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EARLY LONG ISLAND WILLS

OF

Suffolk County, 1691-1703

AN UNABRIDGED COPY OF THE MANUSCRIPT VOLUME KNOWN AS "THE LESTER
WILL BOOK"; BEING THE RECORD OF THE PREROGATIVE COURT
OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

With Genealogical and Historical Notes

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TO

ORVILLE B. ACKERLY, ESQ.,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

WHOSE ACTIVE INTEREST IN
THE HISTORY OF LONG ISLAND HAS PRESERVED
MUCH THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE LOST,
THIS VOLUME IS RESPECTFULLY

Dedicated

INTRODUCTION.

THE first will recorded in Suffolk County is that of Josiah Stanborough, who lived at Sagaponack, in the town of Southampton. It was dated July 16, 1661, and proved at the "Quarter Court," held in Southampton, September 3, 1661. At that time the town was under the jurisdiction of Connecticut, and the probate was according to the laws of that Colony. It may be found in the second volume of Southampton records.

In 1664 the English conquest made Long Island a part of the Province of New York, and it was governed by the code known as the "Duke's Laws." By these laws it was ordered that, upon the death of any person, it was the duty of the constable and the overseers to repair to the house of the deceased and find if any will had been left by him. The executors of any will were to present it for probate at the next "Court of Sessions," and the Clerk of the Court was to transmit the will and probate for record to the Register's office in New York. By an amendment to these laws, the Court of Assizes also had the power to admit wills to probate. The Court of Sessions consisted of the Judge and Clerk, and certain Justices of the Peace. It was ordained by law

to be held three times a year, and in the "East Riding" (now Suffolk County) the courts were to be held "by turns" in Southold and Southampton.

The Court of Assizes was composed of the Governor, Members of Council, High Sheriff, and such Justices of the Peace as might attend. The Secretary of the Province was the Clerk of the Court, which was that of last appeal. This Court was abolished in 1683.

By an addition to the Duke's Laws, in 1665, it was ordered that all original wills, after having been proved at the Court of Sessions, or Assizes, should be returned into the office of Records in New York, "and shall remain there," and the executors were to have copies. This has preserved a great many original wills, which are now on file in the New York Surrogate's office.

In England, up to a very recent period, the probate of wills was under the control of the Archbishop of Canterbury.* And in the instructions given to General Thomas Dongan, May 29, 1686, it was expressly charged that "the ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury is to be retained except as to licences for marriage and Probate of Wills, which are reserved to the Governor, and to the Commander in Chief for the time being."

* The origin of the name of "Prerogative Court" is shown by the following definition in Baily's Dictionary, 1750. "Prerogative Court. A Court belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury, wherein all Wills are proved and Administrations granted, that belong to the Archbishop by his Prerogative."

By Act of General Assembly, November 11, 1692, it was enacted that in all the counties except Orange, Richmond, Westchester, and Kings, the Court of Common Pleas, or if not in session, the Judge assisted by the Justices of the Peace, was to examine the witnesses and certify the examinations, to the Secretary's Office, and upon this the Governor granted his "Probate." Among the list of officers in 1693, we find "William Smith, Esq., Chief Justice, having power of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer." So that although the power to admit wills to probate was vested in the Governor, yet the actual power was exercised by the Judge of the Court, who acted as his delegate, and Governor Tryon, in 1774, stated "The Prerogative Court concerns itself only in the Probate of wills, etc. The Governor is properly the Judge of this Court but usually acts by delegate." Judge William Smith was appointed Judge in May 15, 1691, and held it till June 13, 1706.

It remains to state the circumstances under which this book was lost and restored. Up to 1844 the County Clerk's office was wherever the clerk happened to live. Thomas Helme was clerk in 1691, and for many years after. William Henry Smith, a son of the Judge, held the office from 1730 to 1739. After the Revolution, under the State Government, Hon. Ezra L'Hommedieu was clerk from 1784 to 1810, and again in 1811. He died in office September 27, 1811. The book of which

this volume is a copy was among his official books and papers. By some oversight it was not transferred to his successor in office, but remained in the hands of Thomas S. Lester, Sr., who died September 13, 1817. With the rest of his private papers it came into the possession of his only son Thomas S. Lester, Jr., who was a child at the time of his father's death. Many years later, when he came to manhood, his attention was called to the book by the late Charles B. Moore of New York City, and he saw at once that it was an original Book of Records, belonging to the County Clerk's office; and on October 13, 1871, he transmitted it to George C. Campbell, who then held the office, and it was thus restored to its proper place after having been lost to the public for a period of sixty years.

The life of Thomas S. Lester, who thus conferred upon the public a lasting benefit, was a curious episode in local history. Inheriting from his father a farm in Southold, he made these paternal acres his home during life, and was in the opinion of his neighbors a plodding, unambitious man, without aspirations for wealth. Dying intestate, it was found, to the astonishment of all who knew him, that by careful investments of his small income which were invariably successful, he had accumulated a fortune of \$300,000, which went to heirs at law. Among these was a pauper, supported at public expense, who awoke one morning to find himself the possessor of thirty-eight thousand dollars. The sudden tran-

sition from the porridge pot to the palace was too much for him, and only a very brief interval elapsed (the most of which was spent in sampling ardent spirits in their varied forms) between leaving his home in the County House for one much narrower in the village grave yard.

The absence of any punctuation in this volume may attract attention, but in this we follow the original. The printing is done from a copy made by Orville B. Ackerly, Esq., and carefully compared with the original.

The writer hopes that this work will prove of use and benefit to all who feel an interest in Long Island history, and in the acts and deeds of a generation that has long since passed away.

WILLIAM S. PELLETREAU.

SOUTHAMPTON, L. I.,

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EARLY LONG ISLAND WILLS OF
SUFFOLK COUNTY, 1691-1703

BROOKHAVEN May ye 23 1691

At a Court holden before the Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court—Upon the complt. of *William Jayne* & others creditors to *Joseph Davice* late of *Brookhaven* afores^d deceased setting forth that the said *Davice* is said in his lifetime to have made his last will and testament by which he is said to have appointed *Capt. Richard Wodhull* & *John Mosier* his Executors who have not taken upon them hitherto the Burthen of Executorship it being now above three months since the said *Davice* his decease by reason where of the said creditors fear that the s^d estate may be imbecelled & they defrauded of their just debts.

Ordered that *Capt. Richard Wodhull* & *John Mosier* be notified to appear at a Court to be holden on Monday next being the 25th instant at six o'clock in ye afternoon at the Judges now dwelling house then & there to declare whether they will take upon them the Executorship afores^d and bring the said Will into Court.

THO: HELME Cler.

BROOKHAVEN May ye 25th

At a Court holden May ye 25th 1691—*Capt. Richard Wodhull & John Mosier* appeared in Court and did then and there declare that their own private occasions will not admit them to take upon them the burthen of Executorship of the above s^d *Davice* his will and do renounce being concerned therewith and delivered the s^d pretended will to the Clerk of the Court. And *William Jayne* appearing in Court and alleging that he is the principal creditor to *Joseph Davice* deceased—And praying that letters of Administration may be granted to him to administer on the s^d *Joseph Davice* his Estate—

Ordered that letters of Administration shall be given to the s^d *William Jayne* he giving bond truly to administer according to law and to deliver into this Court a true and perfect Inventory of the s^d deceased his estate at or before the 20th day of June next and that a copy of the s^d will be annexed to the s^d letters of administration and in regard several legacies are by the s^d *Davice* bequeathed to his children the persons said to witness the will are to be notified to appear before the Judge on Wednesday at 6 o'clock in ye afternoon being the 27th. instant.

By the Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of their Maty^{es} Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of New York in America—

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Joseph Davies* late of *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk, weaver, did in life time make his last will and testament dated the fifth day of Oct. Anno. Dom. 1689 and departed this life ye fifteenth day of Feby. last past Anno. Dom. 1690/1 and by the same Will did appoint *Capt. Richard Wodhull* and *John Mosier* both of *Brookhaven* afores^d Executors of his s^d last Will which is hereunto annexed which s^d *Capt. Richard Wodhull* and *John Mosier* did appear before me this day and for certain causes them thereunto justly moving have Expressly renounced the burthen of the Executorship of the said testament.

I therefore by virtue of the authority to me given by his Excell^y *Henry Sloughter Esq.* Capt General & Gov^r in Chief in and over ye Province of New Yorke afores^d reposing special trust & confidence in you *William Jayne* of *Brookhaven* afores^d, Cooper, & principal creditor to ye deceased afores^d *Joseph Davies* have nominated constituted and appointed and by these presents constitute and appoint you *William Jayne* administrator of all and singular the goods chattels & credits of ye s^d *Joseph Davies* deceased with full power to ask receive recover & demand all and singular the goods chattels leases debts & credits whatsoever to the s^d deceased belonging or in any wise appertaining by all lawful ways & means whatsoever. In the first place paying those debts whereby the s^d deceased stood

obliged in ye time of his death & then those legacies contained and specified in the s^d testament as far as the lawful goods & credits of ye s^d deceased may to this extend you taking your oath truly to administer ye same goods chattels rights & credits and to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all and singular the debts goods chattels rights & credits which shall or may come to your hand possession or knowledge and further to give a just & true account of & concerning the s^d administration before me or such Judges as shall be thereunto appointed at or before the first day of July next ensuing ye date hereof. Given under my hand & seal this third day of June Anno. Dom. 1691 & in ye third year of their Maje^{ys} reign.

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME, Cler.

*Joseph Davice*¹ his will—In the name of God Amen Oct. 5 Anno. Dom. 1689. I *Joseph Davice* of *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk upon Long Island Planter being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks to God for it therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die

¹ Joseph Davice (or Davis) came to Brookhaven from Southampton. He was a weaver by trade and on December 23, 1668, the town of Brookhaven granted him "the weaver's lot." He was also granted "an accommodation by paying as others do," and he agreed "to weave the town's yarn into cloth on as reasonable terms as they do generally upon the Island." His descendants are still to be found in Brookhaven.

do make and ordain this my last will & testam' in manner and form following that is to say first & principally I give my soul into the hands of God who gave it me & for my body I commend it to ye Earth to be buried in a christian & decent manner in ye usual place of burial nothing doubting but at ye general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such wordly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give bequeath & dispose the same in manner & form following first I give and bequeath to *Elizabeth* my loving wife power to sell this house and accommodation belonging thereto & the disposing of the moneys received as the price thereof my will is likewise that she dispose of this money to build a house and that it shall be hers so long as she lives & when it pleaseth God to remove her by death it shall fall to my eldest son *Joseph* provided he prove dutiful to his mother otherwise she shall have the disposing of it to which of my children she pleaseth twenty acres of land adjoining to the house to be disposed in the same manner as the house all the rest of my meadows & land my will is that after her decease shall be equally distributed amongst all my sons my will is that she have the disposing of my stock & moveables to my children according to their desert only what hereafter shall be excepted. Moreover I give & bequeath to my son *Joseph* a black horse & mare in ye woods. To my son *Benjamin* one mare which

I bought from *Richard Clerke* my loom and tackling belonging to it which I charge him never to sell. To my son *Samuel* a mare a year old. To *Daniel* I give and bequeath the first colt of *Samuel's* mare. My will also is that *Benjamin* give to my daughter *Mary* the first Mare Colt of his Mare one cow the day of her marriage and other two that day twelvemonth following. And of this my last will and testament I make and ordain my well beloved friends *Richard Wodhull* and *John Mosier* my full and whole Executors and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and annul all & every other former testament wills or legacies willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this & none other to be my last will and testam^t. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal ye day & year above written.

The mark of

JOSEPH $\ddot{\text{E}}$ DAVICE

Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by ye s^d *Joseph Davice* as his last will & testam^t in ye presence of witnesses

D. SIMSON

JACOB LONGBOTHOM

THOMAS BIGGS

By ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York in America—

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know yee that whereas *John Muncy* late of *Brook-*

haven in ye said County Husbandman departed this life on ye 19th day of Feby. 169^o leaving no Executors—And *Hannah* ye widow of the s^d deceased for certain causes her hereunto justly moving, hath prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye s^d deceased may be granted unto her ye widow of ye said deceased.

I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Hannah* afores^d have nominated constituted & appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Hannah* ye widow of ye deceased afores^d Administratrix of all & singular ye goods & chattels rights & credits of ye said *John Muncy* deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods & chattels leases debts & credits w^{soever} to ye s^d deceased belonging or in any wise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^{soever} in ye first place paying those lawful debts w^{by} ye said deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye said deceased may to this extend you taking your oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all & singular the debts goods & chattels rights and credits to ye s^d deceased belonging which shall or may come to ye hands possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true acc^t in and concerning ye s^d administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be

appointed thereunto at or before ye 18th day of Jan. next ensuing ye date hereof—

Given under my hand & seal ye 18 day of July 1691.

WILLIAM SMITH

THO. HELME² Cler.

BROOKHAVEN Feby. ye 14 1691

I, *Timothy Brewster* being sent for by *John Muncy* a little before his death he desiring me then to write his will and I thinking it not convenient at that time did forbear writing & desired him to declare his mind before these witnesses underwritten that if no better opportunity should present they might declare w^t was his will or desire to ye disposal of his house & land which he did accordingly as followeth :

I^t to his son *John Muncy* he gave ye one half of house & lands : to his brother *Sam^l* he gave ye other half to divide equally with his son *John* only not half ye meadow. To his wife he left nothing but w^t ye law alloweth. *Jonathan Owen* asked him ye next morning w^t meadow he referred not to be divided he answered that it was ye meadow at ye west meadow.

Witness

JONATHAN OWEN

SARAH BIGGS

TIMOTHY BREWSTER

² Thomas Helme, whose name appears very frequently in these pages, was an early settler in Brookhaven and one of the second Patentees. He held the offices of Town Clerk and Justice for many years, and was Clerk of the Prerogative Court. In 1704 he was Commissioner to lay out highways.

By the Hono^{ble} Coll. William Smith Judge of their Ma^{jes} Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of New York in America.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Benjamin Moore*³ of *Southhold Mariner* departed this life on or about the fifteenth day of May Anno. Dom. 1690 leaving no Executor and *Jeremy Viele* & *Anne* his wife the late widow of ye deceased *Benjamin Moore* afores^d of ye town & County afores^d for certain causes them hereunto justly moving have prayed that the administration of the goods & chattels of the s^d deceased may be granted to ye s^d *Jeremy Viele* & *Anne* his wife.

I therefore by virtue of ye authority to me derived reposing special trust & confidence in you *Jeremy Viele* and *Anne* your wife late ye widow & relict of the deceased afores^d have nominated constituted & appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint you *Jeremy Viele* & *Anne* your wife to be administrators of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of *Benjamin Moore* afores^d deceased with full power to ask receive recover & demand all & singular the goods chattels & credits leases & debts whatsoever to ye deceased afores^d belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means whatsoever in ye first place paying the debts whereby

³ Benjamin Moore was son of Thomas Moore of Southold, and according to Moore's "Index of Southold" was baptized August 2, 1640.

the s^d deceased stood obliged in the time of his death so far as the goods and credits of the said deceased may to this extend you and either of you taking your oath truly to administer the same and to make or cause to be made a true & a perfect inventory of all & singular the debts goods & chattels rights & credits which shall or may come to your hand possession or knowledge and further to give a just & a true account in & concerning the s^d administration before me or such Judges as shall be thereunto appointed at or before ye last day of March ensuing the date hereof—

Given under my hand & seal this 8th day of Sept. Anno Dom. 1691 & in ye third year of their Mat^{ty} Reign.

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME, Cler.

By ye Hono^{ble} *Coll William Smith* Judge of their Ma^{ty} Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. Yorke in America—

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Jonathan Moore*⁴ of *Southhold* in ye County afores^d departed this life in or about ye fifteenth day of March Anno Dom. 1689 leaving

⁴ Jonathan Moore was brother of Benjamin Moore, last mentioned. He was born in 1649. He left a son Jonathan, born 1678, died 1728. His descendants moved to Orange Co., N. Y.

no executor and *Martha* the widow and relict of ye deceased afores^d for certain causes her hereunto justly moving hath prayed that the administration of the goods & chattels of the deceased afores^d may be granted unto her the s^d widow & relict of ye s^d deceased—

I therefore by virtue of the authority to me derived reposing special trust & confidence in you *Martha* the widow & relict of the deceased afores^d have nominated constituted & appointed and by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Martha* the widow & relict of ye deceased afores^d Administratrix of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of *Jonathan Moore* afores^d deceased with full power to ask receive recover and demand all & singular the goods chattels leases debts & credits whatsoever to the deceased afores^d belonging or in any wise appertaining by all lawful ways & means whatsoever. In ye first place paying those debts whereby ye said deceased stood obliged in the time of his death so far as the goods & credits of the s^d deceased may to this extend you taking your oath truly to administer the same and to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular the goods & chattels rights debts & credits which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true account in & concerning the s^d administration before me or such Judges as may be thereunto appointed at or before the last day of March ensuing the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th of Sept.
Anno Dom. 1691 & in ye 3^d year of their Ma^{ty}²³
Reign

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME, Cler.

In ye name of God Amen *Brookhaven* Feb^r 8th
169¹ I, *John Jenner*^s of *Brookhaven* in ye County
of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N.
Yorke being sick & weak in body but of good &
sound memory thanks be God calling to mind ye
uncertain state of this life do make & ordain this my
last Will and Testam^t hereby revoking & annulling
all & any former Will or Wills formerly made by me
either by word or writing—Imp^omis I commit my
soul into ye hands of God who gave it and my body
being dead to be decently buried in such place &
manner as to my Executors hereinafter named shall
seem convenient & my worldly estate which it hath
pleased God to bestow on me my just & lawful debts
being paid I order & dispose in manner & form fol-
lowing—It^m I give to my son *John* my house & all
my lands & meadows with ye buildings fencings
orchards & other ye improvements w^osoever thereunto
belonging or in anywise appertaining to be enjoyed
by him at ye age of 21 years. It^m I give to my

^s John Jenner was son of John Jenner, who was one of the Patentees
of Brookhaven in 1666, and Magistrate in 1662. He had a brother,
Thomas Jenner, who on November 17, 1671, received an allotment at
Wading River, and was living in 1723.

daughter *Sarah & Mary* all ye rest of my moveable estate my goods & chattels to be enjoyed by them by equal parts when they shall come to ye age of Eighteen years if then married—It^m My will is that if it please God to give any other living child if it be a son he shall have an equal portion of my lands &c. w^t my son *John* & if it be a daughter she shall have an equal portion with my daughters—It^m My will is that my wife *Sarah* shall have ye full and free enjoymt of my house & lands & ye rest of my estate of w^t kind & nature soever during her widowhood & ye non age of my children—And in case my wife shall be married to another & they shall be both Kind & loving to my children they shall have the use of my estate during ye non age of my children otherwise not. Lastly I do appoint my friends *Just. Richard Smith & Jonathan Smith*⁶ Executors of this my last Will & testam^t whom I do request to take care of my wife & children & other concerns pertaining to ye office of an Executor &c.

In witness whereof I have to these presents set my hand seal ye day above s^d

JOHN JENNER (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in presence of

JOHN JENNINGS

GEORGE OWEN

WM SATTERLY⁷

⁶ Richard and Jonathan Smith, the executors of the will of John Jenner, were two of the sons of Richard Smith, the founder of Smithtown, and known as the "Bull rider."

⁷ Wm. Satterly was one of the original proprietors of Brookhaven.

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 29 day of Apr. 1692 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suff. before *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved ye last Will & testam^t of *John Jenner* deceased at *Brookhaven* in ye s^d County on ye 15th day of Feb^r Anno Dom. 1692 and having by his s^d last Will nominated & appointed *Justice Richard Smith* & *Jonathan Smith* his Executors as by the s^d will may appear for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased. And ye said *Jonathan* renouncing ye burthen of Executorship— To ye care & trust of ye s^d *Rich^d* was committed ye s^d administration to perform his duty herein according to ye tenor of s^d will & ye laws of ye said Province.

By the tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 29 day of Sept. 1691 at *Southhold* in ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. Yorke before *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved the last Will & testam^t of *Benjamin Horton* deceased at *Southhold* in ye County afores^d on ye third of Nov. Anno Dom. 1690 and having by his s^d Will & Testam^t nominated & appointed his brother *Joshua Horton* of *Southhold* afores^d his sole Executor as by the copy of ye Will hereunto annexed may appear for the well & faithful

Was "overseer" in 1671, constable 1676. His descendant, Captain John R. Satterly, was commander of one of the companies of militia stationed at Sag Harbor in the war of 1812.

administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of the deceased you shall a true & faithful inventory of all & singular the goods chattels & credits that did anyways belong or of right appertain to the deceased at the time of his death bring in & deliver to me or such other Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before the last day of March next ensuing & then & there render a true plain & perfect account of your having Executed & performed your duty herein according to the tenor of the s^d Will & the laws of this Province,

Sworn before me the day & year afores^d

Witness my hand & seale—

WILLIAM SMITH

THO. HELME Cler.

In ye name of God Amen Feby. 19 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ according to the computation of ye Church of England

I, *Benjamin^s Horton* in ye County of Suffolke in ye Province of N. Yorke on Long Island being in perfect memory do make & ordain in this my last Will & testam^t

Item, I give to *Caleb Horton & Joshua Horton & Jonathan Horton & Mersy Youngs* 80 Bushels of Wheat & Indian 20 swine 20 sheep to be devided to them for a like—

Item, I give my house & lands & meadows Except

^s Benjamin Horton was the second son of Barnabas Horton of Southold. He is said to have married Ann, daughter of John Budd, but left no children. The "meadows of Common over the river" were in the town of Southampton on south side of Peconic river, and were given to Southold people in compromise of a law suit in 1666.

my meadows of Common over the River to the Sacrament table yearly for evermore—

Item, I give to my friend *Thomas Tusten* one lot of the Common Meadow over the River and a Coate cloth that is at *Stephen Balyes* and the corn that is more than the 80 bushels I give to *Thomas Tusten*.

Item, I give ten Oxen for a bell for the meeting house to call ye people together to worship the Lord God—

Item, I give the rest of my cattle to the poor—

Item, I give to my man *Joseph* one sow one gun one sheep & his time to be out next May day—

Item, I give to my sisters my wife's Cloathes to be divided to them two—

Item, I give all the rest of my goods to my brother *Joseph Horton*—

I make my brother *Joshua Horton* sole Executor of this my last Will & testam^t revoking all other Wills & testam^{ts} to see all my debts paid.

BENJAMIN HORTON

Signed & sealed in ye presence of us

THOMAS TUSTEN
THOMAS MAPES JR.
WILLIAM COLEMAN
JOHN GOLDSMITH⁹

⁹ The witnesses of this will were among the best known residents of Southold. Thomas Tusten was son of John Tusten, and born 1635; died October 10, 1697. He lived on a lot bought of Rev. John Youngs on "Toms creek."

Wm. Coleman was an early settler and was owner of an estate in 1676. He was living in 1707.

John Goldsmith was the nephew of Thomas Goldsmith, who was an

By the tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 29 of Sept^r 1691 at *Southhold* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved the last Will & testamt. of *Thomas Talmage* late of *East Hampton* deceased the 21st day of November Anno Dom. 1690 and having by his sd. Will & testamt. appointed his sons *Nathaniell Shubaell* & *Ovesimus* his Executors as by the Copy of the s^d Will hereunto annexed may appear for the well & faithful administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased—You shall a true full & faithful Inventory of all & singular the goods chattels & credits that did any ways belong of right appertain to the s^d deceased at ye time of his death bring in & deliver to me or such Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before ye last day of March next ensuing & there & then to render a true plain & perfect account of your having executed and performed your duty herein according to the tenor of ye said Will & the laws of this Province.

Sworn before me ye day & year afores^d

Witness my hand & seal.

THO. HELME Cler.

WILLIAM SMITH

early settler in Southampton. His homestead there was on the east side of the main street of the village, and next north of "Toilsome lane." John Goldsmith died April 1703. His descendants are numerous and respectable.

