife Sarah five pound In cash and furthermore I appoynt and order that my Sd Son shall give unto my Daug<sup>t</sup> Mary Jones seven pound in cash and one acre of Land Lying Next to John

Lang and Six appletrees wich Six appeltrees shall remaine in her posesion Six years and then to return againe to my Son Abraham And further I order that my son Abraham shall have full Six mounths tyme after after our decease, To pay all those for mentioned Legacies And further I appoynt my wife to bee whole and Sole Exetrix : of this my Last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> I order allso the moveables wich then shall bee left shall bee given unto my Daug<sup>ht</sup> Mary after our decease as Wittneseth my hand and Seale this twenty Second of Aug<sup>st</sup> 1713 : Sign<sup>d</sup> Sealed and delliver<sup>d</sup> in Presence of us

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Sam <sup>l</sup> Swan	Francis X Jones & seale [seal]
John Cutt	marke
Jacob Lavers	
[Proved May 7, 1718.]	

[Petition of Hugh Banfield, John Savage, and Edward Phillips, sons-in-law of Francis Jones; for leave to appear and show cause why the will should not be allowed.]

[Administration on the estate of Francis Jones granted to his son, Abraham Jones of Portsmouth, May 7, 1718, the widow, Susanna Jones, named executrix in the will, having died.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 166.]

[Bond, in blank, signed by Abraham Jones, Jacob Lavers, and Samuel Clark; witnesses, Benjamin Gambling and Mary Gambling.]

[Inventory, Aug. 2, 1718; amount, £226.16.0: signed by Ephraim Jackson and Samuel Manson.]

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JOSEPH TRICKEY

1713

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Trickey granted to his widow, Rebecca Trickey, Sept. 1, 1713.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 272.]

[Bond, in blank, of Rebecca Trickey of Dover, widow of Joseph Trickey of Dover, shipwright, with Jacob Lavers, cordwainer, and Samuel Shackford, blockmaker, both of Portsmouth, as sureties; witnesses, Mary Palmer, R. Gerrish, Jr., and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, June 2, 1714: amount, £60: signed by Nathaniel Hill and Benjamin Bickford; attested by Rebecca Downing, administratrix, formerly widow of Joseph Trickey, Oct. 21, 1714.]

[List of claims against the estate, Aug. 9, 1714; amount, £246.16.8; signed by Samuel Hart and Thomas Peirce.]

[Account of the administratrix, Rebecca Downing, wife of Joshua Downing, against the estate; amount, £7.18.6.]

[Division of the estate, allowed April 10, 1717; due from the estate, £243.16.8; net estate, £53.15.8.]

[Various notes and accounts, containing signatures of William Vaughan, Joseph Trickey, John Barsham, John Light, Nathaniel Fryer, Isaac Boodey, Nicholas Haskins, Eleanor Vaughan, Benjamin Morse, William Allen, Thomas Follansbee, Joseph Woodbridge, James Leavitt, Sarah Partridge, John Partridge, Elias Brodhead, Mary Partridge, Samuel Keais, William Partridge, Jr., Sarah Fernside, John Norris, John Twombly, Edward Allen, Joshua Fryer, Freeman Clark, John Kelly, Elisha Briard, Samuel Penhallow, John Plaisted, and Theodore Atkinson.

In these are mentioned Elizabeth, widow of William Pitman of Portsmouth, June 1, 1714; Sarah Foss, formerly Sarah Fernside, May 25, 1714; William Partridge, Jr., son of Nehemiah Partridge, May 24, 1714; Dodavah Hull, son of Reuben Hull, June 3, 1714; Ephraim Trickey, deceased, brother of Joseph Trickey, Jan. 10, 1714/15.]

HUMPHREY VARNEY . 1713

DOVER

In the Name of God amen. the seventeenth day of the Seventh Month one thousand Seven hundred and thirteen I Umphrey

Varney of the Town of Dover in the province of New Hampshire in New England yeoman being weak in body \* \* \*

I give and bequeath unto Sarah my dearly beloved wife the thirds of the purchase of all my Lands to be yearly paid to Her by my Executor after my decease or as they shall agree.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sonn Ebenezer Varney Six Shill— to be paid by my Exec<sup>r</sup> after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Abigail Brackston one cow to be paid by my Exec<sup>o</sup> after my decease.

And in Consideration that my Sonn peter Varney have taken care of me in my Old age, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Sonn peter Varney whom I likewise Constitute make and ordaine my Onely and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament all and Singuler my Lands Messages and Tenements by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed, an alsoe all Houson an Moveable goods both without Door and within, and all the Estate that is mine of All Sorts whatsoever that is found to be mine I give unto my Sonn peter by him Freely to be possessd and Injoyed and I doe hereby Utterly disallow, revoke, and disannull all and Every other former Testaments, Wills, legacyes, Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before this time Named, Willed and bequeathed Ratifieing and confirming this and noe other to be my last will & Testament. In Wittness whereof I have here unto Sett my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and published      Humphrey Varney [seal]  
and declared by the Said Humphrey Varney as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

Joseph Hanson  
Edward Whitehouse }  
John Bampton

[Proved June 2, 1714.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 277.]

AARON MOSES

1713

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Aaron Moses of Portsmouth, yeoman, granted to his widow, Mary Moses, Nov. 21, 1713.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 137.]

[Bond of Mary Moses, widow, with John Abbott and John Leach as sureties, in the sum of £500, Nov. 21, 1713, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Benjamin Downing and Charles Story.]

[Inventory of the estate of Aaron Moses, who died in July, 1713; taken Feb. 5, 1713/14; amount, £327.17.4; signed by Tobias Langdon and Hugh Banfield.]

order'd that a warr<sup>t</sup> of appraisim<sup>t</sup> go out a new on Aaron moses dec<sup>d</sup> his Estate W<sup>m</sup> Sevy James Ra[n]dal & Eph<sup>r</sup> Denet apprisors only y<sup>e</sup> land to be apprais'd.]

[Probate Minutes, June 4, 1718.]

[Inventory of real estate, July 12, 1718; amount, £261.0.0; signed by James Randall, William Savage, and Ephraim Denett.]

[Bond of James Moses of Portsmouth, with George Walker and John Jackson, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, Oct. 19, 1733, for the administration de bonis non of the estate of his father, Aaron Moses of Portsmouth; witnesses, John Penhallow and Elizabeth Penhallow.]

[Warrant, Oct. 22, 1733, authorizing Thomas Beck of Portsmouth and John Sherburne of Newcastle to appraise the estate of Aaron Moses, administration de bonis non of which is granted to his oldest son, James Moses, the widow, Mary Moses, having died.]

[Inventory, Oct. 23, 1733; amount, £191.15.0; signed by Thomas Beck and John Sherburne.]



[Warrant, Oct. 24, 1733, authorizing John Lang, Thomas Beck, Jr., and Samuel Beck to report on the division of the estate into eight equal parts.]

[Report, Oct. 25, 1733, that the estate cannot be divided without damage to the whole, " & that if the Land be well improved, the whole of it will not be more than sufficient to Maintain one small ffamily, a Great part of y<sup>e</sup> Land being Rocky & Barren, & but Little firewood upon the whole"; signed by John Lang, Thomas Beck, Jr., and Samuel Beck.]

[Warrant, Oct. 26, 1733, authorizing Seth Ring of Newington, Samuel Brackett of Rye, and Joseph Langdon of Portsmouth to appraise the estate, that the eldest son may purchase the whole.]

[Inventory, April 3, 1734; amount, £294.8.9; signed by Seth Ring, Samuel Brackett, and Joseph Langdon.]

[Administrator's account of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, £294.8.9; expenditures, £54.18.0; mentions "his Brother Aron (who is since Dead without Issue," "his sister Elizabeth Smith (since dead without Issue"; allowed Sept. 10, 1734, and ordered that the administrator pay each heir £34.4.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .]

JOHN VARNEY

1713/14

DOVER

In the name of God Amen y<sup>e</sup> twenty first day of y<sup>e</sup> Eleventh month in y<sup>e</sup> yaer of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and thirten I John varny of Checker in Dover in the County of nuhamsher in her majesties Provinc being very Sik and wek in body but of Parfet mind and memry thanks be Given unto god therefor Caling unto mind mortlaty of my body and knoing that it is Apointed for al men once to dy do mak and ordain this my Last wil and testment that is to Say Princply and first of al I Give and bequaf the Land which I had by my wif To her youngest Son Nickles

Otes: also I give and bequef a Pare of Shets to Rebeckah otes: also I Give the bigst Pot and the lest Kitle to Stevn otes also I Give and bequaf the bed and beding and the Rest of the housel stuf to my Son Nickles otes and if he dyes without an are Lit it be given to Steven otes also I Give and bequef five Pound of Laful mony to her Dafter Ros otis that her Grandfathe Give to her mother: also I Give and bequef to my brother Peter varny one half of y<sup>e</sup> Seven Pound that he ose me; also I give and bequef the other half to my Sister Abgil Clakston; also I Give and bequëf thirty Akers of Land at Seaterwit to brother Ebenzers Son John varny also a lot of Land at oster River my fathe Give me by ded of Gift I Give with the Res of the my Estait To my brother Ebenezer varny I Give my brother

Also I Give my brother Ebenezer ful Pour to Git the wil Copid if any wis man Ses fit and if thar be any thing Emis Reckfie it Witnessed my hand and Sel

X John varny [seal]

his mark

Samuell Gaskill

Thomas Hanson

John hanson

[Proved May 28, 1716.]

[Warrant, March 22, 1715/16, authorizing Lieut. Tristram Heard and William Foss, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Bond of Ebenezer Varney, with Thomas Hanson and John Hanson, husbandmen, as sureties, all of Dover, in the sum of £200, May 28, 1716, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Edward Wills and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

STEPHEN PAGE

1713/14

HAMPTON

In the Name of God. Amen. the Six an twenty day of January: 1713: or: 14: I Stephen Page of Hampton in the Province of New

Hampshier in New England : being very sick and weak in Body,

\* \* \*

Imprimis: I give and bequeath to mary my dearly beloved wiffe the whole improvement of all my Estate till my Sons shall Come to the eage of twenty on years or until she shall marry againe

Item. I give to my well beloved Son Thomas Page all and singular these primices here after mentioned (viz) two shears or Lotts of Lande in the ould North Devision and two half shears of Lande in the first west Devision and on shear or Lott of Land in the second west Devision as they ar all Layd out and Bounded, and also all my marsh By Benjamin shaws: and also on half shear in the Cow Com'ons as it now Lyeth undevided and all my Right in y<sup>e</sup> Saw mill: the said Thomas Page is to Come in possession of att the eage of twenty on years: and my son Thomas page is to paye unto my Daughter hannah page the sume of ten pounds when she shall Come to the eage of twenty on years

Item: I give to my well beloved Son John Page all and singular these primices here after mentioned (viz): my now Dewllen House and Barne and all my land att home plowe lande and pastuer and all my fresh medow and my Land att Jacob Garland and also on shear of Land in the second North Devision as they ar now Layd out and Bounded and also on half shear in the Cow Com'ons as it now lyeth undevided the said John Page is to Come in possession of att the Eage of twenty on years: and my Son John Page is to paye unto my two Daughters: vez: Rachel page and mary page the sume of ten pound a peces when then shall Come to the eage of twenty on years—

and I do Constitute and appointe my well beloved Brother Christopher Page my sole Executors of this my Last will and Testament: and I do hereby utterly disallow Revoke and disannul all and Every other former Testaments wills and Legacies and Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and Testament in witness whereof I

have here unto set my hand and Seal the Day and year above written

and all my Right in the Saw mill was enter lined before the signing and Sealing

Signed Sealed published Pro-  
nounced and Declared by the  
said Stephen page as his last will  
and Testament in the presence of  
us the subscribers

Stephen X Page [seal]  
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Samuel Smith

John X Blake Ju<sup>r</sup>

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[Proved June 4, 1714.]

[Inventory, March 30, 1714; amount, £275.2.0; signed by Samuel Page and Samuel Smith.]

HUGH HAYWARD

1713/14

BRISTOL ENG.

[Register of the Douglass at the island of Nevis, Feb. 3, 1713/14, whereof Hugh Hayward of Bristol, Eng., and John Spencer of the island of Nevis are sole owners, and Thomas Walden master; described as square sterned, 40 tons, built at Portsmouth in 1712; signed by Daniel Smith, commander-in-chief of the Leeward Caribbean islands, and lieutenant-governor of Nevis, and John Huffam, collector.]

[Sailing orders for the Douglass, dated Nevis, Feb. 7, 1713/14; signed by Hugh Hayward and John Spencer; mentions "my father in law" George Mason, merchant, of Bristol, Eng.]

[Certificate of the death of Hugh Hayward at the island of Nevis on March 4, 1713/14; signed by Daniel Smith, commander-in-chief.]

[Protest of the master and crew of the Douglass, May 3, 1714, in which it is stated that "on the Ninth day of April last past, they being with the Said Sloop in the Latitude of thirty Eight degrees North, the Wind being then at South South West, coming from Barbadoes they mett with a Sudden and a Violent Storm at Sea, which forced them to goe before the Wind and Sea, for the Safety of their lifes; at last a very Great Sea broke into the Said Sloop, filled Her Deck, Shifted all Her Ballast most of the Cask and Some of the Cargoe Stove their water Cask; Soe that they were in great danger of losing their lifes; And on Saturday the first day of May Currant the Wind being at North N° W<sup>s</sup> the Said Sloop came into the River of piscataqua in the Said province about three of the Clock in the afternoon"; the crew consisted of Ralph Burne, Jonah Parker, John Cass, and Abraham Dent; signed by Thomas Walden; witnesses, Samuel Swan and Richard Parsley.]

[Statement of the crew in regard to the storm; signed by Ralph Burne, Jonah Parker, John Cass, and Abraham Dent.]

[Petition of Thomas Walden to Governor Joseph Dudley, May 8, 1714, for the securing of the sloop and cargo for the owner's estate, the petitioner being under age.]

[Warrant, May 8, 1714, from Governor Dudley, authorizing Charles Story, deputy judge of the court of admiralty, to secure the sloop and cargo for the benefit of the owners.]

[Appointment of John Knight, merchant, Richard Wibird, merchant, Joseph Sherburne, master and mariner, Stephen Eastwick, master and mariner, and John Snell, deputy marshal of the court of admiralty, all of Portsmouth, as custodians of the Douglass and cargo, May 21, 1714.]

[Administration on the estate of Hugh Hayward of Bristol, Eng., mariner, who died at "Nevis in America," granted to

Jethro Furber of Portsmouth, mariner, principal creditor, May 26, 1714.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 275.]

[Bond of Jethro Furber, mariner, with John Wentworth and George Jaffrey, merchants, as sureties, in the sum of £1000, May 26, 1714, for the administration, as principal creditor, of the New Hampshire estate; witnesses, Andrew Rusk and Elihu Gunnison.]

[Inventory of the sloop and cargo; amount, £735.12.6; signed by Richard Gerrish, John Knight, and Richard Wibird.]

[Account of the estate, July 3, 1714; amount of estate, £735.12.6; expended, £510.13.2½; balance due, £224.19.3½; signed by Jethro Furber.]

[Warrant, Nov. 10, 1715, authorizing Capt. Stephen Eastwick and Capt. Joseph Sherburne to appraise the sloop Douglass; signed by Richard Gerrish and Theodore Atkinson.]

TIMOTHY PHILBRICK 1713/14

KINGSTON

[Request of Mehitable Hillard, Jedediah Philbrick, Abraham Bradley, and Daniel Ladd, "the mother and the brothers of the deceased timothy Philbrick," Feb. 5, 1713/14, that John Sleeper of Kingston may be appointed administrator.]

[Inventory, Kingston, Feb. 27, 1713/14; amount, £59.3.0; signed by John Swett and John Sanborn.]

[Administration on the estate of Timothy Philbrick of Kingston granted to John Sleeper March 2, 1713/14.]

[Bond of John Sleeper, yeoman, with Ebenezer Webster and Aaron Sleeper, yeomen, as sureties, all of Kingston, March 2, 1713/14, for the administration of the estate; witness, Charles Story.]

[License, June 2, 1714, to John Sleeper, administrator, to sell real estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 251.]

[Administrator's account of expenditures in settling the estate, March 15, 1714/15.]

A Deviden of the Estate of Timothy Philbrick Late of Kingstown Deceas'd Agreed on by the Brothers, as ffollows Viz<sup>t</sup>—

Daniel Lad 2 rights in y<sup>o</sup> Comon

D<sup>o</sup> 5 Acres of Land out of y<sup>o</sup> first devission

Abraham Bradley 2 Rights in y<sup>o</sup> Comon

D<sup>o</sup> 5 acres of Land out of y<sup>o</sup> first devission

Jn<sup>o</sup> Sleeper 10 Acres in p<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>o</sup> first Devission

Jedediah Dyer [Philbrick] 2 acres of medow

D<sup>o</sup> y<sup>o</sup> Second Devission abo<sup>t</sup> 40 Acres

all which is agreed on by us the subscribers this 8 day of Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1715 as witnessed our hands

Witnesses

Cha<sup>s</sup> Rundlet

Daniel Lad

John Sleeper

Jiedidiah

To all Peopell to whom these presents shall Come Greeting know yee that whare as we whose names are heirunto subcribed Being y<sup>o</sup> Brothers and heirs of y<sup>o</sup> Estatt of timethoy Philbrock Latt of kingstown desesed and whare as we did formerly agree as Consarning y<sup>o</sup> Said Estatt butt It nott being Completed acording to Law we do now agree as formerly as followeth to witt thatt y<sup>o</sup> heires of John Sleeper our brother Latt of kingstown Latt desesed for his Charge of Adminstring upon said Estatt and paying the depts which ware due from said Estatt shall have y<sup>o</sup> house Loott In y<sup>o</sup> Abovesd town of kingstown which was Lay outt to y<sup>o</sup> said timethoy Philbrock and all his partt of Saw mill that he had Standing upon y<sup>o</sup> trickling fales so Called In y<sup>o</sup> Abovsaid town, and the movebles y<sup>t</sup> Ware In his hands which was In full of all depts and Charges

As for y<sup>e</sup> Rest of y<sup>e</sup> Estat we have devided Between Brother & Brother As followeth to John Slepers heirs ten Acers of Land Laying near Rubesy meddow which was Layed outt In part of y<sup>e</sup> Said Timethy Philbrocks first devesion And to Abraham Bradly five Acers of Lands In y<sup>e</sup> Abovesd tractt of Land and two shares In y<sup>e</sup> Common and to daniell Lad five Acers of Land In y<sup>e</sup> Abovsd tract of Land and two shares In y<sup>e</sup> Commons and to Jerediah philbrock 40 Acers In y<sup>e</sup> second devesion which Is y<sup>e</sup> full of his second devesion and two Acers In y<sup>e</sup> Rubshe medow

As witness our hands ands Seles this thirtieth day of november In year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty and In y<sup>e</sup> seventh year of his majestyes Raign king Georange and ce

Signed seled and	Thomas Sleeper	[seal]
delivered In y <sup>e</sup> pres-	The mark of	
ents of us	Abraham Bradly	X [seal]
John ffifeld	Daniel Lad	[seal]
Sam <sup>u</sup> Essman	Jedidiah philbrick	[seal]

[Attested Nov. 30, 1720.]

[Various bills, notes, etc., containing signatures of Isaac Bradley, Susanna Staples, Abraham Bradley, Jacob Gilman, Jonathan Sanborn, Joseph Kimball, Mary Kimball, Joseph Brown, Thomas Webster, William Moulton, John Kimball, and Thomas Sleeper.]

ANDREW PEPPERELL 1713/14

NEWCASTLE

[Administration on the estate of Andrew Pepperell of Newcastle, mariner, granted to his widow, Jane Pepperell, Feb. 11, 1713/14.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 120.]

[Inventory of the estate of Capt. Andrew Pepperell, May 14, 1714: amount, £1366.0.4; signed by Daniel Greenough and Joseph Simpson.]



[Administration on the estate of Capt. Andrew Pepperell of Newcastle, mariner, granted to his son-in-law, [step-son?] Charles Frost of Kittery, Me., April 1, 1728.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 267.]

[Jane Frost renounces administration on the estate of her former husband, Andrew Pepperell.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 267.]

[Inventory of the estate in York county, Me., May 1, 1728; four hundred acres of land at Pudding Hole in Kittery, Me., and sixty acres in Berwick, Me., valued at £1250.0.0.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 272.]

[Administrator's account against the estate, Oct. 1, 1728; amount, £7.17.6.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 8.]

[Margery Wentworth, minor, daughter of Capt. Andrew Pepperell, makes choice of her uncle, William Pepperell, Jr., of Kittery, Me., as her guardian Feb. 1, 1730/1.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 83.]

SAMUEL WHIDDEN 1713/14

GREENLAND

In the Name of God Amen—

I Samuell Whiddon of Greenland Within y<sup>e</sup> Township of Portsmouth in the Province New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England, Being antient: \* \* \*

zily: I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Son John Whiddon all that my piece of Land In Greenland Which Lyeth on y<sup>e</sup> Eastwardly Side of the Road Leading from Greenland to portsmouth being part of my homestead: Excepting about two acres at y<sup>e</sup> southwardly End on y<sup>e</sup> south side of y<sup>e</sup> stone Wall: As also four acres on y<sup>e</sup> Westwardly side of y<sup>e</sup> Road at y<sup>e</sup> Northwardly End next John Kates orchard: as also Eighteen acres of a lott of land being laid out to me as part of my Commonage nerre y<sup>e</sup> Way

to Randalls farm, to have his Eighteen acres next M<sup>r</sup> Richard Wyburds land, also one quarter part of my Saw mill: as like Wise the one half of my stock of what kind or sort of Cattell what so ever; to Have hold possess & Injoy all y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned bequests to him his Heirs & assigns for ever after mine & my Wifes decease— he my said son John paying such Legacyes as is here after Expressed

2:ly) I Give & Bequeath unto my beloved Son James Whiddon my house & y<sup>t</sup> part of my land lying on y<sup>e</sup> Westwardly side of y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned Road With y<sup>e</sup> orchard & all other buylding theron Except y<sup>e</sup> four acres on y<sup>t</sup> Side of y<sup>e</sup> Road next John Kates orchard above mentioned to be given to my son John: And also my said Son James to have that piece of land of about two acres on y<sup>e</sup> southward side of y<sup>e</sup> stone wall which is on y<sup>e</sup> East side y<sup>e</sup> Said County Road; as also the other part of my Lott of Land being thirty acres neere the way to Randals farm wher my son John hath his eighteen acres out of y<sup>e</sup> same Lott: And also y<sup>e</sup> other part of my Stocke of Cattell: He my said son to Have hould possess & Injoy all y<sup>e</sup> above bequests unto him his Heirs & assigns for ever after mine & my wifes Decease he my said son James paying Such Legacyes as is here after Expressed.

3:ly) I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Jain Edgerly Twenty shillings—

4:ly I Give & Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Alce Hains three pounds—

5: I Give & Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter abigell White three pounds—

6: I Give & Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Sarah Hains six pounds—

7: I Give & Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Johnson three pounds

8: I Give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Elisabeth Whiddon Six pounds—

9:ly I Give & Bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Margaret Whiddon Six pounds—

10:ly : I Give & bequeath unto my three Grandsons : y<sup>e</sup> sons of my son Samuell Whiddon Deceased to Each twenty Shillings— and y<sup>e</sup> two acres of Land where their fathers house is

11:ly) all which Legacys Together with all my Debts & funerrall Expences, my Will is y<sup>t</sup> they be paid by my two Sons John & James above named, in Convenient time after mine & my Wifes deceas in Eaquall proportion betwene my two above named Sons

12:ly I Give & Bequeath unto my Dearly Bloved Wife Mary the profitts & Improvement of all my Estate of what Kind, So ever Dureing her natuerall Life: and all my Hous hould goods of what Kind, or sort so ever together with my Debts & moneys to be for ever at her disposall among my above named Daughters, or such of them as shee in her prudence shall thing meet & Convenient—

13:ly I Give unto my two above named sons besides What is above Given all my Right & title to any Lands or Rights to any Lands or Commonag y<sup>t</sup> now doth or her after may of Right to me belong to be Eaqually devided Betwene them And unto this my Last Will & Testament I Doe Constitute & appoint my beloved Wife mary: my beloved Sons John Whiddon & James Whiddon Joynt Executors & Executrix &c

14. two acres on y<sup>e</sup> west side the Contry Road Where my son Samuell house stand I have formerly Given to my s<sup>d</sup> son now deceased which i do now farther give unto his Heirs

Thus Renowncing all Wills by me formerly made I sign & seal this With my hand this third day of March in y<sup>e</sup> twelfth year of Queen Anne her Reign over Great Britain &c— annoqe : Domini : 1713/4—

Signed Sealed & Declard by  
Samuell Whiddon to be his last  
will & testament in presence of us

Sam<sup>u</sup> Whiden [seal]

Walter Philbrock

John neall

Joseph Smith

[Proved May 7, 1718.]

JAMES SMITH

1714

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of James Smith of Oyster River granted to his son, John Smith of Oyster River; no date.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 133.]

[Bond of John Smith of Oyster River, yeoman, with Joseph Smith of Oyster River, yeoman, and Jacob Lavers of Portsmouth, cordwainer, as sureties, in the sum of £200, March 26, 1714, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Henry Rust and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, April 7, 1714; amount, £62.11.8; signed by Joseph Smith and Jacob Lavers.]

