

WILL OF EBENEZER BARNARD (1745-1790)
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In the Name of God Amen I Ebenezer Barnard of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire & Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Clothier Considering my advanced age and not knowing how soon I may be called to put of this my Earthly Tabernacle do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament this Twenty eighth day of September anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & sixty three and In the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third of Great Britain King & in manner & form following, In the first place I give my Soul to God who gave it me and my body I commit to the Earth Decently to be Buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned humbly praying that it may be raised at the last day to a Glorious Immortality through the merits of a Glorious Redeemer and as for the Temporal estate that God has bestowed on me I dispose of it in the following manner viz Imprimus I Give & bequeath to Mary my beloved wife one Milch Cow also one bed covering or Rugg She to have her Choice of those two which She made also I give her both bread corn & meat for her Comfortable Support for one year after my decease to be provided for & delivered to her by my Executors hereafter named Likewise I give to my Said wife the use & Improvement of my dwelling house and the East end of my Barn and all the Garden Except proper room to pass and repass to and from the Shop in Sd Garden & also all of the Land West of Sd house in Sd Lot for one year after my decease if She Shall See cause to dwell in Sd House, but if She Shall not Choose to remove other where & not dwell in Sd house after my decease then it is my Will that there Shall be paid to the Sd Mary my wife by my Executors five pounds Lawfull money or the value thereof out of my Household Goods to be choice of my Executors which to pay— Item I Give to my Son Joseph Barnard Twenty Shillings Lawfull money he having had already what I think proper to give him out of my Estate and I also give to my Daughter Rebeckah the wife of David Sexton & Elisabeth the wife of Nathan Frary to each of them Twenty Shillings Lawfull money the Said Rebeckah and Elisabeth having already had what I think proper bestow on them out of Estate. Item after my Just Debts and funeral charges are paid by my Executors hereafter named I Give to my other four Sons viz Samuel Barnard Abner Barnard Salah Barnard & Lemuel Barnard their heirs & assigns forever all the remaining part of my estate both Real and personal to be Equally divided betwixt them the Said Samuel Abner Salah and Lemuel & the Heirs &c. and lastly I constitute ordain and appoint my Sons Samuel Barnard and Salah Barnard Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby Revoke and make and make [sic] Null and Void all former Wills and Testaments at any time heretofore made or ordained by me & I do by these presents ratify and confirm this to be my last Will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Let my hand & Seal the day + Year first written Signed Sealed Published + declared by the Said Ebenezer Barnard to be his last Will and Testament In presence of us who Subscribed as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Samuel Childs

Danl Arms

Mary Arms

Ebenezer Barnard Seal

Hampshire Ss Northampton Sept 4th 1764 at a Court of Probate them held at Northampton by Israel Williams Esq Judge of Said Court The foregoing Will was presented for probate by Mess Samuel Barnard and Salah Barnard Executors therein named and Samuel Childs and Daniel

Arms two of the Witnesses to the Same appearing made Solemn Oath that they Saw Ebenezer Barnard the Testator Sign Seal and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that he was of Sound mind & memory when he did it that they Signed as Witnesses to it at the Same time in presence of the Testator and in each others presence and Saw also Mary Arms Sign as Witness at the Same time whereupon the Said Will is ratified approved and confirmed as the last Will and Testament of the Said deceased

Attn Israel Williams