Thomas Mapes, Jr., was known as "Captain Mapes." He was born 1651 and died February 16, 1711.

The last Will & Testam^t of *Thomas Talmage*¹⁹ of *East Hampton*—

I having through the mercy of God at present my reason & understanding I do make this my last Will & testam^t. in manner & form following—

First I give unto my well beloved wife *Elizabeth Talmage* after my decease my dwelling house & two cows & fodder for them for the winter & pasturing for them for ye summer and also that she be provided for with corn fire wood wool flax & such necessary provision needful for her comfortable subsistance during ye time of her life and that by my sons that do succeed me if she continue in a single estate and abide in this place—

2^d I do give to my son *Nathaniell Talmage* my house lot & addition which is about eleven acres of land he no ways to infringe my wife's peaceable living upon ye same as is above mentioned—Also I do give to this my son *Nathaniell* one piece of land at *Georgica* which is about ten acres. Also I do give unto him twelve acres more as being part of a parcel of land that I have upon ye Northwest Woodland

¹⁹Thomas Talmage was the ancestor of a famous family. His homestead was on the west side of the main street of East Hampton, and the third lot north of the Bridge Hampton road. It was lately owned by Mrs. David Thompson. Of the locations mentioned in this will, "Georgica" is in the vicinity of the little lake well known as "Georgica pond." The "Northwest woodland plain" is the large tract of woodland through which the Sag Harbor turnpike runs. The "Great Plains" is the tract extending from the south end of East Hampton village to Lily pond. The "eastern plain" is in the vicinity of the place called "Pantigo." The "Second home lots" were at the place called Newtown, and bounded north by the road still called "Newtown lane."

plain and one piece of land more on ye Great plain about two acres & a half and one acre more known by the name of the little lots as also I do give unto him one half of a piece of land that I have on ye eastern plain the whole is six acres, the parcels of land above mentioned I do give unto my son *Nathaniell Talmage* after my decease and to his heirs & assigns forever—Also I do give unto him one quarter part of my living cattle of what kind soever—

3^{ly} I do give unto my son *Shubaell Talmage* my second home lot containing about six acres and also one piece of land more joining to this home lot on ye Northward part of it containing about eight acres and one piece of land more lying Northward of this land last above mentioned only a highway parting it and it containeth about seventeen acres & a half and I do give unto this my son *Shubaell* the other half of that piece of land that I have upon ye eastern plain it is about six acres in ye whole the one half I have given to my son *Nathaniell* & the other half to my son *Shubaell* & I do give unto my son *Shubaell* one piece of land more on ye Eastern plain Eastward of a place called by the name of the two mile hollow and it containeth about two acres & a half all this land last above mentioned I do give unto my son *Shubaell* after my decease and to his heirs & assigns forever—

4^{ly} I do give unto my son *Onesimus Talmage* my close that lyeth something Westward of this town of *East Hampton* and it containeth about fifteen acres as also I do give unto him four acres more on ye lit-

tle plain as also part of one piece of land more that I have upon the Northwest Woodland plain the remaining part is about *fiveteen* acres more or less these parcels of land last above mentioned.

After my decease I do give unto my son *Onesimus Talmage* & his heirs & assigns forever and also I do give unto these my two sons *Shubaell* & *Onesimus Talmage* three quarters of what living cattle I have of what kind soever and also what household goods I have I do give unto these my two sons *Shubaell* & *Onesimus* only if God should take away either of my two younger sons while they abide in a single state then the land to belong to the other two that do survive. And also I do grant that my two younger sons shall have an equal part of the hay that cometh of from my home lot & addition with my son *Nathaniell* & that for the space of three years after my decease they doing equally alike for ye getting of it, and also I do give unto my grandchild *Thomas Talmage* ye son of *Nathaniel Talmage* one little piece of land of mine that lyeth on ye North East end of ye town which for sometime was made use of by *Thomas Bee* by my consent & it containeth something more than three acres as by ye town records may appear which said land I do give to this my fores^d grandchild forever—Also I having given formerly unto my daughter *Naomi* what I could I do now give unto her five shillings in common pay upon demand here three months after my decease—Also I do give to my daughter *Mary Hand* forty shillings in common pay

one year after my decease—Also I do give unto my daughter *Hannah Talmage* three pounds out of my estate in common pay one year after my decease—And I do give unto my daughter *Sarah Bee* three pounds in common pay one year after my decease—All ye rest of my lands & goods whatsoever that is not aforementioned with all the privileges that do or may of right belong to me wherever it is my debts & legacys being first paid I do give unto these my three sons *Nathaniell Shubaell* & *Onesimus Talmage* & do make them Executors of this my last Will & Testam^t. To all & every of the above written premises I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty third of April 1687.

THOMAS TALLMAGE

Witness

DANIEL OSBORNE

JOHN PARSONS

By the tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 30th day of Sept. 1691 at Southhold in ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. Yorke before *Col. William Smith Esq.* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved the last Will & testam^t. of *Thomas Moore* deceased at *Southhold* ye 25th day of June Anno Dom. 1691 and having by his said Will & testam^t. nominated & appointed his sons *Thomas* & *Nathaniell Moore* his Executors as by the copy of ye said Will hereunto annexed may appear

for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased you shall a true full & faithful Inventory of all & singular the goods chattels & credits y^e did anyways belong or of right appertain to the deceased afores^d at the time of his death bring in & deliver to me or such Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before the last day of March next ensuing & then & there to render a true full & perfect account of your having executed & performed your duty herein according to the tenour of ye said Will & the laws of this Province—Sworn before me the day and year afores^d

Witness my hand & seal.

WILLIAM SMITH

THO. HELME Cler.

In ye name of God Amen—I *Thomas Moore*¹¹ of Southhold in ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. Yorke being Exercized under the afflicting hand of God with great weakness yet of sound memory do make constitute & ordain this writing to be my last Will & Testamt. first I bequeath my soul into ye hands of God who gave it and my body being dead to be decently buried in hopes of its resurrection at ye last day unto Eternal life & as for my worldly estate my debts & funeral

¹¹ Thomas Moore came from England in 1635, aged about 19. He was overseer, magistrate, and deputy to the General Court of New Haven, and was prominent in all town affairs.

charges being first paid I do order give dispose & bequeath in manner & form foll.

Impmis. I do give & bequeath unto my wife *Catharine Moore* one third of all my goods lands commonages & meadow lands dwelling houses barns orchards garden fences & fencing stuffe corn cattle horse kind sheep swine household goods of whatsoever sorts that are now belonging & appertaining unto me within the whole town bounds of *Southhold* & every part & parcel of s^d goods land estate above mentioned to have & hold to her my said wife *Katharine Moore* with all the issues profits whatsoever during her widowhood or natural life if she marry not & no longer to be fully freely enjoyed by her.

Item—I give & bequeath unto my eldest son *Thomas Moore* all my lands together with ye appurtenances lying & being in *Westhold* near ye fresh pond by ye wading river—

Item—I do give & bequeath unto my third son *Nathaniell Moore* all my lands & meadows allotments of lands right of lands commonages meadow lands dwelling houses houses buildings barns orchards gardens fencing stuffe fencing within the old bounds of ye town that is to say between *W^m Wells* & *Toms Creek* head.

Item—I give & bequeath unto my daughters namely *Martha Symons Hannah Symons Elizabeth Grover* & *Sarah Glover* all my household goods of whatsoever sort equally to be divided amongst them—

Also my Will is that all the lands estate that are or is herein given to my said sons they shall have hold & enjoy to them their heirs & assigns forever—

Lastly—My Will is that my beloved sons *Thomas Moore* & *Nathaniell Moore* shall be the only Executors of this my last Will & Testamt. dated at *Southhold* this 23^d of June in ye 3^d year of ye reigne of our sovereigne Lord *Will^m* ye 3^d King of England & defender of ye faith &c. Anno Dom. 1691—

Witness my hand & seale—

THOMAS MOORE

Signed sealed & delivered before us

JOSEPH YOUNG

BENJ^r YOUNG

By the Hon^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of their Mat^{tes} Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. Yorke in America To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting: Know yee that whereas *John Booth*¹² of *Southhold* in ye County afores^d departed this life on or about the fifteenth day of August Anno Dom. 1689 and *Thomas Booth* his son for certain causes him thereunto justly moving hath prayed that the administration of the goods & chat-

¹² John Booth was living in Southhold very early. In 1652, he, in company with Nathaniel Silvester, bought Shelter Island from the Indians. In 1656 he purchased one fourth of Shelter Island from Thomas Rouse. He was one of the few men who had the title of "Mr."

tels of the s^d *John Booth* deceased may be granted to him the s^d *Thomas Booth* ye eldest son of ye s^d deceased. I therefore by virtue of the power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Thomas Booth* son of the s^d deceased have nominated constituted & appointed and by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Thomas Booth* aboves^d administrator of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of the said *John Booth* deceased with full power to ask receive recover & demand all & singular the goods chattels leases debts & credits whatsoever to the deceased aboves^d belonging or in any wise appertaining by all lawful ways & means whatsoever in ye first place paying those debts whereby the s^d deceased stood obliged in ye time of his death as far as the lawful goods & credits may to this extend you taking your oath truly to administer the same & to make or cause to be made a true & a perfect Inventory of all & singular the debts goods & chattels rights & credits to the s^d deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hand possession or knowledge and farther to give a just & true account in & concerning the said administration before me or such Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye sixth day of May next ensuing—Given under my hand & seal the sixth day of Novemb^r in ye third year of their Mat^{tyes} Reign Anno Dom. 1691

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler.

By ye Hono^{ble} Coll. William Smith Judge of ye Prerogative Court w^{thin} ye County of Suffolke in ye Province of N. York in America—

To all to wh^m these presents shall come Greeting: Know yee y^t wh^{as} *Thomas Cooper*¹³ late of *S. hampton* in s^d County departed this life on ye 22 of Novemb. 169— leaving noe Executor and *Joanna* his widow for certain causes her hereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye sd dec. may be granted to her ye widow of ye sd deceased—

I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Joanna* afores^d have nominated constituted & appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Joanna* aboves^d Administratrix of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of *Thomas Cooper* aboves^d dec^d with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods chattels leases debts & credits w^{soever} to ye said dec. belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^{soever} in ye first place paying those debts

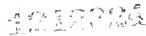
¹³ Thomas Cooper was son of John Cooper, who was one of the original "Undertakers" of the settlement of Southampton. His homestead was a lot bounded south by Hill Street (or main country road) and east by Windmill lane, or West Street of Southampton, and now owned by Thomas Warren and many others. The ancient house stood on a part of this lot, some twenty rods west of Windmill lane, and formerly owned by Captain Barney R. Green, but now by Rufus Sayre. The windmill, which was for long years so conspicuous a landmark, was built in 1713, and stood on the southeast corner of the lot, which was sold by Ichabod Cooper to Thomas Stephens and others for that purpose.

w^by ye f^s^d dec. stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods and credits of ye s^d dec. may to this Extend you taking your oath truly to Administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all & singular ye goods & chattels debts rights & credits to ye sd. dec. belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge and further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye said administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye 21 day of July next ensuing.

Given under my hand & seale ye 21 day of June 1692

WILLIAM SMITH

THOS. HELME Cler.



By the tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 30th day of Sept. 1692 at *Southhold* in ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. York before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County aboves^d was proved and approved the last Will & Testamt. of *John Tooker* of *Southhold* aboves^d deceased the of Anno Dom 16 and having by his last Will & Testamt. nominated & appointed *Hannah* his wife to be his sole Executrix as by ye copy of the s^d Will hereunto annexed may appear for the well & faithful administering of all the goods chattels & credits of the said

deceased you shall a true full & faithful Inventory of all & singular the goods chattels & credits that did any way belong or of right appertain to ye sd deceased at ye time of his death bring in & deliver to me or such Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before the last of March next Ensuing & then & there to render a true plain & perfect account of your having Executed & performed your duty herein according to the tenor of the said Will & the laws of this Province—

Sworn before me the day & year afores^d

Witness my hand & seal—

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler.

In the name of God Amen

I *John Tooker* of *Southhold* in ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. York do make constitute & ordain these presents to be my

^dJohn Tooker appears to have come to Southhold from Setauket where he seems to have been living in 1655. His first wife was probably Mary Johnson of Hingham, England. His second wife was Hannah, widow of John Elton. His daughter, Hannah, married Richard Smith, son of the Patentee of Smithtown. Another daughter, Ruth, married Daniel Smith, his brother.

Rev. Joshua Hobart, the witness to this will, was the second minister in Southhold. Born 1629, died February 23, 1716. He was son of Rev. Peter Hobart of Hingham, England.

"Christall Brook Neck" is in Brookhaven, between Mt. Sinai and Port Jefferson. The Neck is east of what is known as "Chrystal Brook Hollow."

"Unkachoge," mentioned in the codicil, is probably the west part of Mastic.

last Will & Testamt. first I bequeath my soul to God that gave it me and my body being dead to be decently buried in the hopes of its resurrection unto everlasting life I now being of sound memory though weak in body do also order give bestow & bequeath all my worldly goods & estate in manner and form following :

Imp^{mis} I do give & bequeath unto my beloved wife *Hannah Tooker* all my goods lands allotments of land rights of land & commonages meadows & meadow lands orchards houses buildings dwelling houses outhouses barns stables all fences & fencing stuff together with all my corn either in ye field or houses & all my cattle either Cows or Cow kind Horses Mares sheep swine & all my household goods of all sorts whatsoever that are now belonging & appertaining to me within the whole town bounds of *Southhold* and all things that are mine in any other town or place or places whatsoever & every part & parcel of said goods lands stock & estate above-mentioned whatsoever to have & hold to her my s^d beloved wife *Hannah Tooker* with all the issues profits rents increase & emolument whatsoever during her natural life & noe longer to be fully Entirely & freely had & enjoyed by her according to a certain agreem^t & writing of dowry made by me unto my s^d beloved wife before her coverture all of which writing bearing date June ye third 1686 I do will & ordain shall be kept and observed inviolably in all ye particulars freedoms & enjoyments thereof.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my eldest son *Charles Tooker* after the decease of my beloved wife if it shall then remain in her possession my first lot of upland & meadow at ye Wading Creek and with the same provisoe I give him a first lot of upland at *Ackaboake* between *John Coucklins* to the west & *Theophilus Curwins* land to the Eastward commonly called *Tookers ponds* with two shares of meadow on the southside of *Peaconicke river*. I do give & bequeath to my son *John Tooker* after my decease ye one half of *Christall Brook neck* in ye township of *Brookhaven* with all the meadow at the old mans excepting one share.

Item—I do give & bequeath unto my son *Joseph Tooker* ye Southermost half of my home lot which he now possesseth having *John Holyoakes* land to ye Northward of it & *Jacob Longbothams* to ye Southward & also three acres in the old field situate between *John Holyoakes* and *John Mosiers*. Also three acres of land in ye old field butting upon ye fresh pond with two acres & half in ye little neck butting upon ye brick kilne being half of my Brick kilne lot also a share of meadow in ye old field joining to ye Northern side of the fresh pond & a share of meadow at ye old mans—I give to my daughter *Hannah Tooker* after my wifes decease a feather bed two bolsters a rugge & a sale coverlet being my best coverlet and a little table I had of *John Holyoake* and curtains vallins such as they shall be after my wifes decease be they better or worse together with

half my pewter that shall be remaining at my wifes decease. Also a great Kettle and a great Iron pot and two leather chairs. All these such as they shall remain after my wifes decease I give to my five daughters or to as many of them as shall be then living at my wifes decease. All my household goods of all sorts whatsoever that shall be remaining after my wifes decease together with all such stock of Cattle horses sheep swine as shall remain of my estate after my wifes decease to be equally divided between my five daughters or such of them as shall survive after my wifes decease. I do give and bequeath to the eldest son of my son *Joseph Tooker* that shall be then living at my wifes decease all my lands tenem^s & hereditaments whatsoever in the whole Township of *Southhold* with all my houses and edifices whatsoever Except what is already given to *Charles* my son to have & to hold to my said grandson as an inheritance to him and his heirs for ever.

Furthermore my Will is that all the lands that are in these presents given to any and all my sons they shall have hold & enjoy as an inheritance to them & their proper heirs for ever and not otherwise.

Lastly my Will is that *Hannah Tooker* my beloved wife shall be the only Executrix of this my last Will & Testamt. during her life & that after her decease my will is that my sons *John & Joseph Tooker* shall jointly be my Executors if both living or else he of them that shall then survive.

Dated at *Southhold* this present 24 of April in ye

fourth year of the Reign of *James* ye 2^d King of
England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the
faith Anno Dom. 1688 as witness my hand & seal

JOHN TOOKER

Signed sealed & delivered before us—

JOSHUA HOBART

JOSHUA HORTON

SARAH YOUNGS

Memorand. SOUTHOLD May ye 29 1690

That I the aboves^d Testator *John Tooker* have
added this following Codicil to my aforesaid Will
viz yt further it is my last Will & Testam^t. that if
any of my afores^d sons or daughters shall by them-
selves or others any way molest or disturb & trouble
Hannah my beloved wife in ye quiet & peaceable
possession & Enjoy^{mt} of any part or parcel of either
lands stock or household goods bequeathed her in
my will afores^d & in a writing made with her before
marriage that then every such or all of the so dis-
turb^{ing} molesting or disquit^{ting} at any time or times
after my decease shall utterly lose & forfeit from
themselves & their heirs unto her my afores^d wife &
to her disposal all such their part & portion w^hsoever
herby given or intended to be given to them &
their heirs and to any & every of them so molesting
and disturbing her my s^d dear wife as absolutely &
fully as if they & any & every of them had never
had any grant or gift thereof made to them in this
my last Will & Testam^t

Item—I give my son *John Tooker* & his heirs ye other half of my land of Christall Brook neck at *Brookhaven* as I gave him the former half in my preceding will. Also I give one share of Meadow at *Unkachoge* that was formerly *Will^m ffancies* to my son *Joseph* & his heirs, furthermore my Will is & I do hereby give full power to my said dear wife *Hannah* that if she shall stand in need of a comfortable livelihood that then she shall & may make full & absolute sale & conveyance of any of my lands meadows or houseing that I shall die seized of in ye township of *Southhold* to her own use and behoof without any accounting therefore to any of my children or their heirs & what she shall leave at her death shall go as is disposed afores^d in my Will & in this Codicil I will that such her sales be & abide for ever firm and stable anything in my afores^d will to the contrary notwithstanding. Furthermore my Will is that if my Negro man called *Richard* or *Dick* shall behave himself submissively faithfully and diligently to my said dear wife *Hannah* truly observing and performing all her lawful commands not absenting himself by night or day from her service without her leave that then my said wife shall at her death fully free discharge & set ye s^d negro *Richard* or *Dick* at liberty giving his freedom but if the s^d negro *Rich^d* shall behave himself as a stubborn unfaithful & disobedient servant to her then my Will is y^t she shall & may at any time sell him to her own best advantage & behoof.

Finally I appoint my dear wife *Hannah* to be the sole Executrix of this addition & codicil annexed to my preceding Will & Testamt. and in confirmation of these presents I doe hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above written.

JOHN TOOKER

Signed sealed & declared before us

JOSHUA HOBART

THOMAS MAPES

By the Hono^{ble} Coll. *William Smith* Judge of their Mat^{rs} Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of New York in America—

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know yee that Whereas *John Caryll* late of *East-hampton* husbandman departed this life the first day of Octob. Anno Dom. 1691 leaving no Executor & Remember ye Widow & relict of the said deceased for certain causes her hereunto justly moving hath prayed that the administration of the goods and chattels of the said deceased may be granted unto her the relict of the deceased afores^d I therefore by virtue of the authority to me derived reposing special trust and confidence in you Remember ye widow & relict of *John Caryll* afores^d deceased have nominated constituted & appointed and by these presents do constitute & appoint you Remember the relict of the deceased afores^d Administratrix of all &

singular the goods chattels & credits of *John Caryll* afores^d deceased with full power to ask receive recover & demand all & singular the goods chattels leases debts & credits whatsoever to the deceased afores^d belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means whatsoever. In ye first place paying those debts whereby the s^d deceased stood obliged in ye time of his death as far as the goods & chattels of ye said deceased may to this extend, you taking your oath truly to administer the same and to make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the goods chattels debts rights & credits of the s^d deceased which shall or may come to your hand possession or knowledge, and further to give a just & true account in & concerning the s^d Administration before me or such Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before the first day of May ensuing the date hereof.

BROOKHAVEN Oct. ye 21 1691

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler.

By the Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of their Maty^{es} Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. York in America.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *John Greenwill* late of or be-

longing to *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk aboves^d did in his lifetime make his last Will & Testam^t dated the nineteenth day of March Anno Dom. 168^o and departed this life the same day and by the same will did appoint *Peregrine Stanbrough* of *Southampton* his Executor of his said last Will & Testam^t which is hereunto annexed which s^d *Peregrine Stanbrough* for certain causes him thereunto justly moving hath expressly renounced the burthen of the executorship of the s^d Testam^t, I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Jonathan Osburn* have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do constitute you *Jonathan Osburne* administrator of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of the s^d *John Greenwill* deceased with full power to ask receive recover & demand all & singular the goods chattels leases debts & credits whatsoever to the said deceased belonging or in any wise appertaining by all lawful ways & means whatsoever. In ye first place paying tho^s debts whereby the s^d deceased stood obliged in ye time of his death and then those legacies contained & specified in ye s^d Testam^t as far as the lawful goods & credits of ye said deceased may to this Extend and to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular the debts goods chattels rights & credits which shall or may come to your hand possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true account in & concerning the said administration before me or

such Judge or Judges as shall be thereunto appointed at or before the first day of May next ensuing the date hereof.

Given under my hand & seal this sixth day of Octob. in ye third year of their Ma^{tes} rign Anno Dom. 1691.

In ye name of God Amen—

The last Will & testam^t of me *John Greenwill*¹⁵ of or belonging to *Southampton* on Long Island in ye County of Suffolk in America being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & understanding blessed be God—first I give & bequeath my soul to God who gave it & my body to the dust from whence it was taken and my estate as followeth, viz: Item—That after all my just & lawful debts are paid then I give unto my father *Mr Peregrine Stanborough* all my estate due to me whether by Book or Bills moveables or immoveables quick or dead in what person or persons hands soever they may or shall be found

¹⁵ John Greenwill was a temporary resident in Southampton. He married Ruth, daughter of Peregrine Stanborough of Sagg. Christopher Leaming, to whom he leaves his "norwester coat," etc., was an early resident in Southampton village, and lived on the lot where the Union Schoolhouse now stands. He afterward removed to Sagg, and owned the present homestead of Hiram S. Rogers. In 1692 Christopher Leaming and a company from Southampton and East Hampton went to Cape May, N. J., for the purpose of whaling in Delaware bay. They built a village of thirteen houses. Owing to the encroachment of the sea, not only the village, but the graves of the settlers, are now covered by the ocean waves. The descendants of Christopher Leaming have been very prominent in New Jersey. The late Dr. J. Fisher Leaming of New York was one of them.

whether here or elsewhere desiring him to take into the possession of the same & every part thereof keeping the same for the use of my well beloved wife *Ruth* to be administered to her either in whole or in part as he shall think fit.

Item—My Will is that my norwester Coat and one pair of shoes & stockings may be given to *Christopher Leaming*—

I do appoint my father *Mr Peregrine Stanborough* to be the sole Executor of this my Will and for the firm confirmation that this is my last Will & Testam^t I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal this nineteenth day of March in ye year of our Lord 168⁹.

JOHN GREENVILL

Signed and sealed in presence of

ELNATHAN TAPPING

JOHN CARWITHEE

JOSIAH STANBOROUGH

By the tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 22^d day of October Anno Dom. 1691 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. Yorke before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court was proved & approved the last Will & Testam^t of *Thomas Scudder* deceased at *Huntington* in ye County aboves^d on ye 16th day of November Anno Dom. 1690 and having by his said Will & Testam^t nominated & appointed *Mary Scud-*

der his wife & Benjamin Scudder his son his Executors (as by the copy of the said Will hereunto annexed may appear) for the well & faithful administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of the sd. deceased—You shall a true & faithful Inventory of all & singular the goods chattels & credits that did anyways belong or of right appertain to the s^d deceased at the time of his death bring in & deliver to me or such Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before the first day of May next ensuing and then & there to render a true plain & perfect account of your having executed & performed your duty herein according to the tenor of the s^d Will & the laws of this Province.

