

Will

Last Will & Testament of Peter Worden II

I Peter Worden of the towne of Yarmouth in the collonie of New Plymouth in New England in America about seaventy-one years of age being weake in body yett in perfect memory doe make this my last will and testament.

Firstly. I bequeath my soule to God that give it and my body to the earth to be decently buried when God's time is to remove mee out of this world by death. Secondly. I make my son Samuelli Worden my whole and sole executor to who I give all my lands upon the necke called Equinett Necke with all the priviledges therto belonging to him and his heires and assignes forever with eight acres of land att the south sea, to the said necke soe likewise.

I give to my son Samuelli Worden all my housing and land that I now live upon after his mother's decease both upland and marsh and orchyard and the land I bought to Mr. Allin with all other lands due to mee from the towne not yett layed out or from the country as procured by the late warr with the indians. Soe likewise I give to my son Samuelli my best bedsteed and my trundle bedsteed.

Thirdly. I give to my daughter Martha the wife of Joseph Severens a peece of marsh about three acres be it more or lesse lying att the head of the marsh above John Burgis's ditch, during her naturall life and after I give it to my son Samuelli Worden to whom I likewise give all the cattle that hee hath bine possessed of by mee excerpiting two oxen.

Fourthly. I give to my loving wife Mary Worden the proffitts and improvements of my housing and lands and orchyards that I now live upon during her natural life, both upland and marsh with the land I bought of Mr. Allin and all my household good and cattle for her support during her life and my will is that what of my goods and cattle are left after my wife decease shalbe equally divided betwixt my three daughters Mary, Mercy and Martha.

Fifthly. I give to my son Samuelli Worden all my estate in old England both land and other estate that came by my wife.

Sixthly. I give to my daughter Mary the wife of John Burgis, the one halfe of my forth acres of upland att the head of the lotts to her, her heires and assignes forever.

Seaventhly. I give to my daughter Martha the wife of Joseph Severens all the cattle and goods, shee is already possessed of by mee with one cow more att my decease and after her decease my will is that what of them are left shall fall to her two daughters now living.

Lastly. I give to my son Samuelli Worden my Chist and my cloake.

Peter Worden [and a Seale] Signed and sealed before us this ninth day of January, 1679. John Freeman Sr. Silas Sares

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