

*Suffolk County  
Wills*

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ABSTRACTS FROM THE EARLIEST WILLS ON RECORD IN  
THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, MASS.

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SAMUEL BIDFIELD.—Will. 12:3:1659. I giue vnto my wife my dwelling house and yard with the out house in the yard during hir life, p<sup>r</sup>ouided shee stay in this Cuntry and keepe the sayde house in repare, and after her decease or going out of the Cuntrie into England, my will is, saide house shall fall to *Samuell Plumer*, my grandchild, and to his heires. If hee dye with oute issue, it shall goe to the next sonn and his heires, and soe to the rest successiuly. Unto my wife, £40, and halfe the houshold goods; the other halfe to bee devided to my tow dau's children, to each of them Alike, that is to say, *Samuell Plumer*, *John Plumer*, *Ephraim Plumer*, *Mary Plumer*, *John Steuens*, *Samuell Steuens*. Also, vnto *John Steuens* and *Samuell Steuens*, £10, to each; also, my two mares and two horses, after my decease, if non of them bee sold beefore; and they to receiue this gift at the age of 21 yeares. Vnto my sonn, *Samuell Plumer*, all my wareing Cloths, both linell and wollin. To *Mr Tompson*, £5; to *Mr Willson*, 40s.; to *Mr Norton*, £3; to *James Penn*, 40s.; to *John Seirch*, 20s.; to *William Dinsdale*, my Joynter, axes, oders, and all my other working tooles, w<sup>th</sup> on coat and a pare of britches. My wife executrix, and *James Penn* and *Samuell Plumer*, ouerseers. It is my will that *James Penn* shall take the £20 I doe giue to my two grandchildren, and keepe it till they come to age.

Witnesses

*Nathaniell Williams*

*Madott Enges.*

Who deposed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1660.

Inventory taken 13<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1660, by *Richard Dole*, *Joseph Armitage*. Amt. £512.

*Elizabeth Bidfield*, widow of *Samuel*, deposed.

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NATHANIEL BARNARD.—Inventory of the Goods and Chattells of *Nathaniel Barnard*, of Boston, deceas'd, priz'd by *James Euerill* and *Godfrey Armitage*, 18th Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1659. Amt. £11. 12. 01. Mentions *Thomas Baker*, *Smith*, and *Thomas Starr*. Power of Administration granted to *Mary*, Relict of *Nathaniel Barnard*, 13th Jan. 1659. She deposed, the same day.

Estate indebted to *Zachary Phillips*, *Nathaniell Adams*, *Capt. Thomas Savage*, *James Greene*, *Richd Bennet*, *George Nowell*, *David Showell*, *John Lewes*, *Mrs Susanna Gibbins*, *Esdras Read*, *Samll Sendall*, *Elieazer Heaton*, *Jno Winslow*, *Jno Meers*, *Jno Roades*, *Tho: Baker*, *Tho Starr*, and others.

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MR. JACOB SHEAFE.—Inventory of the Estate of *Mr Jacob Sheafe*, deceased, taken by *Anthony Stoddard*, *Edward Hutchinson*, *Tho: Brattle*, *Henry Shrimpton*. Sum Total. £8528. 08. 03. Among the items mentioned, is "a quarter p<sup>t</sup> of 3 Mills at *Roxbery*, £173; dwelling-house and ground therevnto belonging, £220; 50 thousand of suga<sup>r</sup>, at England and

WILLIAM PAINE, of Boston, having bin a long time by the hand of God much exercised with infirmity of body, yet in perfect memory, [do] make my will. Vnto *Hanna*, my wife, £200, and my dwelling house, situate in Boston, with all the out houses, archard, gardens, &c. ; allso, my mill, at Watertowne, with the houses, lands, &c. ; allso all my househould stuffe, the vse and Improuement of it for life. Vnto my three grand children, which ware the Children of my dafter, *Hanna Appleton*, deceased, the some of £1500, viz. to *Hanna*, £600, to *Samuell*, £500, and to *Judeth*, £400. And if any of my sayd grandchildren depart this life, Leaueing noe Issue, Then the sayd Legicie or Legicies shall remaine to them that surviue and their heires for euer. If they depart this life leaueing noe Issue, Then my will is, that the sayd £1500, bee repayd back vnto my sonn *John Paine*, to him and his heires. Said Legicies shall bee payd vnto my grandchildren as they shall attaine vnto age, or vppon the day of marriage. I giue to *Hanna Appleton*, my said grand child, all the househould stuff that now standeth in the hall chamber, to remaine to her after my wife depart this life. The rest of my househould stuffe I giue vnto the other of my grandchildren, after my wifes decease. I giue vnto the Children of *Symond Evers*, sen<sup>r</sup>. deceased, viz : *Beniamine*, *Mary*, *Rebekah*, *Christian*, *An*, and *Dorothy*, £5 to each. To *Symond Evers* the sonn of *Symond Evers Jn.* deceased, £5 to bee payd when of age. Vnto my *Sister Page*, £3. p<sup>r</sup> yeare dewreing life. Vnto my kinsman, *John Page*, which now is in his hands the some of £5. and to the other Children of my sayd *Sister Page*, viz. To *Samuell*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary*, *Pheebee*, £5., to each. Vnto the children of my *Sister Hament*, viz : To *John*, *Elizabeth*, and *hanna*, £5., to each. To my kinswoman, *Elizabeth House*, dafter to *Samuell* and *Elizabeth House*, £10. Vnto the two dafters of my Cosan, *John Tall*, 40s. to each, when of age. Vnto my sonn in law, *Samuell Appleton*, £10 ; to *William Howard*, £15 ; to *Jerimy Belcher*, 40s. ; vnto *Mr Anthony Stodder*, £10 ; vnto *Christopher Clarke*, £10 ; vnto *Mr Joseph Tainter*, £10 ; vnto *Mr Oliuer Puerchis*, £10 ; vnto *Mary Ingion*, 40s., yearely, dureing life. I giue vnto the free scoole of Ipswitch, the little neck of land at Ipswitch, commonly knowne by the name of Jeferrys neck. The which is to bee, and remaine, to the benefitt of the said scoole of Ipswitch, for euer, as I haue formerly Intended,