Sworn before me the day & year aboves^d

Witness my hand & seal.

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler. ,

In ye name of God Amen

I *Thomas Scudder* of *Huntington* upon Long Island in ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York in America being in a competency of health & having my perfect memory have made this my last Will & Testam^t in manner & form following—

Impmis—I give & bequeath my soul to God my maker & Redeemer & my body to ye earth from whence I was taken to be laid in decency according to the discretion of my Executors—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Timothy Scudder* my farm at Crab Meadow both upland & meadow with all its rights & privileges after *Walter Noakes* seven years expiration which began in 1685—And that lot at ye Harbor on ye South of *Capt. Fleet*, also that piece of Meadow that lyeth on ye north side of *Jonathan Rogers*—Also a bed which is to be at ye disposal of his mother—Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Elizabeth Noakes* a cow—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Mary Arthur* a cow—Item—I give and bequeath to my daughter *Sarah Concklyn* twenty pounds—Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Cleman* twenty pounds—Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Mary* (or *Marcy*) twenty pounds—All the rest of my lands goods & chattels not given & bequeathed I give & bequeath to my loving wife *Mary Scudder* & to my son *Benjamin Scudder* Equally to be divided between them and after the natural life of my wife both land & meadow housing & orchards to return to my son *Benjamin* and what goods & moveables my wife possesseth at her death to be at her disposal And tho^s that I have committed my trust to see the performance of this my last Will & Testam^t is my loving wife & my son *Benjamin* whom I make my full & whole Executrix & Executor of this my Will & Testam^t to see all things done & performed according to the just intent thereof—

In Witness Whereof I have subscribed my hand & set to my seal ye seventh day of December in ye

2^d year of his Mat^{ty}s reign & in ye year of our Lord 1686.

THOMAS SCUDDER

Signed Sealed & published in ye presence of

THOMAS POWELL

JOSEPH BAYLEY

By the tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 22^d day of October Anno Dom. 1691 at *Brookhaven* on Long Island in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court was proved and approved the last Will & Testam^t of *Jonathan Scudder*¹⁶ deceased at *Huntington* in ye County afores^d on ye 10th day of December 1690—And having by his said Will & Testam^t appointed *Sarah Scudder* his wife his Executrix as by the Copy of ye said Will hereunto annexed may appear for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of the s^d deceased—You shall a true full & faithful Inventory of all & singular the goods chattels & credits that did any ways belong or of right appertain to the s^d deceased at the time of his death bring in & deliver to me or such other Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before the first day of May next ensuing and then

¹⁶ Jonathan Scudder was eldest son of Henry Scudder, who died in 1661. He lived on a farm which was left to him by his maternal grandfather, Jeffrey Esty, whose daughter Catharine married Henry Scudder. One of his sisters married Eliphalet Jones.

& there to render a true plain & perfect account of your having executed & performed your duty herein according to the tenor of the said Will & the laws of this Province. Sworn before me the day & year aboves^d Witness my hand & seal.

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler.

In the name of God Amen—The last Will & Testam^t of *Jonathan Scudder* of ye town of *Huntington* in ye County of Suffolk upon Long Island as followeth :

I being very weak in body though of perfect understanding & memory & not knowing ye time of my death do bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to a decent burial and as to what estate God hath given me in the world my debts being satisfied the rest I give as followeth—

First—I give & bequeath to my son *Jonathan* all my lands that I am either at ye present possessed of or have just right unto to be possessed & enjoyed by my said son when he shall come to ye age of twenty one years except his mothers right during her life hereafter to be expressed.

2^{ly} I will & bequeath to my two younger daughters *Abigail* & *Rebecca* two thirds of my moveable estate

3^{ly} I will & bequeath to my beloved wife *Sarah Scudder* ye use & improvements of all my lands during the nonage of my son *Jonathan* & the one third of the said lands with the house during her

natural life & then the said house & lands to return to my son *Jonathan*—

Further as to my daughter *Sarah* (who is not compos Mentis) my will is that her mother my wife take care of her & provide for her & in case my daughter *Sarah* shall outlive her mother then that my son *Jonathan* see her provided for—

Further my will is that my beloved wife be & I do constitute her sole Executrix of this my Will & Testam^t—And further my will is that my estate be not divided (except my wife marry) till my daughter *Abigail* be sixteen years old. And I desire that *Capt. Epenetus Platt* & *Eliphalet Jones* my loving Brother be overseers of this my last Will & Testam^t Further my Will is that if any of my children die before they come of age that the so deceasing child's part shall go to ye surviving children equally—That this may appear to be my last Will & Testam^t I the aboves^d *Jonathan Scudder* have hereunto set to my hand & seal this 9th day of December 1690—

JONATHAN SCUDDER

Witnesses :

EPENETUS PLATT

ELIPHALET JONES

JOHN WOOD

By the tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 22^d day of Octob. Anno Dom. 1691 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Prov-

ince of N. York before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court was proved and approved the last Will & Testam^t of *Isaac Platt*¹⁷ deceased at *Huntington* in ye county aboves^d on or about ye 31 day of July Anno Dom 1691—and having by his s^d Will & Testam^t nominated & appointed *John Platt* his son his Executor (as by the copy of the said Will hereunto annexed may appear) for the well & faithful administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased—You shall a true full & faithful inventory of all & singular the goods chattels & credits that did anyways belong or of right appertain to ye s^d deceased bring in & deliver to me or such other Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before the first day of May next ensuing the date hereof, and then and there render a true plain & perfect account of your having executed & performed y^r duty herein according to the tenor of the said Will & the laws of this Province—Sworn the day & year aboves^d before me—
Witness my hand & seal—

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler

¹⁷ Isaac Platt and his brother Epenetus were sons of Richard Platt, the first settler, who came from Hertfordshire, Eng., in 1638, and died in New Haven in 1684. The two brothers seem to have settled first in Southold, from whence they removed to Huntington, about 1663. Isaac Platt married Elizabeth, daughter of Jonas Wood. His brother, Epenetus, married her sister Phebe. Isaac was one of the Patentees of Huntington, 1666, and owned No. 7 of the ten farms.

In ye name of God Amen—I *Isaak Platt* of *Huntington* upon Long Island within ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York in America lying under the afflicting hand of God yet having my perfect memory have made this my last Will & Testam^t in manner and form following first I bequeath my soul to God my maker & redeemer & my body to ye earth from whence I was taken—Imp^{mis}—I give & bequeath to my son *Jonas* a House lott that I have lying between *Samuel Woods* & *Jonathan Jarvesses* with what advantage can be had thereunto at ye rear of the said lot & also one hundred pound right of commonage that I purchased of ye town of *Huntington* with all ye right & privileges thereunto belonging or ever hereafter shall belong to ye same and also two parcels of Meadow land lying on ye Southside of this Island one parcel on a neck called Swampawaan ye other parcel on a neck called by ye name of Sias Neck all my right on the said Neck to remain to him & his heirs for ever and the afores^d upland likewise—

Item—I give to my son *Jonas* a yoke of 3 year old white steers also if he abide with his mother & brethren until ye 29th of Sept. next & faithfully improve his time about their occasions then I do also give him ten bushels of wheat twelve bushels of Indian corn a quarter of an Ox called Darling that is now feeding, half an Ox hide tanned and as much upper leather as will make two pair of shoes—

Item—I give & bequeath unto my wife the third part of all my other lands & meadows that I am

possessed of during her natural life provided she continues a widow but if she marry to return to my three sons *John Joseph* & *Jacob* also I give & bequeath to my wife one third part of all my goods & chattels not yet given to continue for her only use comfort & disposal & if she desires it one room in my house entirely to her self as long as she continue a widow—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Elizabeth* five pounds as it is valued in my inventory.

Item—All the rest of my lands & meadows not yet given I give & bequeath to my three sons *John Joseph* & *Jacob* to be equally divided amongst them—

Item—All the rest of my goods & chattels with ye valuation of buildings I give & bequeath amongst five of my children *Jonas John Joseph Jacob* & *Mary* to be equally divided amongst them after all my necessary charge is defrayed but if my son *Jonas* chance to die without lawful issue then his lands & meadows to be divided equally amongst the other three brothers also if *John Joseph* or *Jacob* die without lawful issue then their part that is deceased shall be equally divided between all these sons that are alive and if any of my children as aboves^d chance to die unmarried then their part of goods or chattels to be equally divided amongst ye rest surviving—Whereas it is before mentioned the valuation of buildings to be divided amongst five of my children—It is my will that ye buildings shall wholly remain unto my

three sons *John Joseph* & *Jacob* the other two *Jonas* & *Mary* excluded as to ye building. My Executor that I appoint of this my last Will & Testam^t is my son *John Platt* and for his assistance herein I request & appoint my loving brother *Epenetus Platt* and my brother in law *John Wood* to be my overseers in trust to see all things herein contained done & performed according to all good intents herein contained In Witness whereof I have hereunto set to my hand & seal this 22^d day of May in ye third year of his Mat^{tyes} reign Anno Dom. 1691.

The mark of

ISAAC × PLATT

Signed sealed & published in presence of

JOSEPH BAYLEY

ROBERT KELLAM ¹⁸

By the Hono^{ble} Col. *William Smith* Judge of their Mat^{tyes} Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. York in America. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Samuel Dayton* ¹⁹ late

¹⁸ Robert Kellam was a resident of Southampton in 1666, and removed to Brookhaven. On January 29, 1682, he was brought before the magistrates for traveling on the Sabbath. Return Davis testified: "I looked out and saw Robert Kellam on horseback, coming from Oyster Bay, having a bag under him which had ye like of 6 pecks in it." For this he was fined twenty shillings, and one pound five shillings and five pence additional for court charges. In 1681 six acres of land were granted him "upon ye West Neck, at ye Harbour's mouth." He had sons Robert and Ephraim and died about 1699.

¹⁹ Samuel Dayton was son of Ralph Dayton of Easthampton, and

of *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk aboves^d Husbandman departed this life the fifth day of July Anno Dom 1690 leaving no Executor & *Ralph Dayton* ye eldest son of the deceased for certain causes him thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of the goods & chattels of ye s^d deceased may be granted unto him ye s^d *Ralph Dayton*—I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Ralph Dayton* aboves^d have nominated constituted & appointed & and by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Ralph Dayton* aboves^d administrator of all and singular the goods chattels & credits of the s^d *Samuel Dayton* deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods chattels & credits whatsoever to ye deceased afores^d belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways and means whatsoever in the first place paying those debts whereby s^d deceased stood obliged in ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye s^d deceased may to this Extend, you taking your oath truly to administer the same and to make or Cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular the goods & chattels debts rights & credits to ye said deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & fur-

came to Brookhaven in 1658. On May 8, 1668, he purchased a home lot of Richard Smith at Setauket. Many of his descendants remain in Brookhaven and neighboring towns. "Dayton's Creek," on the south side of the island, was named from him. It is east of Bellport and now called "Osborn's Creek."

ther to give a just & true account in & concerning the s^d administration before me or such Judge or Judges as may be thereunto appointed at or before the first day of June next ensuing the date hereof. Witness my hand & seal at *Brookhaven* this nineteen day of November Anno Dom. 1691.

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler.

By ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of their Ma^{ties} Prerogative Court w^{thin} ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. York in America—To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Henry Ludlam*²⁰ late of *Southampton* in ye County afores^d departed this life on the twenty fifth of October Anno Dom 1691 leaving no Executor and *Henry Ludlam* ye eldest son of ye s^d deceased for certain causes him thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of the goods & chattels of the said deceased may be granted to him ye s^d *Henry Ludlam* son of ye s^d deceased I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence

²⁰ Henry Ludlam lived at the Watermill in the town of Southampton, on the homestead now owned by Samuel Corwith, and was the owner of the watermill. He was the son of William Ludlam, whose will was the first one recorded in the New York Surrogate's office. He had a brother Joseph who removed to Oyster Bay, and was the ancestor of the families bearing the name of Ludlam. The descendants of Henry who remained in Southampton have changed the name to Ludlow.

in you *Henry Ludlam* aboves^d have nominated constituted & appointed & by these presents do constitute and appoint you *Henry Ludlam* aboves^d administrator of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of the s^d *Henry Ludlam* deceased with full power to ask demand receive & recover all & singular the goods chattels leases debts & credits whatsoever to ye s^d deceased aboves^d belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^{so}ever In ye first place paying those debts whereby ye s^d deceased stood obliged in ye time of his death so far as the lawful goods & credits of the s^d deceased may to this Extend you taking your oath truly to administer the same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye goods chattels debts rights & credits to ye s^d deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hand possession or knowledge & further to give a just & a true account in & concerning the s^d administration before me or such Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye first day of June next ensuing the date hereof—Witness my hand & seal this twenty seventh day of November Anno Dom. 1691.

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler.

By the Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of their Ma^{ties} Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk

on Long Island in ye Province of N. York in America—To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting—Know ye that whereas *Charles Sturmy*²¹ late of *Northsea* belonging to *South Hampton* in ye County aboves^d departed this life ye 24 day of Dec. Anno Dom. 1691 leaving no Executor and *Deborah* the widow & relict of ye s^d deceased for certain causes her hereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye s^d deceased may be granted unto her ye widow & relict of ye s^d deceased. I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Deborah* aboves^d have nominated constituted & appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Deborah Sturmy* aboves^d Administratrix of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of *Charles Sturmy* afores^d deceased with full power to ask receive recover & demand all & singular ye goods chattels leases debts & credits whatsoever to ye deceased aboves^d belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways or means whatsoever—In ye first place paying those debts whereby ye s^d deceased stood obliged in ye time of his death as far as the lawful goods & credits of ye said deceased may to this extend You taking your oath truly to administer the same and to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular the debts goods & chattels rights & credits to ye said

²¹ Charles Sturmy lived at Northsea, in the town of Southampton, on the homestead of the heirs of Capt. Joseph Harris.

deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & farther to give a just & a true account in & concerning ye sd s^d administration before me or such Judge or Judges as shall be thereunto appointed for this County at or before the first day of July next ensuing the date hereof.

Given under my hand & seal this 31st day of Dec. Anno Dom. 1691.

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler.

In ye name of God Amen. I *Jonas Wood*²² of Huntington in ye County of Suffolk upon Long Island in ye Province of N. York in America Yeoman being in perfect memory though weak & sick of body calling to mind the uncertainty of this present life do hereby publish & declare this my last Will & Testam^t in manner & form following—

²² Jonas Wood was a resident of Southampton as early as 1648, and was known as "Jonas Wood of Halifax," to distinguish him from another of the same name. In the Southampton Records he is mentioned as the son-in-law of "Mr. Stickland of Hempstead." He removed to Huntington, where he was among the foremost citizens. His daughter Elizabeth married Isaac Platt, and her sister Phebe married Epenetus Platt, brother of Isaac. Hon. Silas Wood, the historian, was his descendant, and a full account of the family may be found in the edition of the "Sketches of Long Island" edited by the late Alden J. Spooner.

John Lumm, one of the witnesses, originally lived at Northsea in Southampton. His home lot was on the west side of the street of Northsea, next north of the road that runs west. It now belongs to the heirs of Lewis Scott and still bears the name of "Lum's Lot." He went to Huntington.

Imprimis—I commit my soul unto God hoping for salvation by the alone merits of Jesus Christ & faith in his name & my body to a decent burial—As for my outward estate in ye World I dispose of it as followeth—I give to my son *Jonas Wood* three acres of land lying at *Cow Harbour* which lyes next my son *Epenetus Platt* his lot there—and one acre of hollow be it more or less lying Southward & four acres of Meadow either at *Quoviak* or at *Tan-tannentatauket* to be set forth there to ye best convenience of ye said *Jonas* & *John Wood* my sons if they can agree of it betwixt themselves if not at ye judgment & with the advice of two honest men indifferently chosen between them all which afores^d lands & meadows with all fences waters water courses libertys & easements thereto belonging I do hereby give to my said son *Jonas* & to his heirs & assigns for ever—

Item—I give to my said son *Jonas* all my chirurgeons instruments & all my concernments of that kind as salves papers for directions &c. and one half of my wearing clothes—

Item—I give to my son *Jonas* eight pounds in country pay to be paid out of my estate by my Executor by forty shill. a year and the first payment to be within one year after my decease—

Item—I give my son *Isaac Platt* four acres of meadow which was my fathers be it more or less lying on ye neck called *Josias Neck* & to his heirs & assigns forever—

Item—I give my daughter *Elizabeth* my great bible

Item—I give my son *Epenetus Platt* ten pounds to be paid in five years by forty shill pr year in country pay or to his heirs Executors adm^{rs} or assigns & the first paymt. to be made by my Executor within one year after my decease—

Item—I give to my daughter *Phebe* one pewter flagon or Tanker of beaten pewter—

Item—I give my son in law *Isaac Platt* eight pounds to be paid in country pay by my Executor in four years by forty shill p year and the first payment to begin within one year after my decease—

All ye rest of my land meadows houses barnes orchards gardens foulds back sides libertys easements or appurtenances in any wise pertaining with all ways waters water courses fences woods underwoods libertys of commonage bite of mouth & Turbarre with all my right title interest & claim that I now have to lands layed out or yet to lay out or might or may have to any lands or meadow (not before disposed on) pertaining to my three hundred pound right according to ye customs of ye Town of *Huntington* with all my whole personal estate to be to ye use of *John Wood* my son his heirs & assigns forever—And I do hereby appoint ye s^d *John* my sole Executor of this my last Will & Testam^t—

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seale this 20th of Feby. in ye fourth year of ye reign

of *James* ye 2d over England Scotland France &
Ireland King &c. 1688—

JONAS WOOD [Seal]

Sealed signed & delivered in ye presence of us

EPENETUS PLATT

JAMES SMITH

JOHN LUMM

Memorand. that it is my Will & mind that my
Executors shall give to *Mr Jones* twenty shill in
country pay within one year after my decease as
witness my hand—

JONAS WOOD

Witness

EPENETUS PLATT

JAMES SMITH

JOHN LUMM

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye
15 day of April 1692 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of
Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of N. York
before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative
Court in ye County aboves^d was proved & approved
the last will & Testam^t of *Jonas Wood* of *Huntington*
deceased at *Huntington* on ye 12 day of June 1689
in ye County aboves^d who having by his said Will &
Testam^t nominated & appointed *John Wood* his son
his sole Executor (as by the copy of ye said Will
hereunto annexed may appear) for ye well & faithful
administration of all & singular ye goods chattels &

credits of ye s^d deceased You shall a true full & faithful inventory of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits that did any ways belong or of right appertain to ye said deceased at ye time of his death bring in & deliver to me or such other Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for the County aboves^d at or before ye 15 day of Octob. next ensuing ye date hereof and then & there to render a true plain & perfect account of your having executed and performed your duty herein according to ye tenor of ye sd Will & the laws of this Province—Sworn before me ye day & year aboves^d Witness my hand & seal—

WILLIAM SMITH

THOMAS HELME Cler.

SOUTH HAMPTON July ye 24 Anno 1689

The last Will & Testam^t of *Obadiah Rogers*²³ of *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk is as followeth— I give & freely bequeath my soul to God that gave it to me & my body to ye Earth from whence it was taken with decent burial as to my worldly estate— First, I give to my eldest son *Obadiah Rogers* the land lying about his now dwelling house with all ye

²³ Obadiah Rogers was the son of William Rogers, a very early settler in Southampton. His homestead was on the east side of the main street of Southampton, and next north of "meeting-house lane." It remained in the possession of the family from the original laying out in 1648 till within a few years, when it was sold to Dr. John Nugent, and was the home of seven generations. The "Ox Pasture" was the tract of land in Southampton village on the south side of Hill Street, between the town pond and the "Head of Creek," next Shinnecock

land adjoining to it westward of his said house to an old ditch that divides that lot & ye lot that the windmill stands upon I also give him a fifty pound commonage throughout the bounds of this Town—I also give him the five acres of land at or about ye head of ye Creeke in ye Ox pasture that he now hath in possession—I also give to him ye one half of ye six acre close in ye bottom of Captains Neck—Also I give to him ye half of ye upper close in Capt. Necks with ye half of ye seven acres lying in ye first neck—Also I give to him ye half of ye 30 acres lying Eastward of *Mr. John Howells* home lot—Also I give to him ye half of ye 40 acres lying on ye Mill Necke—Also I give to him one third or an equal part of all my out meadows at *Quogue* or *Occaboak* Also I give him that bit of land being about two acres at long Springs all & every of these premises I do freely give & bequeath to *Obadiah Rogers* my son to him & ye male heirs of his body but if it please God to withhold male issue from him and he die without then ye land Hills. The windmill stood on the east part of the home lot, which extended to Old Town Street.

Samuel Johnes, one of the witnesses, and known as "Deacon Samuel," lived on the west side of the main street of Southampton, and was the son of Edward Johnes, one of the first settlers. His ancient house, one of the oldest in the town, was a landmark for more than two centuries. The elegant residence of Mrs. Clara J. Romaine stands on its site.

Obadiah Sale, the other witness, lived at one time on the lot now the burying ground in Southampton. In the will of William Russell of Southampton, dated August 27, 1673, he mentioned "my beloved brother Obadiah Rogers." From this it is supposed that Mary, the wife of Obadiah Rogers, was sister of William Russell.

Zachariah Rogers married Ruth, daughter of Lewis Jessup.

to return to ye next heir or to be divided between his two other breathern if living they allowing to his daughters if any such living twenty pounds a piece— Also I give him ye one half of ye Wind Mill whiles fit for use & then to remove it—I give to my second son *Jonah Rogers* the two twenty acre lots that lye upon calf neck with houseing fencing & orchard belonging Also I give to him ye twenty acres at Hog Neck & one acre belonging to ye same of meadow— Also I give to him a fifty pound commonage with one third of all out meadows Also I give to him one acre of land at ye east end of ye Mill lot adjoining to an old ditch between him & *Obadiah*—These and all & every of them I freely give & make over to my son *Jonah* to him & ye male heirs of his body but if he shall die without any son to heir his lands then ye land to return to ye next male heir or to his other brother or brethren that shall be then living but if he shall leave a daughter or daughters behind him they he or they that shall so heir his land shall give to every of them twenty pounds current pay Also I give to him two steers com 4 year old, two cows com 3 year old two cattle of 2 year old & ye gray mare—

⁴^{ly} I give to my youngest son *Zachariah* my now dwelling house & barn with orchard garden & the shop & tools & ye home lot & ye mill lot only one acre of land given to *Jonah* next to ye ditch across ye upper end Also I give him ye half of ye two closes in Captains neck equally to divide with his

brother *Obadiah*—I give him also half ye seven acres in ye first neck to divide with *Obadiah*—Also I give him half of ye Cow pasture with *Obadiah*—I give him also half ye land lying on ye Mill neck with *Obadiah*—I give him two acres of land lying beyond the Parsonage butting to ye pond—I give him also one fifty pound commonage and one third of all out meadow that is at *Quagucanantuck* or *Occobaucke* all & every of ye premises—I give to my son *Zachariah* & to ye male heirs of his body but if he have no son & die without a male heir then the lands to return to his brethren or their son or sons they paying twenty pounds to his daughter if any be surviving at his death & so to all & every of them then living—

5^{ly} I give to my daughter *Mary* ten shillings in currant pay more than she hath had as see in ye 55th page of my book—

6^{ly} I give to my daughter *Sarah* deceased her two children *William Hackleton* & *Sarah Campbell* each of them forty shillings in current pay—

7^{ly} I give to my daughter *Elizabeth* twenty pounds to be paid at ye day of her marriage & ten pounds more in current pay when her mother sees she can spare it—

8^{ly} I give to my daughter *Patience* twenty pounds at ye day of her marriage & ten pounds more when her mother sees fit—

9^{ly} I give & bequeath all my goods & chattels to my well beloved wife *Mary Rogers* with full & sole command thereof to pay debts & legacies with as

also for her comfortable livelihood & notwithstanding gifts are made to my sons I have reserved to her & do give to her during her life with my children to hold & to enjoy one third part of all lands & of every parcel of such lands for her comfortable livelihood as also ye best room in ye house with her bed-chamber during her widowhood. I do also make my beloved wife my Executrix of this my last will adjoining with her the help of her youngest son *Zachariah* being left only at home with her—

OBADIAH ROGERS [Seal]

Signed & sealed in presence of us undernamed

SAMUEL JOHNES

OBADIAH SALE

(Proved June 23^d 1692)

In ye name of God Amen, I *John Swazey*²⁴ of *Southhold* on Long Island in ye County of Suffolke of ye Province of N. York being of good & sound memory & calling to mind ye uncertainty of this life & that I must yield to death when it shall please God, do make constitute & ordain this my last Will & testamen^t hereby revoking & annulling any other or former will by me made either by word or writing—

²⁴ John Swazey was one of the original settlers in Brookhaven, and one of the six who obtained the first Indian deed. He refused to take the oath of fidelity to the Colony of New Haven in 1659. In 1666 he with others sold Plum Island to John Youngs. He removed to Southhold about 1670. His descendants have changed the name to Sweezey.

