

WILL OF MARY CATLIN (1705-1763)
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In the name of God Amen. I Mary Catlin of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire & Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, being in a Decaying State as to my health, and Daily expecting my Dissolution; but thro the Goodness of God having my reason Continued to me I would Set my house in order & make the best preparation I can for me Death, And in the first place I desire by faith to Commit my Soul into the hands of Christ to be washed in his blood & presented to the father without Spot or blame, and my body to the dust by a Decent Christian burial in hopes of a resurrection to a glorious Immortality by Christ my Saviour, as to what little Worldly Substance I have after my Just Debts and funeral Expences are paid I give to each of my Sons Joseph & Seth Five Shillings each, to my Daughter Mercy I give a cow & one bed with the furniture belonging to it Such as She Shall choose and to my Daughter Dorothy one bed with the furniture thereof Such as She Shall choose, and if any thing remains it is my Will that it be Equally divided amongst my five Daughters, and I revoke all other Wills by me made & do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament and Constitute my Daughter Mercy Catlin Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Twenty Eighth Day of October anno Domini 1763 In the fourth year of his Majesty's reign

Signed Sealed published & Declared in presence of

Jonathan Ashley

Mercy Catlin Seal

Samuel Childs

Daniel Arms

At a Court of Probate holden at Northampton within & for the County of Hampshire on the Second Tuesday of January being the 10th Day of Said month an Dom 1764 p Timothy Dwight Esq Judge of Sd Court The foregoing Will was presented for probate by the Executrix therein named & Messr. Samuel Childs & Daniel Arms two of the Witnesses to the Same personally appearing made oath that they Saw Ms Mercy Catlin the Testatrix Sign & Seal & heard her pronounce & declare the Same to be her last Will & Testament & that She was of Sound mind and memory when She did it & that they with the Revd Jonathan Ashley all Signed as Witnesses to the Same at the Same time in presence of Said Testator & each other wherefore it is ratified approved & confirmed as the last Will and Testament of Said Deceased

p Timothy Dwight