ABRAHAM DRAKE

1714

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen: I: Abraham Drake of Hampton in the Province of New Hampsheir in New England: (Senior) Being weak in Body \* \* \*

1ly: I Give and Bequeath unto Sarah my Dearly Beloved wife my west End of my Dwelling House and the Saller under that House so Long as she shall Live or till she shall marreye again and that my two Sons Abraham and Nathaniel or there Heirs is for to maintain ther mother Honorable and Decent with all things Convenente for her during the Time above said: or my said wiff shall have the impramente of one thurd of all else my Estate the time abovesaid

2ly: I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Abraham Drake all my land on the north side of the waye with the House and Barne where he now liveth and the Orchard And also two acres and a halfe of fresh medow that was fformerly Colcards and one acre that I had of ffrancis page and all the medow that I had of Joseph page And that the Said Abraham Drake and his Heirs is for to have free Egress over my other Land to Eache passell of medow for Ever for mowen or Carting As he or they may have Ocation;

and also the one half of my Spring marsh and half my marsh att the hop ground, and also half my thatch ground in the ffalles marshs and also one half of my two lots in the old north Devision, and the one half of my lott at Burchen playn and the one half of my lott at pine Hill that Is not now ffenced in and the one half of the Timber there : of that that is now ffenced in : Nathaniel Drake to Devied Each parsell and Abraham Drake to Chuse And also one shear of marsh in the Grate ox Com'on and my two shears of thatch groud that Ly together and also one Shear in the Cow Com'on and my two Lotts in the Second west Devision ; and also the one half of all my Implymts for Husbendry—

3ly I Give and Bequeath unto my Son nathaniel Drake my now Dwelling Houses only my wiff is to have the west End and Sellere as beforesaid : as also my Barns orchard plow land and pauster Land and medow that Lys on the South side of the way that was fformely my father, Abraham Draks Only my Son Abraham and His Heirs is for to have Liberty for to go over itt as abovesaid : and also I give unto my Son Nathaniel the one Half of my Spring marsh : and half my marsh att the hopground : and also half my thatch ground in the ffalles marshs : and also the one half of my Lotts in the old North Devision : and also the one half of my Lott att Burchen playn : and also my Land that is now fenced in att Pine Hill only Abra<sup>h</sup> is to have half the Timber that is on as abovesaid : and also the one half of my Land ther that is not fenced The Said Nathaniel for to Devied Each parcell and Abraham to Chuse : and also one shear of marsh in the Grate ox Com'on and on shear of thatch ground and also one Shear in the Cow Com'on : and also fouer half Shears of Land in the first west Devision : and also my part of the Saw mill : and the one half of all my Implymts for Husbendry ; and I give unto him the S<sup>d</sup> nathaniel the Bead that he lys upon with al the furniture belonging to itt : and also y<sup>e</sup> Bead that I lye one with all the furniture belonging to itt after my Decease and the Decease of my now wiff

4ly I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Drake

twenty pound in marchentabele paye at mony price: that is to saye five pound to to be Payd her the first yeare after my Deceas and five pound the thurd yeare after: and five pound the fifth yeare and five pound the sixeth yeare After my Deceas all to be payd by my Son Abraham Drake and also I give unto my Daughter Sarah the bead that she Lyeth on with all the furnituer Belonging to itt: and also she is to have Liberty for to live in the East End of my House and a prevelidge in the Seller so long as she shall Live unmarried And also my Son Abraham and my Son Nathaniel is to keep the s<sup>d</sup> Sarah a Cow wintere and Sumer so long as shee shall live unmarried.

5ly I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Jane fouer pounds mony to be payd by my two Sons: that is to Saye forty shillings to be payd by my Son Abraham the Second yeare after my Deceas and forty shillings by my Son Nathaiel the third yeare after my Deceas

6ly I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary twenty pounds in marchentable paye att mony price to be payd by my Son nathaniel Drak That is to saye five pound the second year after my Deceas and five pound the forth year and five pound the fifth year and five pound the six year after And I do make Constitute and Apoint my welbeloved wiffe Sarah Drake and my Son Nathaniel Drake to be my sole Executrix and Executours to this my Last will and Teastiment Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and Tastament In witnes whare of I the befor mentioned Abraham Drake Senior have here unto put my hand and affixt my Seal this twenty fifth day of may in the yeare of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fourteen and in the thirteen yeare of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Queen

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Joseph Cass

Thomas Leavitt

Sam<sup>n</sup> Dow

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[No record of probate.]

[Inventory, June 29, 1714; amount, £885.15.0; signed by Joseph Cass and Thomas Leavitt.]

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THOMAS POMEROY      1714      PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Thomas Pomeroy of Portsmouth, signed by Benjamin Gambling and William Walker; amount, £15.13.0; attested June 2, 1713.]

[Administration on the estate of Thomas Pomeroy granted to Rebecca Rouse, formerly his widow, June 6, 1713.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 126.]

[Inventory and minutes relating to the estate of Thomas Pomeroy.

“ To bringing up Six Children

“ y <sup>o</sup> first Susanna aged	13 years
“ 2 <sup>d</sup> Tho:	11 years
“ 3 <sup>d</sup> Rebecca —	9 years
“ 4 — W <sup>m</sup> —	4 years
“ 5 <sup>th</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> —	2 years
“ 6 <sup>th</sup> Eliz <sup>a</sup> —	5 months
“ to p <sup>d</sup> w <sup>n</sup> wounded by y <sup>o</sup> Indians	
“ to yearly Rent to my Mother”]	

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NATHANIEL PIKE      1714      PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Nathaniel Pike of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Margaret Pike, June 5, 1714.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 118.]

[Bond, in blank, signed by Margaret Pike, Robert Pike, and John Cutt; witnesses, Joseph Purmort and Sarah Cutt.]

[Inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Pike of Portsmouth, mariner, Dec. 3, 1714; amount, £89.15.10; signed by Samuel Hart and Jacob Lavers; attested by the widow, Margaret Pike, Dec. 4, 1714.]

[Administration on the estate in Salisbury, Mass., of Nathaniel Pike of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Margaret Pike, May 17, 1715.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Records, vol. 311, p. 274.]

[Bond of Margaret Pike, with Robert Pike and John Cutt, as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £700, May 17, 1715; witnesses, Sarah Cutt and Joseph Purmort.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Inventory of the Salisbury, Mass., estate, taken by William Bradbury and John Merrill May 17, 1715; amount, £330.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Probate Records, vol. 311, p. 274.]

GERSHOM ELKINS

1714

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Ame

I Gershon Elkins of Hampton in the province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England, Being antiaant & Weeke in body, but at this time of perfect understanding & memory, Committing my Sole in to the hands of Allmighty God, & my Body to decent Buriall in hopes of Eternall Life, Doe thus dispose of my temperall Estate which the Lord hath Gratiuously Given mee

Imp<sup>t</sup>: my Will is that all my Just & honist debts be paid by my Executors in Convenient time after my Decease.

2ly: I Give & Bequeath unto my beloved Wife mary all my houshold goods, Both Beds, Beding, puter, Brass, or Wood of what kind or soart so ever; dureing her Natureall Life (& after her Deceas to be disposed as is here after Expressed) as also the one half of my other Real Estate both houses Buyldings lands &



orchard, as also the one half of my stocke of what kinde so ever Together With six Cord of Good fier wood brought to her dore all which she my said Wife is to Injoy dureing her Natureall Life

3ly) I Give, & bequeath unto my beloved Son Jonathan Elkins twenty pounds in passable money of New England or Bills of Creaditt to be paid by my executors to him his Heirs or assigns Within two years afer my Decease

4ly) I Give & Bequeath unto my beloved son Moses Elkins fifteen pounds in pasable Money of New England or Bills of Creaditt to be paid unto him my Son Moses his Heirs or assigns With in two years after my Decease

5ly) I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Joannah Elkins ten pounds in passable Money of New England or Bills of Creaditt to be paid by my executors Within two years after my decease, together With all my household goods above mentioned at y<sup>e</sup> Deceas of my Wife, her mother &c

6ly) I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son thomas Elkins all my houses Buyldings lands, meadows, marsh, pasturs, with all out lands & Rights to lands in Hampton With all my Estate in said town not before Disposed of he my said son thomas providing for his mother yearly & every year dureing her Natureall life six Cord of Wood as above mention: And also to provide Convenient house Rome & fire wood for his Sister Joannah so long as she liveth unmarried as abovesaid: my meaning is that my son thomas shall possess & Injoy all the above Estate bequeathed unto him his Heirs Executors Adm<sup>rs</sup>: & asignes for ever after mine & my Wifes deceas: (viz) the one half emediately after my Deceas, & the other half at his mothers Decease &

7) And farther I Give unto my son Jonathan all my lands & Right to lands at Kingstown not all Redy disposed of—

8) What ever other Estate in money or goods not before mentioned to be dispossed off, I give to my Executors, or y<sup>e</sup> survivor of them, he or they defraying my funerall Charges & paying my just debts—

And unto this my last Will & Testament I Doe Constitute &

appoint my beloved Wife mary, & my son thomas Elking Joynt Executrix & Executor & in Case of y<sup>e</sup> Death of the one the other to be Sole Executor

Thus Revokeing all Wills by me formerly made, I sign & seal this with my hand this ninth day of June in the thirteenth year of Queen Anne her Reign over Great Britain &c— Annoq: Domini—1714

This Instrument Was signed & sealed by Gershon Elkins and affermed by him to be his Last Will & Testament in presence of us Witnesses

Gershon Elkins [seal]

Peter John Son  
thomus murrie  
Elisabeth Smith  
Joseph Smith

[Proved March 5, 1717/18.]

[Bond, in blank, signed by Thomas Elkins, Jabez Smith, and Peter Johnson.]

[Inventory, Feb. 28, 1717/18; amount, £555.8.6; signed by Jabez Smith and Peter Johnson.]

SAMUEL DOW

1714

HAMPTON

In the name of god Amen I samuell Dow of hampton in the Province of new hampshire in new England (Senior) being weak in body \* \* \*

Ily I give and bequeath unto sarah my dearly beloved wife the geate Roome in my house with the Chamber over it & the seler and my barn next my house and all my spring marsh that was my fathers all during her life or untill she marry Again: and she to improve my lot where my house stands untill she marry again and I give her two Cows and at her death or marriage samuell dow to have it all but the Cows

2ly : I give to my daughter sarah Clifferd my two shears in the owld west devision and half A shear in the second west devision and half A shear in the Cow Common—

3ly I give to my daughter Rachel dow my marsh that I bought of Phileman Dolton between the great Creek and the River and half A shear in the second north devition— and if she live to marry then she to have A Cow and A bead with all the furniture belonging to one bead and I order her to pay my daughter hannah dow five Pounds if the s<sup>d</sup> hannah live to the age of twenty years—

4ly I give to John garland Juner my marsh bought of samuell Colcord and my shear of medow at winicut and half my saw mill and half my tools of husbandry

5ly I give to my son samuell dow all the Reste of my housings and barns and all my lands and marsh and moveabls within dors and with out Except what I have disposed of other ways and he and John garland to find there mother fire wood as long as she live A widow and I doe order my son samuell dow to paye to my daughter hannah dow fiveteen pounds if she live to the age of twenty years and he to find his mother four fleses of wool A year as long as she lives A widdow and I doe make Constitute and apoint my son samuel dow to be sole Executour to this my Last will and teastiment Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and testament in witnes whar of I the before mentioned samuell dow senior have here unto put my hand and affixt my seale this nineteenth day of June in the yeare of our Lord seventen hundred and fourteen and in the thirteenth yeare of the Raign of our sovereign Lady Anne of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Queen &c —

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Samuel Dow [seal]

Christopher Page

Samuel Nudd

Thomas Haines

Jabez Dow

[Proved Dec. 7, 1714, and again by Page and Haines, Jan. 25, 1743/4.]

[Inventory, taken by John Redman and Christopher Page; amount, £511.7.0.]

JOHN COTTON

1714

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name of God Amen.

The fourteenth day of September in the Yeare of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & fourteen; I John Cotton of the Town of Portsm<sup>o</sup> In New Hampsheire in New England Yeoman Being Verry Infirm<sup>e</sup> & weak of body \* \* \*

Item I Give & bequeath to my well beloved Son W<sup>m</sup> Cotton my Halbert: besides twenty Pounds in money he hath had: which I forgive him

Item I Give & bequeath to my Son Solomon All & Singular the house & Land where he now lives: togeath with a p<sup>ce</sup> of fresh meadow on the West Side of Joses w<sup>ch</sup> he hath Sold Georg Vaughan Esq<sup>r</sup> to be to him his heirs & Assignes for Ever—

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son John Cotton all & Singular my land in the Province of Maine which I Bo<sup>t</sup> of David Libby & Jacob Smith as by their Deed of Sale will appear be the Same more or less: And alsoe one halfe of the fresh Meadow in the fresh Marshes on the North Side of the brook y<sup>t</sup> Comes to the Creek Mills: (his brother thomas to have the other halfe of the fresh Meadow) the above s<sup>d</sup> Land & halfe the fresh meadow to be by him the s<sup>d</sup> John Cotton his heirs & Assignes freely possessed & Enjoyed for Ever: But if he Die without Issue then all the above given Land & Meadow shall be to my son Thomas Cotton & his heirs: if he has None then to my son Solomon & his heirs male

Item I Give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Cotton All & singular my halfe Lott of Land on the Bank: as specyfi<sup>d</sup> in a Deed of Partition between my self & John Downing Sen<sup>r</sup> of Dover & is on Record: And also halfe the fresh Meadow against his Brother John Cotton In the fresh Marshes one the North side of

the Brooke that Comes to the Creek Mills— And alsoe all & singular my lot of the Com'on Land of this Town togeth' with Eight acres old Grant bought by my father Cotton of John Locke : as tis Laid out with the same Com'on Land as will appeare by the Return of the Com'itte Entred on Portsm<sup>o</sup> town Books : together with all the preveleidges to the same belonging : to be by him his heirs or Assignes freely possessed & Enjoyed for Ever : But if he Die without Issue then all the above given Land & Meadow shall be my son Johns & if John has noe Issue then to the heirs Male of my son Solomon

Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughters Abigall Marget & Susannah Cottons : to Each of them the sune of twenty Pounds in Money and alsoe a feather bed to Each of them : with all its furniture as Bolster Pillow Curtaines &c<sup>t</sup> all that belongs to it : & if Either of the sisters Die before her part is rec<sup>d</sup> then her part shall be Equally Divided between the other two above Named

Item— I have Given Each of my five Eldest Daughters Viz<sup>tt</sup> Eliz<sup>a</sup> Tomson : Mary Paul : Joannah Jones : Sarra Catter & Hannah Mead Each of them their portions & parts already—

Item : I Give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarrah whome I likewise Constitute make & ordaine my sole Exe<sup>trix</sup> of this my last will & testam<sup>t</sup> all my Moveable Estate both within Doores and without (that is not already Given) & alsoe all Debts Dew to me of any Kind : Willing that if she see Cause to Marry againe that then she make Distribution of what Estate is Left to Either of the Daughters as may have most need according to her Discretion : & if she see Cause to take the advice of any friend in y<sup>e</sup> Distribution she may chuse whom she will And my further will is that if She Die a widdow : then to make the like Distribution to any of our Daughters

if any thing more then is herein specyfyed Remaine after my self & wifes Decease It shall be Distributed to any of our Daughters as above—

And if what I Leave should not be sufficient to pay the twenty pounds a peice to the three sisters above saide then my two sons

John & Thomas Cotton : or Either of their heirs : shall Each of them pay out of their Respective parts of Land they have Rec<sup>d</sup> : within one yeare after it is soe known the sume of seven pounds ten shillings : to be paid their three younger sisters above said to Each of them five pounds in money—

Item I Give to my sons : William John & Thomas Cotton all my yoaks Chaines & all Materialls of Iron and Wood for hauling plowing & such Like to be Equally Divided amongst them

And I Doe hereby utterly Disanull Disalow & Revoake all & Every other former Testam<sup>t</sup> Wills Legacies & Bequest & Exec<sup>o</sup> & Exe<sup>trix</sup> By me in any wise before Named Willed & bequested Ratifying & Confirming this & Noe other to be my Last will & testam<sup>t</sup> In Wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the Day & Yeare first above written—

signed seald & Declar'd by the                      John Cotten Sener [seal]  
Said John Cotton Sen<sup>r</sup> to be his  
Last will & testament In ̄sents  
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Annis X Graffam  
James Jeffry

[Proved Dec. 9, 1714.]

FRANCIS JENNESS

1714

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen

I Francis Jennis of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire in New England being antient & Weeke in body : \* \* \*

2ly I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Sollome, all y<sup>t</sup> I Received with her at our marriage (viz) the bed and furniture unto y<sup>e</sup> same belonging, and two sheep, & one Cow for ever at her dispose : And also dureing her Widowhood to possess & Enjoy my dwelling house & a quarter of an Acre of plowland on

y<sup>e</sup> Northwardly side of my Barn, together with the benefit of y<sup>e</sup> orchard & Garden on y<sup>e</sup> East side of y<sup>e</sup> Way Going to my Dweling house: as also ten bushills of Indian Corn: besides the two bushills y<sup>e</sup> Richard Jennis is to pay & one bushill of wheat, And the Wintering, & summering one Cow, & two Sheep With four Cord of fierwood brought home to the dore of my dweling house & fifty Waight of good merchantable Beefe: as also y<sup>e</sup> use of my mare to Ride on so long as she dwels in my said house and also the provision Which I shall Leave in my house at my decease: or if I Die before y<sup>e</sup> season of Killing of Creaturs for subsisting my Family then shee my said Wife to have them to her own use: as also all Cloth made or yarn spun in my family within one year last past I Give to her for ever I also quit any Claim to y<sup>e</sup> house & about two acres of land which Was her former husbands John Whites— my meaning is y<sup>e</sup> Frut of y<sup>e</sup> said orchard; not swepage of it &c

3ly I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son Hezekiah Jennis all y<sup>e</sup> land which he now Injoys and four Rods more from his old dwelling house to Extend four Rods southwardly towards my land the Bounds being a Rock in a Cove: And also another Rocke which is y<sup>e</sup> bounds agreed upon betwene him my said son Hezekiah & my son Richard: I also Give unto my Grandson thomas Jennis son of said Hezekiah the two shares in y<sup>e</sup> old North Division Which I bought of moses Cox, but if y<sup>e</sup> said thomas die before he hath Issue: then to his next Brother he my said son Hezekiah to pay yearly & every year (dureing the Widowhood of my said Wife) unto my son Richard twenty shillings in money or one load of Good hay

4ly I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son John Jennis all y<sup>e</sup> land he is in possession of adjoining to his dweling house: With y<sup>e</sup> addition of twenty Rods in bredth across from Where his house stands, towards my dweling house: together with six acres of meadow he being allredy in possession of part of it: the whole piece being in partnership betwene mee & my son Richard: he my said son John to possess the same dureing his Natureall life

and at his deceas unto his son Job if arived to y<sup>o</sup> age of twenty two years he my said son John to deliver unto my above named Wife yearly & Ever year dureing her Widowhood fifty Weight of good Beefe & four Cord of Wood brought home to her dore, all which she my said wife is to have dureing her Widowhood as above said

5ly I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son Richard Jennis all my houses buyldings lands of what kind or sort so ever, not allready disposed of unto him his Heirs executor & assigns for ever: together With all my stocke of what Kind or sort so ever, With all my household goods (except what is here after Excepted) With my utensells for Husbandry & other tooles—With all Brookes or streemes of Water to me belonging: With all my Debts, moneys or other Estate not mentioned to bee disposed of: unto him my said Richard & unto his Heirs & assigns for ever: he my said son paying unto my Daughter hannah Locke twenty shillings within two years after my decease, And unto my son Hezekiah the sum of three pounds in good merchantable pay Within two years after my decease— And unto my Daughter Mehitable the sum of three pounds in merchantable pay within two years after my decease and to winter & sum'er her my said Wife one Cow & two sheep & deliver her yearly & Every year dureing her Widowhood ten bushills of Indian Corrn & one bushill of wheat—

And also my son Richard to provide & keep a swin for my said Wife yearly as abovesaid & also my said son Richard paying all my Just debts & funerall Charges what soever.

6ly I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elener Berrey my bed I now ly on With y<sup>o</sup> beding & furniture & all things there unto be longng

And to this my last Will & Testament I Doe appoint my son Richard Jennis sole Executor: And Revokeing all Wills formerly by mee made I Doe Declare & sign & seal this my last Will & Testament this Twenty Eighth day of October, In y<sup>o</sup> first year of King George his Reign over Great Britain &c Annoq: Domini 1714.



all y<sup>e</sup> Enterlineings & Raseings Was don befor y<sup>e</sup> signing & sealing &c

Signed Sealed & published by  
Francis Jennis to be his last Will  
& Testament in presence of us

the mark & seal of  
Francis X Jennis [seal]

Witnesses

nathaniel Lock  
Joseph Smith  
Elisabeth Smith

[Proved Aug. 30, 1716.]

In the Name of God Amen

I Francis Jennis of Hampton in the Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England being antient & Weeke in Body \* \* \*

2<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Sollome all y<sup>t</sup> I received with her at our marriage (viz<sup>t</sup>) the bed beding & furniture unto y<sup>e</sup> same belonging: with two sheep, & one Cow for ever at her dispose— And also dureing her Widowhood to possess & Enjoy my dweling house, & one quartar of an acre of plowland lying on the Northwardly side of my barn together with the benefitt of the frute of my orchard but not the sweepedg: also the Garden, both which orchard & Garden which I Give her is that part on y<sup>e</sup> East Side of y<sup>e</sup> Way Going to my dweling house: likewise eight bushills of Indian Corn, & one bushill of Wheet: And also the Wintering & Sum'ering one Cow & two sheep: with forty waight of beeff marchantable & good: also four Cords of fierwood brought home to the dore of my dweling house as also the use of my mare With the furnitur so long as she shall dwell in my abovesd house as also to her own use forever: all such provision that I shal leave at my deceas, as also all cloth made or yarn spun within one year before my deceas— for y<sup>e</sup> family use: And if it so happen y<sup>t</sup> I die before the time of killing creaturs for subsisting my family she my said wife to have them to her self for ever as above— I also quitt my Claim to y<sup>e</sup> house & land which was her former husbands John Whites being about two acres

3<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my beloved son Hezekiah Jennis all that land which he now Enjoys, and four Rods more from his old dwelling house & so to Exend from hampton line next portsmouth & to Run neere South west: about half a mile, towards the mile bounds so Called between the land formerly Stanyons & my land in y<sup>e</sup> North division I also Give unto my Grandson thomas Jennis son of sd Hezekiah the two shares in the old North division so called which I bought of moses Cox: And if my said Granson thomas die before he hath Lawfull Issue then to his next Brother, he my said son Hezekiah to pay yearly & every year dureing the widowhood of my said wife unto my son Richard twenty shillings in or as money or one load of Good hay— And ten shilling to my wife in Corn or wheat at common price and also to have the biggest Iron pott but one & the hoke or tramell

4<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my son John Jennis the Land he is in possession of Joyning to his dwelling house With the addition of Twenty Rods in bredth across from where his house stands, towards my dwelling house, together with six acres of meadow which he is allredy in y<sup>e</sup> possession of part of itt, the whole piece being in partnership betwene me & my son Richard, he my said son John to possess & Injoy the said meadow dureing his Natureall life: and after his deceas unto his son Job, if he arive to y<sup>e</sup> age twenty two years: He my said John Delivering to my said Wife yearly & every year dureing her Widowhood, forty waight of Good beefe, And four Cord of fier wood brought home to her dore all which my said Wife is to have dureing her Widowhood &c

5<sup>ly</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my son Richard Jennes all my houses buylding lands of what kind or sort soever not all Redy disposed of to him & his heirs for ever: provided he have a son named Francies, & if not to my next Heir Called by the name of Frances, together With all my stock of what Kind or sort soever: with all my houshold goods not other wise disposed of in this my will: with all my tooles & utensell for husbandrie: with all my Right to any streems or brooke of water— with all my debts, & money or other Estate not allredy disposed of to him my said

Richard & unto his Heirs & assigns for ever he my son Richard paying to my daughter Hannah Locke twenty shillings within one year after my decease: And also to winter & summer her my said wife yearly & every year dureing her Widowhood one Cow & two sheepe, as also to deliver her two bushills of Indian Corn as mentioned in his deed of Gift, with the addition of six bushill more of Dito, & one bushill of wheat and also to provide & keep a swine for my wife yearly dureing the time of her widowhood as above-said my son paying all my Just debts & funerall expences & charges what so ever

6<sup>v</sup> I Give & bequeath unto my daughter Eliner Berrey my bed bedding & furniture & all things thereunto belonging: shee paying unto my daughter mehittable four pounds in good pay within one year after my decease

And to this my last will & Testament I doe appoint my son Richard Jennis my sole executor and Revokeing all Wills by me formerly made I doe declare & sign & seal this my last will & testament this twenty ninth day of December seventeen hundred & fifteen in the second year of King George his Reign over Great Britain &c 1715—

signed sealed & published by  
Francis Jennis to be his last will  
& Testament in presence of us  
witnesses

the marke & seal of  
Francis X Jennis [seal]

Joseph Smith  
Elizebeth Smith  
Thomas Haines  
Stephen batchelder  
Joshua Winget

[Proved Aug. 20, 1716.]

[Inventory, signed by Samuel Marston and Jabez Dow;  
amount, £116.0.0.]

JAMES GORDON

1714

EXETER

[Bond of Abiel Gordon of Exeter, widow, with John Redman of Hampton and Samuel Lovering of Exeter, yeomen, as sureties, in the sum of £300, Dec. 7, 1714, for the administration of the estate of James Gordon of Exeter.]

[Inventory, Dec. 21, 1714; amount, £369.6.0; signed by Thomas Webster and Robert Wadleigh.]

[List of claims against the estate, May 30, 1715; amount, £13.4.7; signed by John Gilman and Nicholas Gilman.]

[Account of Abiel Kimming of Hampton, administratrix, of the administration of the estate of her former husband, James Gordon; amount of estate, £369.6.0; expenditures, £26.1.6.]

[Petition of Nicholas Gordon, John Gordon, and Joseph Gordon, children of James Gordon, Sept. 5, 1726, for the appointment of their brother, Jonathan Gordon, as their guardian.]

[Warrant Feb. 4, 1734/5, authorizing Major Nicholas Gilman, Col. John Gilman, Major Bartholomew Thing, Capt. John Gilman, and Edward Gilman, all of Exeter, to set off the widow's third.]