Impmis—I give my soul unto God who gave it & my body being dead to be buried & my worldly estate (my just debts being paid)—first—I give & bestow in manner and form following—

Item—I give & bequeath unto my son *John Swazey* my dwelling house orchard together with ye buildings fencings & other ye improvements on my home stall & all ye land by me improved southward of ye land which my said son *John* hath fenced in containing ye whole breadth of ye land as far as ye Southbay & half ye other lot Westward of it being a second lot with half ye share of Meadow commonly called Horton's Meadow & half another share of Meadow at a place called ye great Meadow and also all my implem^{ts} of husbandry & other tools—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Joseph Swazey* one hundred acres of land upon which he is settled lying Westward of my son *John's* land & northward of my s^d son *Joseph's* home lot & half ye share of ye great meadow whereof I gave my son *John* ye other half and two lots of meadow lying on ye other side of ye river which was formerly *John Youngs* and also ye other half of ye lot Westward of it (whereof ye other half I have given to my son *John*) & my horses in ye woods to be equally divided between my three sons—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Samuel Swazey* ye land now in ye occupation of my son *John* lying between my son *Joseph's* & the home stall which by these presents I have given to my son *John*

& ye other half of ye share of meadow called Horton's Meadow with this condition or limitation that my said son *Samuel* shall not have power to sell alien or dispose of any part or parcel of ye said land hereby granted to him so that if he shall decease without issue ye right of inheritance of ye said land shall be to ye next proper heir also I give to him half my cattle & ye bed & furniture which he lyeth on—

Item—I give to my daughter *Mehetabell Aldridge* & to ye heirs of *Peter Aldridge* deceased one hundred acres of land lying on ye northside of ye land given to my son *Joseph* if there be so much land there be it more or less—

Item—I give to my two younger daughters *Sarah* & *Mary Swazy* ye other half of my cattle to be equally divided [between] them.

Item—I give & bequeath to my four daughters namely, *Abigail Mehetable Sarah* & *Mary* all my household goods to be equally divided between them.

Item—My will is that in consideration of ye land given to my sons *John* & *Joseph* they shall pay to my two younger daughters *Sarah* & *Mary* ye sum of twenty pounds current pay of ye County that is to say ten pounds a piece to each of my younger daughters within two years after my decease—

Item—My Will is that *Besse* my servant shall be free & set at liberty at my decease & she shall have the bed she lyeth on—

Lastly—I do hereby nominate & appoint *John*

Tuthill of *Southhold* and *John Hallet* to be the Executors of this my Will & testamt.

In Witness hereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal ye 20th of May 1692. JOHN SWAZY (Seal)

Witnessed by us

THO^s HELME

JOSEPH TOOKER

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 12th day of Nov. 1692 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of New York before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County afores^d was proved and approved ye last Will & testamt. of *John Swazy* deceased at *Southhold* in ye County afores^d on ye 10th day of June 1692 who by his s^d Will & testamt. did nominate & appoint *John Tuthill Senr.* & *John Hallocke* his Executors as by ye s^d Will may appear You shall a true full & faithful Inventory of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits that did anywise belong or of right appertain to ye s^d deceased at ye time of his death bring in & deliver to me or to such other Judge or Judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before ye 12th day of May next ensuing & then & there render a true plain and perfect acct. of your having Executed & performed your duty herein according to ye tenor of ye said Will & ye laws of this Province—Sworn before me the day & year aforesaid—Witness my hand & seal—

WILLIAM SMITH

THO. HELME Cler.

In ye name of God Amen—I *John Sammis*²⁵ of ye town of *Huntington* upon Long Island within ye County of Suffolk & Province of New York in America Yeoman being sick in body but having my perfect memory have made this my last Will & testament. in manner & form following—

First—I give & bequeath my soul to God my maker & Redeemer and my body to ye Earth from whence I was taken and all my worldly endowments in manner & form following—

Imprimis—I give & bequeath unto my son *John* all my lands at ye Cove unto ye new pasture with all ye meadow land that I have there belonging or appertaining to me & also one hundred pound right of commonage that I bought of *Joseph Bayley* of *Huntington* to remain to him & his heirs for ever—Also a young horse of 3 or 4 years old & also a yoke of steers come three years old & one cow & a gun y^t was *Hunrians* & y^t gun that was *Johns* to one of my other sons & also a coverlid—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Silas* my dwelling house & so much of my orchard as specified from ye West End unto a White oak bush on ye West side of my barn & so across unto brook or end of ye fence of *Epenetus Platt* that turns to ye northward only *Silas* to allow unto his mother in law during her widowhood half of my dwelling house & half ye

²⁵ John Sammis was one of the early settlers in Huntington and owned No. 1 of the ten farms. His children, John, born September 13, 1673; Silas, born November 2, 1676; David, born October 4, 1681; Isaac, born March 14, 1683. His descendants are numerous.

benefit of ye orchard and also half a hundred pound right of commonage & a yoke of steers 3 or 4 year old & a young horse comes two year old & a cow only my will is that my son *Silas* shall pay to his two youngest brothers *Isaac* & *David* fifteen pounds a piece when they accomplish ye age of one and twenty years but if either chance to die then ye sd. fifteen pounds to be divided equally between ye surviving brethren also to *Silas* a square barrel gun—

Item—I give & bequeath unto two of my other sons *Isaac* & *David* what remains of my orchard & home lot equally to be divided between them only my Will is that *David* shall have that end where ye barn is & half a hundred pound right of Commonage each of them to my son *David More* one young cow come four year old & two steer or Bull calves an Iron pot that came from *Southhold* & a fire lock musket, more to my son *Isaac* two cows & a grey mare colt

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Jeremiah* my new pasture at ye Cove which is on ye Eastermost side of ye West Neck with half a hundred pound right of commonage—

Item—All other of my lands in ye hills near my house improved laid out or granted I give & bequeath to my four sons *Silas*, *David*, *Isaac* & *Jeremiah* equally to be divided between them and whereas there is a spring in part of ye said lands my will is that either son shall have the benefit of ye water as well as his lands— Also my will is that these four sons shall have ye meadow land & swamp commonly

called ye Millpond & every son ye benefit of ye way without let or hindrance one of another which Milpond is to be equally divided between ye last four nominated only my will is that my loving wife *Mary Sammis* shall enjoy ye said Milpond to her only use & commodity until my son *Silas* comes to age if she remain a widow and after two third of it until my son *David* comes to age if she continues unmarried else ye use thereof to whom it is given—Also I give & bequeath to my five sons *John, Silas, David Isaac & Jeremiah* all my meadow lands with all its rights & privileges that I have at our South as our records & my conveyances makes manifest equally to be divided amongst them and all lands & meadows afores^d to remain to them & their heirs forever—But if either or any chance to die without lawful issue then his or their part or parts to be divided amongst ye survivors—Also my will is that (they) have all my Smith tools and be bound apprenticed to a smith & my son *David* to a tailor & my desire is that my brother in laws *Abram & Isaac Corey* be helpful to these two of their nephews that they may be placed in sober families—

Item—I give & bequeath to my loving wife two feather beds that was hers & that ye girls lyeth on with its bed clothes thereto belonging—Also one third part of ye pewter & brass one chest one middling iron pot & one small pot more also four cows two oxen & my sorrel mare only her first colt my will is my son *Isaac* shall have & half of my sheep—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Deborah* one feather bed in ye chamber & bedclothes & bedstead & her mothers chest & all her mothers clothes & one third part of my pewter & brass & a great iron pot & two cows & my old horse & ten sheep—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Hannah* one feather bed y^t I lie on with all its furniture and whereas there is a legacy due to my daughter in law *Martha Corey* containing five or six pounds which is to be paid of my estate not given when that is paid then all ye rest of my goods & chattels not given I give & bequeath to my five sons equally to be divided among them, for ye true performance of this same & everything therein contained I appoint & request my loving brethren in laws *Richard Brush* & *Nathaniel Williams* to be my overseers in trust to see all things done herein contained as witness my hand & seal this 28th day of Nov. in ye fifth year of *William & Mary* Anno Dom. 1693—

JOHN SAMMIS [Seal]

Signed sealed & published in ye presence of

ABIELL TITUS

SAMUEL KETCHAM

JOSEPH BAYLYS

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 3^d day of Jany. 1693 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll. Wm Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved ye last

Will & testamt. of *John Sammis* deceased at *Huntington* on ye 18th day of January 1693 who by his s^d last Will nominated & appointed *Rich^d Brush* & *Nathaniel Williams* his overseers in trust as by ye s^d Will may appear for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods & chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased being duly sworn to bring in a true Inventory of ye said goods chattels & credits & to render a true account thereof

May ye 17 1688—The last Will & testamt. of *Steven Hand*²⁶ *Sen^r* being by Gods goodness in perfect memory—first—I give my soul to God who gave it & my body to be decently buried and my Estate to be disposed as followeth of which 1st I give to my eldest son *Stephen* all my lands that lieth at *Wainscot* also ten acres of land at ye North end of my *Woodland* plain lot Also half my meadow lying in *Ockobonnuck* neck also all my last division yet not layed out & my meadow at *Napecke* & half of w^t I shall have at *Muntaket* & all other commons also ye Indian boy he paying five pounds to ye boy at ye end of his time if he shall have a full year to serve &

²⁶ Stephen Hand was son of John Hand, who came to Southampton in 1644 from Stanstead in Kent, England. He afterward removed to Easthampton, where his descendants still remain.

Ockobonnuck is the neck in the northeastern part of the town of Easthampton and now called Acabonnack.

"Napeche" (now Napeague) is the long stretch of beach and meadow west of Montauk.

not else & ye great iron pot that was *Dominyes* the afores^d lands I give to my eldest son *Stephen Hand* & to ye heirs lawfully begotten of his body but if he shall die & not leave such heirs or heir then ye s^d land shall return to my youngest son or to ye next heir—

2. I leave with my son *Stephen* & my son *Samuell* seven acres & half of land lying at ye 2 miles hollow Eastward and my lot of meadow at *Ockobonnuck* & a fourth part in ye commons which they shall allow their brother *Joseph* the use of if he shall have occasion & will improve it by & for himself & not otherwise yet if he shall leave any heirs lawfully begotten by him when they are capable to receive it then the s^d *Steven* & *Sam^t* shall deliver the s^d land to them said heirs—

3—I give to my son *Joseph* one mare & one cow—

4—The rest of my lands I give to my youngest son *Sam^t* if I shall leave no more sons or son but if I shall leave any more sons or son then *Samuel* shall have no more than ye house & home lot or all ye land at home and one acre & half in ye Mill plain and ye other lands to him or them that are younger but if *Sam^t* shall enjoy all the lands not disposed of then he shall give to his five sisters five pounds a piece in current pay at their marriage if he shall enjoy the lands so soon as they shall come to ye age of Eighteen years old my wife being to enjoy ye lands her lifetime except marrying again she shall have no

need of it or if *Samuel* marry & settle & have need of a settlement he shall have one room in ye house & what part of the lands she can spare to him—

5—All other my Estate I leave with my wife during ye time of her living a widow and to dispose to & for ye bringing up the children but if she shall marry again then she shall have the third of ye moveables & ye other two thirds to be divided amongst the girls as witness my hand ye day & year aboves^d and seal—

Witnesses :

JOHN HOPPING

JAMES DYMON

STEPHEN HAND [Seal]

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 2^d day of May 1693 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved ye last Will & Testamen^t of *Stephen Hand* deceased at *Easthampton* in ye County aboves^d on ye 15th day of April Anno Dom. 1693 and ye administration of ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd. deceased was committed to ye care & trust of *Rebecca* widow of ye s^d deceased to render a true acct. thereof according to ye tenor of sd will & ye laws of this Province—

MARCH ye 5 1691

In ye name of God Amen. I *Richard Smith* ³¹
Sen^r of Smithtown in ye County of Suffolk on Long

³¹ Richard Smith was the famous Patentee of Smithtown, and traditionally known as the " Bull Rider " and ancestor of the very numer-

Island in ye Province of New York being sick & weak in body but of sound & perfect memory thanks be to God calling to mind ye uncertain state of this life and that we must submit to God's will when it shall please him to call us out of this life do make constitute & ordain this our last Will & testament hereby revoking & annulling any former or other will or testament, made by us either by word or writing—

Imprimis—We give our souls to God who gave them & our bodies being dead to be decently buried in such place & manner as to our Executors hereafter named shall seem convenient and as for ye lands goods & chattels wherewith it hath pleased God to endue us with all our just debts & legacies being first paid we order & dispose in manner & form following—

Item—To *Jonathan Smith* our eldest son we give & bequeath our house barn & orchard joining to his

ous family called the "Bull Smiths." He was living in Southampton as early as October 26, 1643. His home lot was on the west side of main street of Southampton, and next north of the road running to the beach and town pond. It is now owned by the heirs of William Mortimer. He was a man of means and of high social position, and one of the few who bore the title of "Mr." and "Gentleman." He was of a very imperious nature, a trait which was evidently transmitted to many of his descendants, and on December 3, 1656, "for his unreverend carriage toward the magistrates contrary to the order," "was adjudged to bee bannished out of the towne." He "had one weekes time to prepare himself to depart," but this was not enforced, as he was there some weeks later. He went to Setauket, where he was soon a leader, and afterward purchased the tract, now Smithtown, of which he became sole owner after a long and persistent struggle. For a more extended account the reader is referred to the printed Records of Smithtown.

home lot and ye home stall as far as ye old fence Northward and half way from ye said house to Samuel's house and thence to ye West End of ye barn & ye wood close on ye East side of ye little brook over against ye house and forty acres of land more than his equal share in division with ye rest of our children and that lot of meadow over against ye mill on ye West side of ye river—

Item—To our son *Richard* we give & bequeath our Negro *Harry* and an equal share of land in division with ye rest of our children—

Item—To our son *Job* we give & bequeath our Negro *Robin* for ye term of twelve years and an equal share of land in division with ye rest of our children and at ye end of ye said twelve years, the said *Robin* shall be free—

Item—To our son *Adam* we give an equal share of land in division with ye rest of our children—

Item—To our son *Samuel Smith* we give & bequeath ye orchard Southward of the house & half ye pasture bounded by the little creek ye Eastward part thereof & ye lower or Northward most Fresh Island on ye east side of ye river with an equal share of land in division with ye rest of our children and the swamp called ye North Swamp with ye land on ye east side which is fenced—

Item—To our son *Daniel* we give & bequeath ye other half of ye pasture southward of his house ye westward part of it and an equal share of land in division with ye rest of our children & our Will is that

James Necke shall be & remain for ye use & improvement of my six sons aboves^d & their heirs for ever—

Item—To our daughter *Elizabeth Townly* we give & confirm that land & meadow at a place called *Sunck Meadow* as it is mentioned in a deed made by us & also ye one half of my clothing—

Item—To our daughter *Lawrence* we give & bequeath an equal part & share of land in division with ye rest of our children where it shall be most suitable & convenient also ye other half of my clothing—

Lastly—We do hereby nominate and appoint our beloved sons *Jonathan & Rich^d Smith* Executors of this our last Will & testamt. to pay all our just debts and to make an equal partition amongst all our children of all ye goods & chattels & what moveable estate shall be left—

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals the day & year above named—

RICHARD SMITH [Seal]

SARAH SMITH [Seal]

Sealed & delivered in presence of—

JOHN ROE²³

JONATHAN LEWIS

THOMAS HELME

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 2^d day of May Anno Dom. 1693 at *Brookhaven* in ye

²³ John Roe was a shoemaker by trade, and came to Brookhaven from Southampton in 1667. On December 6 the town gave him the home

County of Suffolk before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved and approved ye last Will & Testam^t. of *Rich^t Smith Sen^r* deceased at *Smithtown* on ye 7th day of March Anno Dom. 1691 who by his said Will did nominate & appoint his sons *Jonathan* & *Rich^t* to be his Executors for ye well and faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye deceased and ye said *Jonathan* renouncing ye burthen of Executorship the administration of ye said goods & chattels was committed to ye s^d *Rich^t Smith* to render a true account thereof according to ye tenor of ye said Will & ye laws of this Province—

By ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Nassau Island of ye Province of N. York—To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Samuel Barnes*²⁹ late of *Southampton* in s^d County husbandman departed

lot which was laid out for a minister. He was a man of intelligence, and held the offices of constable, collector, and trustee. He was the ancestor of the well-known family of that name.

²⁹Samuel Barnes was son of Joshua Barnes, one of the earliest settlers of Southampton. His homestead (which was that of his father before him) is now owned by William S. Pelletreau. He left an only son Joshua Barnes, and he and his mother sold the homestead to Captain Jecomiah Scott, March 22, 1705, and removed to Jamaica, L. I. Samuel Barnes had a brother, Captain William Barnes, who went to Westchester, where he was one of the leading men, and was the ancestor of the family in that town.

this life on ye 21st day of Feby. 1693³ leaving no Executor and *Patience* ye widow of ye s^d deceased for certain causes her thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased may be granted to her ye widow of ye said deceased—I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Patience* widow of ye said deceased have nominated constituted & appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Patience* afores^d administratrix of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d *Samuel Barnes* deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular the goods chattels leases debts & credits whatsoever to ye said deceased belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means whatsoever in ye first place paying those debts whereby ye sd. deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye sd. deceased may to this extend—You taking your oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye debts goods & chattels rights & credits to ye sd dec^d belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & further a just & true acct. in & concerning ye said administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye last of Feby. next Ensuing—Given under my hand the 25 of August 1693—

By ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Nassau Island of ye Province of N. York—To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *John Howell*³⁰ Jun^r late of *South*— in ye County afores^d departed this life on ye 8th day of March 169³ leaving no Executor and *Mary* widow of ye s^d dec. for certain causes her thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye s^d dec^d may be granted to her widow of ye sd. deceased—I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing especial trust & confidence in you *Mary* afores^d have nominated constituted & appointed and by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Mary* widow of ye s^d dec^d Administratrix of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of *John Howell* afores^d deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular the goods chattels leases debts & credits to ye s^d deceased belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways or means whatsoever in ye first place paying those debts whereby ye s^d dec^d stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as the lawful goods & credits of ye s^d deceased may to this Extend you taking your oath truly to administer ye same and to make a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye goods & chattels rights & credits to ye s^d dec^d belonging which shall or may come to y^r hands

³⁰ John Howell, Jr., was the son of Major John Howell, who survived him. (See will of Major John Howell.)

possession or knowledge & further to give a true & just acct. in & concerning ye said administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be thereunto appointed at or before ye last day of Feby. next Ensuing—Given under my hand & seal ye 25 of Aug. 1693—

By ye Hono^{ble} *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk on Nassau Island of ye Province of N. York—

To all to whom these presents shall come Know ye that whereas *Sant^d Johnes* late of *Southampton* in ye sd. County husbandman deceased on ye — day of — 1693 leaving no Executor & *Samuel* his son for certain causes him thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased may be granted to him ye eldest son of ye sd. deceased, I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Samuel* afores^d have nominated constituted & appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Samuel* afores^d administrator of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of *Samuel Johnes* afores^d deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods chattels leases debts rights & credits to ye said dec^d belonging or any way appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^{soever}—In ye first place paying those debts whereby the said de-

ceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye s^d dec^d may to this Extend you taking your oath truly to administer the same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye debts goods & chattels rights & credits to ye sd. deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye sd administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be thereunto appointed at or before ye 14 of April next Ensuing—
Given under my hand & seal.

EASTHAMPTON Aug ye 25 1685—

The last Will & testamt. of me *John Edwards*³¹ of *Easthampton* in Suff. County under & Colony of N. York being of perfect memory & understanding 1 I bequeath my soul to God that gave it and my body to ye dust from whence it came & my estate I dispose of as followeth—

2—My will is that my beloved wife *Mary* shall have half of my moveable goods both within doors & without & ye other half of ye moveables I give to all my children when they come of age if she die before but if she lives with them to have all ye goods

³¹ John Edwards was brother of William Edwards. His home lot was on the east side of the street of Easthampton, and now owned by Jeremiah Mulford. It was for many years the homestead of Eleazar Miller, who was Member of Assembly from 1748 to 1764, and known as "Assemblyman Miller."

to bring up the children but if she marry ye half of ye goods afores^d to be equally divided amongst my children & ye other half to be her own to dispose of as she sees cause, and my house & land I will to be my wifes during her life this my wife to pay everyone of these my children their portion when they come to age according to ye value of half ye moveables—

3—My eldest son *Thomas* I give him twenty acres of land upon ye Norwest plain bounded by *Sam^t Brooks* on ye south east side & by *John Squire* on ye Northwest side Also I give him five acres of land upon ye Eastern plain lying by *William Mulford* upon ye Southwest & by *Joshua Garlick* on ye Northeast Also I give him two acres lying upon ye side of ye pond called Hook Pond bounded by *M^r Mulford* Southwest & *Tho. Osborne Jun^r* Northeast—Also I give him half my meadow lying at *Ackobonnucke* all this after his mothers decease—Also I give him ye third part of my commonage both at ye town & *Montauket* after his mothers decease—

4—I give to my son *John* ye house & home lot after ye decease of his mother—Also I give my son *John* afores^d ye six acres & half or thereabouts be it more or less lying upon ye Eastern plain bounded by *Richard Stretton* upon ye southwest & *Steven Hedges* on ye East—Also I give him half ye meadow lying ye full length at *Ackobonnuck* Also a 3^d of my Commonage both at home & at *Montauket* all this after his mothers decease—

5--I give to my son *William* a third part of my Commonage both at home & at *Montauket*—Also I appoint my beloved wife *Mary*, Executrix of this my will—My clothes I give to my 4 sons to be equally divided—

In confirmation of this my will I set to my hand & seal*

JOHN EDWARDS [Seal]

his to mark

Signed & sealed in presence of us

THO. JAMES

ROBERT KADE

Post-script Sept ye 9 1686

The former Will I now confirm all save the six lines blotted out upon ye other side & further my will is my second son *Josiah* (being not mentioned in my will afores^d) twelve acres of land more or less lying Eastward from this town in ye woods above ye Indian Well joining to *Benjamin Osborns* lot on one side—

Witness my hand—Also these words after his mothers decease were interlined before signing (line 29)

JOHN EDWARDS

his to mark

Signed before us

THOMAS JAMES

JOHN JAMES

SOUTHAMPTON Aug ye 21 1693

Then appeared before me *Mr John James* & made

* See note, p. 273.

oath to ye truth of *John Edwards* his signing & acknowledging ye postscript above—

Test. MATTHEW HOWELL

Justice

By ye tenor of these presents Know y^t on ye 10th day of Nov. 1693 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk before *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Pre-rogative Court was proved & approved ye last Will & Testam^t. of *John Edwards* deceased at *Easthampton* on ye 23^d day of January 1688 who by his s^d last Will did nominate & appoint *Mary* his wife his Executrix as by ye s^d Will may appear for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased to whom with *John Hoffington* her husband ye s^d administration was granted being duly sworn to bring in a true inventory & to render a perfect acct. of the performance of their duty herein according to ye tenor of s^d Will & the laws of this Province—

HARTFORD Sept. 9 1693—

The testimony of *Jacob Conckling* aged 25 years, *James Blyn* aged about 30 years, *Jonathan Hall* aged about 17 years & *Mary Edwards* about 19 years, do declare y^t about fourteen days past we being all on board ye sloop *Adventure* together near ye town of *Haddum*, *Daniel Bowin* lately deceased being on board ye said vessel

with us ye said *Bowin* being not well in body but of sound understanding, & he discoursing of *Mrs Irene Hobart*³² of *Southold*, we heard ye s^d *Daniel Bowin* declare that he had such a great affection to her & y^t they were so sure together y^t in case he should die all ye Estate that he had in ye world she ye s^d *Irene Hubbard* should have it—

Memorand—*James Blynn* doth not remember ye word affection—

JACOB CONCKLING
 JAMES BLYN
 JONATHAN HALL
 MARY × EDWARDS
 her mark

Jacob Conckling James Blyn Jonathan Hall & Mary Edwards personally appeared in Court in *Hartford* Sept. ye 9 1693 & made oath y^t this above written testimony to their knowledge is truth & nothing but truth—

As attests JOHN ALLYN
 Clerk of ye s^d Court—

The testimony of *James Petty*³³ aged about 34 years coming up ye river I heard *Mr Daniel Bowin*

³² Irene Hobart, who so completely won the heart of Daniel Bowin, was the daughter of Rev. Joshua Hobart of Southold. She was born in 1674. It may be well to remark that in those days the title of "Mrs." (contraction of mistress) was not only given to married ladies, but to the unmarried as well, if they were of high social position, as was the case of Irene Hobart.

