

WILL OF EBENEZER NIMS (1687-c. 1760)
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In the Name of God Amen I Ebenezer Nims of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire & Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman, calling to mind my own mortality also considering my advanced age & not knowing how Soon I may be called to part of this my Earthly Tabernacle & at present of Sound mind & memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament this fine day of July AnoDomo one thousand Seven hundred & fifty Six first I give my Soul to God who gave it to me & my body to the dust to be buried in a decent Christian Manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named humbly hoping thro' the merits of my redeemer to obtain a glorious resurrection to immortal Life, & as for the Temporal Estate that God has betruusted me with I dispose of it in the following manner after my Just Debts & funeral charges are paid by my Executors hereafter named—

Imprimus, I give & bequeath unto Sarah my beloved wife on third part of all of my Personal Estate forever & also the use & Improvement of one third part of my real Estate during her the Said Sarah's Natural life—

Item I give & bequeath unto my two Sons Ebenezer Nims & David Nims all my land lying within the District of Greenfield in the County of Hampshire aforesaid also all my land that lie in the North half of that part of Deerfield aforesaid known by the additional grant & also my lot in the Second Division of Inner comons in Deerfield aforesaid to be equally divided between them the Said Ebenezer & David to them their Heirs & Assigns forever—

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Moses Nims his Heirs & Assigns forever my two Southern most home lots at Wapping in Deerfield aforesaid containing four Acres each one of which is bounded South on land of John Stebbins & North of land of Noah & Asakel Wright the other is lot is bounded South on land of Said Noah & Asakel Wright & north on my home lot which I thereafter give & bequeath unto my Son Amasa—

& also one half of my great meadow lot in Deerfield aforesaid which Said lot contains by estimation about nine acres & half. Also one half of all my land in the long hill Division on the West Side of the Country road in Deerfield aforesaid & also one half of all my comon & undivided land in Deerfield aforesaid—

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Amasa Nims his Heirs & Assigns forever my North Home lot in Wapping in Deerfield aforesaid containing eight Acres being the lot which I now dwell on with all the buildings & Edifices there on Said lot bound north on Noah Wrights home lot & on the home lot which I bequeath to my Son Moses Nims afore mentioned also my lot Number thirty nine in the long hill Division on the East Side of the Country road in Deerfield aforesaid also my two lots in that part of the common field in Deerfield aforesaid called Second Division containing about four Acres also one half of my great meadow in Deerfield aforesaid which Said lot contains by estimation about nine acres & half

Also one half of all my land in the long hill division on the West Side of the Country road in Said Deerfield also one half of all my comon and undivided land in Deerfield aforesaid & also I give & bequeath to him the said Amasa Nims all my Personal Estate that is not before disposed of by this my last Will except my household goods & Wearing apparel which Shall be equally divided betwiat all my four Sons before mentioned—

And lastly I constitute & ordain & appoint my Sons Moses Nims and Amasa Nims Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me made Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the day & year before written—

Signed Sealed published & declared by the Said

Ebenezer Nims as his last Will & Testament in

Presence of us who Subscribed as Witnesses to Ebenezer Nims Seal his mark X

The Same in the Said Testator's presence

Ebenezer Barnard

David Hoit

Mary Barnard

Hampshire Ss October 10 1766 Moses Nims one of the Executors of the last Will & Testament of Ebenezer Nims late of Deerfield in Said County Deceased presented the foregoing Will for probate & David Hoit and Mary Barnard two of the Witnesses to the Same Appearing made Oath that they Saw Ebenezer Nims the Testator Sign & Seal & heard him pronounce & declare the Same to be his lat Will & Testament & that he was of Sound mind & memory when he did it & that they with Ebenezer Barnard now Deceased all signed as Witnesses to the Same in the Testator's presence & of each other wherefore at a Court of Probate holden at Northampton within & for the County of Hampshire on the first Tuesday of November being the fourth day of Said Month AnoDomo 1766 p Israel Williams Esq Judge of Said Court, The foregoing Will is ratified, approved & confirmed as the last Will & Testament of Said Deceased

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