Province of } By vertue of a warrent Directed to us y<sup>e</sup>  
 Newhampsheir } subscribers By y<sup>e</sup> Honorable Benjamin Gam-  
 bling Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of probate &c<sup>a</sup> for s<sup>d</sup> province, according to y<sup>e</sup>  
 Directions in s<sup>d</sup> warrent to us Directed we the subscribers have  
 Made a Divition of y<sup>e</sup> Real Estate of James Gorden of Exeter  
 Deceased and set of to Abiel Kiming y<sup>e</sup> Late wife of s<sup>d</sup> James  
 Gorden Deceased her third part of said Estate which is as follow-  
 eth: viz: that her third part of y<sup>e</sup> planting Land moing and Mea-  
 dow ground on y<sup>e</sup> southerly side of y<sup>e</sup> way that Leadeth from  
 Capt John Gilmans saw mill to Philip wadleighs Dwelling House  
 Begin at y<sup>e</sup> south Easterly Corner of s<sup>d</sup> philip wadleighs Land on  
 that side of y<sup>e</sup> way and from thence to Run southerly Bounding  
 on s<sup>d</sup> way twenty one Rods to a stake standing By a Rock and

from thence to Run south aboute seventy six Degrees west untill it Coms to a hemlock tree marked with J standing in M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Websters Line and from thence Runing Northwesterly bounding on said websters Land untill it Comes to y<sup>e</sup> Litle River and then to Run Easterly Bounding on s<sup>d</sup> Litle River and s<sup>d</sup> wadleighs Land untill it Coms to y<sup>e</sup> place first mentioned, and her third part of y<sup>e</sup> Land & orchard on y<sup>e</sup> Northerly side of y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> way is to Begin at a stake standing aboute halfe waies Between y<sup>e</sup> Dwelling house of Jonathan Gorden and y<sup>e</sup> Dwelling house formerly Said James Gorden Deceased and from thence to Run North twenty five Degrees East five Rods to a stake and from thence to Run North aboute twelve Degrees East to y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> Litle River to a stump marked J taking in fifteen appel trees of y<sup>e</sup> orchard next to y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> houses and twenty one appel trees of y<sup>e</sup> orchard next to s<sup>d</sup> River and from s<sup>d</sup> stump to Run westerly and Southerly Bounding on s<sup>d</sup> River and way untill it Coms to y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> house of James Gorden Deceased and so to y<sup>e</sup> stake first mentioned in this part of y<sup>e</sup> Land—

and her third part of y<sup>e</sup> pasture Land Lying on y<sup>e</sup> southerly side of y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> planting and Meadow ground is Bounded as followeth: Viz. Begining at a stake standing on y<sup>e</sup> westerly side of y<sup>e</sup> way that Leadeth from s<sup>d</sup> Gilmans saw mill to M<sup>r</sup> websters Land and standeth nineteen Rods north Easterly from a Burch tree standing on a Rock near M<sup>r</sup> websters south East Corner of his Land and from s<sup>d</sup> stake to Run north aboute sixty Degrees west seventy fourè Rods to a pine tree marked J and from thence to Run west Eight Rods to a Elme tree marked J standing in M<sup>r</sup> websters Line and from thence to Run south Easterly bounding on M<sup>r</sup> websters Land and Northerly on y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> way untill it Coms to y<sup>e</sup> stake first mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> pasture Land all which peices or parcels of Land is set of and bounded this fourth Day of may Annoque Domini 1736 By us

John Gilman  
John Gillman  
Edward Gilman

[Guardianship of Nicholas Gordon, John Gordon, and Joseph Gordon, minors, more than fourteen years old, sons of James Gordon of Exeter, granted to their brother, Jonathan Gordon of Exeter, Sept. 8, 1726.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 384.]

JOSHUA TOWLE

1714

HAMPTON

In the name of God, Amen. I Joshua Towl of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England, Husbandman, being weak in body \* \* \*

Item, I Give, & Bequeath to my well Beloved Wife Sarah all my Houshold Goods, Cattle, & Moveables to be wholly at her disposal, She paying to my Daughter Hannah Gilman as hereafter ordered; I also give to my said wife the use & Improvement of my Dwelling House which I now Live in, with all my lands Messuages & Tennements (excepting six acres hereafter Mentioned) during her Natural life.

Item. To my Beloved Son Joshua Towl I give & Bequeath four Acres of Upland joining upon the land of my Brother Philip Towl in Hampton, together with the Dwelling House standing upon the said Land. I also give to my said son all other my Houses, Lands, Messuages, Tennements (Except what is hereafter mentioned) after the Decease of my wife.

Item, To my Beloved Daughter Sarah Towl I give, & Bequeath two Acres of Land joining upon the Land of Elisha Smith in Hampton.

Item, To my Beloved Daughter Hannah Gilman (she having already recieved part of her Portion) I give five pounds to be paid by Sarah my wife in Cattle or good Merchantable Provision at Money Price.

And I Constitute, Make, & Ordain my Beloved Brother Caleb Towl, & my Beloved son Joshua Towl Executors of this my Will. And I do hereby utterly Revoke, & Disanull all other former

Wills, Legacies, & Executors by Me in any ways before this time Named, Willed, & Bequeathed, Ratifying, & Confirming this, & no other to be my Last Will, & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereto Set my Hand, & Seal this Second Day of November In the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred, and fourteen.

Signed, Sealed, & Declared by  
the said Joshua Towl to be His  
Last Will, & Testament in pres-  
ence of

The Mark X of  
Joshua Towl. [seal]

Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith  
Will<sup>m</sup> Haniford  
Edmund Rand  
[Proved Dec. 8, 1715.]

[Inventory, Dec. 5, 1715; amount, £131.15.0; signed by William Staniford and Edmund Rand.]

ROBERT WALKER

1714

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of God Amen, the Seventeenth day of November In the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fourteen, I Robert Walker of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England Marriner being verry Sick & weak of Body \* \* \*

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Abigail whome I likewise Constitute, Make & Ordain my sole Executrix of this my Last will & Testament all my Estate Reall & P<sup>er</sup>sonall, which I have any where in y<sup>e</sup> world as well houses & Lands goods Chattels Debts Legacys & generall to say everything that of Right is my Dew wheresoever or howsoever: And if it so happen that my said wife should be now with Child by me my Will is that when the said: Shall come to y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty one: if pleas God it shall be soe, that then two thirds: of all my said Estate, shall be my Childs butt if it should please God that s<sup>d</sup> Child

should Dye without Issue that then the S<sup>d</sup> part shall be my Wifes againe: to her her heirs and assignes forever: and I doe hereby utterly disanull disalow & Revoak: all & every other former, Testament wills, Legacy & bequest & Executors, & Executrix's by me in any wise before named: willed & bequested ratifying and Confering this and noe other to by my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the Day year first above written

Signed Seal'd & Declared &  
Pronounced by y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Robert  
Walker to his Last will & tes-  
tament In y<sup>e</sup> p'sents of us

Robert Walker [seal]

Edward Ayers

Mary Gerrish

James Jaffry

[Proved Jan. 27, 1716/7.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 37.]

JOSEPH DENNETT

1714

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Dennett of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Elizabeth Dennett, Dec. 3, 1714.]

[Probate Records, vol. 7, p. 101.]

[Bond of Elizabeth Dennett, widow, with Ephraim Dennett, yeoman, and Samuel Hart, smith, all of Portsmouth, as sureties, in the sum of £500, Dec. 3, 1714, for the administration of the estate of Joseph Dennett of Portsmouth, cooper; witnesses, Jacob Lavers and Charles Story.]

[Inventory, Dec. 7, 1714; mount, £668.15.2; signed by Samuel Hart, William Parker, and Thomas Peirce.]

[License, Dec. 17, 1714, to Elizabeth Dennett, administratrix of the estate of her husband, Joseph Dennett, to sell "twenty



Acres of Land w<sup>ch</sup> was givein with more to y<sup>e</sup> Dec<sup>d</sup> in his life Time by his father John Denet who purchased the Same with Several more acres of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsm<sup>o</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord 1693/4 with twenty acres so to be Disposed of is to be Lay<sup>d</sup> out and adjoyne to Twenty acres of Land of Mr Ephram Dennets which is allso part of y<sup>e</sup> Land the Saide John Denet purchased of y<sup>e</sup> town of portsm<sup>o</sup> as abovesaide." ]

[Warrant, April 27, 1734, in answer to the petition of Elizabeth Harvey, formerly widow of Joseph Dennett, authorizing Samuel Hart, John Pray, and John Cutt, all of Portsmouth, to report whether the estate may be divided among the widow and children without damage to the whole, in order that the oldest son may purchase the whole if he sees fit.]

[The committee reporting against the division of the estate, the court authorizes them, April 27, 1734, to appraise the estate, except the widow's third. The committee return a valuation of £770 April 29, 1734, signed by Samuel Hart, John Pray, John Cutt, Mark Langdon, and Benjamin Akerman, "The farm to be for The Eldest son to be Divided into five parts, he paying to the Heirs Accord<sup>d</sup> to the Warrant their proportionable parts"; allowed April 29, 1734.]

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NICHOLAS LISSEN

1714

EXETER

[Administration on the estate of Nicholas Lissen of Exeter granted to Alexander Magoon and Nicholas Gordon, both of Exeter, Dec. 8, 1714.]

[Warrant, March 1, 1714/15, authorizing James Sinclair and Jeremiah Connor, both of Exeter, to take an inventory of the estate.]

[Bond of Alexander Magoon, and Nicholas Gordon, both of Exeter, with James Leavitt of Exeter and William Fellows of Portsmouth as sureties, in the sum of £300, Sept. 21, 1715, for

the administration of the estate; signed by Alexander Magoon, William Fellows, and James Leavitt; witnesses, Richard Waldron, Jr., and Abigail Shannon.]

[Warrant, Dec. 10, 1715, authorizing Thomas Webster and James Sinclair, both of Exeter, to take an inventory of the estate.]

[Account of claims against the estate, April 13, 1716, signed by John Light and James Sinclair; amount, £90.18.0; mentions Mary Smith, widow of Nicholas Smith of Exeter.]

[Inventory, Sept. 1, 1716, signed by Thomas Webster and James Sinclair; amount, £110.0.0.]

[Administrators' account against the estate; amount, £12.8.0.]

[Order of court, March 4, 1718/19, authorizing Nicholas Gordon and Alexander Magoon, administrators, to sell real estate.]

[Probate Minutes, March 4, 1718/19.]

[Administrators' account of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, £100.0.0; expended, £105.13.8; allowed, May 25, 1728.]

[Warrant, July 27, 1743, authorizing Edward Gilman, Cartee Gilman, Joseph Lovering, Benjamin Thing, and Robert Light, all of Exeter, to make a division of forty acres of land among the three daughters of the deceased or their representatives.]

Province of New } Pursuant to A Warrant to us Directed  
 Hamshire } By the Honourable Andrew Wiggin Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Judge of the probates of wills and granting of Letters of administration &c

for the dividing of a certain tract of Land containing forty acres which was Laid out unto the right of Niclas Lissen Late of Exeter Deceased after viewing said Land we have according to the best of our skill Laid out the s<sup>d</sup> Land into three parts Viz :

to Hannah the Eldest Daughter or to them that shall Legaly appear to represent her the first Lot begining at A red oak tree marked N L: and runing North & by west thirty five rods to A pine stump marked on four sides and from thence runing west & by south sixty Eight rods across s<sup>d</sup> Land and to Elisabeth the second Daughter or to them that shall Legaly represent her the second Lot begining at the abovs<sup>d</sup> pine Stump and runing north and by west thirty three Rods to A pine tree marked on four sids and from thence runing west and by south sixty Eight rods across s<sup>d</sup> Land and to mary the youngest Daughter or to them that shall Legaly represent her the third Lot begining at the above S<sup>d</sup> pine tree and runing north and by west thirty five rods to A poplar tree marked N L and from thence runing west and by south sixty Eight rod across s<sup>d</sup> Land to A maple tree marked N L Laid out by us october 13<sup>th</sup> 1743

Cartee Gilman  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Thing  
Robert Light

JOHN WINGATE

1714

DOVER

In The Name and fear of God Amen

I John Wingett of the Towne of dover in the Province of new Hampshier being Sick and weake of boddy \* \* \*

I<sup>t</sup> I doo will bequeath and give to my Two soons moses wingett & sam<sup>l</sup> wingtt all that hundred Acres of Land which I had of my granfather Nutter Lyeing near m<sup>r</sup> Rayners farme to be Equally devided between them when they Shall a Rive at the age of twenty one years—

I<sup>t</sup> I doo give and bequeat to my sone Edmon wingett thirty Acres of Land granted to me by the Towne of dover and Laid out in burbadus woods—

I<sup>t</sup> I doo will bequeath and give to my sone simon wingett Twenty acres of Land given to me by the Towne of dover and Laid out in burbadus woods—

I<sup>th</sup> I doo will and bequeath to my Eldest daughter mary wingett five Pounds to be Paid by my Executors in money or other marchantable Pay at money Price with in one year and one day next following my deceas—

I<sup>th</sup> I doo will and bequeath to my daughter Ann drew five Pounds to be Paid by my Executors in money or other Speciaes at money Price within two years and one day next following after my deceas

I<sup>th</sup> I doo will and bequeath to my daughter sarah wingett five Pounds to be Paid by my Executors in money or other good species at money Price within three years and one day next following my deceas—

I<sup>th</sup> I doo will and bequeath to my other fower daughters Viz Abigall Elizabeth mehittabell and Joanna five Pounds apiece to Each of them to be Paid by my Executors in money or other good species at the time when they shall Com to be Eighten years of Age

I<sup>th</sup> I doo will devise give and dispose unto my beloved wife Ann and my Eldest sone John Wingett all my dwelling house barn & orchard and Land Adjatiant there unto to gether with the salt marsh and flats in the back River and all my Part of the saw mill at Tole End to be Joyntly maniaged by and between them for the support and bring Up of my small Children and allso I doo give to my affore s<sup>d</sup> wife and sone all my Quick stock houseall goods debts and Rddy money to be Improved for the Use affore s<sup>d</sup> all waies Provided that if my sone John shall Refuse to maniag the Premises with his mother and shall go his way and Leave her that then he shall have nothing out of my Estate till my young Children are brough Up and then to Enter upon the Premises viz the housin Land and mill above s<sup>d</sup> and the same to have hold and Enjoy for Ever and what moveable goods shall Remaine after the deceas of my beloved wife I will it be Equally devided Amoungst my daughters and doo hereby ordain Constitute and appoynt my well beloved wife Ann winget and sone John wingett to be my sole Executrix and Executor Joyntly and severall them

or the Longer Liver of them in trust to se this my will duly  
Executed finally I doo signe seall Publish and declare this and  
this only to bee my Last will an Testament Erevoakeable as wit-  
ness my hand and seall this Twenty Eight day of december Ano-  
q: dom: 1714

signed sealed and Published  
In the Presents of

Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuttle  
Joseph Roberts

his  
Isreall X hodgsden  
mark

[Proved, no date.]

his  
John X. Wingett [seal]  
mark

[Inventory, Feb. 16, 1714/15; amount, £405.12.6; signed by  
John Tuttle and Tristram Heard.]

[Warrant, March 2, 1714/15, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle  
and Lieut. Tristram Heard, both of Dover, to take an inventory.]

WILLIAM FIFIELD

1714/15

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen

I William Fifield of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>  
in New England being Sicke & Weeke in body; \* \* \*

2<sup>nd</sup>ly I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Hannah all  
my estate of What kind or sort so ever be the same houses lands  
debts Stock money, Goods & utencels for husbandry all my estate  
what soever Winthin doors or Without named or not named where  
soever or what so ever by her to be possessed & Improved & dis-  
posed of, for y<sup>e</sup> bringing up my Childred & other necessesary  
uses dureing the time of her natureall Life or the time of her  
Widowhood untill she marrey the which Shall first happen & no  
longer: and my Will is y<sup>t</sup> She dispose of all my Estate among  
my Childred as she shall thinke meet, by what parts, or portions.

she shall thinke fitt & convenient & to such or so many of my said childred as shee shall see Cause, him, her, or them, to possess & Enjoy the same Emediately after her deceas or mariage as above mentioned: my meaning is What Remains undisposed of at her deceas, or marriag as before said: And unto this my last Will & Testament & doe appoint my beloved Wife hannah sole Executrix— &c this Revokeing all Wills by me formerly made I sign & seal this with my hand this eighteenth day of February in y<sup>e</sup> first year of King Georg his Reign over Great Britain. &c—  
Annoq: Domminy: 1714/15

the Words Entirlined betwene y<sup>e</sup> 17: & 18 lines: untill she marrey were entered before shining & sealing

signd seald & declared by William fifield [seal]

Will<sup>m</sup> Fifield to be his Last Will

& Testament in presence of us

Witnesses

Robert Moulton

Humphrey Sullivan

Anthony Crosbie

Thomas Haines

[Proved June 9, 1715.]

[Warrant, June 7, 1715, authorizing Jacob Brown and Robert Moulton, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, June 8, 1715; amount, £198.2.0; signed by Jacob Brown and Robert Moulton.]

CHARLES STORY 1714/15

In the Name of God Amen

I Charles Story being Sick & week of body butt in perfect mind & memory Praised be to God for the Same do make & Declare this to be my Last Will & Testement in manner & fforme following, to witt affter my Debts & funerall Charges are first paide I

Give & Bequeath unto my Loveing Wife Susanna Story, all my Estate both Reall & Personall Except w<sup>t</sup> is Hereafter Excepted

Item To my beloved Kinsman Robart Foster fiveteen Sillings to by a ringe

Item I give to my beloved Kinswoman Barbara Foster five Shillings in money

Item To my beloved Kinswoman Eliz<sup>a</sup> Foster five Shillings in money

Item To my beloved Kinswoman Margret Foster five Shillings in money

Item I give to Barbara Booth five Shillings in money

Lastly I Constitute & Appoint, my Well Beloved Wife Above-saide to be Executrix To this my Last will & Testement Hereby makeing Void all Wills & Testements by me Heretofore made In witnes Hear of I have Hereunto Sett my hand and Seale This fourth day of March one thousand Seven hundred & fourteen 15/

Signed & Sealed in

Chas: Story [seal]

presence of

George Jaffrey

Jacob Lavers

Hen<sup>r</sup> Johnson

[Proved March 17, 1715/16.]

JOHN PICKERING JR. 1714/15

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of god Amen this 21<sup>t</sup> of march 1714/5 I John pickerin of portsm<sup>o</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> province of newhampshir in Newengland son of Cap<sup>t</sup> John pickerin of y<sup>e</sup> same place, being at present in sound memory & well desposing mind though very week & Inferm in body \* \* \*

whereas my abovesd father by deed of giffit bareing dat y<sup>e</sup> twenty sixt day of Sep<sup>r</sup> one thousand six hundred, in y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> year of his mag<sup>ty</sup> Reigne ded give & bequeath unto my selff wiff & children a sertin Estat, of Lands mills & streeme of watter : &c : as in sd deed at Larg Exsprest In which deed my sd father In-

tailed said Estat on my Children Reserveing Liberty to him self to Cut of sd entailment & Leve to my desposall too & amongsts my Children as I should see Caus I doe therefore declare that my will is that all that saied Estatt given as aforesd & my now wiff shee shall have hold poses & InJoy all her part as spesefied in my sd fathers deed all y<sup>e</sup> Rest spesefied in sd deed I give & bequeath Unto my son John pickerin— & the heair maill of his body Lawfully begotton one this Condition: & I doe order my sd son pay out of saied Estat to his too sisters deborah & sary fouer score pounds in fouer years affter my desece for their part & porshon of sd Estat allso my will is that Iff my sd son should dy Leveing no heir as aforesd then said Estat given as aforesd shall fall intoo y<sup>e</sup> hands of my son thomas pickerin to him & his heire Laffully begotten Iff he dy without such heir then sd Estat shall fall to his next brother & his heire as aforesd so from son to son as Long as Any of y<sup>e</sup> nam & blood of y<sup>e</sup> pickerins remain non being found of y<sup>e</sup> maill then to y<sup>e</sup> next of y<sup>e</sup> femals surviveing the mails as aforesd

2<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath unto my beloved wiff Elizabeth my dewling house & the Lot of Land wheareone it standeth dewering her nateurall Liff: & affter her desece I give sd house & Land unto my son samuell & daniell pickerin, to be Equally devided betwen then affter their mothers desec not before without her Leve & consent I allso give unto my sd wiff the use of all my housall goods dewering her Liff affter her desece to be Equally devided amongst my children Iff she see Caus to Let Ether Child have its dew proportion befor her death shee may I allso give her Liberty Iff ocation be that shee shall sell A Lot or too of Land for her comfortabell subsistanc & bringing up the Childrin to Larning

3 I give & bequeath unto my daughter mary y<sup>e</sup> wiff of ambros sloopier to say five pounds besids the Lot of Land I formerly gave her for her portion

4 the Land my father gave mee About my hous from y<sup>e</sup> River up to y<sup>e</sup> way at westerly end of the Land be devided into too parts & a way of about twenty foot wide to go through y<sup>e</sup> midell of it





[Thomas Pickering renounces administration on the estate of his father, John Pickering, Jr., Jan. 2, 1721/2, and requests that it be granted to Col. John Plaisted, Capt. Thomas Phipps, and Capt. Elisha Plaisted, or any two of them.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 79.]

[Administration on the estate of John Pickering, Jr., of York, Me., granted to Thomas Phipps of Portsmouth and Elisha Plaisted of Berwick, Me., Jan. 2, 1721/2.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 79.]

[Inventory of the estate of John Pickering, Jr., of York, Me., Feb. 10, 1721/2; land, mills, and mill priviledge in York, Me., valued at £386.12.6.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 80.]

[Administration, with will annexed, granted to Thomas Phipps and Elisha Plaisted May 10, 1722, "it being Since made to Appear to me that he left a Will and left Executors John Pickerin his Father and Elizabeth his Widow who are Dead."]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 108.]

[Account of the settlement of the estate by the administrators; amount of estate, £386.12.0; expenditures, £311.17.2; allowed May 9, 1722.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 109.]

[Thomas Pickering, minor, son of John Pickering, Jr., of York, Me., makes choice of Thomas Phipps as his guardian July 3, 1722.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 109.]

[Administration granted to Thomas Phipps of Portsmouth and Elisha Plaisted of Berwick, Me., July 17, 1722.]

[Bond, in blank, July 17, 1722, signed by Thomas Phipps, Elisha Plaisted, Shadrach Walton, and James Davis.]

[Administrators' accounts against the estate; amounts, £58.8.6 and £18.15.4; allowed Jan. 2 and 3, 1726/7.]

[York County, Me., Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 231, 232.]

ICHABOD PLAISTED 1715

BERWICK ME.

In the Name of God Amen I Ichabod Plaisted of Berwick in the county of york in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in new Engl<sup>d</sup> being weak of body \* \* \*

Item I Give and bequeth unto my dear & well beloved wife Mary one Saw viz<sup>t</sup> the hithermost Saw in the old Saw Mill with the appurtenances to the same belonging: also to her one half of my plantation at the Salmon fall's, and one half of my out land's & meadow's in the Towne of berwick, and half the housing out housing barn's &c<sup>a</sup> and half the orchard's plowing & Mowing land's &c<sup>a</sup> in said berwick, and half my plow's chain's Sled's carts wheels, and all other appurtinance's thereto belonging, and after my wive's deceace, all to revert to my Son Samuel, and his heirs for ever; also to my said wife I Give Eight oxen & four cow's—

Item I Give to my dear wife the use of my Saw at the lower mill on dover side, 'til my son Ichabod & my Daughter Mary come of age, and then each to enter on their part, I giving it In equal halves between them

Item I Give to my dear wife to use possess & enjoy the whole of my house & land Garden warehouse and wharfe at the bank formerly Col<sup>o</sup> Partridge's that I bought of Cap<sup>m</sup> John Knight, during her naturall life: I also give her the liberty & previlidge of keeping a Cow and horse summer and winter, on the most accomodable & convenient place in any of my field's pasture's & farm's at the bank in hampshire during her naturall life—

Item I Give to my dear wife all my household good's of what nature kind or quality soever (Excepting eight feather bed's with furniture) viz<sup>t</sup> Two to each child hereafter mentioned—

Item I Give to my dear wife all my plate of Silver of what make or mould soever during her naturall life, and what shall remain at her decease to be Equally divided among my children then surviving—

Item I Give & bequeth to my dear wife my Negro man Jack for Ever—

Item I Give & bequeth unto my son Samuel Plaisted my other saw viz<sup>t</sup> the further saw in my old saw mill with all the rights proffitts previledge's & appurtinance's unto the same belonging; also I Give to my said son Samuel half my plantation at salmon fall's viz<sup>t</sup> housing out housing barn's land Orchard's plowing and mowing land's, also half my out land's & meadow's in berwick when of age; and after the decease of his mother then the other Saw of the above s<sup>d</sup> old mill, and the other half of my plantation at Salmon fall's housing out housing barn's land Orchard's plowing & mowing land's, as also the other half of the out land's & meadow's in berwick afores<sup>d</sup> after the decease of his mother as afores<sup>d</sup> to become & revert to my Said Son Samuel, and then the whole to be and remain to him and his heir's for Ever; and also one half of the plow's Sled's carts wheel's chain's, and all other appurtinance's thereunto belonging; Also to my Said Son Samuel I Give Eight oxen and four Cow's

Item I Give and bequeth unto my Son Samuel One hundred acre's of land at Greenland When of age to him and his heir's for ever—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my Son Samuel my negro man Sambo for ever; if he live 'til my Said Son Come of age—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my Son Samuel Two feather beds with bolster's pillow's and all other furniture proper and therto belonging when of age—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my S<sup>d</sup> Son Samuel four hundred pound's of my outstanding debts, when of age; if can be received in & what may fall short each to bear their proportion of loss—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my Son Ichabod Plaisted all my right Title and Interest in the upper saw mill on dover side with

all the proffitts priviledges and appurtinances unto the Same belonging; also I Give him all my right, title and Intrest between the two saw mill's on dover Side, w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of Cap<sup>m</sup> Tuttell and Ezekiel Wentewerth; also I Give him sixty acres of land above the upper saw mill on dover side which I bought of John Hall's heir's; also I Give him a peice of land which I bought of Samuel Kenny, and one peice of land more, which I bought of the widow Hobbs & Benjamin Tubbs, and one peice of land more which I bought of Henry Hobb's, all laying together on dover side

Item I Give and bequeth unto my Son Ichabod my farm which I bought of the widow Joce, with a peice of fresh marsh at the Creek & a field of land which I bought of Said Widow Joce, with all the housing out housing barn or barn's Ochar'd or Orchard's; and all other tree's standing thereon, and on every part thereof, all and every part of the aboves<sup>d</sup> I Say I give and bequeth unto him my Said Son Ichabod Plaisted and his heirs for ever—

Item I Give & bequeth unto my S<sup>d</sup> Son Ichabod one hundred acre's of land at Greenland to him and his heir's for ever all the above said to possess and enjoy when he shall come of age

Item I Give and bequeth unto my S<sup>d</sup> Son Ichabod my dwelling house & land Garden ware house wharfe at the bank which I bought of Cap<sup>m</sup> John Knight formerly Col<sup>o</sup> Parteridge's, viz<sup>t</sup> to possess and enjoy the Same after his mother's deceace to him and his heir's for ever: Also I give him my S<sup>d</sup> Son Ichabod all the stock, carts chain's plow's, and all other Implements utensells & appurtinances on and belonging to the farm bought of the widow Joce as afores<sup>d</sup> and I also give him four oxen more.