³³ John Petty was son of Edward Petty, who was the ancestor of the

say yt he having made suit to *Mrs Irene Hobart* of *Southold* was now nearer than ever it was & in a manner concluded between him & her or words to that purpose—Sworn in Court at *Hartford* June ye 8 1693, as attests *John Allyn*, Clerk—

This above is a true copy compared with ye original on file being compared with ye original on file Sept ye 11 1693 *John Allyn*, Clerk—

Whereas ye said *Irene Hobart* having produced before ye Hono^{ble} *Col. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk ye s^d Nuncupative will of *Daniel Bowin* late of *Southold* deceased praying that ye administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye said deceased may be granted to her ye sole Executrix of ye s^d deceased which was granted accordingly

Nov. 11 1693—

By ye Hono^{ble} *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk in Nassau Island of ye Province of N. York—To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that W^{as} *Abram Wilman* ³¹ late of *Southampton* in ye s^d

family of that name in Suffolk county. His father died September 13, 1697. James Petty died December 11, 1705, leaving sons James, Lieutenant Joseph, and Daniel.

³¹Abram Willman was the son of Isaac Willman of Southampton. He lived with his brother on the paternal homestead, now the home lot of Edwin Post, on the east side of Main Street. The second meeting-house in Southampton stood on the south side of this lot.

County yeoman departed this life ye — day of — leaving no Executor and *Hannah* his widow renounced ye burthen of administration *Isaac Wilman* brother of ye s^d deceased praying that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye s^d deceased may be granted to him ye brother of ye s^d deceased I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Isaac Willman* have nominated constituted & appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Isaac Wilman* administrator of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d *Abram Wilman* dec^d with full power & authority to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods & chattels leases debts rights & credits to ye said dec^d belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^hsoever—In ye first place paying those lawful debts whereby ye sd deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye goods & credits of ye s^d deceased may to this Extend you taking your oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye debts goods & chattels rights & credits to ye s^d deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye s^d administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye last of May next ensuing—

Given under my hand & seal ye 13 of Nov. 1693

In ye name of God Amen—I *Epenetus Platt*³⁵ of *Huntington* upon Long Island in ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York in America being sick of body but having my perfect memory have made this my last Will & testamt. in manner & form following—first, I give & commit my soul to God my maker & Redeemer & my body to ye Earth from whence I was taken & for my worldly estate in manner & form following—

Imprimis—I give & bequeath to my son *Epenetus* that accomodation of housing lands meadows pastures orchards gardens & all y^t do belong or appertain to ye accomodation I now live in he ye s^d *Epenetus* allowing unto his Mother w^t room in ye dwelling house as she desires during her natural life & ye 3^d part of all ye improvements during ye said term— Also ye s^d *Epenetus* to pay to his two younger Brothers *Jonas* & *Jeremiah* ten pounds a piece each of them ten pounds in money wⁿ they accomplish ye age of twenty one years towards their building ye alotmt. yt. I have given to my son *Epenetus* is by denomination a three hundred pound alotmt.—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Jonas* y^t alotment or accomodation that I purchased of *Tho. Sciddmore* with all its rights & privileges of lands & meadows thereunto belonging being by denomination a two hundred pound alotmt.

³⁵ Epenetus Platt was son of Richard Platt, the first of the name in Huntington. (See note 17.) The Neck "Sompwams" is now the village of Babylon, and the other necks mentioned are in the immediate vicinity. (See note 50.)

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Jeremiah* ye home lot y^t I purchased of *Walter Noakes* ye full & whole lot which I purchased at two purchases both purchases to be delivered to my son *Jeremiah* wⁿ he accomplish ye age of 21 years—Also I give to my son *Jerim* y^t 2 hundred right of commonage I purchased of *John Jones* & whereas it is Expressed to *Epenetus* & *Jones* rights of meadow yet notwithstanding my will is y^t when ye youngest accomplish ye age of 21 years ye meadow lands yt. I have on ye south side of this Island namely Naguntatague Santapauge Guscumquarum Sompoams all & singular those meadow lands shall be equally divided into three parts & each brother to have his part by lot but if either of ye s^d brothers chance to die before they accomplish ye age of 21 years or without lawful heirs yⁿ his part of lands & meadows to be equally divided between ye other two & to remain to them & their heirs forever—Also ye land y^t I purchased of *Thomas Whitson* I give & bequeath to my 3 sons *Epenetus Jonas* & *Jeremiah* equally to be divided between them but if either chance to die before they are of age to possess it or without lawful heirs then to remain to ye surviving as afores^d

Item—All ye rest of my goods & chattels not given & bequeathed one 3^d part I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife to be at her whole disposal

Item—Ye other two 3^d parts of my goods & chattels I give & bequeath unto my six daughters *Phebe Mary Hannah Elizabeth Ruth* & *Sara* only at ye

division my daughter *Phebes* part so made five pounds better out of these two parts yⁿ my other daughters those 2 third parts of my goods & chattels so given are not to be divided until my two youngest daughters are grown to some competency of years or 3 months after my loving wifes decease & an equal division to be made among them only to my daughter *Phebe* as afores^d but if either of my daughters chance to die before a division be made then her part to be equally divided among those daughters yt are surviving viz upon further consideration—I do give unto my 3 sons *Epenetus Jonas & Jeremiah* one 3^d part of those 2 thirds of my goods & chattels so that when a division is made each daughter shall have 2 thirds more of my s^d goods & chattels then my sons namely of those 2 thirds before specified not having any relation to my loving wifes part—Also my Will is yt if my wife chance to die without willing her part then her part to be equally divided among all ye brothers & sisters, for ye care trust of ye aforementioned I make my loving wife my full & whole Executrix of this my last will & testamt. to see all things done & performed as afores^d & according to her discretion in order unto which I have hereunto set my hand & seal ye first day of Sept. in ye 5th year of *William & Mary* Anno Dom 1693—

EPENETUS PLAT [Seal]

Signed sealed & published in presence of

JONAS WOOD

JOHN WICKS

JOSEPH BAYLY

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 13 day of Nov. 1693 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *Epenetus Plat* deceased at *Huntington* in ye County afores^d on ye — day of Sept. Anno Dom. 1693 who by his s^d last Will did nominate & appoint *Phebe* his wife his Executrix as by ye s^d Will may appear for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased to whom ye sd administration was granted accordingly.

In ye name of God Amen I *John Bigs* of *Brookhaven* on Long Island being at this present weak in body but sound in mind and memory praised be God do ordain & make this my last Will & Testamt. as followeth—

1st I bequeath my soul to ye mercy of God in Jesus Christ & my body to be decently buried at ye charge of my Executrix and for my worldly estate I will & bequeath as followeth—To my faithful well beloved wife *Elizabeth Bigs* of ye town above written I bequeath all my worldly estate that is to say my house & lands goods & moveables all whatsoever belonging or due to me or hereafter to be due whether in ye town aboves^d or elsewhere to her ye sd *Elizabeth* her heirs & assigns to have & to hold for ever & of this my last Will & testamt. I appoint my said

wife *Elizabeth* my sole Executrix as also my brothers in law *Thomas Bigs* & *Benjamin Smith* to be survivors as witness my hand & seal this 7th day of Feby. in ye year 1682. JOHN BIGS [Seal]

Witnessed by me

DANIEL BREWSTER

SAMUEL SMITH

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 20th day of Nov. 1693 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved the last will & testamt. of *John Bigs* deceased at *Brookhaven* aboves^d on ye — day of June Anno Dom. 1693 who by his said last will did nominate & appoint *Elizabeth* his wife his sole Executrix as by ye said Will may appear for ye well & faithful administration the goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased to whose care & trust was committed ye said administration being duly sworn to render a true plain & perfect acct. of her having executed & performed her duty herein according to ye laws of this Province—

In ye name of God Amen I *Steven Jarvis Sen^r* ³⁶
of ye town of *Huntington* upon Long Island in ye

³⁶ Stephen Jarvis was one of the early settlers of Huntington. He was juryman in 1662, and owned No. 2 of the ten farms. His son Stephen had sons Stephen, born June 2, 1683, and Abraham, born April 26, 1686.

County of Suffolk & province of N. York in America being in a competency of health of body & in my perfect memory have made this my last will & testament in manner and form following—first I give & bequeath my soul to God my maker & Redeemer & my body to ye Earth from whence I was taken—

Imprimis—I give & bequeath to my son *Steven* half ye old lot in ye necke & five acres of land upon ye hills & a quarter of a hundred of commonage of ye next division of lands to be taken up—

Item—I give & bequeath to my sons *Jonathan & William* yt piece of land in ye neck lying near a lot of land of *Joseph Wood*, equally to be divided between them and half a hundred right of commonage as before expressed equally between them alsoe forty shill a piece in pay as it passeth at this present time of writing—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Unice* 5 pounds in pay as afores^d—

Item—I give & bequeath to my grandson *John Green* a yearling heifer—

Item—All ye rest of my lands meadows housing orchards goods & chattels not given & bequeathed I give & bequeath to my loving wife *Mary* and my son *Thomas* whom I make my Executrix & Executor of this my last Will & testamt. to see all things done & performed according to ye prescription of this my last will—In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of March in ye

3^d year of ye reign of *W^m* & *Mary* King & Queen of
Great Britain France & Ireland Anno Dom. 1693:—

STEVEN JARVIS [Seal]

Signed sealed & published in presence of

ALICE BAYLY

JOSEPH BAYLY

JAMES CHICHESTER

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye
16th day of April 1694 at *Brookhaven* in ye County
of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Col.*
W^m Smith Judge of ye Prerogative Court was
proved & approved the last will & testamt. of *Steven*
Jarvis Sen^r deceased at *Huntington* on ye 5 day of
August Anno Dom. 1693 who by his said Will nomi-
nated & appointed *Mary* his wife & *Thomas* his son
his Executors for ye well & faithful administration of
all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd
deceased to whose care & trust was committed ye
administration thereof being duly sworn to render a
plain & perfect acct. of their having performed their
duty herein according to ye tenor of ye sd will & ye
laws of this Province

To all Christian People greeting Know ye yt I
*John Concklin*³⁷ of *S. hold* on Long Island though

³⁷ Captain John Conkling was son of John Conkling, and born in Not-
tinghamshire, Eng., 1631. His tombstone in Southold tells us that he
died April 6, 1694, aged 64. His daughter, Sarah, married John Laugh-

weak in body yet of sound memory do appoint make & declare these presents my last Will & testam^t in form following viz.: First I commit my soul to Jesus Christ my merciful redeemer & my body being dead by decent burial to ye earth believing yt it shall rise again at ye last day and as for my worldly goods I thus dispose them—

Imprimis—I give unto my two sons *John & Joseph Concklin* during their natural lives all my whole accomodations of lands of all sorts w^osoever situate lying & being throughout ye whole bounds of ye town of *S. hold* to be equally divided between them by 3 or 4 of my neighbors according to their best skill & judgmt. in equal value worth & purchase my son *John* to have that part of my home lands in *Hashamomunck* w^r my housing are erected & half ye barn, & *Joseph* ye other half of ye barn & half of ye home land afores^d (I call my home lands contains pipe stave neck & ye mill neck & all my lands between them w^r being equally divided between them as afores^d each of my said sons shall possess & enjoy his part without ye let hindrance or molestation of ye other & at ye death of them & either of them I do give their respective shares of all my lands above mentioned unto ye next lawful heir of ye body of s^d *John Concklin* & to ye next lawful heir of ye body of s^d *Joseph Concklin* respectively being male or female during ye natural lives only & so from heir to heir of

ton, who was for some years schoolmaster in Southampton. This name seems in old times to have been pronounced "Layton."

either of them forever that shall succeed respectively whose several heir or heirs I make & hereby ordain to be my heirs forever to have & to hold during their natural life ye s^d respective lands wthout any power of sale mortgage or alienation—

Item—My will is that if either of my sons *John* or *Joseph* shall die before he be possessed of ye premises & leave no such heir as is above by me constituted yt. then in ye same tenure ye survivor shall possess receive & enjoy his brothers part and also if at any time hereafter for ever ye line succession & heirs so by me constituted of either my said sons shall end determine & be extinct then my will is y^t ye right title & property so determining shall return to my lineal & direct heir by my other son & not to any other collateral line of said sons heirs so Extinguishing tho. it may be usual in ye law—

Item—I give to my daughters as followeth, first to my daughter *Sarah Laughton* I give two cows—To my other 3 daughters *Mary Anna* & *Elizabeth* I give all my household goods to be equally divided among them except to my son *Joseph* to whom I give one feather bed one pot & one kettle also to my daughters *Mary Anna* & *Elizabeth* to each of them 12 cows & all ye money yt I have in my possession I order to be equally divided among my s^d 3 daughters last named which money I order & tis my will yt. it be forthwth without delay delivered to my brother *Jacob Concklin* (by my Executors) whom I bestrust with s^d money & that he pay each of them a 3rd part

at their day of marriage or age of one & twenty whichever shall first happen at whatever time also all their other legacies here given is to be paid them and my will is y^t in case any of my s^d daughters shall happen to die before age or marriage afores^d that then their survivor & survivors shall have ye defuncts share equally divided to them or her & if none of my s^d daughters shall attain to age or marriage then my sons shall equally divide it between themselves—

Item—I give unto my good friend *Mr. Joshua Hobart* or his assignes ye sum of ten pound to be paid him by my executors in such paymt. out of estate as he shall rather accept of which sum I give him as a remembrance of my love & respect to him—

Item—My will is that my debts & funeral charges being first paid out of my stock & out of such debts as are due to me that then my two sons *John & Joseph* shall equally divide to themselves all ye rest of my estate w^hsoever that doth any lawful manner of way belong to me out of which they are equally & jointly to pay all legacies herein bequeathed—

Finally—My will is that my son *John Coucklin* & my son *Joseph Coucklin* be ye only & joint Executors of this my last Will & testamt. & in confirmation thereunto I hereunto subscribe my name & set to my seal this 4th day of Feby. Anno. Dom. 1689.

Memorand—Before sealing it being omitted in its proper place—my will is yt. if *Joseph* shall not like to dwell in *John's* house on pipe stave neck that then

John shall build *Joseph* as good an house as that is in any other place of *Joseph's* land that he shall appoint—

JOHN CONCKLIN [Seale]

Signed sealed & declared in presence of us

JASPER GRIFFING

HANNAH GRIFFING

JASPER GRIFFING Junr.

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 15th day of May 1694 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Col. W^m Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *John Concklin* deceased at *S.hold* in ye County afors^d who by his s^d last Will & Testamt. did nominate his sons *John* & *Joseph* his Executors for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased as by ye s^d Will may appear to whose care & trust was committed ye s^d administration to Execute & perform their duty herein according to ye tenor of ye s^d will & the laws of this Province—

In ye name of God Amen.—I *John Lawrison*³⁸ of *Southhampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of

³⁸ John Lawrison lived in Southhampton and seems to have occupied a lot somewhere near the present residence of Thomas Warren. Samuel Whitehead, one of the witnesses, lived on the west side of Main

New York Mason being sick & weak in body but of perfect understanding & memory as at other times & not knowing how soon it may please ye Lord to take me away by death do make constitute & appoint this my last Will & testamt. hereby nulling & making void all other Will or Wills Testamt. or Testamts. w^hsoever by me at any time heretofore made whether by word of mouth or in writing and by these presents ratifying & confirming this my last Will & testamt. and first I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to ye dust out of which it was taken to receive a decent Christian burial and as for my Worldly Estate which God hath bestowed on me I dispose of as followeth, viz :

Item—first I order & appoint yt, all my just & lawful debts be justly & duly paid to whomsoever anything appears to be due from me—

Item—I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife *Mary* one third part of all my whole Estate whether moveables or immoveables in this town or wheresoever else it may appear to be my brown saddle horse only excepted—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Mary Lawrison* all ye other two thirds part of my whole estate where or of what kind soever it may be my brown saddle horse only excepted which I give &

Street, on the south side of Job's lane, on the homestead afterward owned by Judge Hugh Gelston. Sarah Cooper was the wife of Samuel Cooper, and survived her husband many years. The residence of Samuel Cooper was the farm lately owned by his descendant, Captain Mercator Cooper, and now by his daughter, Mrs. Maria J. Howell.

bequeath to *Samuel Cooper* of ye town of *Southhampton* aboves^d—

Item—I do hereby ordain & appoint my well beloved wife *Mary* to be ye sole Executrix of this my last Will & testamt. and my trusty & well beloved friend *Samuel Cooper* of *Southhampton* afores^d to be ye guardian of my daughter *Mary Lawrison* aboves^d—

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal in *Southhampton* aboves^d this 20th day of October Anno Dom. 1693—

JOHN LAWRISON [Seal]

Signed & sealed in presence of us

SARAH COOPER

SAM^t WHITEHEAD

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 13th day of June 1694 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of New York before *Col. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved the last Will & testamt. of *John Lawrison* deceased at *Southhampton* in ye County afores^d on ye 30th day of Nov. Anno Dom. 1693 who by his Said Will did nominate & appoint *Mary* his wife his Executor for ye well and faithful administration of all and singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased to whose care & trust was committed ye said administration—

By ye Hono^{ble} *Col. William Smith* of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province

of N. York in America. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Benjamin Davice*³⁹ late of *Southhampton* in ye sd County, Weaver, departed this life Dec. ye 20th 1692 leaving no Executor & also *Rebecca* widow of ye sd. deceased being deceased *John Reeves* eldest son of ye sd. *Rebecca* with *John Pinney* his guardian for certain causes them hereunto justly moving have prayed yt. ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased may be granted to him ye sd. *John Reeves* & *John Pinney* his guardian I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me derived reposing special trust & confidence in you *John Reeves* & *John Pinney* have nominated constituted and appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint you *John Reeves* & *John Pinney* Administrator of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of ye said deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods chattels leases debts rights & credits whatsoever to ye s^d deceased belonging or anyways appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^{ts}soever in ye first place paying those debts whereby ye sd. deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful

³⁹ Benjamin Davis lived in Southampton and owned the lot next south of the Union schoolhouse, now the property of Gillet and Frank White, and including part of the land of Mrs. Maria J. Howell. This was laid out to him by the town about 1659, for eight acres; the town giving him good measure "on account of the Sandy Hill." He sold this lot to Cornelius Vonck, a Dutch shoemaker, in 1663, and afterward lived on a lot at the south end of the village, a little north of Gin Lane.

goods & credits of ye s^d dec^d may to this extend you taking ye oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye goods & chattels debts rights & credits which shall or may come to your hand possession or knowledge, & farther to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye sd. administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye 12 day of January next ensuing—

Given under my hand & seal ye 12 day of June Anno Dom. 1694—

By ye Hono^{ble} *Col. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court within ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of New York in America—To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Job Sayre*⁴⁹ late of *Southhampton* in ye sd County, tanner, departed this life on ye 6th day of April 1694 leaving no Executor and *Hannah* widow of ye said deceased renouncing to administer on her deceased husband's estate and *Job Sayre* praying that ye sd administration of ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased may be granted to him ye eldest son

⁴⁹ Job Sayre, son of Thomas Sayre, was the last survivor of the original company of "Undertakers" who founded the town of Southampton. He was born in Cirencester, Eng., 1614. His house, still standing in Southampton, is probably the oldest dwelling in the State of New York. It was built in 1643 and is still owned by his descendants of the ninth generation.

of ye sd deceased I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Job Sayre* son of ye sd. deceased have nominated constituted & appointed & by these presents do constitute and appoint you *Job Sayre* son of ye sd deceased administrator of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of *Job Sayre* deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods & chattels leases debts & credits w^{so}ever to ye s^d deceased belonging or any ways appertaining by all lawful ways or means w^{so}ever— In ye first place paying those debts whereby ye sd deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye sd dec^d may to this Extend you taking your oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye debts goods & chattels rights & credits to ye s^d deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & farther to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye s^d administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye 14 day of Jan^y. next ensuing—

Given under my hand & seal the 14th day of July 1694—

In ye name of God Amen *William & Mary* of England Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen defenders of ye faith in ye sixth year of their reign,

James White^a of *Southampton* in ye County of *Suffolk* & province of *N. York* being in perfect strength of mind & memory though weak in body do make this my last Will & Testam. viz: first I give and bequeath my soul unto her maker who at first gave it & body to ye Earth from whence it was taken & to be decently buried—

2^y I give unto my eldest son *Ephraim* my dwelling house & housing with my home lot ye sd house stands on here adjoining to ye main Street of ye town & my close on ye southside of ye path as we go to ye Water Mill that I had part of lot *Burnat* being 25 acres or upwards & my close of land at *Halsey's Neck* on ye East side of ye path being about eleven acres & a half & ye two acres over ye way between *Thomas Coopers* deceased land & *Thomas Topping* & all my meadow at *North Sea* & a lot of meadow at *Potunke* and a hundred of meadow & upland at *Ogdens Neck* all which premises of housing & lands & meadows I give unto my son *Ephraim* afores^d forever only ye use of which is hereafter reserved for my wife, and a fifty of commonage—

^a James White lived in Southampton. His home lot, left to his son Ephraim, is on the west side of Main Street, and now owned by Edwin C. Halsey. It was bought of Job Sayre about 1683. The home lot left to son James is on the west street of Southampton, next south of the house of late Captain Mercator Cooper. The house of Amelia Hendrickson stands on it. This in the earliest days is mentioned as the "home lot of widow Briggs." The land at Old Town, bounded north by John Jessup, etc., is now the land of heirs of Colonel Benjamin H. Foster.

