

WILL OF SAMUEL McCALL (1780)
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In the Name of God Amen I Samuel McCall of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire & State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman being Sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is today first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it & my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Exrs Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me with in this world I do hereby dispose of it in the following manner after any Just debts and Charges are paid Imprimus I will and bequeath to my Dear and beloved Wife Lydia McCall the Use and improvement of all ye Estate both Real & personal after my Just Debts and funeral Charges are paid that I shall die Justified of until my two Daughters Namely Lydiah & Lucy Mc Call come to Lawfull age, & She to keep the same in good repair as can reasonably be expected the above sd term of time and it is also my Will that the Children above mentioned shall be brought up out of the income of the above said Estate & in case there should not be enough of the sd income then it shall be made up out of the Estate Furthermore I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Lydia McCall after my above named Children arrive unto Lawfull age one third part of my Estate both Real & Personal during her Natural Life
Item I give and Bequeath unto my two Daughters Lucy & Lydia McCalle the whole of what remains of my Estate both real & personal forever, Except what I have given unto my Beloved wife these abovementioned Children to Come into the possession of the same when they come to a lawfull age and the same to be equally divided to Each of them I do hereby Nominate and appoint my beloved Wife Lydia McCall together with mr. Oliver Shattuck to be Executers of this my last Will & Testament to see the same well and truly executed in every part thereof In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this twelfth day of June Anno Dom 1780 and in the fourth year of our Independence Signed Sealed and pronounced by the sd Saml McCall to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us ye Subscribers

Saml Harding
Elihu McCall
Seth Arms

Saml McCall

Hampshire Ss Ma Court of Probate holden at Hadley within and for the County of Hampshire on the first Tuesday of September being the fifth day of sd Month AnnoDom 1780 by Eleazr. Porter Esq Judge of sd Court the foregoing Instrument was pronounced as the last Will and Testament of Saml McCall by the Exr. Therein named for Probate & Saml. Harding Elihu McCall & Seth Arms Subscribing Witnesses to the same appearing made oath that they saw Saml McCall 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 memory when he did it that they all Signed as witnesses to the same in the presence of the Testator and Each other—

Whereupon it is considered that the Same be and hereby is proved approved ratified confirmed as the Last Will & Testament of Sd Decd
Eleazr Porter Judg. Prob