Item I Give and bequeth unto my S<sup>d</sup> Son Ichabod Two feather bed's bolster's pillow's, and all other furniture proper and there to belonging when come of age; I also give my S<sup>d</sup> Son Ichabod two hundred pound's of my outstanding debts, when of age if can be received in and what may fall short each to bear their proportion of loss—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my S<sup>d</sup> Son Ichabod Two acre's of Salt Marsh at the bank, (when come of age) to him & his heir's

for ever, also I give him one half of the Sloop with her appurtinances's, Mr George Jaffry owning the other halfe—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my Daughter Mary Plaisted five hundred pounds in money now in the hands of Mr David Jaffry's in Boston also I give my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter Mary the one half of my saw at the lower mill with all the right's proffitt's prevelidges & appurtinances unto the same belonging to her and her heirs for ever; also I give my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter Mary Two feather beds bolster's pillow's and all other furniture proper and therto belonging: also I Give my Said Daughter Mary Two hundred pounds of my outstanding debts if can be got in and what may fall Short each to bear their proportion of loss, all aboves<sup>d</sup> she to possess and enjoy at age or marriage—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my Daughter Olive Plaisted my dwelling house & land out housing and wharfe at the bank in hampshire which I bought of mr Tucker to her & her heir's for ever, at age or marriage to possess and enjoy the Same: also I give her one hundread pounds in money at age or marriage; and after my wife's deceace my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter Olive Shall & has liberty to keep a Cow Summer and winter, on the same place where her mother kept her's at the bank, and this during the naturall life of my Said Daughter Olive, respecting the cow—

Item I Give & bequeath unto my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter Olive two feather beds bolsters & pillow's & all other furniture proper and therto belonging to her for ever, at age or marriage to receive the Same

Item I Give & bequeth unto my S<sup>d</sup> Daughter Olive Two hundred pounds of my out standing debts, at age or marriage, if can be received in and what may fall Short each to bear their proportion of loss—

Item I Give & bequeth unto my Nephew Roger Plaisted a Grant of land granted by the Towne of kittery, to William & Jame's Plaisted, w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of them, when I bought all there other In-trest in S<sup>d</sup> Towne, the S<sup>d</sup> Grant I give to him the S<sup>d</sup> Roger and his heir's for ever; also I Give him the S<sup>d</sup> Roger Plaisted that tract & peice of land he has already Improved & planted an Orchard on

lying between John Key & abel Hambleton's land, and in case it should be recover'd by mr Price from him Then I Give the S<sup>d</sup> Roger forty pound in money in lieu therof—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my Sister Mahitabell Gooding Twelve pounds in money—

Item my Will is that whatever Estate Either Real or personall of what nature kind or quality soever the same be; that is not mentioned, given and bequethed in this my will, I do give & bequeth the Same to my Executrix hereafter named for ever; to be at her own dispose—

Item I Ordain Constitute and appoint my dear & Loving wife Mary to be sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament, In Wittness wherof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal, at Berwick the Second day of aprill In the first year of his maj<sup>ties</sup> Reign annoque Domini : 1715./

Signed Sealed published and declared to be his Last will and Testament In the presence of us

Ichabod Plaisted [seal]

Tho: Packer

Joseph: Woodsum

John Croade

[Proved Feb. 29, 1715/16.]

[Bond of Mary Plaisted, widow, with John Pickering and James Jeffrey, gentlemen, as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £10,000, Feb. 1, 1715/16, for the administration of the estate.]

NEHEMIAH LEAVITT 1715

EXETER

[Bond of Alice Leavitt, widow, with Joseph Young and Benjamin Jones as sureties, all of Exeter, in the sum of £200, June 9, 1715, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Nehemiah Leavitt of Exeter; witnesses, Eliphalet Coffin and Edward Toogood.]

[Inventory, July 30, 1715; amount, £150.12.0; signed by Jonathan Thing and Samuel Dudley.]

DANIEL O'SHAW                      1715                      NEWCASTLE

New Castle : June : y<sup>e</sup> 20 : 1715

Honored S<sup>r</sup>

This Is to acquaint you : That wee have : Been with our brother John oshaw and would have : him : agree : with : us about Deviding : The Estate of our father mr Daniel oshaws : and he Is not willing Thare fore : we pray your honnour To let us have a divition and each one To know : his part : and wee will main our sister Cathrine : oshaw accord : ing To each ones part

his

James X oshaw

mark

his

Ruben X Mace

nark

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Cathrine X oshaw

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his

William X sormors

mark

his

Henry X Treddeck

mark

Edward : Hales

her

Sarah X marden

mark

To the hon<sup>o</sup>able Richard waldron esq Judg of probates

[Bond of John O'Shaw of Newcastle, with John Wilson of Newcastle, cordwinder, and Lazarus Noble of Portsmouth, hus-



bandman, as sureties, in the sum of £200, July 7, 1715, for the administration of the estate of his father, Daniel O'Shaw of Newcastle; witnesses, Joseph Sherburne and John Pray.]

[Warrant, July 9, 1715, authorizing Theodore Atkinson and Capt. John Frost, both of Newcastle, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, July 15, 1715; amount, £110; signed by Theodore Atkinson and John Frost.]

[Administrator's account of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, £110.0.0; expended, £16.14.11; allowed Sept. 14, 1716.]

[Order of court, Sept. 14, 1716, that "John O'Shaw do Injoy the whole Estate Dureing the Life of his Infirm Sister Katherine, paying four pounds  $\text{p}^{\text{o}}$  Annum towards his S<sup>a</sup> Sisters maintenance, to y<sup>e</sup> person y<sup>t</sup> keeps her, and After her Death the Said John Oshaw to pay unto his Brothers and Sisters, or those that Legaly represent them, their equal proportion of ninety three pounds five Shillings, and a penny: reserveing to himselfe as Eldest son a double portion."]

[Various notes, receipts, etc., containing signatures of George Jackson, Richard Neal, and Jotham Odiorne.]

GEORGE HUNTRESS 1715

NEWINGTON

In The name of God amen—

I George Huntris of newinton formerly dover in y<sup>e</sup> province of new hampshire in new England yeoman haveing upon me y<sup>e</sup> Infirmities of old age \* \* \*

Item 2 I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife mary huntris all my moveable Estate within door and without to bee att her own disposing and also part of the Estate where I now dwell that is to say all the Land which Lieth betwen nathans knights and a fence on the north side of stony brook to run as the

fence runs straight up to the head of the Land and so over as far as my Land goes with all the privileges there unto belonging or any waies appertaining dureing her naturall Life as also all the previlidge of the old oarchad which is upon that part of my Land which I desire for my Grandson Christopher huntris together with away to transport anything through the foot of all the Land—

and further I give unto my well beloved wife mary huntris four pounds in money or equil to money and tenn daies work of four oxen to be paid her yearly by my two sons dureing her natureall Life out of my Estate where my two sons samuell and John huntris now lives—

Item I Give and bequeth unto my two sons samuell and John huntris my farme where they now dwell Lieing by the side of the Long reach part of which I bought of Mathew Nelson: and part of John pickering and part of william vaughan Esq<sup>r</sup> the whole whearof Contains one hundred and fifty acers be it more or less wich my two sons samuell and John huntris are to have Equily Divided between them they paying yearly to there mother as above s<sup>d</sup> part of which land lieth in the township of portsmo<sup>th</sup> and part in newington which was Dover which I give unto them and their heirs for Ever and my will further is that If either of my sons samuell or John huntris dye without Issue Lawfully begotten of his body that the survivor shall have and In Joy the whole to him his heirs for ever: and further my will is that If Either of my afore s<sup>d</sup> sons shall se Cause to dispose of his part that he shall offer his brother the refuse he Giveing as much for the same as any other person: Item: I Give and bequeth unto my Daughter abigail huntris tenn pounds in Goods att Currant prises to be paid by my Executors within one year after my decease Except I should pay it my self before I dye—

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand son Christopher huntris eldest son of my son George deced all that part of Land where my son George huntris dwelt which lyes betwen afence on the north side of stony brook Clemit misherves Land to him y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Christopher huntris his heirs and asines for ever he paying unto

his two sisters Elizabeth and Deborah huntris Each of them three pound in Goods att Curant prises within one year after he arives to the age of twenty one years—

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson George huntris youngest son of my son george huntress all the Rest of that my plantation where on my son dwelt Extending from the fence on the north side of Stony brook southeastward to the furthest extent of my Land so that he paying unto his sister sarah huntris five pounds in Goods att Currnt prises within one year after he Comes to the age of twenty one years or the plantation Comes in his hands which is not to bee till after his Grandmothers decease I having Given itt her till then but after ward to be his and his heirs for ever which Land Lieth in the township of portsmouth

Item I will that If either of my Grand Sons dye without Issue that then the Survivor shall have both parts to him and his heirs forever or if either of them Incline to see that he shall let his brother have the Refuse he givinge as much as any other person and Lastly I do make Constitute ordaine and apppoint my well beloved sons samuell and John huntris my Executors of this my Last will and Testament: which are not to bee molested by any of my Children I haveing advanced them all ready by portions as I intended for them Excepting tenn pounds to my daughter abigail and I do hearby Revoke and disclaime all former and other wills and Testaments by me before naimed or made Ratifying Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hearunto sett my hand and seal this twenty eight day of June 1715

sined sealed published pronounced & Declared by georg huntris to bee his Last will and testamentt in the presence of us the subscribers

John Dam  
Nathan knight  
Moses Dam

[Proved Aug. 19, 1715.]

his  
George X huntris [seal]  
mark

[Bond of Samuel Huntress and John Huntress, with Capt. John Downing and John Fabyan, as sureties, all of Newington, in the sum of £1000, Aug. 19, 1715, for the administration of the estate.]

[Warrant, Aug. 19, 1715, authorizing Capt. John Downing and Ensign John Fabyan, both of Newington, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Oct. 10, 1715; amount, £600; signed by John Downing and John Fabyan.]

[Guardianship of George Huntress of Portsmouth, minor, aged more than fourteen years, granted to his step-father, Thomas Darling of Portsmouth, Jan. 26, 1724/5.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 333.]

## HENRY MARSH

1715

## DURHAM

[Elizabeth Marsh renounces administration on the estate of her husband in favor of her son, John Marsh, July 7, 1715.]

[Bond of John Marsh, with Samuel Lovering and Ephraim Leavitt, yeomen, as sureties, all of Exeter, in the sum of £100, Aug. 9, 1715, for the administration of the estate of his father, Henry Marsh of Oyster River; witnesses, Sebastian Judges and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

[Warrant, Aug. 9, 1715, authorizing Stephen Jones and Jeremiah Burnham, both of Oyster River, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Aug. 15, 1715; amount, £41; signed by Jeremiah Burnham and Stephen Jones.]

[Order of court, Aug. 18, 1715, authorizing the administrator to sell real estate to pay debts.]

## EDWARD POLLY 1715

[Bond of Mary Polly, widow, with Clement Hughes and William Williams as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £200, July 18, 1715, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Edward Polly; witnesses, Jarvis Ring and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

## ROBERT RUTHERFORD 1715 PORTSMOUTH

[Bond of William Fellows of Portsmouth, vintner, with Joshua Wingate of Hampton, smith, and Thomas Roberts of Dover, husbandman, as sureties, in the sum of £100, July 19, 1715, for the administration of the estate of Robert Rutherford of Portsmouth, barber; witnesses, William Sherrod and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

## NATHANIEL JACKSON 1715 PORTSMOUTH

[Bond of Margaret Jackson, with Elisha Briard and Thomas Peirce as sureties, in the sum of £500, July 21, 1715, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Nathaniel Jackson of Portsmouth; witnesses, Sebastian Judges and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

[Warrant, July 21, 1715, authorizing Thomas Peirce, cord-winder, and Elisha Briard, block-maker, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Sept. 7, 1715; amount, £593.1.7; signed by Elisha Briard and Thomas Peirce.]

[Administratrix's account of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, £634.5.1; expenditures, £100.9.2; mentions children, Nathaniel Jackson, John Jackson, Joshua Jackson, and Samuel Jackson, John being 2½ and Samuel 4¼ years old at the

death of their father; also states that John was "Delirious above one year."]

[Warrant, April 26, 1727, authorizing Capt. Samuel Hart, Capt. Joseph Sherburne, Ephraim Dennett, John Cutt, and Clement Hughes to divide the real estate.]

Pro: of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

Pursuant to a warrant to us Directed from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Richard Waldron Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of Probate of Wills &c for S<sup>d</sup> Province Impowering us to make a Division of the real Estate of Nathaniel Jackson, late of Portsmouth Dec<sup>d</sup>, Among the widow & Children of the S<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>d</sup>, We have made the Same as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup> To the Widow for her Dower we have Sett off as followeth viz<sup>t</sup>—

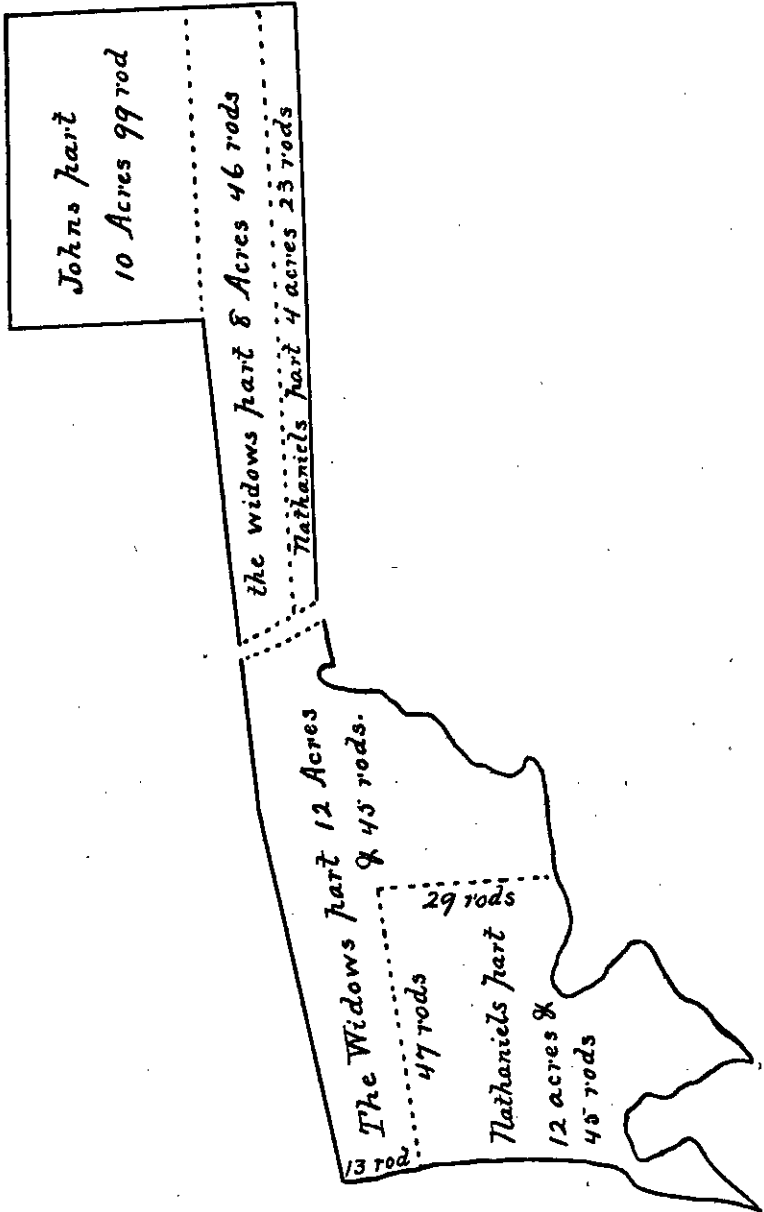
The Western Ground room & Garret in the S<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>d</sup>'s late Dwelling House, the Western End of the Lento, one half of the Cellar, the Eastern Chamber and one half of the Barn, one half of the Land adjoining to the House & Eight Acres & fourty Six rods of Pasture Land, y<sup>e</sup> which is more plainly Demonstrated by y<sup>e</sup> platt on y<sup>e</sup> other Side.

To Nathaniel Jackson he being the Eldest Son, we allow for his double portion the Eastern Ground room & Garret in Said House, one half of the Western Chamber, the Eastern Ground room in the Lento, one half of the Cellar, one half of the Barn, the other half of the Land adjoining to the Dwelling House, and four Acres & Twenty three rods of pasture Land as y<sup>e</sup> Same is noted on y<sup>e</sup> platt on y<sup>e</sup> other Side, w<sup>th</sup> privilege of fetching watter from y<sup>e</sup> Well, & going to & coming from y<sup>e</sup> Barn and also the Liberty of the Lane,

To John Jackson we allow one half of y<sup>e</sup> Western Chamber, and ten Acres & ninety rods of Land at y<sup>e</sup> head of y<sup>e</sup> Pasture as y<sup>e</sup> Same is Platted on y<sup>e</sup> other Side,

To Joshua Jackson We allow y<sup>e</sup> Deceaseds House & Land at y<sup>e</sup> Bank he paying to his Brother Samuel the sum of Thirty two pounds.

To Samuel Jackson we allow y<sup>e</sup> Deceaseds part of y<sup>e</sup> Island,



com'only called Jacksons Island, and the aforesaid Sum of Thirty two pounds to be paid him by his Brother Joshua, as witness our hands July 6<sup>th</sup> 1727—

Sam<sup>l</sup> Hart  
 Jos: Sherburn  
 John Cutt  
 Clement Hughes

[Allowed July 18, 1727.]

CALEB SHAW

1715

[Bond of Elizabeth Shaw, widow, with Samuel Shaw and Benjamin Hilliard as sureties, all of Hampton, in the sum of £200, July 27, 1715, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Caleb Shaw; witnesses, Henry Rust and Thomas Roberts.]

[Inventory, Sept. 6, 1715; amount, £316.8.0; signed by Peter Weare and Joseph Swett.]

[Account of the settlement of the estate by Elizabeth Tilton, wife of Capt. Joseph Tilton, formerly widow of Caleb Shaw; amount of estate, £326.8.0; expenditures, including widow's third, £281.18.9; mentions children, Samuel Shaw, the oldest son, Joseph Shaw, Ebenezer Shaw, Elizabeth Shaw, alias Rollins, Margaret Shaw, and Mary Shaw, also Ann Shaw, who had died; expense is entered for maintaining Ebenezer Shaw five years and six months, and Mary Shaw seven years; allowed June 9, 1726.]

[Various bills, notes, etc., containing signatures of Jacob Freese, John Penhallow, Benjamin Fitch, Samuel Melcher, Nathaniel Healey, Samuel Nudd, Israel Blake, and Nathaniel Marriner, son of Joshua Marriner.

A list of children mentions Samuel Shaw, Rachel Shaw, Aphia Shaw, Elizabeth Shaw, "mar<sup>d</sup> to Caleb Ralins & since Dead," Ann Shaw, dead, Margaret Shaw, Joseph Shaw, Ebenezer Shaw, and Mary Shaw.



Rachel Shaw married Abner Sanborn of Hampton, and they gave a receipt for her portion of the estate Dec. 19, 1715; witnesses, Peter Weare, Peter Sanborn, and John Sanborn.]

JOHN BICKFORD                      1715                      NEWINGTON

[Bond of Susanna Bickford, widow, and her son, Jethro Bickford, with John Downing, all of Newington, and John Knight of Portsmouth, as sureties, in the sum of £1000, Sept. 5, 1715, for the administration of the estate of her husband, John Bickford of Newington; witnesses, James Nelson and Matthew Nelson.]

[Warrant, Sept. 9, 1715, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Lieut. Tristram Heard, both of Dover, to take an inventory of the estate.]

[Inventory, Nov. 22, 1715; amount, £651.17.0; signed by John Tuttle and Tristram Heard.]

[Administratrix's account of the settlement of the estate; mentions division of real estate as follows:

“The Real Estate being one hundred & fifty Acres:  $\frac{1}{3}$  to the adm<sup>rx</sup>, Dur<sup>a</sup> Vid<sup>t</sup> the other two thirds in the following Manner—viz<sup>t</sup>

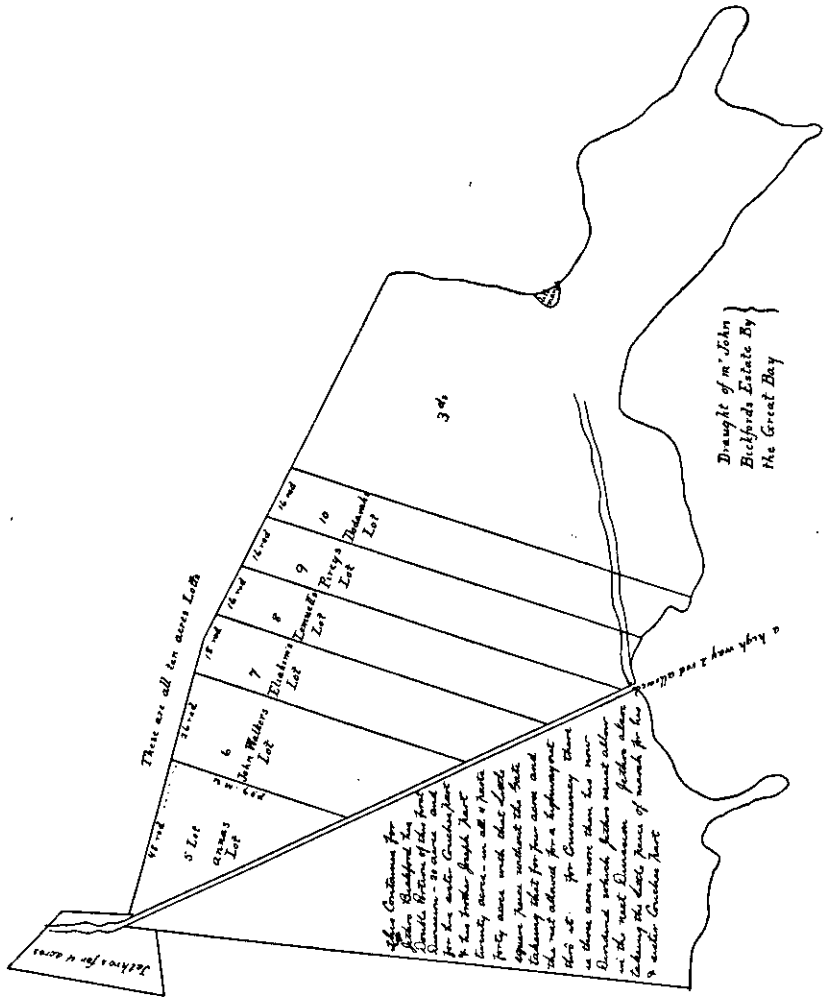
	acres
“ to Jethro Bickford his Double Portion	20
“ to D <sup>o</sup> for his Sister Couch	10
“ to D <sup>o</sup> for his Brother Joseph Bickford	10
“ to D <sup>o</sup> 3 acres y <sup>t</sup> he must allow out of his next Divission	3
“ to John Walker his wifes part	10
“ to Piricy Bickford his part	10
“ to Eliakim Bickford his part	10
“ to Elimuell Bickford his part	10
“ to Dodavah Bickford his part	10
“ to Anna Bickford her part	10

“ the Rest in y<sup>o</sup> Widdow for her 3<sup>da</sup>

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“the Lots Drawn by them of age : And the Mother Guardian for them under age & Numbered as in the Draught.”]



[Petition of Joseph Couch, minor, aged about eighteen years, and living out of the province, that his uncle, Lemuel Bickford, be appointed his guardian ; dated July 5, 1732.]

[Guardianship of Joseph Couch, grandson of John Bickford and Susanna Bickford of Newington, granted to his uncle, Lemuel Bickford, July 5, 1732.]

[Probate Records, vol. 13, p. 14.]

[Blank sheet of paper for guardian's bond, signed by Lemuel Bickford, Abraham Matthews, and Dodavah Bickford; witnesses, John Penhallow and Eliakim Bickford.]

To the Honourable Benjamin Gambling Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of Probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration in the province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

The Complaint of Jn<sup>o</sup> Walker and Mary his wife, Sam<sup>n</sup> Walker and Anna Walker, Lemuel Bickford as Guardian to Joseph Cooch the only Surviving Child of Bridget Cooch formerly Bridget Bickford, Peircey Bickford, Lemuel Bickford, Eliakim Bickford and Dodavah Bickford with Lemuel Bickford for his Brother Joseph Bickford— sheweth

That Jn<sup>o</sup> Bickford late of Dover in the s<sup>d</sup> province in the Year of our Lord 1715 died Intestate, leaving Issue Nine sons and daughters, Viz<sup>tt</sup> Jethro his oldest Surviving son, Bridget, Joseph, Mary, Peircey, Anna, Lemuel, Eliakim and Dodavah and that in the Year of our Lord 1719 his the s<sup>d</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Bickfords estate real & personal was Setled by the Court of Probates of that day, and that the Share of the Two Thirds of the Land coming to each Child excepting the oldest son amounted to Ten acres and no more, to which oldest son came Twenty acres as his double Share which Eldest son purchased two Single Shares of the afors<sup>d</sup> Two Thirds, viz<sup>tt</sup> of Joseph and Bridget which makes his right to be forty Acres in the Division of the first Two Thirds,— yet so it is that in the s<sup>d</sup> Division he the Eldest son has procured to be laid out Sixty five acres of their S<sup>d</sup> fathers land unto him which is Twenty five acres more than to him of right doth belong— which is very greatly to the damage of Your Complainants, their respective Shares being Lessened thereby— They therefore pray that Your Honour will please to order an exact Survey to be made of the former Division

and a new Division to be made if need require of the afors<sup>d</sup> Two Thirds of their s<sup>d</sup> fathers real estate, and Your Petitioners Shall pray &c

26<sup>th</sup> septem<sup>r</sup> 1732.

Lemuel Bickford for Cooch  
 Dodavah Bickford  
 Lem<sup>l</sup> Bickford for anah Walker  
 Pearce Bickford  
 Lemuel Bickford for Joseph Bickford  
 John walker  
 Lem<sup>l</sup> Bickford  
 Eliakim Bickford

[The judge of probate declined to act, and appeal was taken to the governor and council.]

ABRAHAM PERKINS 1715

[Bond of Mary Perkins, widow, with John Moulton and John Tuck as sureties, all of Hampton, in the sum of £500, Sept. 5, 1715, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Abraham Perkins; witnesses, Richard Elliot and Samuel Thompson.]

[Warrant, Sept. 5, 1715, authorizing Capt. Joshua Wingate and Robert Moulton, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, signed by Joshua Wingate and Robert Moulton; amount, £475.16.0.]

SAMUEL FELLOWS JR. 1715 KINGSTON

[Bond of Sarah Fellows, widow, and her father, Thomas Webster, with John Fifield and Thomas Sleeper as sureties, all of Kingston, Sept. 8, 1715, in the sum of £400, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Samuel Fellows; witnesses, Daniel Ladd and John Sleeper.]

[Inventory of the estate of Samuel Fellows, Jr., of Kingston; amount, £149.19.0; signed by John Fifield and Thomas Sleeper; attested Sept. 8, 1715.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £15.9.0; signed by John Fifield and Thomas Sleeper.]

[Order of court, June 6, 1716, authorizing Sarah Fellows, widow of Samuel Fellows and daughter of Thomas Webster of Kingston, to give deeds of two mills which her husband had sold.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 2.]