3^{ly} I give & bequeath unto my second son *James White* my home lot between *Samuel Cooper* & *Ichabod Cooper* & my close of land at ye old town bounded North by *John Jessups* land, East by *Major Howells* land & South by *Joseph Piersons* land & West by ye highway & 12 acres in ye great plains two w^{of} in ye first neck & five in Halseys Neck Eight acre lots & one acre & half in Capt. Neck ten acre lots & one acre & half in oxpasture South division & two acres in a wood lot in ye North division in ye oxpasture and a lot of salt marsh meadow at *Aquabogue* & fifty pound lotment in *Ogdens Neck* of upland & meadow and all my meadow at *Shincock* & *Seponnuck* with a fifty pound commonage throughout all which land & premises I give unto him my said son *James* forever except what I shall reserve for ye use of my wife—

4^{ly}—I give and bequeath unto my third son *Steven White* all that my hundred of land at *Saggaponnuck* being about 20 acres & a lot of land in Hogneck & a lot of meadow belonging to s^d Hogneck division near *Easthampton* line all which sd. land & meadow I give unto him ye said *Steven* forever when he comes to ye age of twenty-one years.

5^{ly}—I give unto my son *Charles White* all my Smiths tools & ten pound in current money of this Province—

6^{ly}—I give unto my daughter *Sarah White* 30 pounds in current money of this Province afores^d—

7^{ly}—I give all ye rest of my moveable estate to my

well beloved wife *Ruth* with one third part of ye use of all my lands before demised during her natural life for my childrens bringing up & her comfortable subsistance & ye other two thirds to go into ye hands of my sons at 21 years of age as above expressed and if any of my sons depart this life ye land to return to ye next male heir of him or them so deceased and my will is that my well beloved wife *Ruth* shall be sole Executrix of this my last will & testamt. & I do appoint & pray *Steven Stratton, Samuel Cooper, & Thomas Tapping* to be overseers of my children & for to see my will executed—In Witness whereof I have set to my hand & seal in *Southampton* this 18th of June Anno Dom 1694.

JAMES WHITE [Seal]

Signed sealed & acknowledged to be his last will and testamt. in presence of us

JOSEPH TOPPING

SAM^l WHITEHEAD

MATTHEW HOWELL Justice

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 10th day of Oct. 1694 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved ye last will & testamt. of *James White* deceased at *Southampton* in ye County afores^d on ye 21st day of August Anno Dom. 1694 who by his said Will did nominate & appoint *Ruth*

his wife his sole Executrix for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased to whose care & trust was committed ye same being duly sworn to execute & perform her duty herein according to ye tenor of s^d will & ye laws of this Province.

In ye name of God Amen I *John Ingersoll*⁴² of *Huntington* Sen^t being sick of body but in my memory & knowledge have made this my last Will & testamt. in manner & form following first—I bequeath my soul to God my maker & redeemer & my body to ye Earth from whence I was taken—

Imprimis—I give & bequeath to my son *John* my ould lot of land next to Beeld lot & ten acres as I have laid out under ye hill and an hundred & fifty pound right of commonage & y^t piece of meadow land next *Joseph Veales* & a piece of fresh meadow near ye bridge & that forty-five acres in ye top of ye hill that leadeth to ye cove I give him one 3^d part of it all lands & meadows to remain to him & his heirs forever—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Simon* thirty rod of land in ye breadth adjoining to my son *Johns* lot it to run ye whole length of my lands & twenty eight rod in breadth at ye rear and one third part of

⁴² John Ingersoll was an early resident in Huntington. His children were John, born May 11, 1674; Jane, born June 9, 1676, and Simon, born August 31, 1678.

the forty-five acres on ye hills afores^d—Also one half part of my meadow at ye beach & one half part of my meadow near my house with an hundred & fifty pound right of commonage to remain to him & his heirs forever—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Daniel* all that lands & meadows that I purchased of *Jonas Valentine* with all profits thereupon with an hundred pound right of commonage to remain to him & his heirs forever, but if either of my sons chance to die without lawful issue then his part of lands & meadows so given shall be equally divided between those that survive of my sons—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Jane* that lot which I have in *Huntington* purchased of *Benjamin Jones* with an hundred pound right of commonage & all ye right of meadow & upland that I have upon *Sompoams* to remain to her & to her heirs forever & whereas ye half part of my meadow at ye beach & ye half part of that at home I have given to my son *Simon* ye other half part of both pieces of meadow I bequeath to my son *Daniel* only both my sons *Simon* & *Daniel* shall winter for their Mother each of them one cow & six sheep either of them yearly so long as their Mother live if she desire it of them—

Item—I give & bequeath to my loving wife *Jane Ingersoll* my dwelling house & orchard & six or eight acres of land adjoining to my house & barn which dwelling house orchard barn & land aboves^d to

remain & be at my wifes disposal forever and whereas there is winter grain upon ye ground my will is that my son to whom I have given ye land shall have one third part & ye other two thirds to be equally divided between my wife my other two sons & my daughter *Jane* for to see all things herein contained done & performed according to ye true intent & meaning of this my last Will and testamt. I have appointed my loving wife to be my executrix and she to have power to choose one whom she please to assist her in it for ye ratification hereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal ye first day of Nov. in ye 6th year of ye reign of our sovereign Lord & Lady *William & Mary* King & Queen of England Scotland France & Ireland Defenders of ye faith &c. & in ye year of our Lord 1694.

JOHN INGERSOLL [Seal]

Signed sealed & published in ye presence of

JOHN PAGE
NATHANIEL FOSTER
JOSEPH BAYLY

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 27 day of Nov. 1694 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Col. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *John Ingersoll* deceased at *Huntington* on ye 7 day of Nov. Anno Dom. 1694 who by his said last Will & testamt. nominated & appointed *Jane* his wife his Executrix for ye

well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased to whose care & trust was committed ye same being duly sworn to Execute & perform her duty herein according to ye tenor of the said Will & ye laws of this Province—

By ye Hono^{ble} *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of New York in America. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *James Topping*⁴³ late of *Southampton* in ye County aboves^d departed this life on ye 18th day of May Anno Dom 1694 leaving no Executor and *Abigail* his widow for certain causes her hereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of all & singular ye goods & chattels of her deceased husband may be granted unto her ye widow of ye said deceased I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Abigail* afores^d have nominated constituted and appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint you *Abigail* widow of ye deceased administratrix of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of *James Topping* afores^d dec. with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods chattels leases debts & credits w^{soever} to ye s^d deceased belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^{soever}—In ye first place

⁴³ James Topping was son of Elnathan Topping, and lived at Sagg.

paying those debts whereby ye s^d deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye s^d deceased may to this Extend you taking your oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye goods & chattels debts rights & credits to ye sd deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye sd. administration before me or such as shall be appointed thereunto at or before ye sixteenth day of Oct. next ensuing.

Dated at *Brookhaven* ye 16 of April 1695—

In ye name of God Amen March ye 16 168⁵ I *Nathaniel Brewster*⁴⁴ in County Suffolk on Long Island being weak in body but of sound & good memory calling to mind my frailty & ye uncertain estate of this uncertain life do make & ordain this my last Will & testamt. by these presents revoking & annulling any former will made by me either by word or writing & yt. this only is to be approved my last will & testamt. & none other—

Imprimis—I commit my soul unto God my

⁴⁴Nathaniel Brewster was the first minister of Brookhaven. The question as to his ancestry at present attracts much attention, but remains unanswered. His son Timothy was town clerk for twenty-three years, and his son Daniel for twenty-six years following. On October 24, 1665, the town bought for Rev. Mr. Brewster the house and lot of Matthew Prior. His ministry is an important chapter in the history of Brookhaven.

Creator in sure & certain hopes of ye Resurrection to life & immortality by ye merits of Jesus Christ & my body to be decently interred at ye usual burying place of ye s^d town of *Brookhaven* as my Executor hereafter shall appoint & my worldly goods I give & bestow in manner & form following—

Item—To *Timothy* my son I give & bequeath ye dwelling house I now live in the home lot belonging to it & ye buildings fences & other improvements thereon containing about nine or ten acres more or less & a six acre lot in ye old field joining to *Capt. Tookers* lot on ye one side & to *Benjamin Smiths* on ye other side & a five acre lot in ye little neck and five acres at *Newtown* & twenty acres in *Georges Necke* & half an acre of Meadow at ye old mans & half ye meadow at ye west meadow & half ye fifty acre lot in *Mount Misery* & half ye meadow & upland at ye south which meadow & upland at ye south is to be equally divided between *Timothy* & *Daniel Brewster*—

Item—To *Daniel* my son I give & bequeath the house home lot & other improvements purchased of *John Roe* & two 3 acre lots in ye old field five acres in ye little necke and five acres at ye old mans near *Andrew Millers* the seventeen acres to be laid out the half of ye fifty acre lot in *Mount Misery* half ye meadow at ye West meadow, & half ye meadow & upland at ye South.

Item—To *John Brewster* my eldest son I give & bequeath fifty acres of land laid out in ye plains as

in ye records may appear and in case the s^d *John* be deceased or shall not otherwise dispose of it within seven years it shall return to & be equally divided between my sons *Timothy & Daniel* before named—

Item—To my two grandchildren *Daniel & Abigail Burr* I give and bequeath ten shillings a piece—

Item—To *Sarah* my wife I give and bequeath all my household goods and chattels whatsoever together with my books & ye husbandry queares and tools with full & free ordering & disposal of all ye stock I now possess as horses cattle sheep swine &c. whom with ye assistance of my two sons *Timothy & Daniel* I constitute & ordain to be the Executrix of this my last Will & Testamt. to perform all things pertaining to ye office of an Executrix to pay ye aboves^d legacys & to give & provide portions for all my daughters at her discretion out of ye improvements of ye stock aforenamed & with the assistance of my s^d two sons always provided that there be referred to my s^d Executrix a good & competent maintenance out of ye improvements of the lands willed and bequeathed to my sons *Timothy & Daniel* above named as also ye full & free use of ye house home lot orchards gardens and other improvements thereon which are bequeathed to my son *Timothy*—

In confirmation whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above named.

NATHANIEL BREWSTER [Seal]

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

THO. HELME

ZACH. HAWKINS

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 3^d day of May 1695 at *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of New York before *Col. Will^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative was proved & approved the last will and testam^t. of *Nathaniel Brewster* dec^d at *Brookhaven* in ye County afores^d on ye day of Anno Dom. 168 who by his said last will & testam^t. did nominate and appoint *Sarah* his wife to be his Executrix as by ye s^d will may appear for ye well and faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye said deceased to whose care & trust was committed ye same being duly sworn to execute & perform her duty herein according to ye tenor of ye said Will & ye laws of this Province.

By ye Hono^{ble} *Col. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk of ye Province of New York in America. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that w^{as} *Christopher Youngs Sen^r*⁴⁵ late of *Southhold* in ye County of Suffolk departed this life on ye 31 of July Anno Dom. 1695 leaving no Executor and *Mary* his widow & *Benjamin* son of the s^d deceased for certain causes them hereunto justly moving have prayed that ye administration of ye goods and chattels of ye said deceased may be granted unto

⁴⁵ Christopher Youngs was son of Rev. John Youngs. He married Mary, daughter of Lieutenant John Budd.

them ye sd widow & son of ye s^d deceased, I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Mary* & *Benjamin* aboves^d have nominated constituted & appointed you *Mary* ye widow & *Benjamin* ye eldest son of ye s^d deceased afores^d and by these presents do constitute & appoint you joint administrators of all and singular ye goods chattels and credits of ye s^d Christopher Youngs deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover all & singular ye goods & chattels leases debts & credits w^hsoever to ye s^d deceased belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^hsoever in ye first place paying those debts w^hby ye s^d dec^d stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of the s^d dec^d may to this Extend you taking your oaths truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye debts goods & chattels rights & credits to ye sd decd belonging or in anywise appertaining which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye sd. administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye 20 day of March next ensuing—

Given under my hand & seal the 20th day of Sept.
Anno Dom. 1695.

Manor of St. Georges in County Suffolk March ye 14 1693. This day was presented to *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court for ye s^d County ye last Will & Testam^t of *Peter Silvester*⁴⁶ late of *Shelter Island* in ye County afores^d dec^d as also a petition from *Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvester* Executrix appointed by ye said Will praying ye same might be proved & approved by ye s^d judge—A supplication was also read made to ye s^d Judge by *Mr. Giles Sylvester* brother to ye said *Peter* deceased praying the s^d Will might not be proved for yt. his brother at ye time of ye publishing ye s^d will had not *animum testandi* & prays time to prove ye same & to have a copy of ye s^d Will—Ordered that if ye s^d *Giles Sylvester* have a copy of ye will & if he shall at or before ye 20th of instant March give sufficient security to make good all costs charges & damages that may acru^e to ye Executor or others concerned in ye s^d Will for or by reason of ye delaying ye probate thereof if he shall not prove anything material to invalidate or make null ye same that then further time shall be allowed him to prove his allegations—That if he neglect or refuse to do the same then due proof being made on ye 20th instant March the probate shall not be longer stayed. That *Mr. Giles Sylvester* & *Elizabeth* his sister have sent them a copy of this order and that ye Executrix & those

⁴⁶ Peter Silvester was son of Captain Nathaniel Silvester, who died about 1680. Shelter Island was purchased by Captain Silvester and John Booth in 1652.

that prove ye said Will have notice then personally to appear before the Judge at ye Manor of St. Georges afores^d and that an inventory of the testator's goods and chattels be then exhibited to this Court and that if none be already made Justice *Mapes* have power to appoint two or more honest men of ye neighborhood to inventory & value ye same in company of one two or more of ye testators creditors or legatees if they will see ye same.

Province of New York County of Suffolk Manor of St. Georges March 21 1695 A supplication was this day produced from *Mr. Giles Sylvester* of *Shelter Island* to *Col. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Pre-rogative Court of this County praying a further time may be allowed him to give security to prove his allegations why ye last Will of his late Brother *Peter Sylvester* ought not to be proved according to a former order of this Court expired ye 20th of instant March & praying that his security pursuant to said order may be taken at *Southhold*—Ordered & decreed that unless security be given according to ye former order of this Court the Probate cannot be stayed if ye partys concerned therein pray it of this Court & produce sufficient testimony to prove ye same but that until such proofs be offered *Mr. Giles Sylvester* have time to object against it giving security as afores^d but that said security must be given in this courte. An Inventory of ye Testators personal estate was also exhibited to this Court amounting to £216. 17^s. 7^d. Ordered y^t ye sd. inventory be

returned & yt ye appraisers do upon y^r oath declare yt. they have duly & truly apprized ye sd goods at a just value according to their conscience & best understanding.

Ordered yt. *Mrs. Elizabeth Sylvester* named Co-Executrix in ye sd. Testators Will have ye custody of ye goods in ye sd inventory contained (if she desire ye same) she giving security to this Court— That in case ye sd Will be not allowed of ye sd goods shall be forthcoming to be disposed of according to law as this Court shall direct And yt those parties concerned in ye Probate of ye s^d Will have time until ye 21 of April next ensuing to prove ye same and that *Mrs Elizabeth & M^r Giles Sylvester* have both copies of these orders—

The last Will & Testam^t of me *Thomas James*⁴⁷ Preacher of ye Gospel & Minister of *Easthampton* in ye County of Suffolk upon the Isle of Nassau

⁴⁷ Rev. Thomas James was son of Rev. Thomas James of Lincolnshire, England. He came to America June 5, 1632, and settled in Charlestown, Mass. From there he went to New Haven and came to Easthampton before April 22, 1651. His salary as preacher was at first £45 a year, and his lands were to be free from taxes. This was afterward increased to £50. His knowledge of the Indian language caused his services to be in great demand as interpreter, and he prepared a catechism for their benefit. The town ordered that his grist should be the first ground at the mill, and he was allowed half of the dead whales cast upon the shore. He also had a home lot and a share in the land. These lands he sold to Lyon Gardiner, "Lord of the Isle of Wight," in 1659 for £500, he retaining the use during life. His parsonage lot on the east side of the street and opposite the burying ground has remained in the Gardiner family ever since, and is now owned by heirs of

alias Long Island within ye Province of New York as followeth—first I having given long since my soul to God & Christ do continue the same & my body to the grave whence I expect its glorious resurrection to life again at ye last day my estate as followeth—

First—I give to my eldest daughter *Sarah* wife of *Peregrine Stanbrough* (having already given her more than any of the rest of my children) I say I give to her four score pound in cash current of this Province to be paid by my Executors after my decease a month or less after—Also I give her an Equal part with the other of my children of my moveable goods both within doors & without also yt. small part I have in ye ship called ye *Spreddwell* being half a quarter—Also ye feather bed I lye upon & ye green rug with it.

Second—I give to my 2^d daughter *Mary* wife of *John Stretton* an hundred pound (in cash of this Province) after my decease, also an equal part with ye rest of her sisters of my goods—

Third—I give to my daughter *Hannah* wife of *James Dymont* an hundred pound in cash of this Province after my decease, also an equal division of my goods with ye rest of her sisters—

Samuel B. Gardiner. His nextdoor neighbor on the north was Lion Gardiner. Tradition states that he was buried at his own request facing the west, contrary to usual custom, that he "might face his congregation at the day of judgment." His tombstone bears the following "Mr. Thomas James dyed the 16th day of June in the yeare 1696. He was Minister of the Gospel and Pasture of the Church of Christ." His wife, Katharine Blux, whom he married September 2, 1660, was probably a relative or connection of Rev. Robert Fordham of Southampton.

Fourth—I having very lately delivered to my son in law *Thomas Harris* in behalf of his wife my fourth daughter *Ruth* an hundred pound in current money of this Province upon some condition do by this my Will confirm it absolutely to her my daughter *Ruth* after my decease. Also I give to her an equal part with ye rest of her sisters of my goods. Also I give her over & above my feather bed now in ye larger chamber with ye furniture to it. Legacys to be paid by my executors out of my estate as followeth—1. To my grandchildren *Mary Stanbrough* & *Mary Stretton* I will fifty pound a piece or to each of them so much viz: fifty pound in cash of this Province—Also I give each of them a feather bed two pair of sheets to each of them coverlid blanket & bolster—I also give to each of them a cow & six sheep—Also to each of them an iron pot of ye bigger sort, also to each of them two a pewter platter of a middle size & to each of them a silver spoon—2. I will twenty pound in cash current of this Province to my daughter in law *Anne Howell* now wife of *Mr Abraham Howell* of *Southhampton*—Provided she ye sd *Anne* nor any other of her relatives or friends bring in no after reconing upon account of her first husband my son *Nathaniel* deceased & a full discharge be given to my Executors of all. 3—I give to my eldest grandson *John Stanbrough* ten pound in Cash or equivalent after my decease—4. I give to my two daughters in law ye one of them *Mary* ye wife of *Mr John Mulford* ye other

Elizabeth ye wife of *Mr Joseph Osborn* to each of them ten pound in Cash of this Province or equivalent to be paid by my Executors after my decease. 5. I constitute & ordain *Peregrine Stanbrough John Stretton James Dymont & Thomas Harris* my sons in law to be co. or joint Executors of this my last will & testam. 6. As for what debts is owing me from this ye town of *Easthampton* either former arrears or for last year or this present year amounting to above seven score pound in pay I say what is not paid before my decease I give to my Executors to be distributed to all my grandchildren (Excepting them whose names are here mentioned in this my will) by my four daughters to be equally divided amongst them when they come to age only this, that if ye town freely & readily will take ye best & speediest way they can for ye discharge of ye debts afores^d or their Trustee then I give to ye town afores^d twenty pound out of ye sd debts towards ye maintenance of a good schoolmaster in this town, otherwise not. 7.—I desire my two sons in law *Mr John Mulford & Mr Joseph Osborn* to be the overseers of this my last Will for ye due performance of ye same also to be assistant to my Executors for ye gathering in what debts I shall leave at my decease for which I give & allow to each of them three pounds out of ye said debts, for ye ratification & confirmation of this my last Will & Testam. I do set to my hand & fix my seal Jun ye 5 Anno Dom. 1696 & in ye 8th year of his Maty. King *William* ye 2^d of Great

Britain France & Ireland Def^t of ye faith, whom God save.

Also I give to my son in law *James Dymont* my share in ye horse Mill. Also I give to my son in law *John Stretton* w^t time at my decease I have in my man *Charles Jones*, my Executors to make good his Indenture & to allow him 40^s in pay more—

THO. JAMES [Seal]

Subscribed & sealed in presence of us

CORNELIUS CONKLING

SHUBAELL TALMAGE

JOHN WHEELER Jr.

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 23^d day of June 1696 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before ye Hono^{ble} *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County aboves^d was proved & approved the last Will & testamt. of *Thomas James* late of *Easthampton* in ye County aboves^d deceased the 14th day of June Anno Dom. 1696 who by his said last will & testamt. did nominate & appoint *Peregrine Stanbrough John Stretton James Dymont & Thomas Harris* joint Executors for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased as by ye copy of s^d Will may appear to whose care & trust was committed ye same being duly sworn to Execute & perform their duty herein according to ye tenor of ye sd will & ye laws of this Province.

To all to whome these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *James Chichester*⁴⁵ late of *Huntington* in ye County of Suffolk departed this life on ye 29 day of Jany. 169^t and *David Chichester* his son for certain causes him thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of all ye goods & chattels of ye said deceased may be granted to him ye son of ye sd deceased—I therefore by virtue of ye authority to me given reposing special trust in you *David Chichester* afores^d have and do by these presents nominated constituted & appointed you *David Chichester* son of ye sd deceased Administrator of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd *James Chichester* deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover ye same to ye sd deceased belonging or in any wise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^hsoever. In ye first place paying those debts wherein ye s^d deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye said deceased may to this Extend You taking your oath truly to administer ye same and to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular the debts goods & chattels rights & credits to ye sd deceased belonging which shall or may come to y^r hands possession or knowledge—And further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye said administration before me or

⁴⁵ James Chichester was son of James Chichester who was living at Taunton, Mass., 1643, and at Salem in 1650. He lived near Huntington harbor before February, 1662.

such other judge or judges as may be appointed thereunto at or before ye 8th day of March next ensuing ye date hereof—

Given under my hand & seal ye 8th day of Sept.
1696

WILLIAM SMITH

THO. HELM, Clerk.

