

WILL OF EBENEZER HINSDALE (1707-1763)  
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In the Name of God Amen I Ebenezer Hinsdale of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Esq, being very infirm & weak in body but of Sound & perfect mind & memory (blessed be God) do this Twenty third day of February in the year of the Lord, one Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty make & publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to Say principally, I give myself to God my rightfull Sovereign & owner hoping for a gracious acceptance with him only for the Sake of the Lord Jesus Christ the only mediator between God & man, & I order that after my Decease my body be Interred in a decent & Christian manner nothing doubting but the Same Shall be raised to Life again at the Second & glorious coming and appearing of the Lord Jesus my only Saviour— And my real Estate and Personal Estate I dispose in the following manner That is to Say I give my Worthy and beloved wife Abigail all my Personal Estate of every Sort whatsoever the Same is or may be at the time of my Decease To have and to hold Said Personal Estate to her the Said Abigail her Executors administrators & assigns forever, also I give to my Said wife all my Real Estate lying & being within the Township of Deerfield aforesaid & the District of Greenfield to have & to hold Said Real Estate to her my Said wife during the Term of her natural Life And no Longer—

And to the Natural & Lawfully begotten Children of my brother Samuel Hinsdale who Shall be living at the time of my Said wife's Decease, born or that Shall be born, I give three Ninth parts of all my Said Real Estate in Deerfield & Greenfield aforesaid to be taken immediately upon my Said wife's Decease & not before to have & to hold the Said three Ninths parts to Said Children in the following manner and proportion to wit in case Said Children Shall be all Male or all female it is my Will, Intent & meaning that Said three Ninths Shall be equally Divided to & among them & that each of Said Children Shall hold on Such equal part & Share to him or her & to his or her Heirs & assigns forever, but in case it Shall So happen that Some of Said Children Shall be Male & Some female it is my Will & meaning that each & every male of Said Children Shall Take & have a Share & portion double to the Share & portion of the female of Said Children & that the Shares of the Males Shall be equal the one to the other that each one of them both male & female Shall have & hold their respective Shares to him & her to his & her heirs & assigns forever respectively Also to the Natural Children of my brother John Hinsdale Deceased who Shall be Living at the Time of my Said wife's Decease I give two ninth parts of all my Said Real Estate in Deerfield & Greenfield aforesaid to be taken immediately on my Said wife's Decease & not before & to have & to hold the Said two ninth parts to said Children in the following manner & proportion, that is to Say in case Such Children Shall be all male or all female it is my Will & meaning that Said Children Shall hold one Such equal part & Share to him or her & his or her Heirs & assigns forever, but in case Some of Said Children Shall be male & Some female it is my Will & meaning that each & every male among Said Children Shall take and have a portion and Share double to the Share & portion of the female among Said Children & that the Shares of each male Shall be equal the one to the other & the Shares of each female Shall also be equal the one to the other & that each one of them both male & female Shall have & hold their respective Shares to him & her & his & her Heirs and assigns forever respectively—

And to the natural & lawfully begotten Children my brother Elijah Williams Esq who Shall be living at the time of my Said wife's Decease born or that Shall be born, I give four ninth parts of all my Said real Estate in Deerfield & Greenfield aforesaid to be taken immediately after my Said wife's Decease & not before & to have & to hold the four ninth parts to the Said Children in the following manner & proportion that is to Say in case Such Children Shall be all male or all female, it is my Will that Said four ninth parts Shall be equally divided between them & that each of Said Children Shall hold one Such equal part & Share to him or her his or her heirs & assigns forever, but in case Such Children Shall be male & Some female, it is my Will & meaning that each & every male of Said Children Shall take & have a portion & Share double to the portion & Share of the female among Said Children & that the Shares of each male (if there be more than one) Shall be equal the one to the other & that the Shares of the female if there Shall be more than one Shall be equal the one to the other & that each one of them both male & female Shall have & hold their respective Shares to him & her & his & her Heirs & assigns forever respectively—

Also I give to my Said wife Abigail all the residue of my real Estate wheresoever the Same lies & is Scituate either in this or any other Province or Colony in America to have & to hold the Said residue to her the Said Abigail Heirs & assigns to her Sole use & disposal forever—

Also in case Darius Hinsdale Son of my brother Samuel Hinsdale Shall be liberally Educated & Shall be Sent for Such Education to Harvard College in Cambridge in New England, I give to Said Darius Twenty pounds Sterling money of Great Brittain to be paid to him Immediately on his being entered & admitted a Student of Said College and in case Said Darius Shall continue a Student of Said College one year I give to him another Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling to be paid to him at the expiration his Said first year & in case he Shall continue a Student of Said College two years, I give him another Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling to be paid at the end of Said Second year and in case he Shall continue a Student there three years, I give him Said Darius another Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling to be paid to him at the end of his third year & in case he Shall continue a Student of Said College four years & Shall at the end of Said four years be honoured with the degree of Batcheler of Arts at Said College, I give him Said Darius other Twenty pounds Sterling to be paid immediately after his being admitted to Said Degree—

Also in case my Hond. Mother Shall out live her present husband Mr. George Beale I give to her my said nother an annuity of Forty Shillings Sterling to be paid to her every year during her natural Life from and after her Said Husband's Decease —

And I hereby order that in case it Should So happen that all my Personal Estate besides & Exclusive of all wearing apparel & all my household furniture & utensils of all Sorts & Such Husbandry Implements & utensils as my Executor Shall Judge necessary for her own use Shall not extend & be Sufficient to pay & Satisfy all the Just Debts which I Shall owe at the time of my Decease I Say I order that my Executrix herein named Shall Sell So much of any of my lands either in New Hampshire or in this province according to her Direction as Shall be necessary and Sufficient together with my personal Estate exclusive of the her wearing apparel household Stuff & Husbandry Implements abovesaid to make monies enough to pay my Said Debts notwithstanding the above devices of the remainder of my Estate in Greenfield and Deerfield after the Expiration of my wife's Said Term therein to the Children of my brethren above named & in that case I fully authorize & empower my executrix herein named to make Sale of So much land as abovesaid & to make and execute all Such Deeds & Instruments as Shall be proper and needfull effectually to convey Such land to the purchaser—

But if my Personal Estate exclusive of all wearing apparel of all my household Stuff and all Such husbandry utensils as abovesaid Shall be fully Sufficient to pay my Just Debts in that case it is my Will and Intent that none of my land or real Estate either in Deerfield or Greenfield Should be Sold to pay Debts but that my Personal Estate not herein before excluded and accepted Shall be Improved and disposed to that purpose and it was my True meaning in the foregoing Gift and bequest there to my Said wife that She Should have the Same so Charged and Lastly I hereby make and appoint my Said wife Abigail Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament—  
In Witness whereof the Said Ebenezer have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the day and year above Written—

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the Said Ebenezer Hinsdale the testator as & for his last Will & Testament in presence of us who were present at the Signing & Sealing thereof—

Ebenezer Hinsdale Seal

Joseph Hawley

Thomas Williams

Moses Severance

Hampshire Ss Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1763 The foregoing Will was presented by the Executrix therein Named & proved & is accordingly approved p Timothy Dwight Jud Probate Com Dict

Province of New Hampshire March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1763 The foregoing Will was proved by the oaths of Thomas Williams & Moses Severance in Common form and is accordingly approved and allowed— p J Wibird Judge of Probate Prov Predicter