and therefore the sayd land not to bee sould nor wasted. I giue vnto the Colledg at Cambridge, £20., The which is now payd for that end into the hands of the worshippfull *Mr Thomas Dauenport*, of Cambridge, and shall remaine in the hands of the Committie and president of the Colledge, and by them, for the time beeing, and their suckcessers after them for euer, Imploy sayd Twenty pounds for the benefitt of the said Colledge. But the sayd Twenty pounds not to bee expended But to remaine as A stock to the College for euer. I giue vnto my reuerent freinds, viz: *Mr Norton*, and *Mr Willson*, Paster and teacher of the Church of Boston, 40s. to each. To *Mr Shirman*, Paster of the Church at Water-towne, to *Mr Browne*, paster of the Church at Sudbery, to *Mr Cobbit*, paster of the Church at Ipswitch, to *Mr Fisk*, passter of the Church at Chensford, to *Mr Phillops*, teacher of the Church at Rowley, to *Mr Mayhoo*, paster of the new Church of Boston, 40s. [each.] All the rest of my estate vnto my sonn, *John Paine*. If *John* depart this life, leaueing noe Issue, nor Children of sayd Issue, Then my will is that the houses and lands which of right doe beelonge vnto mee, within the bounds of Ipswitch, with the privileges, &c. I giue unto the Children of my sayd dafter, *Hanna Appleton*, deceased, namely, *Hannah*, *Judeth*, and *Samuell*, or soe many of them as shall bee then aliue, as Coe heires to the same, to them and their heires for euer, according as there is p<sup>r</sup>vision made in A deede of gift, formerly giuen vnto my sonn, *John Paine*. If *John* depart this life, leaueing no issue, nor Children of said Issue. Then my will is, that the Children of my sister *Page*, mentioned aboue, shall haue out of my estate the some of £300, to bee equally deuided between them. If my wife should depart out of this life beefore myselfe, Then my will is, that the Children of *Simond Eyers*, sen., deceased, shall haue £5 apeece, A deed to their former £5; and the Children of my sister *Page* and sister *Hanna*, shall haue £5 apeece, aded to their former £5. I doe heareby earnestly request *Mr Olliur Purches*, to be helpfull to my sonne, *John Paine*, concerning the Iron worke and the accounts thereof, whose Abilities and faithfullness I haue had experience of, vnto whose Ceare I doe Commit the sayd accounts. I make my sonn, *John Paine*, my Sonn in Law, *Samuell Appleton*, and *Mr Anthony Stodder*, my executors. And I doe request *Mr Christopher Clarke*, *Mr Joseph Tainter*, and *Mr Olliuer Purches*, to bee my ouerseers and feofess in trust of this my will. My

will is, that if my sayd Ouerseeres with my Executors shall see Just Case for some pyous vse and nesessary worke to giue £100., They shall haue power to take it out of my estate. 2 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1660.

Will Paine.

Postscript.—I giue vnto *Doctter Clarke*, £5; and I doe giue to *Capt Thomas Clarke Company*, to bye them *Cullers*, the some of fve pounds.

In presence of vs,

*John Mayo, Christopher Clarke,*  
*Will: Howard.*

14 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1660. *Mr Samuell Appleton* appeared beefore the Court and declared by reason of his remote living and inability to manage such A trust hee did renounce his excetership to the will. Also, *Anthony Stodderd*, on Request of *Mr John Payne*, sonn to the late *Mr William Paine*, did renounce his executorship to this will, which was done before the probate of the will. Edward Rawson Recorder.

14 Nov. 1660. *Mr John Mayo, Christopher Clarke,* and *William Howard*, deposed.

Inventory of the Estate taken by *Henry Shrimpton, Joshua Scottow,*  
*John Richards, 22 : 8 : 1660. Amt. £4239. 11. 05. Mr John Paine*  
deposed, 14 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1660.

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