The last Will & testamt. of *Majr John Howell*⁴⁹—
In ye name of God—Amen—At *Southampton* in ye
County of Suffolk & Province of New York ye 3^d
day of April 1693 I *John Howell* of aboves^d town &
County being diseased in body but of good & sound
memory thanks be to God Almighty & calling to
remembrance ye uncertain estate of this transitory
life and yt all flesh must yield to death when it shall
please God to call, do make constitute ordain &
declare this my last Will & testamt. in manner &
form following revoking & disannulling by these
presents all & every testamt. & testamts. will & wills

⁴⁹Major John Howell was son of Edward Howell, the leader of the founders of Southampton. The home lot left to grandson John Howell is on the east side of Southampton Street, and lately owned by Louise De Bost. The home lot of Major Howell, where he was living at the time of his death, and which he left to his son Nathaniel, was on the west side of the street, directly opposite. The homestead of his son Theophilus Howell was at Sagg, and is now the north part of the homestead of Justice G. Clarence Topping. This lot remained in the possession of the heirs of Captain Theophilus Howell till about 1836. John Howell, the son of the Major, was town clerk for several years, and died March 8, 1692. The tombstone of Major John Howell, bearing the ancestral arms, tells us he died November 3, 1696, aged 71.

heretofore by me made & declared either by word or writing and this is only to be taken for my last Will & testant. & none other and first being penitent for my sins most humbly desiring forgiveness for ye same commit my soul to God Almighty my Saviour & my body to be decently buried by my fathers sepulchre—

1. And now for ye settling my temporal estate & such goods chattels & debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me—I do order give & bestow ye same in manner & form following (that is to say) first—I will y^t all those debts & duties as I owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons w^hsoever shall be well & truly contented & paid or ordered to be paid within convenient time after my decease by my Executor hereafter named—

2—Item—I do give & bequeath unto *John Howell* my grandchild *John's* son all yt home lot of land which I formerly bought of *Arthur Howell* containing by estimation four acres with all ye housing & fence thereupon bounded South by *Joseph Fosters* land North by my brother *Edwards* West by ye town street East by my own land as also all yt. my part or division of land in ye close in ye little plains (Excepting nine acres of said close willed by me to his uncle *Nathaniel*) being by estimation eight acres more or less bounded East by ye land of *Joseph Foster* south by ye south sea beach as also I do hereby confirm unto him ye said *John Howell* all lands & meadows yt. I gave unto his father & he was possessed of

(Excepting always ye twelve acres where *Nathaniel* my son now lives on as also excepting three acres at *Wukapoague* & seven acres of land in ye wood close at *Little Worth* alias called *Lawrence Hill* all which lands & meadows I do hereby give grant & confirm unto ye sd *Jno Howell* to have & to hold to him & his heirs forever—Provided always yt ye s^d *Jno. Howell* do relinquish all pretended title & right yt. he may or can claim any manner of ways unto that twelve acres of land with ye house housing or fencing thereupon now possessed by my son *Nathaniel* as also ye three acres at *Wukapoague* & ye seven acres of land at *Lawrence Hill* as is above s^d which and if ye s^d *John Howell* doth not condescend unto these my will is that ye s^d *Jno. Howell* shall pay unto his second brother *Stephen Howell* ye sum of two hundred pounds in current money for consideration of ye above twelve acres of land with housing & fence thereon now possessed by my son *Nathaniel* as also if he does not relinquish ye seven acres of land at *Lawrence Hill* to his third brother *Henry* then & in that case I do will *John Howell* to pay to his brother *Henry* fifty pounds—

3—I do give & bequeath unto *Stephen Howell* my grandchild that twelve acres of land yt. my son *Nathaniel Howell* now possesses with all housing & fencing thereon which I do confirm to him to have & to hold to him & his heirs forever—

4—Item—I do give & bequeath unto *Henry Howell* my grandchild all yt seven acres land at

Lawrence Hill with seven acres land adjoining to it at ye East side of *Lawrence Hill* as also four acres & a half of land adjoining to his brother *Jno's* home lot all which land & fencing belonging thereunto I do confirm unto ye said *Henry* to have & to hold to him & his heirs for ever—

5—Item—I do give & bequeath unto my second son *Matthew* all ye close at ye head of ye creek Westward of ye great plain whereof he now possesses ye one half as also one hundred & fiftieth allotment which I had in *Ogdens Neck* which he has now changed & laid in *Quagua Neck* as also one half of that land bought of *John Kerby* near or at *Middletown* in Connecticut with his brother *Theophilus* ye other half as also my twenty acres more or less at *Scuttlehole* as also two acres of land in ye ten acre lots in ye plain as also a fiftieth of *Southampton* commonage as also all lands I formerly gave him & meadows yt he now possesses all which I do give & grant unto him to have & to hold to him & his heirs forever—

6—I do give & bequeath unto *Abraham Howell* my third son all ye land y' his now dwelling house stands on being nine acres more or less as also ye equal half of all my right of land at *Wukapogue* excepting fifteen acres willed to my son *Nathaniel* out of ye whole as also twenty acres of land in ye wood close yt. he now possesseth as also one hundred and fifty lotment of meadow I had of *Smith* at *Shinacocke* as also a fifty meadow joining to it East-

ward with *Isaac Wilman* with a fiftieth of *S. Hampton* commonage all which lands & meadow I do give & grant unto him to have & to hold to him & his heirs forever—

7—I do give & bequeath unto my fourth son *Ephraim* all that land his now dwelling house stands on being twenty-four acres more or less as also ye equal half of my lands at *Wukapogue* which his brother *Abraham* ye other half Reserving & Excepting out of ye whole fifteen acres of land to my son *Nathaniel* as also my piece of meadow lying beyond ye long tongue at *Shinacocke* north of my brother *Edwards* meadow as also a fiftieth of Meadow in *Ogdens Neck* as also ten acres of land adjoining to seven acres of land willed to my grandchild *Henry Howell* at *Lawrence Hill* with half of my meadow at *Occabogue* ye other half I have willed to *Nathaniel* as also a fiftieth of *Southampton* commonage all which lands & meadows I do give & grant unto my s^d son to have & to hold to him & his heirs forever—

8 Item—I do give and bequeath unto my fifth son *Theophilus Howell* all my right & title of land at *Saggabonnet* namely that piece of land his now dwelling house stands on being nine acres more or less and a fiftieth acre lot he now possesseth there Eastward of *Saggabonnet* as also twenty acres of land more or less adjoining to his brother in law *Henry Piersons* land in two places as also one acre of land I had of *Jno. Cooper* in ye ten acre lot as also a lot of meadow at *Smiths* meadow as also my lot at *Hog-*

neck as also my lot of meadow at *Potunke* as also a fiftie of *S'hampton* commonage as also ye one half of my land bought of *Jno. Kerby* near or at *Middletown* in Connecticutt river with his brother *Matthew* ye other half all which lands & meadows I do give and grant unto my said son to have & to hold to him & to his heirs for ever—

9 Item—I do give and bequeath unto my sixth son *Nathaniel* my now dwelling house & housing with ye land it stands on less or more as also fifteen acres of land reserved at *Wukapogue* from *Abraham* & *Ephraim* as also my wood close adjoining to his brother *Abraham* of twelve acres more or less as also nine acres of land in ye little plain adjoining to *Jonathan Raynor* Westward & *John Howell* Eastward as also a fiftieth meadow in *Ogdens Neck* as also two acres meadow in *Coopers Neck* as also my lot of meadow on ye beach as also ye half of my meadow at *Occoboague* with his brother *Ephraim* ye other half as also a fifty of *S'hampton* commonage provided always that ye said *Nathaniel* shall relinquish unto his nephew *Stephen Howell* all right & title that he can or may any manner of ways claim unto ye house & lot he now possesses all which lands houses & meadows as is above specified I do give & grant unto my s^d son with ye proviso fores^d to have & to hold to him & his heirs forever—

10 Item—I do give & bequeath unto my five above named sons & *Jno. Howell* my grandson all that close of *Calve Neck* to be equally divided

betwixt them, all which I do give & grant unto them to have & to hold to them & their heirs forever—

11 Item—I do give & bequeath unto my eldest daughter *Susannah Pierson* one hundred pounds of country pay to her & her heirs she or they allowing what she hath already received out of it—

12 Item—I do give & bequeath unto my second daughter *Prudence Howell* one hundred pounds in Country pay to her & her heirs—

13 Item—I do give & bequeath unto my third daughter *Abigail Halsy* one hundred pound of country pay to her & her heirs she or they allowing what she hath already received out of it.

14 Item—I do give & bequeath unto my granddaughter *Susannah Howell* now with me twenty pounds country pay to her & her heirs—

15 Item—I do give & bequeath to my beloved wife *Susannah Howell* for her comfortable sustenance & living one third part of all my moveables goods & chattels reserving unto her also during her natural life one third part of all my lands yt. I have bequeathed as above notwithstanding my above grants as also reserving unto her during her natural life my now dwelling house & garden all which third part of moveables & land as above I give & grant unto her.

16 Item—Lastly I do make my beloved wife *Susannah Howell* & my second son *Matthew Howell* sole & joint Executors of this my last will &

testant. to see it Executed in every part & point thereof as witness my hand & seal day year & place afores^d

JOHN HOWELL [Seal]

Signed & sealed in presence of

JOHN JEFFREY
JOSEPH PIERSON
MANASSES KEMPTON
JNO. CAMPBELL

Paid to *Col Pierson* in severals as may appear upon ye book ye sum of £75. 14^s 0 as part of his wives portion *John Howell*—Know all men by these presents that I *Henry Pierson* of ye town of *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of New York Gent—have received & had ye day of ye making of these presents of *Mrs. Susannah Howell* & *Matthew Howell* Executors of ye last Will of *Majr John Howell* deceased ye sum of twenty four pounds six shillings in country pay with ye sum of seventy five pounds fourteen shillings formerly received and endorsed on said Will in full paymt. of one hundred pounds in like current pay given & bequeathed unto my wife by ye said *John Howell* her honored Father in his s^d testamt. yt. which said sum of one hundred pound in full paymt. & satisfaction of all bequests & legacies to my s^d wife *Susannah* & me given in ye s^d testamt. I acknowledge myself fully satisfied contented & paid—

In Witness whereof I have set to my hand & seal in *Southampton* afores^d this 17th day of March Anno Dom. 169⁶/₇.

HENRY PIERSON [Seal]

Signed & sealed in presence of us

ABRAHAM HOWELL

PRUDENCE HOWELL

Paid to *Mr Isaac Halsy* ye sum of seventy one pound five shillings in severals as may appear by acct. as part of his wifes portion—*John Howell*—Know all men by these presents that I *Isaac Halsy* of ye town of *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York yeoman have received & had ye day of ye making of these presents of *Mrs. Susannah Howell & Matther Howell* Executors of ye last Will & testamt. of *Majr John Howell* ye sum of twenty one pound five shillings with ye sum of seventy eight pound fifteen shillings formerly received & endorsed on said Will in full paymt. of one hundred pound in current pay given & bequeathed unto my wife *Abigail* deceased by ye sd *John Howell* her honored Father in his s^d testamt. ye which sd sum of one hundred pound in full paymt. & satisfaction of all bequests & legacies to her ye s^d *Abigail* my wife given in ye s^d testamt I acknowledge myself fully satisfied contented & paid—

In witness whereof I have set to my hand & seal
in *Southampton* afores^d ye 12th day of May Anno
Dom 169

ISAAC HALSEY [Seal]

Signed & sealed in presence of us

NATHANIEL HOWELL

MANASSES KEMPTON

Obit. Nov. 3 1696

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye yt. on ye
first day of Dec. 1696 at ye Manor of St. Georges
before *Coll. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative in ye
County of Suffolk was proved & approved ye last
testamt. of ye sd *John Howell* deceased (prout ante).

Know all men by these presents yt I *Prudence
Howell* of ye town of *Southampton* in ye County of
Suffolk & Province of N. York have received & had
ye day of ye making of these presents of my honored
mother & my brother *Matthew Howell* Executors of
ye last Will & testamt. of my honored father *John
Howell* deceased ye sum one hundred pound in cur-
rent pay given & bequeathed unto me sd *Prudence
Howell* by my sd. Father in his sd testamt. which
said sum of one hundred pound in full payment &
satisfaction of all bequests & legacies to me given in
ye sd testamt. I acknowledge myself fully satisfied
contented & paid—

In Witness whereof I have set to my hand & seal

in *Southampton* this 21 day of May Anno Dom
1697.

PRUDENCE HOWELL [Seal]

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us

JOSEPH FORDHAM

THEOPHILUS HOWELL

Know all men by these presents yt. we namely
Job Sayre & Susannah Sayre of ye town of *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of New York have received & had ye day of ye making of these presents of our honored grandmother & *Matthew Howell* Executors of ye last Will & Testamt. of our honored grandfather *John Howell* deceased ye sum of twenty pound in current pay given & bequeathed unto her ye sd *Susannah* by her sd. grandfather in his sd testamt. which s^d sum of twenty pound in full paymt. & satisfaction of all bequests & legacies to her given in s^d testamt. We the sd *Job Sayre & Susannah Sayre* acknowledge ourselves fully satisfied contented & paid—

In Witness whereof have set to our hands & seals in *Southampton* afores^d this 27 day of December Anno Dom. 1697

JOB SAYRE [Seal]

SUSANNAH SAYRE [Seal]

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us

NATHANIEL HOWELL

JOANNAH COOPER

In ye name of God Amen—This 25th day of Sept. in ye year of our Lord Christ 1696 I *William Wells*⁶⁹ of ye town of *S'hold* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York in America Yeoman being sick in body but sound in mind thanks to Almighty God therefor and calling to mind ye uncertainty of this transitory life do make constitute ordain & appoint this to be my last Will & testamt. hereby utterly revoking disannulling & making void all & all manner of wills and testaments. w'soever heretofore by me had made published & declared & that this only & none other shall be taken deemed or reputed for my last Will and testamt. in manner & form following—

Imprimis—I bequeath my soul to Almighty God from whence it came and my body to ye Earth to be decently interred according to my degree & quality by my Executrix hereafter named—

Item: I give & bequeath to my eldest son *William* ye farm I now dwell on called *Quashnecke* with all ye houses after my wifes interest in ye dwelling house is Expired gardens orchards lands meadows feedings pastures & appurtenances w'soever thereunto belonging as likewise my neck of land commonly called little hog neck with half my meadow of Creek thatch adjoining to Pulls neck and also all my meadow situate & being on ye south side of Aqua-

⁶⁹ William Wells was eldest son of William Wells, one of the first and most prominent settlers. He was born 1659. His wife, Elizabeth Tuthill, survived him and married John Goldsmith.

bogue River to have & to hold all ye s^d houses gardens orchards lands & meadows to ye only use & behoof of my eldest son *William* & the issue of his body lawfully begotten forever—

Item—I give & bequeath to my second son *John Wells* all my three lots of upland & meadow that lies within ye north side new division within ye bounds of ye old town as also half my meadow lying & being at *Kachogue* Great Meadow & half my meadow of Creek thatch adjoining to Bulls' neck and also half my meadow of Creek thatch y^t was laid out to me in ye last division y^t was in *S'hold* situate & being near Pull's neck afores^d To Have & to hold all ye said lands & meadows with all & every their appurtenances & priveleges to ye only use & behoof of my s^d son *John* & ye issue of his body lawfully begotten forever—

Item—I give & bequeath to my third son *Henry* all ye residue of my town accomodations not before bequeathed with ye other half of my meadow of Creek thatch laid out to me in ye last division situate & being near Pull's neck as also one lot of undivided common & ye other half of my meadow lying & being in *Kachogue* great meadow to have & to hold ye sd lands & meadow with their & every of ye priveleges & appurtenances to ye only use & behoof of my said son *Henry* and ye issue of his body lawfully begotten forever, and also my meadow commonly called *Ketchu* meadow to my s^d son *Henry* & ye issue of his body lawfully begotten for ever—

Item—I give to my daughter *Mary* twelve pounds current pay of this Province to be paid unto her ye s^d *Mary* when she shall come to lawful age or be married, by my eldest son *William* or his heirs out of ye produce of ye lands & meadows before given & bequeathed to him ye said *William Wells*—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Mary* when she shall come to lawful age or be married ye sum of eight pounds of ye like current pay to be paid to her ye sd. *Mary* by my second son *Henry* or his heirs out of ye produce of ye lands & meadows before given & bequeathed to my s^d son *Henry Wells*—
—I give to my well beloved wife ye full use of my now dwelling house with all ye priveleges thereunto belonging for her my s^d wife *Elizabeth* quietly & peaceably to enjoy & dwell in during her widowhood—

Item—I give to my well beloved wife *Elizabeth* all my moveables both within doors & without and also all my stock of horse kind cattle sheep & swine to ye only use & behoof of my s^d wife *Elizabeth* so long as she shall live a widow but in case she shall marry then I give ye one half of ye said moveables & stock to my s^d wife *Elizabeth* forever, and ye other half of ye said moveables & stock to my three sons to be equally divided among them forever—

Lastly—of this my last Will & Testamt. I do appoint & ordain my well beloved wife *Elizabeth* to be Executrix & my son *William* to be Executor—

In Witness whereof I have published & declared

this to be my last will & testamt. and have thereunto set my hand & fixed my seal in my dwelling house on my farm of *Quashnecke* ye day & year above written—

WILLIAM WELLS [Seal]

Signed sealed published & declared to be ye last Will & testamt. of *W^m Wells* above mentioned in presence of

SAM^l WINES

WILLIAM WHITEHAIR

DELIVERANCE WHITEHAIR

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 19th day of January 169⁶ at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye honorable *Col. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved and approved ye last will & testamt. of ye sd *William Wells* deceased at *S'hold* on ye 17th day of October 1696 who by his sd last Will did nominate & appoint *Elizabeth* his wife his Executrix to whose care & trust was committed ye administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased to Execute & perform her duty herein according to law &c.

In ye name of God Amen—ye 12th day of January Anno Dom 169⁶ & in ye 9th year of our Sovereign Lord *William* by ye grace of God of England &c

King I *Phebe Platt* ^s of *Huntington* in ye County of Suffolk widow being weak of body but of perfect memory do make this my last Will & testamt. in maner & form following that is to say :

First—I bequeath my soul & spirit into ye hands of Almighty God my heavenly father by whom of his mere & only grace I trust to be saved & received into eternal rest through ye death of my Saviour & redeemer Jesus Christ in whose precious blood I set ye whole & only hope of my salvation my wretched body in hope of a joyful resurrection I commit to ye Earth to be buried with such charges & in such place as my Executor hereafter named shall think good—And touching ye disposition of my mortal goods I dispose of ye same as followeth : first I will yt all such debts as I owe shall be truly paid—

Item : I give & bequeath to my well beloved son *Epenetus Platt* one of those three bibles which were left by his grandfather *Platt*—

Item : I give & bequeath unto my well beloved daughter *Phebe Tredwell* my own bible she already (with what was given her at marriage & by her fathers will) having a double portion & more—

^s Phebe Platt was daughter of Jonas Wood, and married Epenetus Platt in 1667. Their children were, Phebe, born March 19, 1669, married John Tredwell; Mary, born January 11, 1672, married Timothy Tredwell; Epenetus, born April 4, 1674; Hannah, born August 23, 1679; Elizabeth, born March 1, 1682, married Jonathan Smith; Jonas, born April 24, 1684; "Drowned at Amboy in the Jerseys, March 25, 1731." Jeremiah, born November 25, 1686; Ruth, born June 13, 1688, and Sarah, born February 4, 1692.

Item: I give & bequeath to my well beloved daughter *Mary* all my child bed linning mantles my muffs—

Item: I give to my daughter *Hannah* one of those three bibles left by her grandfather *Plat*.

Item: I give to my well beloved daughter *Elizabeth* ye other of ye said bibles left by her said grandfather.

Item: I give & bequeath to my well beloved son *Jeremiah* my great iron kettle—

Item: I give to my well beloved daughter *Ruth* ye Pewter tankard given me by my father *Wood*—

Item: I give to my well beloved daughter *Sarah* my silver whistle bells & chain—

Item: I give to my two youngest daughters *Ruth* & *Sarah* each of them one of my best handkerchiefs caps & aprons—

Item: I give to my two daughters *Hannah* & *Elizabeth* all ye rest of my wearing apparel to be equally divided between them two—

Item: I give to my four youngest daughters *Hannah*, *Elizabeth*, *Ruth* & *Sarah* three chequered coverlids & one suit of home made worsted curtains to be equally divided amongst them only it is my will yt my daughter *Hannah* shall & may have her choice whether she will take ye sd suit of curtains or one of ye coverlids—

Item: I give four pieces of Arabian gold to buy bibles for my four youngest children *Jonas* *Jeremiah* *Ruth* & *Sarah*—

Item: I give to my well beloved son *Epenetus* for considerations to my self known, twenty pounds—

Item: I give & bequeath all & every part of ye remainder of my estate to be equally divided among my eight children that is to say *Epenetus, Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth, Jonas, Jeremiah, Ruth & Sarah*—

Item—it is my will if any of my said children happen to die before they are married or of age yt then their portion shall be equally divided among their surviving brothers & sisters my daughter *Phebe* excepted who is to have no part thereof by reason she hath already a double portion—

Item: I make & ordain my well beloved son *Epenetus* to be my full whole & only executor of this my last Will & testamt.

Item: my very dear friends *Joseph Plat* of *Milford* *John Wood* *John Weeks* & *John Ketcham* of *Huntington* together with my son *Epenetus* I make & ordain overseers of this my last Will & testamt. desiring them to put my youngest sons to such good & credible trades as they shall have most inclination unto and requiring them in ye name of God to see this my last will & testamt. performed accordingly and I do utterly revoke all former wills & testamt. by me in anywise heretofore made or declared—

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal ye day & year first above written.

PHEBE PLAT [Seal]

Sealed & published to be ye last Will & testamt.
of ye said *Phebe* in presence of

JONAS WOOD

THOMAS BRUSH

JEREMY HOBART

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye
24th day of July 1697 at ye Manor of St. Georges
before ye Hono^{ble} *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye
Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk was
proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *Phebe*
Plat late of *Huntington* in ye said County deceased
who by her said will did nominate & appoint *Epcue-*
tus Plat her son Executor as by ye sd will may
appear to whom was committed ye administration
of ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased to execute
& perform his duty herein according to ye tenor of
ye sd will & ye laws of this province, being duly
sworn &c.

In ye name of God Amen—I *Jonathan Milner*⁵²
of *Huntington* in ye County of Suffolk in ye Jurisdic-
tion of New York upon Long Island in America
being sick in body but of good memory praised be
God do publish & declare this my last Will & testamt.

⁵² Jonathan Milner (called Jonathan Miller in the Huntington Rec-
ords) married Mary Teed, September 23, 1685. He had a son Jona-
than who died before his father. Samuel Teed was probably a
stepson.

in manner following—To wit, my body to ye Earth from whence it was taken & my soul I recommend unto ye hands of God my creator in ye merits & mediation of Jesus Christ my most merciful saviour in hopes of resurrection with ye just and as touching my estate my will & mind is *Mary* my wife shall have & enjoy my whole lot with all ye buildings thereupon and all my right to all my other lands now enjoyed by me or now pertaining to me by virtue of one hundred pound right yt. I have granted from ye townsmen of *Huntington* during her natural life and also all my personal estate I give to her she paying & discharging all my just debts & funeral Expenses and also paying those legacys hereafter mentioned to wit to my mother *Mary Selle* widow five pounds— To my brother *John Milner* twenty shillings to my brother *Joseph* fifty shillings & to my brother *Jonas* thirty shillings in Country pay when *Jonathan Holley* of *Stamford* pays in y^e debt which he owes to me which I order them to receive and my wife upon yt receipt to acquit him they acquitting her of this legacys and after her decease my will & mind is y^e *Samuel Teed* my son in law shall enter to & enjoy all my forementioned housing & lands with those rights priveleges & grants before mentioned to him & his heirs forever he paying to *Benjamin Elizabeth* & *Susannah* each of them fifty shillings a piece in country pay in three years time after he enjoys it & if he die without issue then to *Benjamin* I give it & to his heirs forever. And I do hereby

revoke all former wills by me made—And do appoint *Mary* my wife sole Executrix of this my last Will & testamt. empowering her to take assurances of that land I have in Exchange of *Nathaniel Foster* & *Stephen Jarvis Jun^r* & to assure them of that land which they are to have out of my hundred pound right dated this 20th day of January in ye third year of King *James* ye 2^d over England &c. 1688—

JONATHAN MILNER [Seal]

his  mark

Sealed signed & published in ye presence of us

JOSEPH BAYLEY

NATHANIEL FOSTER

JOHN LUMM

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 7th day of Sept. 1697 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Col. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye s^d County was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *Jonathan Milner* of *Huntington* deceased at *Huntington* ye 23^d day of January Anno Dom. 1688 whereby his said last Will & testamt. did nominate & appoint *Mary* his wife his sole Executrix (as pr ye said Will may appear) for ye well and faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased, to whom ye said administration was granted to Execute & perform her duty herein according to ye tenor of ye sd Will & ye laws of the Province &c.

In ye name of God Amen—I *John Rose*⁵³ of ye town of *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of New York yeoman being through Gods blessing of sound memory though weak in body do constitute ordain & declare these presents to be my last Will & testamt. in manner & form following, (viz) I commit my soul into ye hands of Jesus Christ my gracious Redeemer & then my body being dead unto ye Earth by decent burial. And as for my worldly estate my will is to give & I do hereby give & bequeath to my dear wife *Abigail Rose* all my housing & barn & orchard & one half & moiety of all my lands & meadows I now enjoy or shall die seized of in ye bounds of s^d *Southampton* during her widowhood.