SAMUEL GRAFFAM                      1715                      PORTSMOUTH

[Inventory of the estate of Samuel Graffam, Oct. 21, 1715; amount, £48.9.6; signed by William Parker and William Cotton.]

\* [Bond of Agnes Graffam, with Capt. John Pickering and Jacob Lavers, as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £100, Nov. 12, 1715, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Samuel Graffam of Portsmouth; witnesses, Benjamin Miller and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

TIMOTHY BLAKE                      1715                      HAMPTON

In the name of god amen

I Timothy blake beinge weke of body \* \* \*

2<sup>d</sup> I havinge by Deed given to my two sons moses and Isarell the one halfe of my farme which deed baringe date the aightenth day of June sevenen hundred & twelve, I give unto my sd two sons after my deseas the other halfe of my farme that is moses & Isarell blake, they yeildinge & payinge my now wife thier mother, the one third of the income of sd lands & after there mothers deseas to be equally divided in quallety & quantity they payinge to there brothers & sisters ten pounds apece, that is to

aron ten pounds, & five pounds to timothy he havinge five pound  
alredy given to debroh Nomia [Naomi] ruth ten pounds apece

& I Give to my son Samuell my grist mill hee livinge duty  
full to his mother tell he is twenty one years of age & then allow-  
inge his mother twenty shillings a yeare & evry yeare duringe  
her naturell life

I Give to my wife the use of my stoke of Cattell of all sorts  
& goods & utencells in the house duringe her naturell life & then  
to be disposed of amonge the Children with the ten pounds as  
aforsd if the estate bee then that it bee no wronge to the exec-  
utors in Confirmation of all above written I sett my hand & seall  
this twenty sixth of october ano: Dom: 1715 & in the second yeare  
of our sovaraigne Georg of great Brittin king I also constitut &  
apoint my two sons moses & Isarell executors & my wife Nomi  
[Naomi] executrix: to this my last will to all which I set my hand  
and seall the Date aforsd

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Isarel Smith

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Oliver Smith

[Proved June 4, 1718.]

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of timothy blake [seal]

[Inventory of the estate of Timothy Blake of Hampton, who died  
Jan. 5, 1717/18; taken Feb. 10, 1717/18; amount, £278.10.0;  
signed by Joseph Swett and Benjamin Hilliard.]

JOHN WINCOLL

1715

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Capt. John Wincoll of Ports-  
mouth granted to his widow, Deborah Wincoll, Nov. 12, 1715.]

[Administration granted to John Wentworth and George Jaf-  
frey, both of Portsmouth, Oct. 11, 1717.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £482.18.3½.]

[Warrant, Jan. 5, 1718/19, authorizing the administrators to sell real estate, the estate being insolvent.]

[Various bills, notes, and accounts, containing signatures of Benjamin Elliot, Paul Dudley, John Frost, William Mann, Samuel Lynde, Deborah Wincoll, Splan Lovell, Susanna Jacobs, Samuel Checkley, Jonathan Waldo, Joseph Marriner, John Knight, John Smith, William Pepperell, Shadrack Walton, John Wincoll, James Davis, Job Alcock, and Dorothy Sherburne.

Also a deed of land in Berwick, Me., March 26, 1709, from John Wincoll of Portsmouth, mariner, and Deborah Wincoll, his wife, to John Smith of Salmon Falls in the town of Berwick, Me., yeoman, son of James Smith of the same place, yeoman, deceased.]

JOHN STOCKBRIDGE 1715

HAMPTON

[Samuel Stockbridge of Dorchester, Mass., clothier, oldest son, renounces administration on the estate of his father, John Stockbridge of Hampton, Nov. 23, 1715, and requests that administration be granted to his next brother, John Stockbridge of Berwick, Me.; witnesses, Abraham Stockbridge and Ann Newman.]

[Administration on the estate of John Stockbridge of Hampton granted to his son, John Stockbridge of Berwick, Me., Aug. 15, 1716.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 15.]

[Bond of John Stockbridge, with Alexander Grant and Thomas Earle as sureties, all of Berwick, Me., in the sum of £50, Aug. 15, 1715, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Mary Spencer and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

[Inventory, signed by Samuel Colcord and John Fifield; amount, £61.0.0; attested by the administrator July 20, 1717.]

JOHN FOLSOM

1715

EXETER

I John Folsam of Exeter in the Province of New Hampshire being weak of body, \* \* \*

Item I give unto my son Abraham Folsam four acres of salt marsh at Hampton to be taken out of the south end of the great Lot. and I give him three fifths of my Lower pasture in Exeter known by the name of pine hill pasture he taking his part next to Jonathan smiths Land.

Item : I give to my son John Folsam twenty acres of Land lying upon pickpocket Road on this side the great River, and thirty acres on the other side the great River, where now he lives.

Item : I give to my son Jonathan Folsam my house and barn and the Land adjoining to it, and all my marsh both in Hampton and Exeter not already disposed of, and three acres of land in the common field, and three acres of swamp in the neck and the whole of my upper and Lower pasture not already disposed of, and my part in the saw mill.

Item : my will is that my sons Abraham and Jonathan shall not have their portions till after my wifes decease.

Item I give to my son Jeremiah Folsam an hundred acres of land at lamperle River where now he lives.

Item : I give to my daughter Abigail Gillman seven pounds.

Item : I give to my daughter Sarah Stevens twelve pounds.

Item : I give to my daughter Marys two Children each five pounds apee

Item : I give to my son John Folsam and to my daughters Lydia Stockman & Mercy Dudley all my Land at the white pine plains and over the great River known by the name of Folsams Meadow being by estimation two hundred acres be it more or Less to be equelly divided between them :

Item My will is that my son Jonathan Folsam shall pay my Just debts and funerel Charges, and that he shall pay his two sisters Abigail Gilman and Sarah Stevens their portions as above named and likewise his two Cousens my daughter marys Children, immediately after his mothers decease.





RICHARD MILLS

1715

PORTSMOUTH

[Bond of Ann Mills, widow, with William Cotton, Jr., and Edward Cator as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £500, Dec. 22, 1715, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Dr. Richard Mills of Portsmouth; witnesses, Richard Gerrish, Jr., and Jacob Lavers.]

[Inventory, Aug. 18, 1716; amount, £228.11.11; signed by Jacob Lavers and Robert Pike; attested by Abigail Nicholson, administratrix to the estate of Ann Mills, Aug. 30, 1716.]

NICHOLAS SMITH

1715/16

EXETER

I Nicholas Smith of Extor in the Province of New Hampshire in New England being weak of body \* \* \*

Item I give unto my beloved son Richard Smith my Dwelling House and all my land thereto adjoining & the right y<sup>e</sup> I have or ought to have to y<sup>e</sup> Estate of my Father Nicholas Smith Deceas'd.—

Item I give unto my beloved son Nathaniel Smith Twenty acres of upland next adjoining to y<sup>e</sup> Cattale swamp so called.

Item I give unto my five sons Daniel, Nicholas, Benjamin Edward and John and to my five Daughters Mary Elisabeth, Patience, Comfort and Abigail Smith all my other Lands and meadows to be equally divided amongst them they paying what is hereafter mentioned.—

Item I Give unto my beloved daughter Ann Clarke twenty shillings to be paid her by her five Brothers & five Sisters above specified she having Received part of her . . . . already.—

Item My will is that none of my Children receive their portions before after mine & my wifes Decease.—

Item I give unto my beloved wife Mary Smith the use of my Dwelling House, and all my upland and meadow for her life and all my Housell, goods and Stock for her own proper use and to dispose of according to her pleasure.—

Finally My will is and I doe hereby appoint my Loveing wife

and my son Richard Smith to be the full and joynt Execut<sup>r</sup> of this my Last will and Testament & I doe hereby revoke and disannull, and make voyde, all former wills & Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said Nicholas Smith have to this my Last will & Testament Sett my hand and seal this thurteenth day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & fifteen Sixteen &c

Signed Sealed & owned In y<sup>e</sup>  
presenec of us—

Cartee Gilman  
Edward Stevens  
Jeremiah Hubbard

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Nicholas X Smith  
Mark

[Proved June 6, 1716.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 7.]

[Bond of Mary Smith, widow, and her son, Richard Smith, with Cartee Gilman and Jeremiah Hubbard as sureties, all of Exeter, in the sum of £500, June 6, 1716, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Richard Gerrish, Jr., and Jeremiah Thompson.]

RICHARD DORE

1715/16

PORTSMOUTH

In the Nam of God amen

I Richerd Door of Porchmoth in the Provence of New Hamsher in New England Con Sidering the the Sicknes and infermity of my Bodey and not knowen How Sun deth may Remove me henc to another world I have thoft fit and Resolved beefore I Leeave this Earthly Vale to deespose of my temporel Goodes and Estat which it Hath Plesed God to bee stow up on me I Recomend first my imortal Sol into the marcifiel handes of God my father and of my deer Saver Jesus Christ and my mortel Bodey to the Earth to be decently byred according to the Discretion of my Executres her after named in maner and forme following

fust I will I Give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Tamson door my hous and orched and the Land that agines to it

and all the privledges and apurtenences therunto be longing to my said Wife her one proper use Benefit and behuf for Ever to deespos of as shee sees fit

Secly I will and Give my said Wife Liberty after my deth to sell a certen parcel of Land about four or five acers the Land I bought of Mr Jackson and Mr Cotton to pay my Funerel Charges and doo deets and the Re Mander of the money that the Land is sold for I will and beqeth it Equiley to bee divided among my Children every one alick and my Wif to have all that Eles apers to be min

finely I Constuite and appoint my dear and Fathfull Wife y<sup>o</sup> Sole Executrix of this my Last will and testament in witnes Were of I have her unto Set my hand and Seel this 16 day of Febery 17<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> In the year of our Lord one thosend Seven Hundred and fiften Sixten Anno in the Ran of King Jorg the 2 : yer

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[Proved March 17, 1715/16.]

[Bond of Tamson Dore, widow, with William Cotton, Jr., and Samuel Manson as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £100, March 17, 1715/16, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Abraham Boule and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

[Warrant, March 22, 1715/16, authorizing Samuel Manson and Peter Ball, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, May 1, 1716; amount, £53.10.0; signed by Peter Ball and Samuel Manson.]

JETHRO FURBER                      1715/16                      NEWINGTON

[Bond of Leah Furber, widow, with Hatevil Nutter and Moses Dam, yeomen, as sureties, all of Newington, in the sum of £1000 March 2, 1715/16, for the administration of the estate of her husband, Jethro Furber of Newington; witnesses, Thomas Harvey and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

[Inventory, April 16, 1716; amount, £247.2.0; signed by John Dam and John Downing, Jr.]

ROBERT LANG                              1715/16

[Bond of Stephen Lang, fisherman, with William Wallace, fisherman, and Capt. John Pickering, gentleman, as sureties, in the sum of £200, March 5, 1715/16, for the administration of the estate of his father, Robert Lang.]

[Warrant, March 5, 1715/16, authorizing Capt. Tobias Langdon and Thomas Beck, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory of the estate of Robert Lang, who died Feb. 16, 1715/16; taken March 27, 1716; amount, £117.11.10; signed by Tobias Langdon and Thomas Beck.]

JAMES BLAGDON                      1715/16                      STAR ISLAND

[Bond of George Blagdon of the Isles of Shoals, with George Jaffrey and Richard Wibird, both of Portsmouth, gentlemen, as sureties, in the sum of £400, March 17, 1715/16, for the administration of the estate of his father, James Blagdon of the Isles of Shoals; witness, Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

[Administration on the estate of James Blagdon of Star island granted to William Kelly of Newcastle March 5, 1721/2.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 236.]

[Inventory, Star island, Sept. 1, 1722; amount, £150.0.0; signed by Richard Yeaton of Star island and John Vennard of Newcastle, mariner.]

JOHN BLAKE

1715/16

HAMPTON

In the name of God Amen: The twentie second day of march in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifteen or sixteen I John Blake of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> province of New Hampshire in New England; being very sick and weak in body, \* \* \*

Item I give and bequeath to ffransis my dearly beloved wife to have the use of my dwelling house and barne during her natural life, with one third part of my orchard, and my Son Jasper to keep or find his mother two cowes & to find her with firewood, and eight bushels of Indian corn yearly and twoo bushels of malt, and two swine fatted weighing about seven score apeece, and six sheep yearly, and also to have and Improve all my moveable household goods within doors, all which during her natural life

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Blake one third part of y<sup>e</sup> fruit of my orchards until hee have an orchard of his own that bears, also two shares in y<sup>e</sup> first west Division, and a share and halfe in y<sup>e</sup> second west Division near John Greens, and also my salt Marsh att y<sup>e</sup> fales Side which I bought of Jo<sup>n</sup> Gove, and that part of a share att winnecutt meadow on y<sup>e</sup> northerly Side of y<sup>e</sup> River: and my biggest Timber chain and y<sup>e</sup> least of my draft chaines

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jasper Blake my five acres of salt marsh, and my southermost share at winnecutt meadow together with my house lott where my house now Standeth with y<sup>e</sup> orchard and housing thereon, the housing & orchard after my wives decease and one share in y<sup>e</sup> west Division lying between Robert Draks & Jn<sup>o</sup> Leavits shares, as also my stocke of cattell or moveables with out doors, all husbandry Implements or tools what so ever, and y<sup>e</sup> moveables within doors after my Wifes Decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Blake all that part of my share at winnicutt River on y<sup>e</sup> Souerly side of y<sup>e</sup> River over against y<sup>t</sup> part of y<sup>e</sup> share I have given to my Son Samuel

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Dorothy crocket twelve pounds in merchantable pay, Jasper to pay nine pounds ten shillings & Sam<sup>l</sup> two pound tenn shillings one year after my decease as also Jasper to lett her have one cow att y<sup>e</sup> time above sd And to my Daughter Sarah Bachelder I give five shillings

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Blake one share in y<sup>e</sup> old north Division near woodchick, And order my Son Nathan Blake to be put to learne a good trade as my Executors shall think fitt, & Jasper to pay him seven pounds in merchantable pay & Sam<sup>l</sup> to pay him three pounds in mechantable pay all which is to be paid him att y<sup>e</sup> age of twenti one years And to my Daughter Mehitabel Blake ten pounds in merchantable pay, Sam<sup>l</sup> to pay her four pounds & Jasper six pounds; And I order and appoint my Dearly Beloved Wife and my Son Jasper Blake to be Executors and Exsecutrix to this my last will and Testament in wittness whereof I have here unto sett my hand and seale, the day and year abov written :

Signed Sealed published and  
Declared by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Blake as  
his last will & Testament in y<sup>e</sup>  
presence of us y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers

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John Blake [seal]

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Elisha Smith  
Caleb X Towle  
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[Proved May 14, 1716.]

[Inventory, May 12, 1716; amount, £353.16.6; signed by John Tuck and Elisha Smith.]

[Frances Blake, the widow, accepts joint executorship May 14, 1716.]

[Bond of Jasper Blake, with Caleb Towle and Elisha Smith as sureties, all of Hampton, in the sum of £700, May 14, 1716, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, William Sherrod and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

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ANN MILLS

1716

PORTSMOUTH

[Bond of Abigail Nicholson, widow, with Jacob Lavers, cord-winder, and Richard Parshley, tailor, as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £500, May 15, 1716, for the administration of the estate of her daughter, Ann Mills of Portsmouth; witnesses, Richard Gerrish, Jr., and John Dimond.]

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SILVANUS NOCK

1716

DOVER

In the Name of God amen. I Silvanus Nock senior of the Town of Dover in the Province of Newhampshire being sick and weak of body \* \* \*

Imprimis I Give and bequeath unto Easter my well beloved wife one third part of my improved lands belonging to my homestead to be improved by her during her Widowhood and also the improvement of one Sixth part of my Sawmill so long as she remains a widow and also the lower Room in my dwelling house and one third part of my barn during her widowhood as aforesaid in like manner one third part of all the moveables excepting the bed which shall be wholly at her dispose together with the bedding belonging to it

Item I give to my eldest Son Silvanus Nock all my home place with all the Housing and lands belonging to it viz two thirds of all my home place as house and barn and lands thereto belonging (not disposed of to his mother) immediately after my decease; and at his mothers marriage or decease the whole to be his and I do also give unto him all my land and marsh at birch point and



also half my right and interest in the sawmill with the priveledges thereto belonging as also all my other estate both Reall and personall which shall not be otherwise disposed of in this my will and I do constitute and appoint him my said Son Silvanus Nock to be the Sole executor of this my last will obliging him to pay all my honest debts and funerall charges, and he to receive all the debts due to me

Item I give unto my Son Thomas Nock twentie five acres of land lying in the Town of Barwick in the province of the Massachusetts bay, adjoyning to loves brook

Item I give unto my Son James Nock the other part of my lands adjoyning to loves Brook as aforesaid being about twentie five acres adjoyning to that which I have here given to my Son Thomas Nock.

Item I give unto my Son Zechariah Nock twentie acres of land adjoyning to the brook at holmes bridge as also the other half of my right and interest in the Sawmill with the priveledges appertaining to it excepting only his mother's improvement of a third during her widowhood

Item I give unto my abovesaid Sons Thomas Nock and James Nock my old Sawmill equally between y<sup>m</sup> with the priveledges belonging to it and liberty of rebuilding it at Quomphegen the place where it now stands and near to the other Sawmill here disposed of in part

Item I give unto my Sons Silvanus Thomas and Zechariah Nock all my Quick stock to be divided equally between them only my wife shall improve one third of it During her widowhood

Item I give unto my Daughters Elizabeth and Sarah Nock twentie shillings a piece to be paid by my Executor within two years after my decease

And I do hereby revoke and disanull all other and former wells made by me and do ratifie and confirm this to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I the Said Silvanus Nock sen: have hereunto set my hand and seal this Seaventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seaven hundred and sixteen and in

the second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of great Britain &c King defender of the Faith  
Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Said Silvanus Nock to be his last will and Testament

In presence of Silvanus Nock [seal]  
Thomas Tebbets Sen  
Samue<sup>l</sup> Tebbets  
Matthew Short

[Proved Feb. 13, 1716/17.]

[Inventory, July 14, 1716; amount, £252.0.6; signed by Thomas Tibbetts, Samuel Tibbetts, and Hatevil Roberts.]

[Bond of Silvanus Nock, with Thomas Tibbetts and Samuel Tibbetts, yeomen, as sureties, all of Dover, in the sum of £500, Feb. 13, 1716/17, for the administration of the estate; witness, Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

ISAAC MATTHEWS 1716 PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Isaac Matthews of Portsmouth, sailmaker, granted to John Jones of Portsmouth, mason, July 3, 1716.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 13.]

[Bond of John Jones, mason, with William Parker, tanner, and Michael Whidden, joiner, as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £100, July 3, 1716, for the administration of the estate of his brother, Isaac Matthews; witnesses, Jacob Lavers and Eleazer Russell.]

JAMES O'SHAW 1716 NEWCASTLE

[Administration on the estate of James O'Shaw of Great Island granted to John O'Shaw of Great Island July 15, 1716.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 14.]

[Bond of John O'Shaw of Great Island, hatter, with John Pickering, gentleman, and William Hunking, shipwright, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, in the sum of £100, July 15, 1716, for the administration of the estate of his brother, James O'Shaw; witnesses, Samuel Swan and Richard Gerrish, Jr.]

WILLIAM AYERS

1716

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of William Ayers of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Mary Ayers, Sept. 28, 1716.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 32.]

[Bond, in blank, for £500, Sept. 28, 1716, signed by Mary Ayers, Sampson Doe, and Richard Gerrish, Jr.; witnesses, John Cutt and Thomas Harvey.]

[List of claims against the estate of William Ayers; amount, £186.0.0.]

[Account of expenditures of Mary Ayers in settling the estate of her husband, William Ayers of Portsmouth; amount, £14.5.2.]

[License to sell real estate granted to Mary Doe, administratrix to the estate of her former husband, William Ayers, June 7, 1721.]

[Probate Minutes, June 7, 1721.]

NATHANIEL WRIGHT

1716

STRATHAM

In the name of God, amen, the Twenty seventh Day of August, one Thousand Seven hundred and sixteen, and In the third yeare of the Reigne of our sovereign Lord King George, I Nathaniel Wright Husbandman In the Province of New Hampsheir, and In Township of Stratham Being Aged & weake In Body \* \* \*

I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Kinsman Richard white weaver of the Province and Towneship aforesaid: viz: my house and barne, and land which I now live on and possess; forty

Acres of land more or less to him his heirs or assigns forever with orchard and fenceing and all priviledges & appertenances thereunto belonging: Buting and bounding as followeth: the North west end buting att or neare The head of walls Creek or March and so running upon a southeast point of the Compass upon the North East side of the land of Thomas Reed Deceased buting south East upon the land of Elias Crichets, and North East upon the land formerly In the possession of Isaac Cole and the sd Richard white his heirs or assigns to be in full possession of sd land and houseing at the Decase of myselfe & wife—and I do hereby utterly Disollow, revoke & disanul all and Every other former Testament, wills legacies and requests, & Executors, by me in any wayes before named, willed & bequeathed, Ratifieing, and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare above written— signed, sealed, published, pronounced and Declared by the sd Nathaniel Wright As his last will and Testament in presence of us the subscribers

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Nathaniell Wright [seal]

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[The widow, Hannah Wright, being "antient & not able to travill," renounces administration Sept. 26, 1717, in favor of Richard White; witnesses, Jane Lewis and Andrew Wiggin.]

[Will proved and allowed Oct. 5, 1717. No executor being named in the will, administration with will annexed was granted to Sarah White, widow of Richard White of Stratham.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 15.]

[Inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Wright, who died Sept. 9, 1717; taken Oct. 9, 1717; amount, £161.12.0; signed by Thomas Wiggin and Richard Crockett; attested by Sarah White, administratrix, Oct. 11, 1717.]

JOB CLEMENT

1716

DOVER

In The Name and feear of God Amen

I Job Clements sen<sup>r</sup> of the Towne of dover in the Province of new hampsh<sup>r</sup> Being Aged and sick and Weak of boddy \* \* \*

Viz I doo give and bequeathe unto Abigall my beloved wif the Use benefett & yearly Profets of my dwelling house barne orchard and Improved Lands on dover neck to gether with the Use Improvement of all my Land Lyeing on the West side of the back River for and duering her Widowows Estate in this naturall Liffe I doo further give to my beloved Wife the bed that I now Ley on In my sicknes with the furniture belonging to it with what more is necessary to fitt it Compleat and allso one Third Part of my Quick stock and all other moveable Estate to be at her dispose for Ever the other too thirds of my Quick stock to be at her dispose for the Use of her self and family with out Controle

I<sup>t</sup> I doo Will and dispose to my Eldest son Job Clements that the hundred and forty Acres of Land which I gave him deeds for shall be his Portion and full Proportion oute of my Estate and doo by this my Will Exclude and debarr him from any further Claim or Challeng there on further then I shal order an dispose to him in this my will

I<sup>t</sup> I doo give and bequeathe unt my son Jame Clements one hundred acres of Land which my father bought of Jeremiah Tebbets Lyeing in Cochecha woods

I<sup>t</sup> I doo give and bequeathe to my Son John Clements one hundred Acres of Land which my father bought of Ralph Twomly lyeng in Cochecha woods

I<sup>t</sup> I doo give and bequeathe to my Son daniell Clements one hundred Acres of Land which my father bought of decon. John hall Lyeing in Cochecha Woods

I<sup>t</sup> I doo give and bequeathe to my daughter Margrett Clements three score Acres of Land which my father bought of Thomas Pain Lyeing on the back side of otis his hill in Cochecha Woods

I<sup>t</sup> I doo give and bequeathe to my beloved Wife all the Right

title and Intrest which of Right belongs to mee out of her fathers Estate at sturgins Creek free and Clear for Ever

I<sup>th</sup> I doo Will and dispose that my dwelling house barne & Lands on dover Neck and back River the which I have given my Wife the Use and Improvement of for her futuer Comfort and Well being duering her Widdows Estate when it shall decend from her be Estimated according to the Trew Vallew there of and bought by one of my Children that shall be first able to Lay downe the money for it Except they other waies agree amongst them selves and the money so Paid to be distributed amongst my Children the Eldest haveing a duble Portion and for all other of my Land not given in this my will I Will and dispose that they be sould by my Executrix and Executor and that the money be distributed the one third Part to my beloved Wife the other two thirds amongst my Children by Even and Eaquall moyeties the Like disposall and distributions to be made of all debts which shall be Recovered that is oweing to me by bills bonds or other wise becoming due to me

I<sup>th</sup> I doo nominate Constitute ordain and appoynt my beloved Wife abigall Clements and my Loveing sone Job Clements to be my sole Executrix and Execu<sup>tr</sup> in Trust Joynly and severally them or the Longer Liver of them to se this my will duely Executed according to the Contents there of finally I doo by these Presents abbrogate Adnull and make Voide all former Wills and Testaments here to fore by me made allowing and holding fearme and stable this and this onely to be my Last Will and Testament Erevoakable as Witnes my hand and seal this Eight day of october in the third year of the Reigne of our Soverain Lord George of great brittian france and Irland King &c Ano: dom 1716

signd seald and Published In

Job Clements [seal]

The Presents of Us

Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuttle

Joseph Beard

Thoms Hall

[Proved Dec. 3, 1716.]

[Warrant, Dec. 22, 1716, authorizing Capt. John Tuttle and Ensign Joseph Beard, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Dec. 1, 1716; amount, £698.14.0; signed by John Tuttle and Joseph Beard.]

JAMES GEORGE

1716

PORTSMOUTH

In the name of god amen I James Gorge being sick and week but of sound mind and memory the prayes of god doo make this my last will and testement Revoking all former dates at my house in porchmouth : on pescattaqua rever In Newingland the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Novem: 1716 :

Itom : I Give my sole to god that gave it and my boddy to the dost from whence it Came tho be desently buried by my Wife sarah Gorge my hole and sole Eckseter

Itom I Give all my Estat In ambery or solbery or elce where unto my beloved wife sarah Gorg to her hole and sole desposing at her will and plecher : Dated In porchmouth the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1716 : sined with my sele as witnes my hand

In pasentes & witnes

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James X Gorg [seal]

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[Proved Feb. 3, 1716.]

[Bond of Robert Pike, with John Cutt and Thomas Harvey as sureties, all of Portsmouth, in the sum of £40, Feb. 3, 1716/17, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Sampson Doe and John Snell.]

[Various accounts, etc., containing signatures of Robert Pike and Richard Main. It appears from these papers that James George and Sarah George, his wife, died about the same time, and were buried together. The estate, amounting to £18.1.8, was divided between Dr. Robert Pike and Richard Main, creditors.]

DODAVAH HULL

1716

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Capt. Dodavah Hull of Portsmouth granted to "Hannah Snell Widow & her son John Snell mother and Bro<sup>r</sup> to Cap<sup>t</sup> Dodipher Hull," Dec. 10, 1716.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 33.]

