

In the Name of God Amen

I Peter Nowell of York in the County of York and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Yeoman being at this Time thro' the goodness of God of a Sound disposing Mind and Memory and—

To prevent Trouble and Disputes which might other ways arise among such of my Children as may Survive me concerning such Worldly Estate where with it hath pleas'd God to Bless me in this Life I do Make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament and dispose of the ? of ?

Imp^r My Will is and I do hereby ratify and confirm the Contract and agreement made by me and my now Wife Katharine before Marriage and Order that my two Sons Daniel Weare Nowell and Shadrack Nowell shall comply with and fulfill that said Agreement on my part to be performed out of what I have here in after given them in equal halves XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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Item, I Give to my Eldest Son, Peter Nowell his Heirs & Assigns That Piece of Forest Marsh and Upland above York Bridge so called which I bought of my Brother Silas Nowell adjoining the Line as fixed by my Hon. Father Peter Nowell Esq^r ? Dec^d between me and said Silas in his my s^d Father's Will, containing about Six Acres more or less. Also Fifty Acres of my Out Lands to be taken up & laid out on the Eastern Side next to Mcintires Land & Joining that I sold Joh Garey and to run back my whole breadth till the Fifty Acres are completed. Also One Third of my Grist Mill & Privileges

Item, I Give to my Son Daniel Weare Nowell his Heirs and Assigns That part of my Homestead bounded as follows beginning by the Road leading up from the Main Country Road to my House about four Rods Northerly of a Bridge formerly called the Pole Bridge now a Stone Bridge and to run over South Easterly to the nearest part of M^r. Shaws Land formerly M^r Londs, thence running up North Easterly or as my Land runs Carryin the whole breadth & bounding South Easterly by the Brook & North Westerly by the Road aforesaid till it comes to the Way leading from my House to the Saw Mill with my Dwelling House Barn and all other buildings thereon (Saving only that part of the House provided for my said Wife in the Agreement aforesaid during her Life only, and that part of same the House here after proposed for my Daughter) He my said Son Dan^l to have the ? of the same—

I also Give my said Son Daniel his Heirs and Assigns
That part of my Pasture Land on the North West Side of the
Road leading up by my House beginning at the Land of John
Nowell and running up by said Road toward my House till it comes
with Twenty Rods of the Land formerly my Brother Silas's
and then NNW carrying that breadth to the extent of my Land
Also One Half of my Saw Mill and One Third of my Grist Mill with the Appurtenances
And Privileges to the same belonging

Item, I Give to my Son Shadrack Nowell his Heirs and Assigns
All my Half of the Farm and Buildings I with my son Peter, purchased
of my Brother Silas, with the twenty Rods Wide of Pasture
below onto the South West of it next that I have herein before
given to Daniel, Also all my Upland & Marsh below onto
the South West of what I have herein before given to Daniel
and Peter. And one third Part of my Grist Mill & Half my Saw Mill with the
Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging.

All the Rest of my Real Estate not herein other ways disposed
of I Give to my two Sons Said Daniel and Shadrack in equal
parts to be Divided without any advantage by Survivor Ship
and to their several and respective Heirs & Assigns forever
Subject nevertheless to the Provision hereafter made for the
Child my said Wife is now pregnant with.

Item, I give to my three Daughters, Mary the Wife of Ebenezer Simpson,
my Maiden Daughter Lydia Nowell, & Mercy, the Wife of Jonathan
Young the value of twenty Pounds each, to be paid them by their
Brothers the aforesaid Daniel & Shadrack in equal part, out of
what I have herein given them, to be paid my said Daughter in
Lumber or Quick Stock within three Years after my Decease
I further give to the said Lydia during her continuing Single or
Unmarried the Use of one Chamber in my House, which she shall
choose. The Wintering of two Cows which Daniel shall do, and her
Fire Wood which Dan^l shall provide. I also give my said Daughter
Lydia Six Sheep which shall with the two Cows be Summer's or
Pastured by the said Dan^l & Shadrach in equal parts, so likewise
Shall the said Daniel & Shadrack Winter the Said Sheep for Lydia
I Also give her the said Lydia All the remaining part of my Household
Goods Beds & Furniture after my Wife is Supplied according to My
and her Agreement aforementioned.

Item, ? And Whereas my aforesaid Wife Katherine now appears
to be big with Child My Will therefore is, if a Son I give him One
Hundred Acres of Outland to be taken out of Dan^l & Shadrack's part
of the OutLands given them in equal Proportion, or One Hundred Pounds

Pounds lawful Money as they shall choose to be paid him at his arrival to the Age of Twenty One Years, but if a Daughter, then I Give her Twenty Pounds lawful Money which I order to be paid her by the said Daniel & Shadrack at the Age of Eighteen Years and they shall also be at the Cost and expense of Supporting & maintaining him or her the Period of time aforesaid respectively but if the Child should not Live to that Time then & in that case What I have or intended to give it shall be and remain to the said Dan^l & Shadrack & their respective Heirs & Assigns.

Item, I Give to all my aforementioned Children my Seat or Pew in the Meeting House in equal Proportion.

Item, I Give my said Sons Daniel and Shadrack All the rest & remaining Part of my Personal Estate not herin before dispos'd of, such as money Debts due by Accompt Notes & bonds, Quick Stock Carts, Wheels, Sleds, Plows, Yoaks, Chains & All other my Untensills of Husbandry. As to my Wareing Apparell I give them to my s^d three Sons equally.

Item, My Will is, and I do hereby order and Direct That my afor^d Sons Daniel and Shadrack shall out of what I have herein before given them Pay all my Just Debts, Funeral Charges and Legaces.

And finally I do hereby nominate and appoint my two Sons, Daniel and Shadrack afornamed Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness where of I the said Peter Nowell have hereunto set my Hand & seal the thirtieth Day of March Anno Domini 1775, in the fifteenth Year of His majestys Reign.

Signed Sealed publish^d pronounced and Declar^d by the s^d Peter Nowell to be his last Will and Testam^t,

}Peter Nowell [His Seal]

after the Word here & Read were Interlin'd In presence of us, also half the 15th & the whole of the 16th, Lines in the first page were Obliterated

And as to the Mills it ? made that Dan^l & Shadrack shall have the Saw Mill in equal halves And Peter, Dan^l & Shadrack Grist Mill in equal thirds. All done before Executing.

York Sd. June 8the 1775
The Will aforesaid was proved by the Oaths of all the Subscribed Witnesses in Common Form Before me

Dan^l Moulton
Abram Nowell
Sam^l Kingsberry

Jonathan Sayward – Judge of Probate