

WILL OF MOSES NIMS (1718-1791)  
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In the Name of God Amen I Moses Nims of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire Yeoman being under weakening of Body, but thro. The Goodness of God of Sound Mind, Memory & understanding do make ordain publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following. In the First place I recommend my Soul to God who gave it, and my Body I Commit to the Dust to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, hoping and trusting thro the Merits of my Redeemer that it will be raised to a glorious Immortality among the Just. And as to my Worldly Interest it is my Will that it be Disposed of in manner following Viz. Firstly. It is my Will that my Son Moses have paid him out of my Real Estate the Sum of Twenty Pounds being for four years Service done by him for me after he was twenty one years of age. 2ndly. I give and Bequeath to my Son Elisha all my Real Estate In paying the above Sum to my Son Moses and all other Debts due from me at the time of my Decease, and my Funeral Charges. 3rdly. I give and bequeath to my three Sons Moses Nims, Elisha Nims and Ariel Nims all my Personal Estate to be equally divided among them—And I hereby Nominate and appoint my two Sons Moses Nims and Elisha Nims both of Deerfield Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. Lastly I hereby Revoke all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made Declaring this my Last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Seventh Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety one-

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the first mentioned Moses Nims as his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have hereunto Set our Name as Witnesses in his presence and at his Desire and in the Presence of each other. Moses Nims (Seal)

Samuel Harding

Elijah Arms

Zadok Hawks

Hampshire Ss At a Court of Probate holden at Northampton within and for the County of Hampshire on the first Tuesday of April being the fifth Day of Said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one the foregoing was presented as the Last Will and Testament of Moses Nims late of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire deceased by the Executors therein named for Probate and Samuel Harding and Elijah Arms two of the Subscribing witnesses to the Same appearing, made oath that they Saw Moses Nims the Testator Sign and Seal, and heard him publish and declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament that he was of Sound Mind and Disposing Memory When he did it, that they together with Zadok Hawks all Signed as Witnesses to the Same at the Same time in the Presence of the Said Testator and of each other. Whereupon it is considered, that the Same be, and hereby is proved, approved, ratified and confirmed as the Last Will and Testament of Said Deceased

Eleazer Porter Judge Probt