[Bond, in blank, in the sum of £700, Dec. 10, 1716, signed by Hannah Snell, John Snell, Robert Pike, and Thomas Harvey; witnesses, Sampson Doe and John Cutt; endorsed "Hannah Snell Wid<sup>o</sup> & her Son J<sup>n</sup> Snells bond of Administration."]

[Warrant, Dec. 10, 1716, authorizing Thomas Harvey and Samuel Shackford, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, amounting to £62.0.0.]

[List of claims against the estate; amount, £64.10.5; signed by Thomas Phipps and Samuel Shackford.]

[Various accounts, notes, &c., containing signatures of Elizabeth Janvrin for her husband, John Janvrin, Dec. 1, 1718, Dodavah Hull, William Frost, James Davis, Henry Seward, Nathaniel Mendum, James Libby, John Snell, Robert Pike, and George Jackson.

Mention is made of Capt. Hull's sister Sarah.]

SAMUEL KEAIS

1716

PORTSMOUTH

In the Name of God, Amen

I Samuel Keais of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in y<sup>o</sup> Prov: of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> in New England \* \* \*

Secondly As to the Worldly Estate which it has Pleased God to Give me whether in Lands, Money Debts or any thing else what soever. My Will Is That it shall be Equally Divided between my two Beloved sons, Sam<sup>l</sup> & William Keais except what is hereafter Excepted And forasmuch as my Daughter Gerrish hath bin



very helpfull to me in my Advanced Years My Will is that she shall have all my household Goods Excepting only two beds & furniture which I will shall be unto my two sons

Finally I Make Constitute & Declare my Beloved Freinds Sam<sup>r</sup> Penhallow Jn<sup>o</sup> Wentworth & George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> Guardians unto my two sons Desireing their Care and Advice in y<sup>e</sup> Premisses & to take Charge of all and singular y<sup>e</sup> Goods Chattalls &c of any kind whatsoever That I have Given my s<sup>d</sup> sons untill they Come to Age and that they see unto a Right Divission thereof for the Maintaining of Unity between them. as to my Debts & funerall Charges I Desire my s<sup>d</sup> friends to see unto the Defraying thereof In Testimony wherof I Doe hereunto sett my Hand & seall this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Decemb. 1716

Wittness. Will: Callwell

Samuel Kais [seal]

Abraham Boule

William Fairweather

[Proved Dec. 12, 1720.]

[Warrant, July 13, 1719, authorizing Capt. Henry Sherburne, and Samuel Shackford, both of Portsmouth, to appraise the estate, administration of which is granted to John Wentworth, Samuel Penhallow, and George Jaffrey, no executor being named in the will.]

[Inventory, Sept. 2, 1719; amount, £600.0.0; signed by Samuel Shackford and Henry Sherburne.]

JOHN HEARD

1716/17

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of John Heard of Dover granted to John Smith of Berwick, Me., Jan. 9, 1716/17.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 34.]

[Bond of John Smith of Newichwannock, Me., with John Pray and Richard Tobey, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, in the sum

of £200, Jan. 9, 1717/18, for the administration of the estate; witnesses, Samuel Heard and Richard Gerrish, Jr. The signature of John Smith does not appear.]

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SIR CHARLES HOBBY 1716/17 BOSTON MASS.

[Administration on the estate of Sir Charles Hobby demanded by Oliver Noyes and Elisha Cook Jan. 21, 1716/17; refused by the court, the general assembly advising that the matter be suspended.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 35.]

[Letter from Gov. Samuel Shute to Richard Waldron, Dec. 17, 1717, requesting the appointment of Oliver Noyes and Elisha Cook as administrators of the estate.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 82.]

[Petition of John Milo, James Gooch, David Jeffries, James Bowdoin, Jonas Belcher, Thomas Fitch, Oliver Welsted, John Alford, and John Coleman, creditors, Dec. 13, 1717, for the appointment of Elisha Cook and Oliver Noyes of Boston, Mass., as administrators.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 83.]

[Administration on the estate of Sir Charles Hobby of Boston, Mass., granted to Elisha Cook and Oliver Noyes Dec. 30, 1717.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 84.]

[Petition, Dec. 30, 1717, for license to sell real estate; granted, the estate appearing insolvent.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 85.]

JOSHUA PIKE

1716/17

PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Joshua Pike of Portsmouth granted to Thomas Symmes of Bradford, Mass., in behalf of his wife, Hannah Symmes, oldest sister of Joshua Pike, Jan. 23, 1716/17.]

[Essex County, Mass., Court Records, vol. 312, p. 13.]

[Bond of Thomas Symmes, with Daniel Appleton of Ipswich, Mass., as surety, in the sum of £200, Jan. 23, 1716/17; witnesses, Thomas Berry and Daniel Rogers.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files.]

[Petition of Thomas Symmes, April 16, 1717, for the appointment of a committee to divide the Salisbury, Mass., real estate left by John Pike of Dover to his children, Dr. Robert Pike, Joshua Pike, Solomon Pike, Hannah Symmes, Mercy Gardiner, and Sarah Pike, daughter of Nathaniel Pike, deceased. The land was divided by William Bradbury, Daniel Moody, and Jeremiah Allen.]

[Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, and Probate Records, vol. 312, p. 86.]

JANE GERRISH

1719

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron & Geo: Jaffry Esq being Two of The Exec<sup>rs</sup> appointed in The last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Gerrish Dec<sup>d</sup> presented The Said Will to This board as y<sup>e</sup> Supream probate & prayed That The Same might be there proved The Witnesses being psent, it was done accordingly—

[Council Records, May 2, 1719.]

FRANCIS DREW

1717

DOVER

[Administration on the estate of Francis Drew of Dover granted to Ann Drew June 6, 1717.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 53.]

[Inventory, May 30, 1717; amount, £455.7.0; signed by Samuel Tibbetts and Tristram Heard; attested by the widow and administratrix, Ann Drew, June 6, 1717.]

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WILLIAM BERRY

1717

RYE

Wee James Berry son of William Berry of sandy Beech: Deceased: & John Berry & Joshua floss Grand children of the said W<sup>m</sup> Berry Deceased have Mutually agreed on the Division of the Neck of Land Granted the said W<sup>m</sup> Berry: about Sixty years since, and in our posses<sup>n</sup> Ever Since s<sup>a</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Berry Deceas'd: & for our Quiet and that Each Brother & Brothes child may Know his own proper part, have agreed on the six Divisions as above Made, and in testimony of our agreement have hereunto set our hands, this thirteenth Day of June in the yeare of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen

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James X Berry  
the mark off  
John X Berry  
Joshua floss

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WILLIAM HARFORD

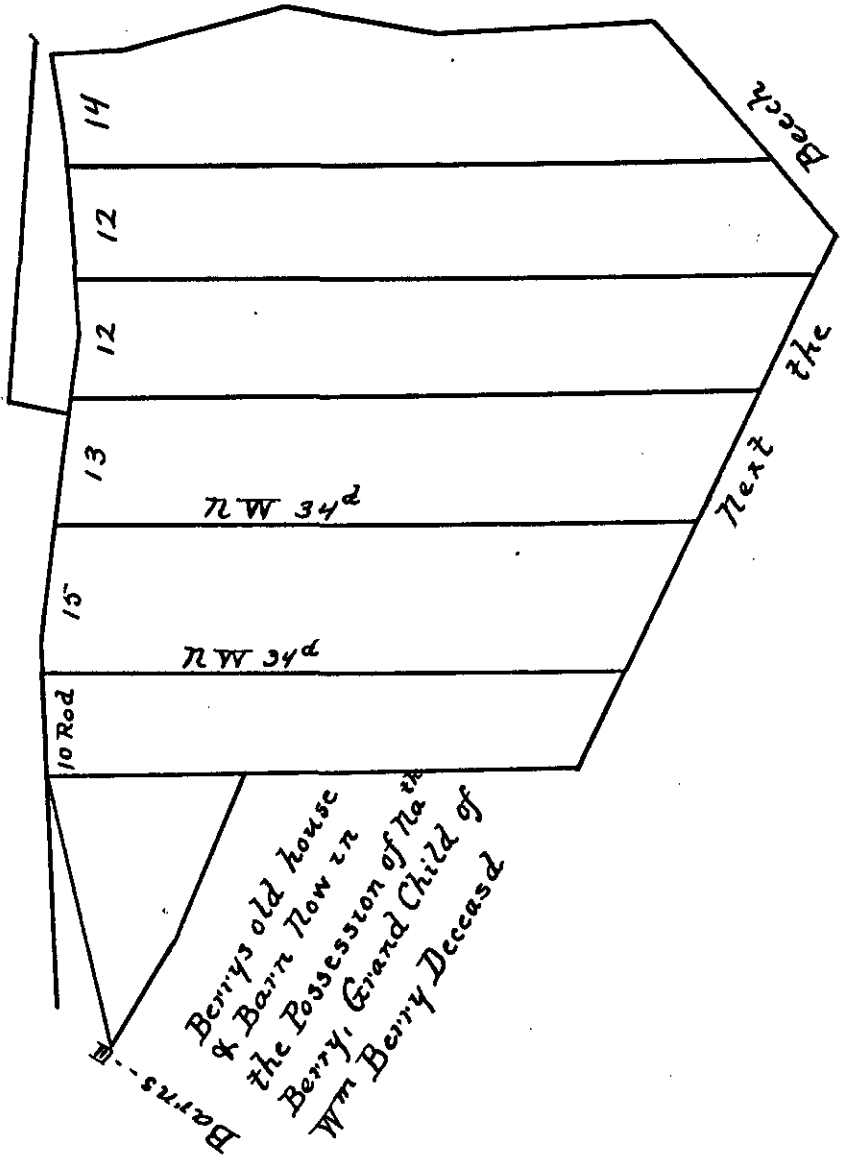
1717

DOVER

Dover the 16<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> month 1717

whareas I william harford of dover in the provinc of new hamshr by the good providence of the Lord am now very sick and weeke in body and nott Like nor no hops to continue long in this world but in sound and disposing memory and understanding praise be given to god for the same I desire that this may be my will and doe make this my will and Tastement and do tharefore by this my will desire that whatt the Lord has betruusted me with of this worlds Estate thatt itt should be thus disposed of as followeth

In the Name of god Amen. first I bequeath my soul to the



Lord that gave itt me and my body to the grave to be deasently Laid thare in : to thatt End thatt this my will and Testament may be fulfilled doe will and desire thatt my dear and loveing wife mary harford may be my hole and absolute Executricx to home I doe give and bequeath all thatt is lawfully mine in this world : during her Life Time she being aged and weake for her better suport and cumfortt I desire that my wife may have and doe as followeth first all my housing and lands be itt more or lese with all my cattile sheepe swine horses or hors kind with all my household Stuff of all sorts I do give and bequeeth to my loving wife mary harford dureing hir Life time and after her death I doe Give and bequeth all my housing of all sorts and lands with every part and parsell thareof with all the privelidges and apurtinances their unto belonging unto my well beloved son in law Thomas Cenney To him and his heirs for ever To home I doe give and bequeth as aboves<sup>d</sup> and doe make him hole and sole heir of all my housings and lands which is called mine on dover neck after the de-sease of my dear and loving wife as above sd whome I doe make sole Executrix of this my last will and Testementt Revoaking all other wills by me heartofore made but iff the Lord who is able is pleased to Raise me up from this my Sickness againe then itt shall be in my power to Regelate this my will or to make a new will as then I shall se most meett but if other wise I desire to submitt myself to the good pleasure of the Lord leaveing things as above menttined

in wittness herof I have herunto sett my hand and siell this 16<sup>th</sup> day of the fourth month one thousand seven hundred and seventeen 1717

sined sealed and published in  
the presents of  
Thomas Whitehouse  
Otis Pinkham  
James Mussey

his  
william harford X [seal]  
mark

[Proved March —, 1717/18.]

[Power of attorney from Mary Harford of Dover to her son, Thomas Canney, May 27, 1719, to act for her in proving her husband's will, she being aged and very weak; witnesses, Thomas Tibbetts and Joseph Beard.]

[Inventory, May 27, 1719; amount, £49.0.0; signed by Thomas Tibbetts and Joseph Beard.]

Mary Hartford disclaiming her Executorship adm: to be granted to Tho: Canny Cum Testamento annexo.

[Probate Minutes, June 3, 1719.]

JOHN HUDSON

1717

NEWINGTON

In the Name of God, Amen. I John Hudson of Newington in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New hampsh<sup>r</sup> In New Eng<sup>l</sup><sup>d</sup>, being aged and infirm  
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2<sup>d</sup>ly. As to the Worldly Estate which it has pleased God to give me, I Will, that my beloved Wife Mary Hudson, Shall have the full and absolute Enjoym<sup>t</sup> thereof during her Naturall life and after mine & her Death, my Will is, that my beloved Grandson Hudson Peavey, shall have y<sup>e</sup> whole of all my lands Meadow, orchards, and housing to his own proper use & behoof forever; but if in case he dies before he comes to age, my Will is, that my Grandson Thomas Peavey shall then have y<sup>e</sup> free and full Enjoym<sup>t</sup> thereof and if in case he dies before he come to age that then itt shall descend, unto my Grandson Able Peavey; and if he should also die before he comes to age, My will then is that the s<sup>d</sup> lands, meadow Orchard and housing shalbe to my Cousen Sam<sup>l</sup> Beard the son of Joseph Beard, and his heirs forever

3<sup>d</sup>ly. My Will is, that after mine, and my Wifes decease the whole of my Quick stock, houshold goods, &c Shalbe equally divided between my said grandchildren, my Debts, & funerall charges being first payd out of y<sup>e</sup> same.

4. I Will that my Grandson Hudson Peavey Shall pay unto his

two Brothers, Thomas and Abel Peavey the sum of twenty pounds Each, So soon as they come to age or marry. And if in case one of y<sup>m</sup> should dye before he comes to age or marry that then the said twenty pounds shalbe to him that survives.

5. I will and appoint my beloved friends mr John Downing Jun<sup>r</sup> and Cousen Joseph Beard my Overseers to this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> that they see y<sup>e</sup> paym<sup>t</sup> of my just debts and funerall charges, whom I also desire to take care of my s<sup>d</sup> Estate, for the benefit and advantage of my s<sup>d</sup> Grandchildren

In testimony unto all and singular the premises, I have hereunto sete my hand & affixed my seal, this fifth of July 1717.

Signed, Sealed and declared in	his
the presence of	John X Hutson [seal]
Joseph Adams	Mark
John Downing Junr	
John Nutter	

[Proved March 6, 1723/4. On the next leaf is written

“Hutson Pevey was born Feb<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> A D: 1711.

“Thomas Pevey was born June: 19<sup>th</sup> A: D: 1714.

Abel Pevey was born June: 30: A: D: 1716.]

SAMUEL ROBY

1717

HAMPTON

In the Name of God Amen

I Samuell Robie of Hampton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> in New England being Sick & Weake in body \* \* \*

zly: I Give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary the best Rome in my dwelling house With such part of my Celler & Barn as She Shall have ocation for: With that part of my home lott not before Sold; Which my father Robie Gave me & Was formerly Isaac Perkinses With one half of my orchard (viz) on y<sup>e</sup> southward side, & four acres of marsh in the spring marsh so Called: & a share in the second North division Which I had of Jacob Moulton all Which my said Wife is to posses & Injoy dureing the



time of her natureall Life: as also all my household goods With the one half of my stocke of What kind or sort so ever With y<sup>e</sup> one half of the debts owing me for ever at her dispose among my Children as she shall se meet after all my debts & funeral Expences are paid &c—

3<sup>ly</sup>/ I Give & bequeath unto my onely & beloved Son Thomas Roby all my tooles & utencells for husbandry With the other half of my stocke and debts to me due after all my debts & funerall Expences are paid to him for ever; I also Give unto my said son thomas all my buyldings Lands pastures meadows out Lands Commonages orchards Gardens Lands or Right to Lands What so ever, or where so ever to him & to his Heirs Executors & assigns for ever at his dispose, always excepting what I have Given to his mother my Wife Mary above mentioned part of Which Lands my said son thomas hath a deed of Gift for allredy: And all my Right to any mills or streams of Water: he my son paying such Legacys as is here after mentioned &c

4<sup>ly</sup>: I Give & bequeath unto my beloved daughters (viz) Ruth Mary, Sarah, Theodata, Huldy, Barsheba, Hannah, Abigell Elizabeth & Bethyah to Each of them five pounds in or as money to be paid them by my said son thomas Within two years after he arives to y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty one years to be paid to them that are then of age & unto y<sup>e</sup> other when they Come to y<sup>e</sup> age of Eighteen years & Deducting out of Each of my Daughters Legacys what sums of money my said Wife shall Give an account any of them have allredy Received. And unto this my last Will and Testament I Doe Constitute & appoint my beloved Wife Mary & my son Thomas Robie Executrix & Executors my said Wife to doe & perform as sole untill my said son Come to the age of twenty one years, Giveing & Granting unto my said Executors any other Estate or thing not before Mentioned in this my Will to be Equally divided between them Excepting Lands or Rights to Lands Which I have allredy Given to my said son Thomas— Thus Revokeing all other Wills by me made I sign & seal this with my hand this tenth day of July Annoq: Domini seventeen hundred & seven-

teen in y<sup>e</sup> third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George King of Great Britain &c

Signed Sealed & declared by  
Samuell Robie as his Last Will  
& Testament in presence of us

Samuel Roby [seal]

Witnessess

Samuell Healy  
Caleb Marston  
Moses Leavitt  
Samuel dearbon  
Joseph Smith

[Proved Sept. 7, 1717.]

[Warrant, Sept. 7, 1717, authorizing Joseph Smith and Ensign Samuel Marston, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, signed by Samuel Marston and Joshua Wingate; amount, £377.3.0. Col. Joseph Smith having died, Capt. Joshua Wingate was appointed appraiser in his place.]

JOSEPH BUNKER

1717

DURHAM

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Bunker of Oyster River, yeoman, granted to his son-in-law, Josiah [Joshua] Davis of Oyster River, July 29, 1717.]

[Administration on the estate of Joseph Bunker of Dover granted to his son-in-law, Joshua Davis of Dover, March 4, 1718/19.]

[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 117.]

[Warrant, March 4, 1718/19, authorizing Capt. Francis Mathes and James Nute, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, May 11, 1719; amount, £75.0.0; signed by Francis Mathes and James Nute; attested by Joshua Davis June 3, 1719.]

Clem<sup>t</sup> Drew & others y<sup>e</sup> Children of Joseph Buncker late Dec<sup>d</sup> Complaining y<sup>t</sup> Joshua Davis adm<sup>t</sup> to s<sup>d</sup> Bunckers Estate refuses

to divide y<sup>e</sup> land of y<sup>e</sup> Intestate as y<sup>e</sup> Law directs order'd y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> adm<sup>r</sup> be cited down to y<sup>e</sup> next Court to give acc<sup>t</sup> of his administration &c

[Probate Minutes, June 21, 1721.]

[Administrator's account of the settlement of the estate; amount of estate, £75.0.0; expenditures, £3.1.6; the administrator appears as Joshua Davis.]

[Bond, in blank, May 5, 1724, signed by James Bunker, Joseph Bunker, James Nute, and Thomas Leighton; witness, William Drown; endorsed "James & Jos: Bunkers Admin. Bond on y<sup>r</sup> fathers Estate."]

FRANCIS STEELE

1717

EXETER

The Last will and Testament of Francis Steel

I Francis Steel of Exeter in the province of Newhamshire In Newengland being weak of body \* \* \*

Item 1: I Give unto my well beloved Son Clement Steel my Dweling house out housing and all my Land Laying upon the north Side of Exeter Great river

Item 2: I give unto my well beloved son John Steel twenty acres of Land Laying upon the south side of Exeter great River adjoining unto John Scribners Land and allso forty acres of Land Laying in the township of kingstown

Item 3: I give unto my well beloved son Henery Steel all my other Land and meadow Ground Laying upon the south side of the afore S<sup>d</sup> river—

Item 4: I give unto my well beloved wife Elisabeth Steel Whome I make the sole Executrix of this my last will and testament All my right in the Saw mill standing upon kings falls and all my moveable Estate of what kind soever do be at her disposal for Ever and I Likewise give unto her my well beloved wife the use and improvement of my house and all my Lands above specified during the time of her naturall Life and I the above s<sup>d</sup>



Item I Give and Bequeath unto my well beloved wife Jane Gerrish (whome I Likewise Constitute make & ordaine my Sole Executrix of this my Last will & testament) All the Estate I have in the world Good Chattles and Lands within the Province of New Hampsheire or Elsewheresoever they may be or of what kind or Nature soever the same is But more Particular I Say all my houses and Lands in the Province of New Hampsheire (Excepting as is before Exprest, My Son Richard Gerrish Return to his Dutyfull obedience to her And Mary as is said before then my Estate to be Given as is before Expressed) Otherwise I hereby Absolutely Give unto my Said wife Jane Gerrish Dureing her life all My Houses & Lands in New hampsheire as affore Said, And after her Decease the Said Houses & Lands to My Brothers & Sisters Children to be Divided Amongst them) And all my Goods Chattles to my Said wife to Dispose off as She pleaseth and to whome She pleaseth with all the Profitts of my Lands &c<sup>a</sup>— And I Doe hereby utterly Disannull & Revoak all & Every other former Testament will Legacy & Bequest & Executor by me in Any wise before Named Willed & bequested. Ratifieing allowing and Confirming this and Noe other to be my Last will & Testament In Wittness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale the Day & yeare first above written (It is my Intent that if my Brothers & Sisters Children Enjoy My Lands as above It Shall be to them & their heirs & assignes for Ever— my will is the Remainder I have before Left to be to the heirs of my Brothers and sisters children I hereby Give to the Disposall of my wife at her Discretion notwithstanding what I have before Said as to Brothers & sisters Children

sign'd seal'd & Declared by  
the said Richard Gerrish to be  
his Last will & Testament In  
Presence off uss

Richard Gerrish [seal]

Jacob Lavers  
Eleazer Russell  
James Jeffry

[Proved Nov. 22, 1717.]

EDWARD CLOUTMAN 1717

DOVER

[Inventory of the estate of Edward Cloutman of Dover, Nov. 11, 1717; amount, £112.14.4; signed by Samuel Tibbetts and John Bickford.]

[Administration on the estate of Edward Cloutman granted to his widow, Sarah Cloutman, March 5, 1717/18.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 144.]

[List of claims against the estate, Oct. 18, 1718; amount, £167.17.3; signed by Thomas Tibbetts and Joseph Roberts.]

[Citation, June 5, 1721, to Capt. Samuel Tibbetts and Henry Tibbetts, both of Dover, to appear and answer charges of concealing a portion of the estate; return signed by Job Clements, constable.]

[License to the administratrix, June 7, 1721, to sell real estate.]

[Probate Minutes, June 7, 1721]

[Administratrix's account of the settlement of the estate, allowed March 14, 1721/2; amount of estate, £202.4.4; expenditures, including widow's third, £69.18.8.]

[Various claims, petitions of creditors, etc., containing signatures of Richard Scammon, John Morrill, Thomas Roberts, Jr., Elizabeth Field, William Blackston, Samuel Hinckes, Elizabeth Alcock, Joshua Peirce, George Jaffrey, Sarah Cloutman, Samuel Tibbetts, John Bickford, and Clement Hughes.]

BENJAMIN SHAW

1717

HAMPTON

In y<sup>e</sup> Name of God Amen: I Benjamin Shaw of Hampton in the Province of Newhamshier in New England, Being at this time of perfect understanding and Memory: Tho often Sick and weak in Body: Committing my Soul into the hands of Almighty God: and my Body to Decent Burial in hopes of Eternal Life &C—

Do thus dispose of my temporal Estate which God hath Given me—

impr My Will is that all my honest and just Debts be duly paid in Convenient time after my Decease—

item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughters (Viz) Mary, Esther, Sarah Abigael, and Hannah all y<sup>t</sup> I have already Given them, With the addition of three Pounds, to Each of them, to be paid to Each of them in Convenient time after my Decease, By my Sons (Viz) Benjamin to pay to my Daughter Mary three Pounds Roger to pay to my Daughter Esther three Pounds, My Son Joseph to pay to my Daughter three Pounds, My Son Edward to pay to my Daughter Hannah three Pounds; And my Son John to pay to my Daughter Abigael three Pounds My Son Joseph is to pay three Pounds to my Daughter Sarah

3<sup>ly</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my bloved Son Benjamin Shaw the Land where he now Liveth and also my Shear or Lott in y<sup>e</sup> west Division and one half of my Marsh Lying at the Steep Banks to have his half at the upper end, and half my Marsh Land Lying by Goodman Cliffords, to have his half on the South west Side and one half of my Little Meadow Lying on y<sup>e</sup> west Side of the Great Causey, and one lott in the Second West Division as also half a Shear in the Cow Common—

4<sup>ly</sup> I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son Roger Shaw my fourty Acre Lott Lying at a place Called Bride Hill where he now dwelleth also one Quarter of my Marsh at y<sup>e</sup> Steep Banks to lie Next to my Son Benjamins above said, and half my Meadow Lying by Goodman Cliffords, and Half my Little Meadow Lying on the West Side of the Great Causey, also one Lott in the Second West Division and also half a Shear in the Cow Common—

5<sup>ly</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved Son Joseph Shaw the Land I Bought of Samuel Fogg the Lott orchard and Eight Acres of Pasture Ground, one shear in the Great ox common and my Meadow at the Great Pond, and three Shears at the Little River Marsh Lying upon the South Side of Fifields Island, half the Land I Bought of Joseph Cass and John Dow and half my Meadow I

Bought of John Page, to have his half next the upland, and two acres of the Marsh I Bought of Thomas Ward to have it on the South Side and one Lot in the in the Second North Devision and half a shear in the Cow Common—

6<sup>ly</sup> I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved Son John Shaw my Lott Lying at a Place Called the Temple Lying on the Westerly side of John Sanborns Land, and the one half of the Lotts I Bought of Captain Cass and John Dow; and the Marsh I bought of Thomas Ward Except the two acres Given to my Son Joseph above Said, and half the Meadow I bought of Isaac Godfrie, and the Meadow I bought of Thomas Veasey Lying at y<sup>e</sup> Temple Meadow, and my Lott I bought of Captain Green and also half a Shear in the Cow Common—

7<sup>ly</sup> I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Edward Shaw my Homestead both Lands Buildings Orchards my home Lott and Pastures, with y<sup>e</sup> Meadow I bought of John Sanborn, and half the Meadow I Bought of Isaac Godfree, one Quarter of my Marsh at y<sup>e</sup> Steep Banks at the End next the Sea And my Meadow at the Town Bridge So Called, also my Lotts or Shears in the last West division Lying near Samuel Helys, and also my Lott I bought of Samuel Marston Called the Second North Division and also my Lott at Bride Hill Which I bought of Nehemiah Hobs, with one shear in the Cow Common, and all my instruments and Utensels for husbandry, and Three Quarters of all my Stock of what Sort or kind Soever, with all Debts due to me at my decease, and one half of all my Money Chattles household goods within Doors or with out, and I order him my Son Edward to pay to Sarah the Daughter of my Daughter Ruth Shaw three pounds

8<sup>ly</sup> I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved wife Esther the one half of my Money the one half of my houshold Goods, the one Quarter of my Stock of Cattle of what kind or soart soever with the improvement of my Largest Room with the Chamber and Cellar during her Natural Life if she have occation for so much Room &C—

And my Will is that my Son Edward Shall take Care of and



provide well for his Mother my Dear Wife Esther during her Widowhood and provide her fire wood meat Drink and tendance sutable both in Sickness and in health as She Shall have occasion, which if my Said Son Edward refuse to doe or neglect the same, My Said Wife Shall have liberty to Improve and possess the one third part of all my Lands and the one half of all my stock and all my household Goods for her Support and Maintenance during the time of her Widowhood as above said—

9<sup>th</sup> My Will is that what Debts shall be owing from me at my decease and also funeral expences shall be paid by my five afore named Sons in Equal proportion, what Lands or Estate I have Given unto my said sons my meaning is that I Give and Bequeath it to them their Hiers and Assigns for ever, and if any Lands or Rights to Lands to mee belonging be not mentioned I Give to my said son Edward for ever at his dispose, and if there be any thing or things Moveable Estate not Mentioned I Give it to my Executors to be Equally Divided between them

10<sup>th</sup> I Do ordain and appoint my Wife Esther and my son Edward Executors to this my last Will and Testament and in Confirmation hereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal This Twenty Seventh Day of December Anno Dom seventeen hundred and seventeen And in the Third year of King George his Reign over Great Brittain &c—

This Instrument was signed and sealed by Benjamin Shaw sn<sup>r</sup> and declared by him to be his Last Will and Testament In presence of us Witnesses

Benjamin Shaw [seal]

Samuel Shaw  
Thomas Ward  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Crosbie

[Proved Feb. 12, 1717/18.]

