

WILL OF SAMUEL TAYLOR (1688-1734 )  
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In the name of God Amen I Samuel Taylor of Deerfield now resident in Northampton under the Care of Chyrurgeon by reason of a Sore Wound wth in the County of Hampshire In his Majests Province of the Massachusetts Bay being under very low Circumstances by reason of my wound & bodily infirmity but thanks be to God of a Sound mind & a Dispossing memory do make Constitute & ordain my last will & Testament in Manner & form following (viz) Inprimus I Give & Bequeath my soul into the hands of God who Gave it & my body to the Earth to be decently Entered & there to rest in the Grave until the general Resurrection where I rely upon the righteousness of Christ Jesus my redeemer for a Glorious immortality & for Ever to praise the Lord up on the accot of my Glorious Savior & Redeemer

And with the Respect to the division of worldly Estate that it hath Pleased the Lord to bless me with all, after my funeral Expences & Just debts of all sorts first Paid I give devise & Bequeath in Manner & form following (viz) Firstly to my well beloved wife mary I give the one third part of Personal Estate I also give her the Use & Improvement of my dwelling house & barn & also the use & Improvement of the one half of my real Estate allowing her Continuing my widdow & also the use & Improvement of all my real Estate till my Children Successfully Come into the age of twenty one years: But if She Should marry again then my will is She shall have but one third part of my Sd estate I also Constitute & appoint my Sd wife Mary Sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament & by reason of my debts & my Great Expence now in my lameness I authorize Impower & appoint my Sd wife Mary my Executrix to sell so much of my real Estate as is needfull to discharge & pay my Debts Item & with respect to the remainder of my Estate Either real or Personal in Posession or remainder I give devise & bequeath to my four Sons Samuel Othniel John & Jonathan to be equally divided between them to them & Each of them respectively & their Heirs & assigns for Ever

And I do hereby Adnule & revoke all former wills or Testaments by me made done or Suffered to be declaring this & this only to be my last will & Testament In Testimony whereof I the Sd Sam Taylor have set to my hand & seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Febry in the Seventh Year of the reign of George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c Annoqe Domini 1733/4 Sam Taylor & a Seal

Signed Sealed & Declared by the Sd Samuel Taylor

to be his last Will & testament in our Presence

& we Signed as Witnesses in the Presence of the

Testator Deliverance Bridgman Sam Sheldon Junr Eben Pomroy

At A Court of Probates holden at Northampton within & for the County of Hampshire on the Second Tuesday of Aprile being the Ninth day of sd month Anno Domini 1734 P John Stoddard Esq Judge of Sd Court Major Ebenezer Pomroy & Deliverance Bridgman who Signed as Witnesses to the foregoing testament personally appearing made oath that they saw Samll Taylor the Testator Sign & Seal & heard him declare the Same to be his last will & Testament & that he was of a Sound mind & Dispossing memory when he did it & that they saw Samll Sheldon Junr Sign as a witness at the Same time & that all the witnesses Sign'd in the Presence

of the Testator wherefore the Sd will is ratified Confirmed & approved as the last will &  
Testament of the Decd P John Stoddard