

WILL OF DANIEL BELDIN (1648-1731 )  
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In The Name of God Amen I Daniel Beldin of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire in His Majests Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman being infirmed in body & nor knowing how God may Deal with me as to my Temporal life but of Sound & of Perfect memory praise be therefore Given to Almighty God do make & ordain this my present last will & testament in Mannor & form following (that is to say) first primarily & principally I Command my soul into the hands of Almighty God that Gave it hoping through the merit death & passion of my lord Saviour Jesus Christ to lave full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my Sins & to Inherit Everlasting life & my body I Commit to the Earth from Whence it was taken to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein After named firmly believing that at their Last day it shall be raised again by the Power of Almighty God & Soul & body be reunited again & made Taken of Immortal Glory

And as Touching the disposition of all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased almighty God bestow upon me I give & bestow thereof as follows Item that my funeral charges & debts of all sorts made legally to appear shall first be paid by my Executors herein after named unto my Creditors out of my personal Estate

Item I Give will & Bequeath unto my dear & Loving Wife Sarah after my decease All my right & demand upon her former Husband Mattoons Land & also Ten Pounds of or any money out of my personal Estate if she outliveth me together with one third of my personal Estate to be at her own disposal & the Use of one third Part of my Land after my Decease during the time of her natural life & if after my Decease she shall see Cause to Dwell with my Children then she shall have the Use of one of the rooms of my dwelling House & so much of the Chamber Cellar & well as she needeth during the time of her natural life & the use of these to be Accounted as so much of her thirds of the Land before mentioned

Item I give will & Bequeath all the Crop that shall be on my land & Grain that shall be in my house & Born at my Decease to be spent for the maintenance of my wife & my Son Samuel's Family until it be spent & all the Hay & flax

Item I give Will & Bequeath unto my son Samuel the whole of my team that I have now or Shall have at my decease Together with my Tacking Cart & all my other Husbandry Tools

Item I give Will & Bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Elisabeth Brooks thirty & five pounds as money including into Sd thirty five pounds what she hath already received

Item I will & Bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Mary Trowbridge thirty pounds beside what she received before Marriage Provided that Gift given her by my brothers Samuel Beldin of Norwalk on my behalf do not stand but if the above Gift Standeth good & firm to her then I give her nothing Else saving five Shillings out of my own Proper Estate for I account the gift above Sd Equilizeth her with her other Sisters

Item I give & Bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Sarah Burt thirty pounds in or as money besides what she received before her Marriage

Item I give & Bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Esther Clark thirty & three pounds in or as money Including into Sd Sum what she hath already received out of the Estate Since her Marriage (viz) fourteen pound from Trowbridge by brother Sam Beldins order & one pound Since by me

Note that in Sarahs Portion fourteen pounds is included which is to be paid her from Trowbridge towards the thirty pounds that I gave her as it is in Esthers portion but it was there omitted & it is therefore in this Paragraph Inserted

Item I give will & Bequeath to my well beloved Son William Belding five Shillings furthermore my will & determination is that if any of my Children Shall Endeavor any way as Either by the Law or in other ways as to break or defile this my will whereby the rest may be Supplanted of their right according to this will Such Child or Children Shall be & by virtue of such action are Cut of from their Portion or Portions herein given them & that this portion or portions so Cut of be Equally divided between all those of my daughters which shall have no hand neither they nor Husbands in Endeavoring to Nullifie this my will

Furthermore I will that all my personal or moveable Estate that is not Given away as afore Sd Shall be Equally divided between three of my Daughters (viz) Elisabeth Sarah & Esther Finally I do make ordain Constitute & appoint my loving Son Saml Belding & Doctor Thomas Wells of Deerfield afore Sd to be the Executors of this my last will & Testament giving them Power to Demand & Sue for & Receive in debts due to the Estate as Also to Say out of debts due from the Estate as made Legal to Appear as before recited & that this my will Shall take place & be of Effect after my Decease & not before & I herby revoke disallow & disanul & make void all & Every former will & Testament Executor or Executors by me at any time heretofore made or appointed declaring this & this only to be my last will & testament In Witness whereof I the above Daniel Belden have hereinto Set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of December Annoque Domini 1730 & in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second

Note that the aforesd ten pounds that I give my wife it is my will that she shall have it at dispose if she dies before I do under written before signing

The above written will & testament was signed Sealed Pronounced by the afore Sd Daniel Belden to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us witnesses Thomas Wells Joseph Severance Samuel Taylor

Daniel Belding X Mark & Seal

At A Court of Probator holden at Northampton within & for the County of Hampshire on this Second Tuesday of Sept. annoDomini 1732 being the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month the Executors within named presenting the foregoing for Probate & Messrs Thomas Wells Joseph Severance & Samuel Taylor who all signed as witnesses to the fore-going will personally appearing made an oath that they saw Daniel Beldon late of Deerfield in Sd County Deceasd Sign & Seal & heard him Declare the foregoing Instrument to be his last will & Testament & that the best of their understanding the Sd Testator was of Asound mind when he did it and that they all signed as witnesses in his presence wherefore the Sd is ratified approved & Conformed as the Last Will & Testament of the Deceased Deerfield Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1732

p John Stoddard Judge of Probate

Mr Benjamin Mun Deacon Sam Childs & Mr Samuel Taylor of Deerfield were Sworn to Prise the Estate of Daniel Belden of Deerfield (Deceas'd) faithfully according to the best of their skill  
Before me Joseph Kellogg Justi of Peace