[Inventory, Feb. 10, 1717/18; amount, £1596.0.0; signed by Samuel Shaw and Thomas Crosby.]

JOHN TUTTLE

1717

DOVER

In the Name and Feare of God Amen

I John Tuttle of the Town of Dover In the Province of New Hampshire In New England Being Aged and Weak of Body

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Imprimis I give and Bequeth to my Son Ebenezer Tuttle Sixty Acres of Land Lyeing att Indigoe Hill Together with all that which is my Wright att the Midle Fall Lyeing Between Too Mills one the West Side of Salmon Fall River

Item I Give and Bequeth to My Tow Grand Sons Viz That is Thomas Tuttle and John Tuttle all my Lands flatts Creaks and Marshes which I am Now In Possession of Lyeing one the west Side of the Back River ajacent to the three Creaks to be Divided by a Cart Way which I have Stated to be the Dividing Line Between Each Other Running Up from the South Side of the Midle Pint the Usall Place for Landing and Soe Up to the Barrs the South Pint of the fence, and Soe Up to the House Where Thomas Must Draw a Fence of Tewenty Foot against The House and from thence A Way thro to the Head of the Lands

Item All my Lands Creaks Flatts and Meadows Lyeing on the North Side of the Cart Way and Soe Down to the Creaks Mouth I give and Bequeth Unto My Grand Son Thomas Tuttle to Be had and hold By him and his Heris for Ever After the Deceace of my Sleft John Tuttle And he Yealding and Paying to his two Sister the Sum of Twenty Pounds That is ten Pounds a Peice In four Years After he is in Possesion of it

Item He Allsoe giveing a Quitt Clame to John Hayes and Petter Hayes For that Part which Lyes one the North Side of the Tolling Fall which was Sold by my Sleft and his Mother the Said Hayes

Item All my Lands which Lyes on the South Side of the Afore-said Cart Way Down to the Creaks Mouth I give and Bequeth unto My Grand Son John Tuttle to be had and hold by him and his heirs for Ever as Soon as his Grand Mother Decece<sup>d</sup> and not Before Yealding and Paying Tewenty Pounds In four Years after

he is Pos'sed of the premises to his two Sisters that is Ten Pound to Each Sister

Item I Give to My Grand Son Nicholas Tuttle all my Lands on the Est Side of Dover Neck Lyeing and Being Between Lef-tenants Beards Land and Noeturs and the High Streatt Lying one the West and the River on the Est Together with 2 two Shires In Ox Pasture one the Point Swamp to Be held and hold by him and his Heirs for Ever after the Decese of his Grand Mother and not Before he Paying Twenty Pounds to his two Sis-ters In four Years after he is Posesed that is ten Pounds to Each Sister after y<sup>e</sup> Dece<sup>d</sup>

Item I Give and Bequeth Unto my Grand Son Elijah Tuttle all my Land which Lyes one the North Side of Thomas Rob-erts Fronting the Roade which Leads to Cocheha Boardred with Thomas Roberts Land on the North of the Lane that Runs Down to the Creak on the South Side And More Fifty Acres of Land att Salmon Falls together with half y<sup>e</sup> quarter Part the Mill Standing one the West Side of Salmon Falls to be had and hold by and his Heirs for Ever Immeadetly after the De-ceace of his Grand Mother and Not Before he yealding and Pay-ing to his Sister Febey the Sum of Thurty Pounds In four Year after he is Posese<sup>d</sup> of the Premises

Item I Give and Bequeth unto my Grand Son Samuel Edgerley Forty Acres of Land Lyeing Up att Cocheha River as it will be Found In the Town Book of Dover to be had and hold By him and his Heirs for Ever as Soon as he Comes to y<sup>e</sup> Age of Twenty One Years

Item I give and Bequeth to Mary Tuttle my well Belove<sup>d</sup> Wife as Being my Sole Excecritris to this my Last will and Testament the use and Benefitts and Yearley Profitts of my Dewelling house Barne Orchard and Lands one Dover Neck Lyeing Between Nutters Land and hiltons Point together with the use and Im-provement of the Yearley Profitts of my Land Marches and Thatch Ground which I have Reserved to her Use Lyeing one the South Side of the three Creaks and allsoe the Yearley Prof-

itts of my Part of the Saw Mill on the West Side of Salmon Falls and all my Moveable Goods Quick Stock Ready Money Bills Bonds Dues. Debts and Demands what Soe Ever In any ways appertaning to Me In whose hands Soe Ever they May be found In the Use and Improvement of all and Singular of the Premises herein Mentioned Shall be att the whole and Sole Disposale of Mary Tuttle my well Beloved Wife for her future Comefort and well Being and for and Duering her Widdow hood after My Deceace and att her Marrage or Deceace To Return then to those as this My Last will and Testament is herein Mentioned.

Item I Doe Further Give unto my Son Ebenezer Tuttle my Dwelling house Barn and Orchards and the Land Belonging thereunto with three Shiures In the Ox Pasture In Hilltons Point Swamp to be had and Hold by him and his heirs for Ever after the Deceace of his Mother Mary Tuttle and Not Before Yealding and Paying to his Sister Mary Wallingford the Sum of five Pounds In One Year after he Comes to be Possett of the Land Now In Provisoe he Should Dye without Marrage or not haveing any Male Heir and Lawfully Begotten of his Body then to Return to my Grand Son Nicholas Tuttle to him and his heirs whome I have Settled one my Land One Dover Neck and if my Son Ebinezer Tuttle Should have any Daughters Lawfully Begotten of his Body and noe Male Heir than the Said Nicholas Tuttle to Pay them a Portion as my Trustes or Judge Provisoe Shall think fitt if they Cannot Agree Such Leagues Not Exceeding the third Part Giveing him time to Pay it In

Item I will Demise and Bequeth all my Personal Estate that is my House hold Goods & Chattels Bills Bonds Debts Dues which are to be Demaned after the Deceace of my well Beloved wife and not Before to My Three Daughters Equally to be Divide<sup>d</sup> Between Them And to This my Last Will and Testament I Doe Appoint and Consitue my well Belove<sup>d</sup> Wife Mary Tuttle as My Excecritis to be the Sole Manager Dureing her Natturall Life of the Estates Mentione<sup>d</sup> In this my Last Will and Testa-

ment and att the Decece of my Said wife & I Doe Consitue and Apoint Leu' Tristram Heard and Cap' Francis Matthew to then to be the Excet<sup>rs</sup> and Managers of the Estates of this my Last will herein Mentioned and the Estates Paying them for there Trouble And to See that my Wife Mary Tuttle has a Christan Burial which Charge is to be Defraed out of the Moveable Goods as Money Bills Bonds Chatels and house hold Goods and them what is Left to be Equally by my Excet<sup>rs</sup> A Bove Mentioned Amoungst my Three Daughters Reserveing to them Seleves fifty Shillings a piece for there Trouble

I Doe alsoe Apoint them to be the Trustes to my Grand Children that Shall not be att Age att the Death of there Grand Mother to take the Estates Mentioned in this my Will and to Improve it to the Best of there advantage tell they Come to y<sup>e</sup> Age of Tewenty One Years and then to Deliver to them the Possesion of there Estates together with the Profitts Only Paying them Slevs for there Trouble

Finally I Doe Revoake Disanull and Disalow of all Other Former Wills made by Me What Soever And Doe Sign Seal and Deliver and Publish this to be my Last Will and Testament Irrevoably

In Wittness hereof I have Hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this Tewenty Eight Day of December In the Year of Lord God On Thousand Seaven Hundred and Seaventeen In the Fourth Year of the Regine of our Soveragn Lord George By the Grace of God of Great Brittian &c King Defender of the Faith

Signed Sealed Publishe<sup>d</sup> And Delivered In the Presence of Us

Wittness

John Tuttle [seal]

Thomas Tebbets

Epharim Tebbetes

John Hall

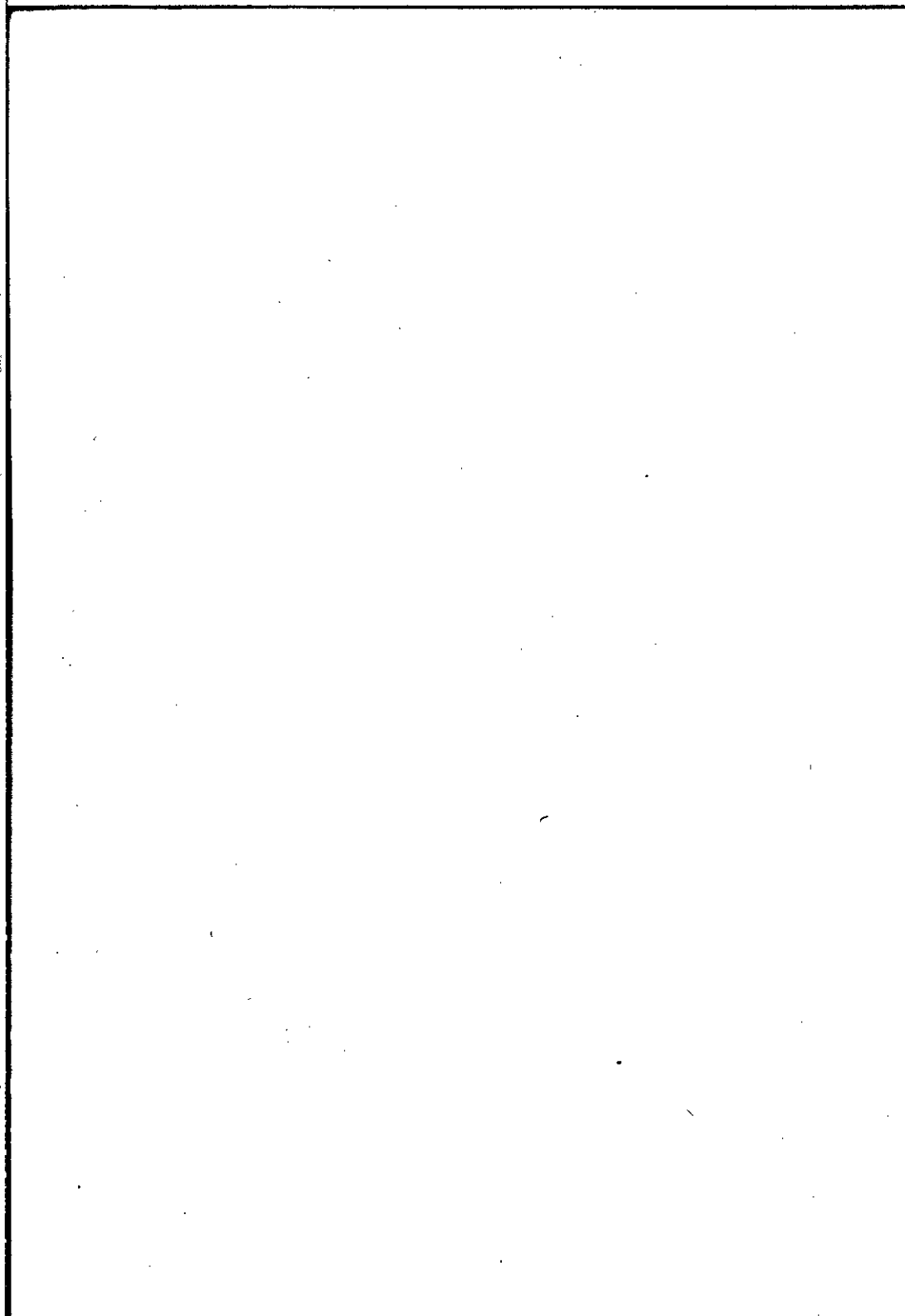
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[Proved July 12, 1720.]

[Warrant, July 12, 1720, authorizing Capt. Thomas Tibbetts and Joseph Roberts, both of Dover, to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, Aug. 29, 1720; amount, £1014.8.6; signed by Thomas Tibbetts and Joseph Roberts.]

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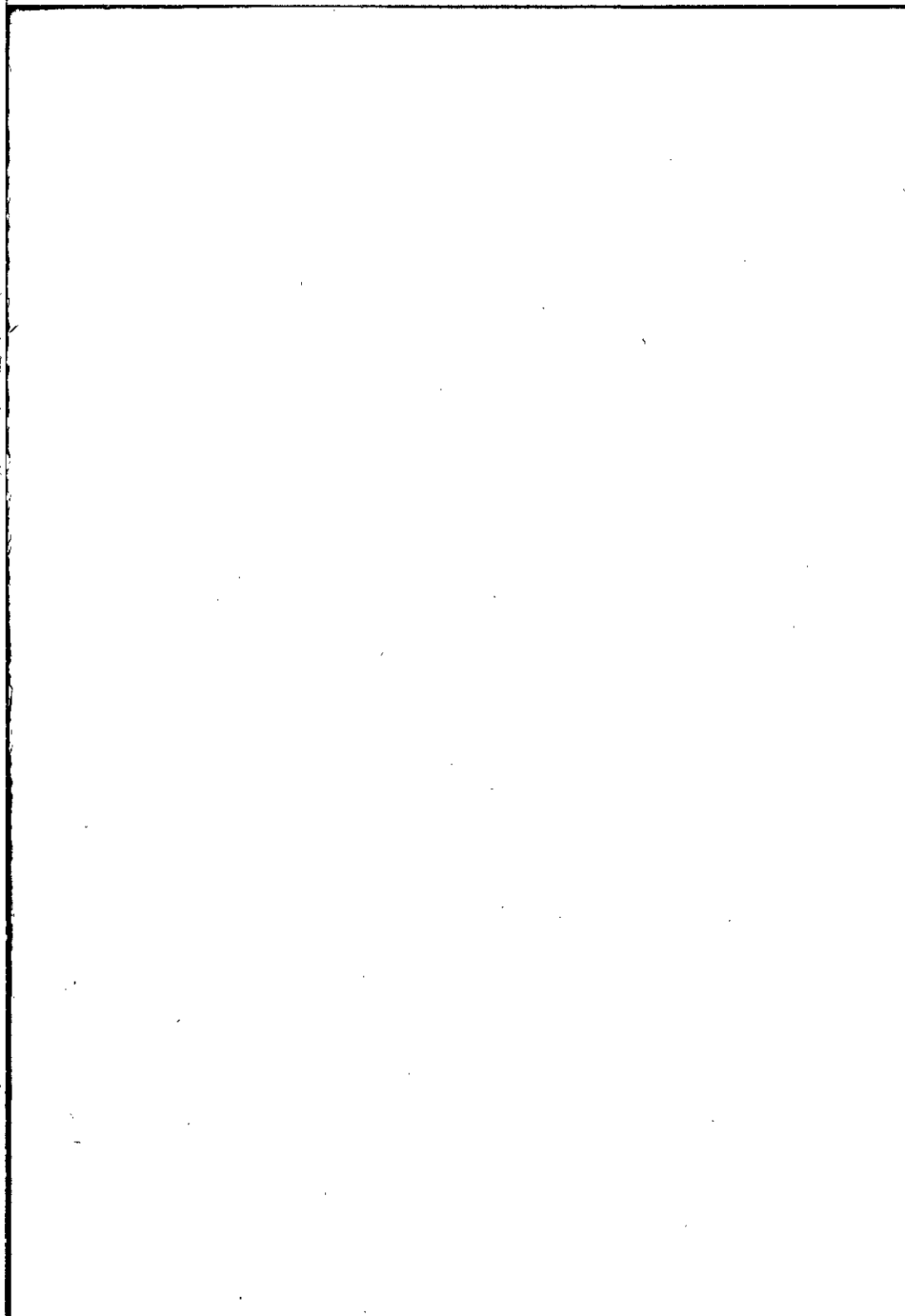
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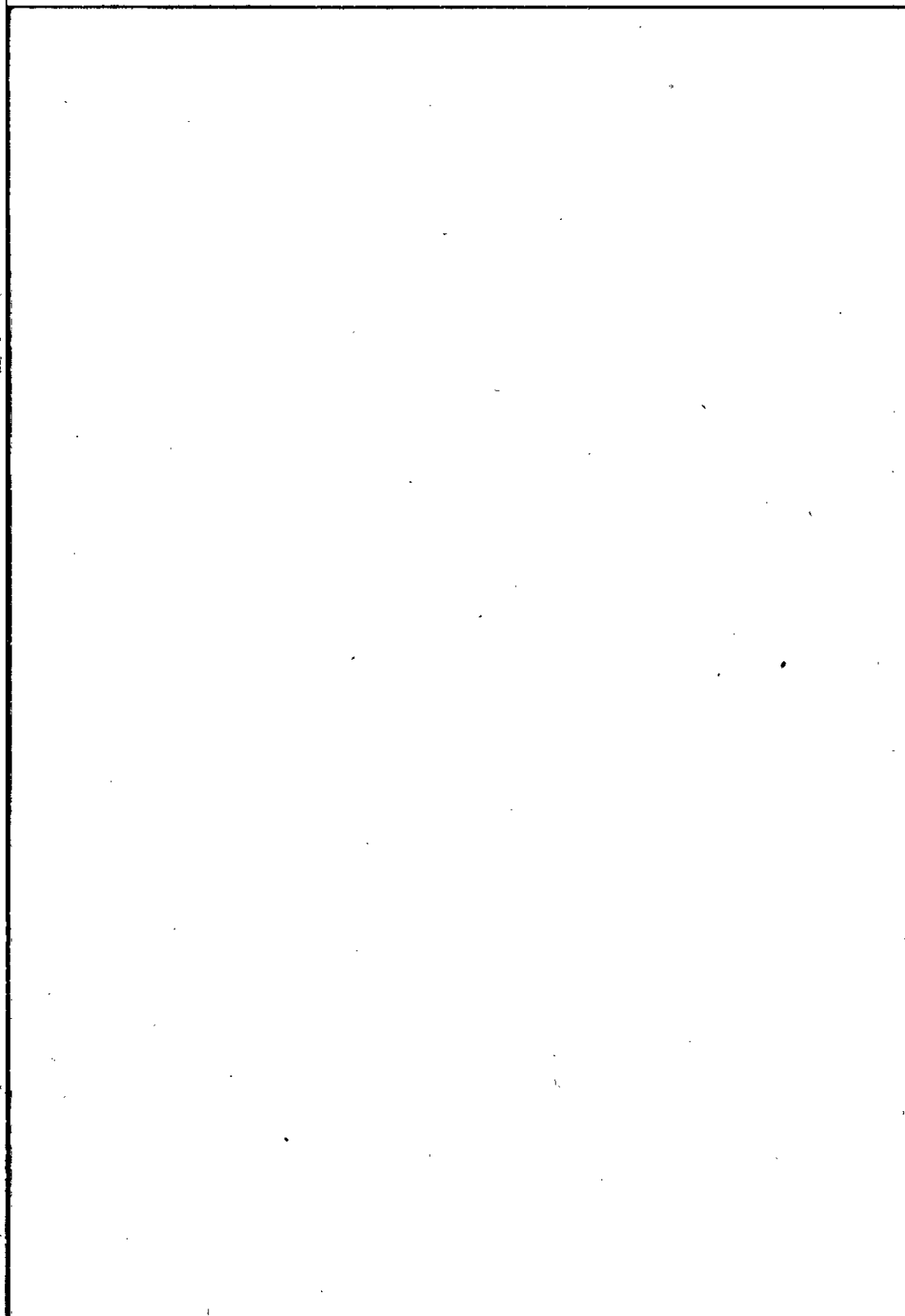
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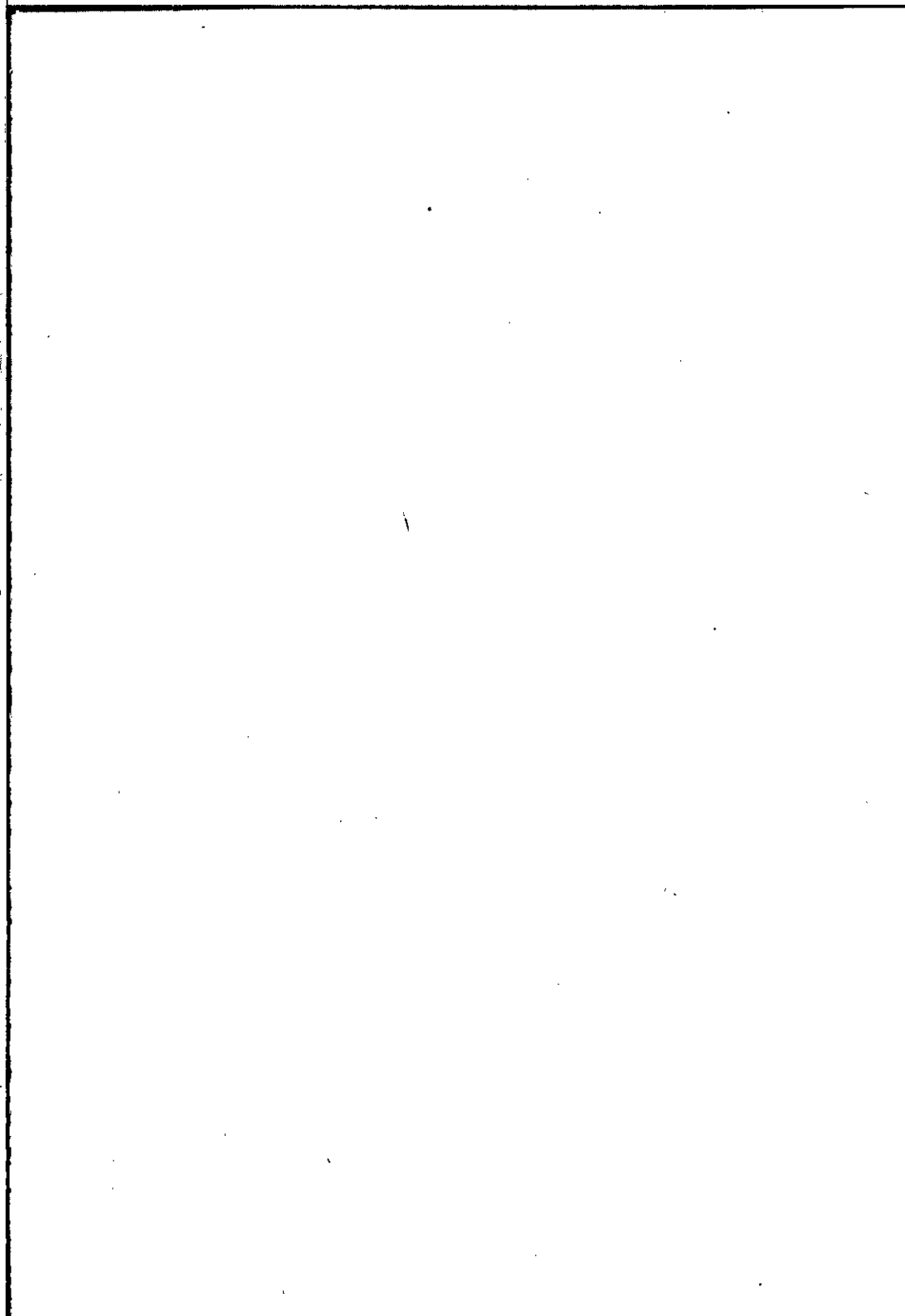
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## PREFACE

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It is common knowledge that until 1771 the province of New Hampshire had not been divided into counties. By the act passed April 29, 1769 (Laws, 1771 ed., p. 204), the original five counties of Rockingham, Strafford, Hillsborough, Cheshire, and Grafton were created. The county act took effect March 19, 1771. Rockingham, Hillsborough, and Cheshire were organized thereby, but the organization of Strafford and Grafton was not to take place until such time as the Governor and Council might deem it advisable. Meanwhile all civil affairs of the territory assigned to these two counties were administered by the officers of Rockingham county. This status was terminated in 1773, when Gov. John Wentworth caused Strafford and Grafton to be organized. All the probate records of the province that had been preserved from the colonial period continued in the custody of the probate office at Portsmouth. With all the other records and archives of the province they were removed to Exeter July 4 and 6, 1775, for greater safety, in accordance with a vote of the Provincial Congress passed June 28, 1775, and there remained, until by the act of March 11, 1897 (Laws of 1897, p. 47), and the act of March 10, 1899 (Laws of 1899, p. 299), they were removed to Concord and placed in the official custody of the Secretary of State. The great importance of the probate files and records has been recognized more clearly, and the demand for measures rendering them available for public examination has become more manifest and emphatic in recent years. It was in response to these influences that the records were restored to the state archives, where they might be arranged, indexed, and otherwise opened by some practical method to a reasonable state of access and utility. Inasmuch as prior to 1771 the exercise of those governmental functions which are ordinarily regarded and treated

as county affairs was by officers of the central government, and over the entire province, it is unquestionable that the official records of affairs appertaining to that administration should now be regarded and treated as state archives.

The General Court was slow in giving practical effect to the true view of the subject, and the documents remained for a period of one hundred and twenty-five years in the custody of one of the five original counties. Under the act of March 10, 1899 (Laws of 1899, p. 299), and the act of March 21, 1901 (Laws of 1901, p. 645), these documents are being subjected to such methods of indexing and arrangement as will, in time, make an end of those conditions which have rendered their contents practically inaccessible. It has been deemed advisable to present the probate records in printed form, constituting a series of volumes in the State Papers series.

The assembling of material for the present volume, the making of copies and abstracts, and the arrangement and indexing have been committed entirely to the editor's assistants, Mr. Otis G. Hammond, and Mr. Ezra S. Stearns. The search for material for the work has extended far beyond the state archives. Between the period of 1623, the date of the first settlement of the colony at Little Harbor, and 1641, when the first union of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire was consummated, no material for the work has been recovered except Capt. John Mason's will, and it is probable that none was recorded. Careful investigation has been extended to the records of the neighboring counties of Maine and Massachusetts, to the records and files of England, and to other collections of ancient documents in which it might be expected that anything relating to wills and probates in New Hampshire might be discovered. This method has been pursued with the utmost industry and discrimination that was practicable in such an undertaking for the entire period covered by the documents presented in this volume.

The probate records which have come into the custody of the state are in conformity with the requirements and proceedings of

a court such as was established from 1693 to 1775. These records are all in our archives, except the scattering estates of New Hampshire people that were extracted from the registries of old Norfolk, Essex, Suffolk, and Middlesex counties in Massachusetts, and York county in Maine. A few wills were probated and estates settled in all these counties, without apparent reason except that of personal convenience. Some of the wills in Suffolk county records are those of mariners who sailed from Boston and did not return. Their wills, made and left in Boston before sailing, were probated there. The same may be true of some in old Norfolk and Essex records, which are located in Salem, Mass.

Every document in the book, so far as possible, is taken from the original in the files now in the office of the Secretary of State. In such cases no citation to the original is made, as the present arrangement of these papers is not considered permanent. But in all cases where, in default of the original, the recorded copy has been used, or where the document has been derived from a source outside the state, or from a source within the state but outside the official files of originals, citations have been carefully made.

All wills are printed in full, with the exception, only, of that part of the preamble which states no material fact. Such omissions are indicated by stars, thus, \* \* \*. Each will is followed in chronological order by abstracts of all formal documents relating to the settlement of the estate, and by complete copies of such documents as could not wisely, or without injury to the narrative of facts therein, be reduced. All abstracts will be found enclosed in brackets, and it has been the effort of the editors that in the process of reduction only formal or legal verbiage should be eliminated, and all matters of record which would be of interest or value to the lawyer, the historian, or the genealogist retained. It has not been deemed wise to publish inventories in detail.

This volume, in which the material is represented in its chronological order from the beginning, necessarily covers several periods

in which the results are unsatisfactory on account of the loss and dispersion of the records, if records were made, and at other periods for the reason that in all probability no records were made or files preserved. The succeeding volumes which are in contemplation will present the records and documents of that part of the colonial period between 1718 and 1771. As the material presented in the first volume will have special value on account of its antiquity, that which is to follow will be attractive and useful on account of its unbroken continuity and approximate completeness.

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## HISTORICAL NOTE

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From 1623 to 1641 there was no organization of any colonial government in New Hampshire, although John Mason, the landed proprietor, had authority by his patent purporting to empower him to erect a government. The proprietor died in 1635. If he organized any colonial, provincial, or proprietary government under his patent, no records of it have survived. It is altogether probable that nothing of the kind occurred. Indeed, at a later period it was declared that the powers of government contained in Mason's patent and others contemporary with it were invalid in respect to the grant of powers of government. The reason assigned for this decision was that, while the Council of Plymouth had powers of government in the territory of its New England jurisdiction, it was not competent to delegate those powers. (See opinion of the Chief Justices, 1 N. H. Prov. Papers, 336; 1 N. H. Prov. Laws, Introduction, xxviii.)

From 1635 to 1641 the Masonian interests languished, largely because there was no efficient or disinterested representative of them in the colony. Two independent local governments had developed in the Pascataqua region, the lower one, Strawberry Bank, being what might be termed the Portsmouth group of settlements, and the upper one, constituted of what were afterwards known as the Northam or Dover plantations. Exeter followed as an independent plantation in 1638, while Hampton was planted by Massachusetts as one of its own townships in 1635, on territory over which it claimed jurisdiction. (See notes on the independent town governments established at Portsmouth and Dover, and their constitutions, 1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 744.)

As one of the results of the union of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, begun in the fall of 1641 by the entrance into it



of that part of New Hampshire represented by the two Pascataqua towns and the Pascataqua proprietors, and consummated as to the entire territory of New Hampshire by the accession of the Exeter colony in 1643, one system of laws, subject to the reservations in behalf of New Hampshire embodied in the articles of union (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, xxx), became operative over the towns and people of the entire territory of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire. The theory that there was no uniform system of laws or usages governing the transmission of property by will, and the orderly descent and distribution of estates of deceased persons, in the New Hampshire settlements in the first period (that between 1623 and 1641 being taken tentatively as the first period) is supported by a recital of the previous conditions, which is given as a preamble to a certain act relating to the settlement of estates in the laws of Massachusetts Bay (Col. Laws of Mass., 1660 ed., reprint, p. 200), which, omitting archaic forms and expressions is as follows:—"Whereas it is found by experience that some men, dying, having made their wills for the disposing of their estates, that the said wills are concealed and not proved and recorded; and some others dying intestate, no administration is sought for nor granted in any legal way, and yet the wives, children, kindred, or some friends of the deceased, or some others, do enter upon the lands and possess themselves of the goods of the said deceased, and the same are many times sold or wasted before the creditors to whom the deceased was indebted know of whom to demand, or how to recover their just debts; for prevention of such unjust and fraudulent dealings." A remedial act follows this preamble. The declaration was made at a point of time so early in the period of the union that presumably it is descriptive of what was the subject of general knowledge in a considerable part, if not all, of the previous history of this jurisdiction. It may also be regarded as a partial explanation of the paucity of probate records in the first colonial period. The act which follows the preamble above quoted bears date not later than 1649, only eight years sub-

sequent to the beginning of the union of the two colonies, and only six years after the accession of Exeter, which completed the extension of the union over New Hampshire in its entirety. The body of the act is as follows :

“ It is ordered by this court and the authority thereof that if any executor nominated in any will, and knowing thereof, shall not, at the next court of the county which shall be above thirty days after the decease of the party, make probate of any will of any deceased party, or shall not cause the same to be recorded by the recorder or clerk of that county court where the deceased party last dwelt, or if any person whatsoever shall not within the same time take administration of all such goods as he hath or shall enter upon of any party deceased, or if any person or persons shall alienate or embezzle any lands or goods before they have proved and recorded the will of the deceased, or taken administration and brought in a true inventory of all the known lands, goods, and debts of the deceased, every such person so administering or executing shall be liable to be sued, and shall be bound to pay all such debts, respectively, as the deceased party owed, whether the estate of the deceased were sufficient for the same or not, and shall also forfeit to the country so many sums of five pounds as shall be months betwixt the next court of that county, after the death of the party as aforesaid, and the proving of such will and recording it, or the taking of such administration. And if any person shall renounce his executorship, or that none of the friends or kindred of the deceased party that shall die intestate shall seek for administration of such person's estate, then the clerk of the writs of such town where any such person shall die shall, within one month after his decease, give notice to the court of that county to which such town doth belong of such renouncing of executorship or not seeking of administration, that so the court may take such order therein as they shall think meet, who shall also allow such clerk due recompense for his pains, and if any such clerk shall fail herein, he shall forfeit forty shillings to the treasury for every month's default. (1649.)

“ 2. And because many merchants, seamen, and other strangers resorting hither oftentimes dying and leaving their estates undisposed of, and very difficult to be preserved in the interim from one county court to another, it is therefore ordered that it shall and may be lawful for any two magistrates, with the recorder or clerk of the county court, meeting together, to allow of any will of any deceased party to the executors or other persons in the will mentioned, so as the will be testified on the oath of two or more witnesses, and also to grant administration to the estate of any person dying intestate within the said county to the next of kin, or to such as shall be able to secure the same for the next of kin, and the recorder or clerk of court shall inform the rest of the magistrates of the county at the next county court of such will proved or administration granted, and shall record the same. (1652.)

“ 3. And it is ordered that, when the husband or parents die intestate, the county court of that jurisdiction where the party had his last residence shall have power to assign to the widow such a part of his estate as they shall judge just and equal, as also to divide and assign to the children or other heirs their several parts and portions out of the said estate; provided the eldest son shall have a double portion, and where there are no sons the daughters shall inherit as co-partners, unless the court, upon just cause alleged, shall otherwise determine.” (1641-49.)

The Body of Liberties of 1641 was adopted in December, and subsequent to the union of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire. Article 11 of that body of laws is as follows: “ All persons which are of the age of 21 years and of right understanding and memories, whether excommunicate or condemned, shall have power and liberty to make their wills and testaments and other lawful alienations of their lands and estates.” Art. 79, 81, 82. Col. Laws of Mass., 1660 ed., reprint, p. 51; 1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 753, 761.

These are among the important landmarks in the establishment of a new system of probate law in the united colonies of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire. The more important features

of the development of this law are presented in the contemporary publications and compilations of 1660 and 1672. (Col. Laws Mass. Bay, 1672 ed., reprint, 1, 157; 1660 ed., reprint, 119, 200.) New Hampshire became a part of Norfolk county. In the period of the union, therefore, the probate records were made and kept at the shire town or towns, as they were designated. Governor Washburn, in his *Judicial History of Massachusetts*, p. 32, says, "They (county courts) had also probate jurisdiction, and as such proved wills, granted administration, and the like. Appeals in such cases lying from their decisions to the court of assistants. (White's Prob. 9.) This exercise of probate jurisdiction continued as long as the old charter was in force. The clerks of the courts were, *ex officio*, recorders, and in the intervals of the court the recorder and two of the magistrates were authorized to grant letters of administration and probate of wills. (Ib.)"

It appears by the same authority (p. 30) that "It (court of assistants) had also appellate jurisdiction in matters of probate which had been determined in the county courts." The territory separated from this union by the decree of Charles II, contained in the Cutt commission of 1679, was subject to no other system of colonial law in the period beginning 1641 and ending in Oct., 1682, than the laws which were known and published in the *Laws of Massachusetts Bay*, with the exception or modification of the organic law promulgated in the Cutt commission, and the local law commonly known as the Cutt code. It is significant on the question of the continuing validity and operative force in New Hampshire of the laws of the two colonies as united under one government in the period above mentioned that article 14 of the Cutt laws provided that "For directions to the courts, judges, and all other officers it is ordered that those laws by which we have formerly been directed and governed shall be a rule to us in all judicial proceedings, so far as they will suit with our constitutions and be not repugnant to the laws of England, until such acts and ordinances as have been or shall be made by this assembly and

approved by the honorable President and Council may be drawn up and legally published." (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 28.)

No provisions were enacted in the *Cutt* laws relative to wills and probates, or the descent, settlement, and distribution of estates of deceased persons. It must be presumed, therefore, that the laws, usages, and forms which related to these affairs in the time of the union remained unchanged, at least to the time of the inauguration of the *Cranfield* government in Oct., 1682. In the commission of Charles II to President *Cutt*, after the part constituting the President and Council a court with a very ample jurisdiction, the following appears in the text, "So always that the forms of proceeding in such cases and the judgment thereupon to be given be as consonant and agreeable to the laws and statutes of this our realm of England as the present state and condition of our subjects inhabiting within the limits aforesaid, and the circumstances of the place, will admit." (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 4.)

The temper of the people of New Hampshire at this time towards such directions as those here emanating from the crown may best be inferred from a declaration in the copy of the *Cutt* laws which was retained in the province, the clause to be quoted not appearing in the copy that was sent home. It appears in the preamble of the laws, and is as follows, "It is therefore ordered and enacted by this General Assembly and the authority thereof that no act, imposition, law, or ordinance be made or imposed upon us but such as shall be made by the said Assembly and approved by the President and Council from time to time." (1 N. H. Prov. Papers, 382.) If there were any doubt as to the determination of the controlling majority and the government of the province of New Hampshire to adhere to the colonial laws of the time of the union, modified only by their own voluntary enactments, in preference to the laws of England, wherever one might conflict with the other, such a doubt would seem to be dissipated by the testimony of Richard Chamberlain, for a time secretary of the province, in a letter to Mr. Blaithwaite, secretary to the Lords Committee of Trade and Plantations, of date May 14, 1681. Mr. Chamberlain

says: "I first took exception to the whole system (Cutt laws) in general being collected mostly out of the Massachusetts laws, and surely it could not well stand with the mind and pleasure of His Majesty that we here should cast off obedience to their (the Massachusetts) jurisdiction and yet voluntarily submit to and yoke ourselves so inseparably to their laws." (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 785.) The 1679 commission to John Cutt and his Council for the government of New Hampshire in terms constituted the President and Council the supreme court, with a very comprehensive jurisdiction. They evidently construed their powers to include the administration of the probate law. It appears by the records that the President and Council transacted the probate business, the councilors sometimes acting individually. Such business seems to have been disposed of in court also in 1681. The records and files for this period, however, are meagre. Under the conditions then existing, and the attitude of the representatives of the people towards the laws at the time of the union, it would be expected that probate procedure and probate decrees would be found conformed to that system.

The termination of the first union occurred in the winter of 1679-80. Reasons have already been adduced indicating very conclusively that no change was desired or attempted in the probate law in the period under the commission of President Cutt. It is hardly open to question that, with regard to probate law, usages, and forms "The former laws we [they] were ruled by [were] to stand till others [were] made." (Cutt laws, art. 14.) It does not appear that any other enactment was made under his government affecting the previously existing system of probate law.

The next period is that included in the administration under the commission to Lieut.-Gov. Edward Cranfield which subsisted between Oct. 4, 1682, and May 25, 1686. The Cranfield commission in terms abrogated the Cutt commission. The Cranfield instructions, by article 26, in terms repealed the Cutt laws. It is not known that this document in its complete form has ever been in the New Hampshire archives since 1684. The one that appears to have taken

its place at that time was very much abbreviated, as it contained only six articles besides the preamble, while the full text, it now appears, contains thirty-nine articles and a preamble. The draft which was probably put on file about 1684 in the province records omits article 26, by which the Cutt laws were repealed by the King's edict. The copy containing the full text has not been printed on this side of the Atlantic. The abbreviated copy of 1694 is the one that has appeared in the state publications, and has been subject to reference in the archives. The full text was discovered and procured from the English archives in April, 1906, by this department. (Note to the case of *Hutchinson v. Manchester Street Railway*, 73 N. H., 279.)

The Cranfield commission authorized the Lieutenant-Governor to constitute courts and appoint judges. Under this authority there is evidence that Cranfield established a court of probate, and that he, and after him, Barefoote, assumed the office of ordinary, with Chamberlain, the province secretary, as register of the court.

An attempt was made in the winter of 1682-3 to construct a body of local statute law for the province, but there was a rupture between the Lieutenant-Governor and the assembly when the undertaking had proceeded to the 26th article. He was not able to obtain the attendance of the assembly for legislation after this time, except on one occasion, at the special instance of the King for the enactment of one bill especially desired by the home government. (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 48, 807.) In the fragment of a body of statute law, the construction of which appears to have been begun in the first year of the Cranfield administration, there is no reference to the probate law. The Lieutenant-Governor, after his rupture with the assembly, avowed his purpose to govern the province by the laws of England. The history of his administration, however, shows that all his attempts to govern them failed, and that his administration was broken down by the antagonism of the people, by his own incompetency, by his personal interest in the Masonian claim, by his alienation of the support of Randolph, and by the want of confidence towards him which developed in the

home government. His attempt to resort to the laws of England, and to impose them upon the province as embodying the rules by which they were to be governed, if practicable in any degree with a competent and discreet administrator, was out of the question with this executive. (Farmer's Belknap's Hist. of N. H., chap. 8. F. B. Sanborn, Hist. of N. H., chap. 4. Memoir and correspondence of Edmund Randolph, edited by Robert Noxon Toppan, *passim*.)

It was in the time of this administration that the first charter of the Massachusetts Bay colony was vacated on *scire facias* in the court of chancery in England. It was formerly the opinion of the Massachusetts courts that the annulment of the charter wrought a repeal of the laws enacted under it. (Storer *v.* Freeman, 6 Mass., 438.) This opinion seems to have been adopted by Judge Bellows in the case of Clement *v.* Burns, 43 N. H., 619.

The current of later opinion is very strongly against this theory. (See article by Prof. E. N. Washburn on the effect of the vacation of the charter upon the laws enacted under it, 13 Mass. Hist. Soc. Proceed., 451; argument of the Attorney-General of New Hampshire in the case of Percy Summer Club *v.* Astles before the U. S. Circuit Court for the District of New Hampshire, pp. 80, 95, 156; Commonwealth *v.* Alger, 7 Cush., 76; reporter's note, 9 Gray, 17; 66 N. H., 25.) There is, on the whole, little basis for the supposition that either in Massachusetts Bay or in New Hampshire the preference of the people for their own laws relating to the descent and distribution of property and the making and administration of wills had been removed or affected to any considerable extent by the abrogation of the charter, the validity of which was denied here and disputed in Parliament, and by what transpired in New Hampshire in the Cranfield regime, which had been almost farcical in the attempted exercise of governmental powers, and from every point of view obnoxious to the great majority of the people.

The next period in the constitutional history of the province is



covered by the Dudley-Andros administrations under the commission of King James II constituting the Dominion of New England. The powers of government conferred by the commissions and instructions, first by the preliminary commission to Joseph Dudley and Council, and second in the more elaborate commissions and instructions to Sir Edmund Andros, resulted for the time being in a radical change in the structure of the colonial organizations in New England. This involved the discontinuance of separate province and colonial governments in Massachusetts, Plymouth, New Hampshire, and several other colonies. In the *Judicial History of Massachusetts* Professor Washburn says, (p. 86) "The president [Dudley] took upon himself the probate jurisdiction as Supreme Ordinary, but to save the trouble of parties attending at Boston he appointed judges of probate and clerks in the remote counties to act in his stead." Continuing in the same volume, the author says, (p. 95) "He [Andros] assumed to be the Supreme Ordinary, and though it became extremely oppressive for all persons having any business of this kind to come to Boston, as by his orders they were compelled to do, and although the fees to be paid by the parties were greatly increased, yet it ought to be acknowledged that he did much to introduce a regular system of forms in the proceedings in probate courts, which before that had been loose and uncertain. He personally attended to the administration of estates exceeding fifty pounds, and the ordinary fee for the probate of a will was fifty shillings." Several orders relating to probate affairs were passed in the brief time of the administration of President Dudley and his Council, occupying only six months, between May and December, 1686. These are reproduced in 1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 92, 142, *passim*, particularly 105, 124, 125.

In the time of the Andros administration, which commenced Dec. 20, 1686, and was terminated by a popular uprising April 18, 1689, the subject of probate affairs was taken up in a formal act of date June 1, 1687, entitled "An Act for probate of wills and granting letters of administration." The full text appears in 1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 206.

The people of Massachusetts have been very generally disposed to regard the Dudley-Andros administration of 1686-89 as a usurpation. The Bay colony, immediately upon the downfall of the Andros government, resumed the government which was in existence at the time of the inauguration of the Dudley administration in May, 1686. The laws by which they had formerly been governed were revived by an express act. This, of course, included the laws relating to wills and probates. (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 294. See Smith's reports, 503.) The deposition of Andros left New Hampshire without a colonial government. The people were unable to unite upon a government for themselves. Government was relegated to the town organizations. This status continued during a period of about ten months. A union was effected between the towns and people of New Hampshire and those of Massachusetts Bay. This is commonly described as the second union. The exact status of probate jurisdiction in New Hampshire at this time is somewhat problematical. (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 259-399.)

The period of the second union extended from Feb., 1690, to the time when this relation was terminated by new commissions for a province government in New Hampshire and a new charter for Massachusetts. The probate jurisdiction had reverted in the time of this second union to the counties. Its exercise, according to the records now accessible, was in pursuance of the same rules, methods, and forms as had prevailed in the time of the first union. This statement, of course, applies to New Hampshire as well as to Massachusetts Bay. The promptitude and facility with which both colonies readapted themselves at this time to the laws which they had established, and which were in conformity to their own polity, are significant as to the deep root which the jurisprudence of the time of the first union had taken in the statute law and in legal usages. The first colonial period for both New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bay was concluded at this time by the interposition of a new charter in the one, and under a new commission permanently re-establishing a province for the other. The enactment of colonial statute law was resumed, with results which had

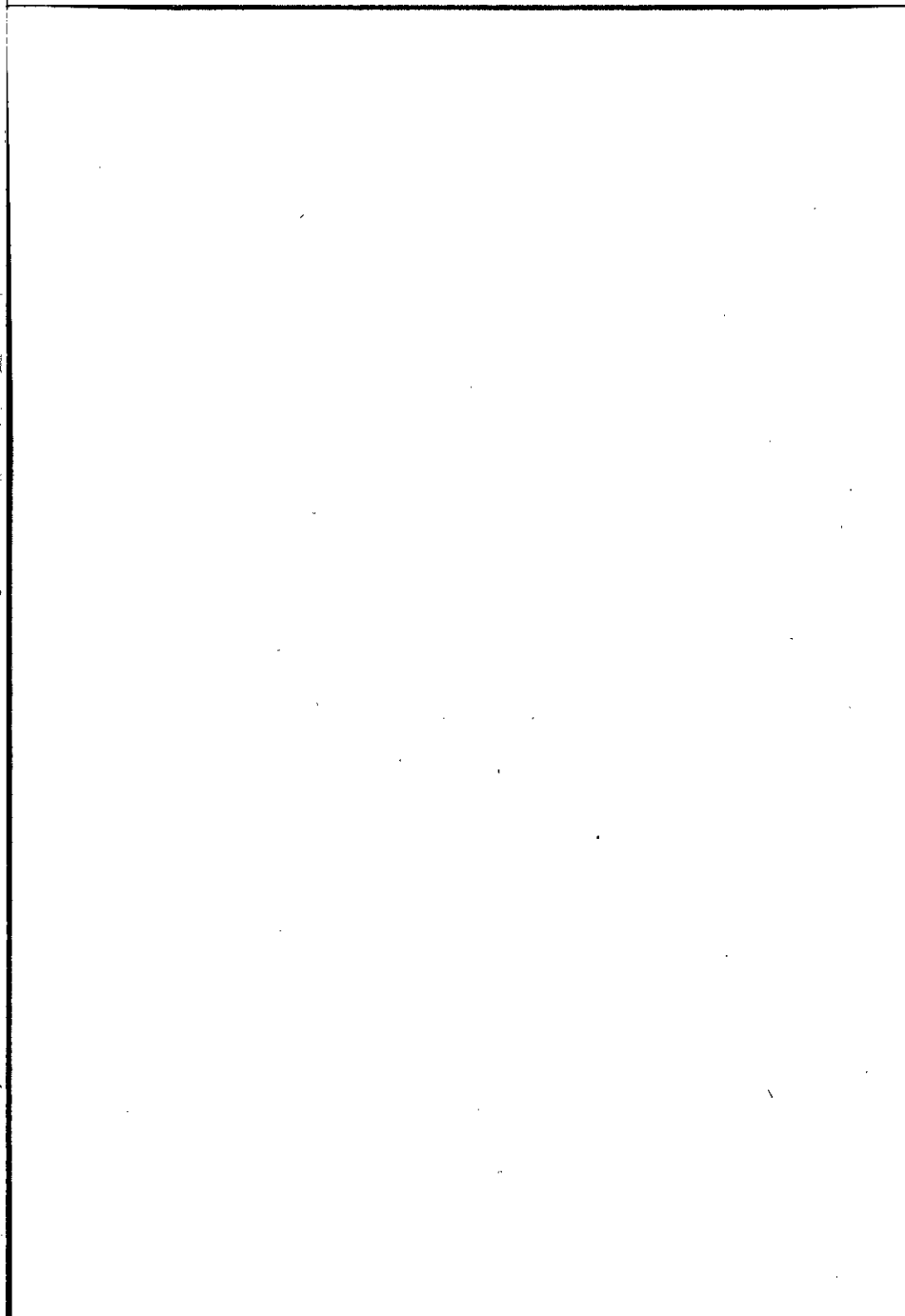
the effect on the whole rather to rehabilitate and confirm the ancient local statute law than to supersede it by important or extensive innovations. (See Oliver's Puritan Comm., 78, 79, 80; Adams's Emancipation of Mass., 197; arg. of Att'y-Gen. cited *supra*, 26 and 46.) It might be expected that probate jurisdiction would be provided for by the erection of a court performing its functions without very much variability from 1692-1775. Allen's commission and instructions, as Usher claimed, invested the Governor or his Lieutenant with power to erect courts and make appointments for them. (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 505.)

It appears as early as 1693, by the act entitled "An act for the settling and distribution of intestates' estates and such as prove insolvent," that the court of probate was already established. (1 N. H. Prov. Laws, 566.) This fact is again recognized in 1701, in the act entitled "An additional act passed for the settlement of intestates' estates, thereto added insolvents' estates, how to be disposed of," *Id.* 683. In the Laws, ed. of 1716, p. 4, "Act for the settlement and distribution of the estates of intestates," the judge of probate is again referred to as then in the exercise of an apparently settled jurisdiction. In the Laws, ed. of 1771, p. 104, the same act reappears. During this period, that is from 1692-1775, the Governor and Council constituted a supreme court of probate. (3 N. H. Prov. Papers, 683, 717.)

Referring to Usher's letter Jan. 11, 1696-7 (2 N. H. Prov. Papers, 209), it would appear that Story had an appointment from the home government as judge of probate; that Usher desired to have the commission returned, and that he assumed the right to appoint. This would indicate that the Governor was claiming the right to appoint the judge of probate, and that possibly there was an issue of authority on this point between the Lieutenant-Governor and the home government. On p. 207, same volume, it appears that Packer was removed from the office of lieutenant-colonel and judge of probate by John Hinckes, President of the Council, acting as Governor, and the Council. It appears further, same volume, pp. 242-243, that Nathaniel Fryer had been appointed ordi-

nary, inasmuch as Hinckes and his Council were turning the probate records over to him by an executive order. In the absence of anything but fragmentary minutes of the proceedings of the Governor and Council as an executive body it may be difficult to trace, especially in the official probate records and files, the personnel of this court, but there is probably data among the records and files of the probate court by which the judges and registers from 1692 to the revolution may be identified with substantial accuracy.

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