2^d I do give & bequeath unto my son *David* all ye other half of my lands & meadows which I now enjoy or shall die possessed of in ye bounds of ye s^d town to receive it at my decease & all ye orchard house & housing & barn yt his mother ye sd *Abigail* is to enjoy during her widowhood at ye day of her marriage or decease all which lands & meadows housing barn & orchard with one half of my fifty pound allotmt. of undivided lands & commonage with all libertys privileges & advantages I give unto him my s^d son *David* his heirs & assigns forever to use

⁵³ John Rose lived at Northsea, and his homestead on the east side of the street is now owned by the heirs of Captain Jetur R. Rose. He was the ancestor of a family that has always been prominent in Southampton. His son, Martin Rose, was the ancestor of Colonel Edwin Rose, deceased, for many years Justice, Supervisor, and Member of Assembly.

sell or dispose of as fully clearly & absolutely as if he had bought ye aboves^d premises with his own estate—

3^{dy} I give unto my son *Thomas* at his mothers decease or marriage all that one half or moiety of my land & meadow above granted & given to his mother during her widowhood ye house & barn & orchard which I have already given to *David* at his s^d mothers marriage or decease only Excepted all which lands & meadows with one half of my fifty pound alotmt. of undivided land & commonage I give unto him my s^d son *Thomas* his heirs & assigns forever to use improve sell & dispose of as fully clearly & absolutely as if he had bought ye same with his own estate and my will is yt ye land & meadow to be divided between *David* & *Thomas* my said sons be done equally by indifferent persons chosen by my two said sons—And my will is yt if my s^d son *Thomas* shall decease before he comes to enjoy his land or attain ye age of 21 years then my son *James* to enjoy *Thomas*' part as it is above Expressed—

4^{ly} —I do give & bequeath unto my daughter *Hannah* ye choice of my beds to take any one of them & a bolster one pillow one coverlid one pair of sheets & one pair of blankets at 18 years of age or ye day of her marriage—

5^{ly} I give unto my son *John Rose* five shillings in current money of s^d Province of N. York.

6^{ly}—I give to my son *W^m Rose* five shillings in like current money afores^d.

7^r—I give to my son *Martin* five shillings in like current money afores^d.

8^l I give to my grandson *David Rose Jun^r* one ewe lamb—

9^l I do appoint my well beloved wife *Abigail Rose* afores^d to be ye sole Executrix of this my last Will & testam^t. to dispose of all my moveable estate after funeral charges & above mentioned premises deducted for ye comfortable subsistence of herself & my children under age and to distribute of s^d moveables unto them as she is able according to ye best of her judgment, and I desire my friend *Matthew Howell* & *John Davice* as overseers to be aiding or assisting to my Executrix and to endeavor to see this my will performed according to ye true intent thereof—And for ye confirmation of this my last Will & testam^t. I have hereunto set my hand and seal in *Southhampton* ye 4th day of May Anno Dom. 1696.

JOHN ROSE [Seal]

Signed sealed & declared to be his last Will & testam^t. in ye presence of us

JECOMIAH SCOT

JOHN DAVICE

MATTHEW HOWELL

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 10th day of Sept. 1697 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. W^m Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye County aboves^d was proved and approved ye last Will &

testant. of *John Rose* late of *Southhampton* deceased on ye 17th day of April Anno Dom. 1697 who by his s^d last Will did nominate and appoint *Abigail* his wife his Executrix as p the s^d Will may appear for ye faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased to whose care & trust ye sd administration was granted to execute & perform her duty herein according to ye tenor of ye said Will & the laws of the Province & to render an acct. of ye same—

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Joseph Veile* late of *Huntington* in ye County of Suffolk husbandman departed this life on ye 21 day of April 1698 leaving no Executor and *Richard Willis* of *Jericho* & *Isaac Smith* of *Hempstead* in Queens County for certain causes them hereunto justly moving have prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels may be granted to them. I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you ye sd *Richard Willis* & *Isaac Smith* have & do by these presents nominate constitute & appoint you *Richard Willis* & *Isaac Smith* aboves^d administrators of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased with full power to ask demand sue for & recover ye same by all lawful ways & means w^{so}ever, in ye first place paying those debts wherein ye sd deceased stood

obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye s^d deceased may to this Extend you taking your oaths truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye goods & chattels debts rights & credits to ye said deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge and further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye sd administration at or before ye 14th day of Nov. next before me or such other judge or judges as may be thereunto appointed—

Given under my hand & seal May ye 14 1698—

W^m SMITH

SOUTHOLD March ye 4th 1692—

In ye name of God Amen—To all christian people greeting Know ye that I *James Reeve*⁵⁴ of *S^hold* afores^d being sick & weak in body but of sound memory praised be God do constitute & ordain these presents my last & irrevocable Will as followeth :

Imprimis—debts & funeral charges being paid I give & bequeath unto *James Reeve* my eldest son his heirs & assigns forever—All yt my home lot with all the houses gardens yards orchards both dwelling house & outhouse with all ye fences and fruit trees with all ye accommodation yt do properly belong to

⁵⁴ James Reeves, the ancestor of a numerous family, came from Wales, and was admitted freeman of Connecticut, 1662. He married Mary, daughter of William Purrier.

my said house lot lying & being in *Chorchogue* I also give him as aforce^d ye one half of ye rest of my lands both upland & meadow lying & being in said division of *Chorchogue* & equally to be divided between him my eldest son *James* & my son *Isaac* and also to *James* I give all my meadow on ye south side of Occabogue river—

Item—I give & bequeath to *Isaac* my third son ye other half of my s^d upland & meadow joining to my son *James* & lying in *Chorchogue* afores^d to my said son *Isaac* his heirs & assigns forever to be equally divided between him & my son *James*—

Item—I give to my son *Thomas* all my lands and accommodations of lands and meadows yt I have in ye old town bounds except w^t I do after in these presents give to my son *Daniel*, ye sd *Thomas* to have & to hold said lands & accommodations to himself his heirs & assigns forever—

Item—I give to *Daniel* my second son two acres of land at ye rear of *Peter Dickinsons* land & by the Creeke to Extend ye breadth northward of s^d *Dickinsons* home lot & to run eastward till it amounts to two acres—also I give him one lot of my town commonage these to him & his heirs & assigns forever—Also I give him all my meadow on this side ye river in *Occabogue*, also to my son *Daniel* I give two cows & two young oxen of three or four year old—

Item—I give to my eldest daughter twenty pounds in choice goods & one third part of her mothers clothes—

Item—I give & bequeath to my second daughter *Hannah* twenty pounds in like choice goods & a third part of her mothers clothes—

Item—I give & bequeath to my third daughter *Deborah* twenty pounds & a third part of her mothers clothes—

Item—And all ye rest of my estate to be equally divided among my four sons—

Lastly—My will is that my beloved brother *H^m Reeve* and my son *James Reeve* be Executors of this my last Will & testamt.

As Witness my hand & seal ye day & year first above written

JAMES REEVE [Seal]

Signed sealed published & declared before us

THOMAS MAPES

JOSEPH REEVE

JABEZ ^{his} × MAPES
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By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 04th day of July 1698 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. H^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County aboves^d was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *James Reeve* late of *Southhold* in ye sd County deceased on ye 6 day of May 1698 who by his s^d last Will did nominate *James Reeve* his son his Executor for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular his goods & chattels as pr ye sd will may appear to whom was granted ye sd administration to

Execute & perform his duty herein according to ye tenor of ye sd will & ye laws of ye Province.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *William Mapes*⁵⁵ late of *Shold* in ye County of Suffolk husbandman departed this life ye 16th day of April 1698 leaving no Executor and *Thomas Mapes* of *Southhold* above ye brother of ye said deceased for certain causes him hereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of all & singular ye goods & chattles of ye sd deceased may be granted unto him—I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Thomas Mapes* aboves^d have & by these presents do nominate constitute & appoint you s^d *Thomas Mapes* administrator of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of *William Mapes* aboves^d deceased with full power to ask demand & sue for & recover all & singular ye goods & chattels debts rights & credits to ye sd deceased belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^{soever}—In ye first place paying the debts wherein ye sd deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye sd deceased may to this Extend, you taking your oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true full & perfect

⁵⁵ William Mapes was son of Thomas Mapes. Moore, in his "Index of Southold," seems to have confounded him with another of the same name.

inventory of all & singular ye sd goods & chattels debts rights & credits to ye s^d deceased belonging or of right appertaining which shall come to y^r hands possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye sd administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be thereunto appointed at or before ye 4th day of Jan^y next ensuing ye date hereof—

Given under my hand & seal ye 4th day of July 1698—

W^m SMITH

THO. HELME, Cler.

In ye name of God Amen—I *Nathaniel Moor*⁵⁵ of *S'hold* in ye County of Suffolk on Long Island in ye Province of New York do make constitute & ordain these presents to be my last Will & testant.

First—I bequeath my soul to God that gave it me & my body being dead to be decently buried in ye hopes of ye resurrection unto everlasting life I now being of sound memory though weak in body do also order give & bestow & bequeath all my worldly goods & estate in manner & form following

Imprimis—I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife *Sarah Moor* one third of all my estate during her natural life—

Item—I give & bequeath unto my son *Nathaniel*

⁵⁵ Nathaniel Moore was son of Thomas Moore, and was baptized 1642. He married Sarah, daughter of Jeremiah Vail. "Oyster pond" is now known as Orient.

Moor all my farm at *Oyster pond* and all ye housing & upland & meadow yt was sometime in ye possession of my father *Thomas Moor* lying & being in ye town of *S'hold*—Also two oxen & two cows when he comes to age—

Item—My Will is that ye house yt I now live in & all ye land belonging to ye same & all yt. my house & land at *West Chester* & my part of ye Sloop be sold & divided equally among my five daughters together with ye other two parts of my moveables at ye age of eighteen years or the day of their marriage which shall first happen—

Item—My Will is yt. if my son *Nathaniel* shall die before he comes of age yt. then all his portion shall be divided among my daughters children as ye Executors shall see cause, also yt my son *Nathaniel* be put out to learne such a trade as he do most incline to—

Lastly—My will is yt my brother in law *Jeremiah Vale* & my son in law *John Terry* shall be ye only Executors of this my last Will & testamt Dated at *S'hold* this present 19th day of April in ye 10th year of ye reign of *William* ye 3^d King of England Scotland & Ireland Defend^r of ye Christian faith Anno Dom 1698.

NATHANIEL MOOR [Seal]

Signed sealed & delivered before us

BENJ. YOUNGS

DANIEL YOUNGS

ANDREW MILLER

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 26 day of August 1698 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *Nathaniel Moor* late of *S'hold* in ye sd County deceased at *Southhold* on ye 20th day of April Anno Dom. 1698 who by his said last Will & testamt. did nominate & appoint his son in law *John Terry* his Executor for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods & chattels of the s^d deceased as by ye sd Will may appear, to whose care & trust ye same was committed to perform & Execute his duty herein according to ye tenor of ye said will & ye laws of this Province—*S'hold* April ye 19 1698 Memorandum yt I ye aboves^d testator *Nathaniel Moor* have added this following Codicil to my afores^d Will, viz: yt it is my last Will & testamt. yt my wife *Sarah Moor* shall with her children live in & have ye benefit of ye house or housing I now live in during her widowhood or so long as she shall remain my widow & in confirmation of ye same I do hereunto set my hand & seal ye day & year above written.

NATHANIEL MOOR [Seal]

Signed sealed & delivered before us

BENJ. YOUNGS

DANIEL YOUNGS

ANDREW MILLER

Province of New York. }
 County of Suffolk, Aug 29 1698 }

This day appeared before me *William Smith* Esq
 Chief Justice of his Mat^{ties} Province of New York &
 Judge of ye Prerogative Court for ye County of
 Suffolk *Susannah Washburn* aged 18 years ye
 daughter of *John Washburn* yeoman late of
Flushing in Queens County deceased and for good
 causes & considerations her thereunto moving did
 freely voluntarily & unconstrained nominate con-
 stitute authorize & appoint *Coll. Isaac Arnold* of
Southhold in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province
 afores^d her guardian with full power by all lawful
 ways & means for her use benefit and behoof to ask
 receive and recover from all or any person or per-
 sons w^{so}ever her share & proportion of such por-
 tion & legacy as was left her by the s^d *John Wash-*
burn her father deceased by his last Will & testam^t.
 with full power in her name to give discharges for
 all such sums of money as he shall for her use
 receive which shall be good valid & effectual in law
 from her heirs and assigns for ever which at her
 request I have certified under my hand & seal ye
 day & year aboves^d W^m SMITH

To all to whom these presents shall come Greet-
 ing Know ye that whereas *Joseph Concklin* ^{sr} late of

^{sr} Joseph Conckling was probably son of Captain John Conckling.
 He married Abigail Tuthill, November, 1690. Lieutenant Joseph
 Conckling was probably his son.

Southhold in ye County of Suffolk husbandman departed this life ye 23^d of Nov. 1698 leaving no Executor and *Abigail* ye widow of ye said deceased & *John Tuthill son* of *S'hold* afores^d her father for certain causes them thereunto justly moving have prayed that ye administration of ye goods and chattels of ye sd deceased may be granted to them I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust & confidence in you *Abigail Concklin* & *John Tuthill* aboves^d have & doe by these presents nominate constitute & appoint you ye sd. *Abigail Concklin* & *John Tuthill* administrators of all & singular ye goods chattels debts rights & credits of *Joseph Concklin* aboves^d deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover ye sd. goods & chattels debts rights & credits to ye sd. deceased belonging or in anywise appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^hsoever in ye first place paying those debts whereby ye sd. deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful credits of ye sd. deceased may to this Extend you taking y^r oathes truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye sd. goods & chattels which shall or may come to y^r possession or knowledge & farther to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye sd. administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as may be thereunto appointed at or before ye 16th day of June next ensuing ye date hereof—Dated at ye Manor of

St. Georges this 16th day of December Anno Dom.
1698—

WILLIAM SMITH

THO. HELME Cler.

Memorand. that on ye 14th day of February Anno Dom 1698, appeared before me *William Smith* Esq. Chief Justice of his Mat^{tyes} Province of New York and Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk *John Washburne* aged fifteen years son of *John Washburne* yeoman late of *Flushing* in Queens County deceased and for good causes him thereunto moving did freely voluntarily & unconstrained nominate & elect *Isaac Arnold* Esq of *Southhold* in ye County of Suffolk his lawful guardian who was admitted to be ye lawful guardian of ye said *John Washbourne* to all intents & purposes which at his request I have certified under my hand & seal ye day & year aboves^d—

WILLIAM SMITH

In ye name of God Amen ye Eighth day of April in ye year of our Lord God 1698 I *Thomas Brush*⁵⁸ of *Huntington* in ye County of Suffolk on Nassau Island in ye Province of New York in America yeoman being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God therefor

⁵⁸ Thomas Brush was probably the son of Thomas Brush who died early in 1670. He owned No. 10 of the 10 farms.

calling unto mind ye mortality of my body and knowing yt it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will & testant. that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into ye hands of God that gave it and for my body I commend to ye earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at ye discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at ye general resurrection I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of ye same in ye following manner & form—

Item—I give & bequeath unto my son *Thomas Brush* my house & home lot with this provision that my dear wife shall have possess & Enjoy ye said house with a third part of my orchard & ye third part of ye benefit of my home lot during her widowhood and if my son shall see cause to marry then ye said *Thomas Brush* shall allow his mother room to live in this sd house or to set her up another convenient room where she shall see most convenient. I also give & bequeath unto my son *Thomas Brush* all my right of meadow in ye old Mill Pond & my lot of land in ye old field and half my meadow at *Nagantague* and half my right of land there with a hundred pound right of commonage all these forementioned parcels of land & meadow I give & bequeath unto my son *Thomas Brush* to him and his heirs & assigns forever—

Item—I give & bequeath unto my son *Jacob Brush* my two lots of land in ye west necke joining together—Also I give & bequeath unto my son *Jacob* ye other half of my meadow at *Naguntague* with ye remaining part of my land there and half a hundred pound right of commonage all these aforementioned lands and meadows I give & bequeath unto my son *Jacob Brush* to him and to his heirs and assigns forever—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Timothy Brush* my lot in ye South hollow & my hollow of land lying on ye East side of Tredwells plain and half my meadow lying on ye east Neck at South with half a hundred pound right of commonage all these forementioned lands & meadows I give & bequeath unto my son *Timothy Brush* to him his heirs & assigns forever—Also twenty three acres of land lying southward joining to my brother *John Brush's* land & ye other of my right of meadow on ye east neck at South and half a hundred pound right of commonage this I reserve as yet not knowing whether my wife be with child with a son or with a daughter, if a son I give & bequeath these forementioned lands & meadows unto him his heirs & assigns forever, if a daughter then this last parcel of land and meadow to be equally divided between ye three forementioned sons—Imprimis—I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife a third of my moveables with ye bed I now lye on to be part of it to be raised & to be levied out of my estate—

Item—I give & bequeath unto my six or seven daughters *Rebecca Sarah Susannah Elizabeth Mary Martha* all of them to have equally alike Except my daughter *Rebecca* being eldest to have an iron pot & a sermon book which was her grandmothers—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Thomas Brush* my gun & sword & great bible—

Item—My coopers tools I give & bequeath unto my son *Jacob* he returning thirty shillings to his sisters—

Item—I give and bequeath all my carpenters tools yt I have to my son *Thomas Brush* disallowing revoke & disannul all and other former testaments wills legacys bequests executors by me in any ways before this time named willed & bequeathed ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testamt. in witness whereof I the aboves^d *Thomas Brush* have hereunto set to my hand & seal ye day & year above written—I the abovesaid *Thomas Brush* do by these presents make constitute and appoint my well beloved wife *Sarah Brush* my whole & sole Executrix of this my last Will & testamt, this was written before ye ensealing & delivery hereof, Also my bróther *John Brush* & *John Wickes* I do appoint to be Executors with my loving wife in this my last Will & testamt.

THOMAS BRUSH [Seal]

Signed sealed & delivered in sight & presence of us

JOHN WICKES

JOHN BRUSH

JOHN KETCHUM

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 26 day of April 1699 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of N. York before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved and approved ye last Will and testamt. of *Thomas Brush* of *Huntington* in sd County deceased on ye 16th day of April Anno Dom 1698 who by his sd last Will and testamt. did nominate & appoint *Sarah Brush* his wife *John Brush* & *John Wickes* his Executors as per ye copy of ye sd will may appear for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased to whose care & trust was committed ye administration of ye same to execute & perform their duty herein according to ye tenor of ye sd Will & ye laws of ye sd Province & to render an account of ye same at or before ye 26 day of October next ensuing being duly sworn thereunto before ye said *Coll William Smith*—

THO. HELME Cler.

In ye name of God Amen I *Zachary Hawkings*⁵⁹ of *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk being weak in body but of sound memory thanks be to God have made ordained and by these presents do make

⁵⁹ Zachary Hawkings was an early settler in Brookhaven, and a large owner of Proprietor rights. He seems to have lived near the boundary between Setauket and Smithtown. He was a man of active energy, and accumulated a large property. He was the ancestor of the families bearing the name in Brookhaven and elsewhere in the county.

ordain & declare this my last Will & testant. in manner & form following, first I give my soul to God who gave it and my body being dead to be decently buried in hopes of ye resurrection to life eternal and my worldly estate I give & dispose as followeth—

Item—My will is that all my just debts be well & truly paid in convenient time after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named—

Item—To *Zachary Hawkings* my Eldest son I give twelve acres in Cranes Neck near his house and all my land & meadow in Cranes Neck & in ye old field & half my meadow at ye west meadow & a third part of my commonage reserving to ye use of my wife ye one half of ye lands & meadows above named during her natural life Except ye house lot all which lands & meadows shall be & remain to my said son *Zachary* his heirs and assigns for ever to have & to hold as their proper inheritance—

Item—To my son *Joseph Hawkings* I give all my land at ye old mans in ye last division joining to *Andrew Millers* by computation fifty acres more or less & a fifty acre lot near thereunto and all my meadow at ye old mans meadow with my right of meadow there and at ye Wading Creek & my divisions of meadow at ye south in ye new purchase at *Sebomucke* & at *Unkachogue* with a third part of my commonage all which said land & meadow shall be and remain to my said son *Joseph* his heirs and assigns forever as their proper inheritance—

Item—I give to my son *Eleazer Hawkings* when he shall be of twenty one years of age my house barn and home lot with the improvements thereon made & twenty acres of land at *Newtown* & my right of land in ye twenty acre division & ye half of my meadow in West meadow & one third part of my right of commonage reserving to my wife ye use & improvement of ye said house barn land and meadow and other the improvements until such time as my said son *Eleazer* shall be of twenty one years of age and after that ye use & improvement of ye half of ye same during her natural life all which said house lands & meadows & improvements shall be & remain to my son *Eleazer* his heirs and assigns forever to have & to hold ye same as their proper inheritance—

Item—To my grandchild *Nathaniel Brewster* I give all my right of upland & meadow in ye old purchase at ye south to have & to hold ye same as his proper inheritance—

Item—To my grandchild *Zachary Smith* I give a fifty acre lot in Mount Misery to have & to hold ye same as his proper inheritance—

Item—To my daughter *Martha* & to my daughter *Hannah* to each of them I give ten pounds to be paid them & each of them when they shall be of age or at the time of their marriage—

Lastly—I give to my beloved wife *Mary Hawkings* all my moveables of what kind nature or quality soever they be for her comfortable maintenance ye

education of my children ye payment of my debts & legacys herein named. And I do hereby nominate & appoint my said wife *Mary Hawkings* to be ye Executrix of this my last Will & testamt. In Witness hereunto I have set my hand & seal the 17 day of November in ye 10th year of ye reign of *William* ye 3^d of England &c King Defender of ye faith &c Anno Dom. 1698—

ZACHARY HAWKINGS [Seal]

Sealed published and declared in presence of

THOMAS HELME

RICHARD WODHULL

WM. SATTERLY

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 27 day of April Anno Dom. 1699 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk in ye Province of New York before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County aboves^d was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *Zachary Hawkings* deceased at *Brookhaven* on ye day of Anno Dom 1698 who by his said will & testamt. did nominate & appoint *Mary* his wife his Executrix as by ye copy of ye said Will may appear for ye well & faithful administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye s^d deceased to whose care & trust was committed ye administration of ye same to Execute & perform her duty herein according to ye tenor of ye said Will & ye laws of the said Province and to render an account of

ye same at or before ye 27 day of October next ensuing, being duly sworn thereunto before ye sd
Coll

WILLIAM SMITH

THO. HELME Cler.

In ye name of God Amen I *Peter Whitier*⁶⁰ of *Brookhaven* in ye County of Suffolk on Nassau Island of ye Province of New York Yeoman being weak in body but of good & sound memory thanks be to God & being sensible of my uncertain state in this life do make ordain & declare this to be my last will & testamt. hereby revoking & annulling any other or former will by me made either by word or writing and that this & none other is to be taken to be my last will & testament (viz)—

First I commit my soul to God who gave it & my body to ye earth to be decently buried and my worldly goods I dispose in manner & form following—

Item—My will is that all my just debts be well & truly paid in convenient time after my decease—

Item—to *Rachel* my beloved wife I give & bequeath ye benefit use & improvement of my house

⁶⁰ Peter Whitier was probably son of Abraham Whitier, who was in Salem in 1638, and at Southold in 1660. He was living in Setauket in 1655. In 1672 he appears to have been living in Easthampton, but returned to Brookhaven and died there. "The meadows at Conscience" are on the borders of Conscience Bay west of Strong's Neck. "Newtown" is probably East Setauket.

barn & orchard & ye rest of my homestall or lands joining thereunto both within fence & without—I give her likewise ye use of my meadows at *Conscience*, until such time as my son *William* shall be of age to possess it and then she shall enjoy my meadow at ye pond & at *Whitchhall* during her natural life for her comfortable maintenance—

Item—to my son *Abram Whitier* I give a fifty acre lot lying eastward beyond *Andrew Millers* at ye Round Swamp joining to *John Woods* lot on ye east & to *John Muncyes* on ye west and ten acres of land near *Andrew Millers* which was taken out of *Zachary Hazokings* land with my right of meadow at ye Wading River and my right of meadow & upland at ye south number four & five and half a share of commonage and all my right of inheritance at *Manchester* which my father bought of *John Norman* to have & to hold the said lands meadows with their priviledges and commonage as is expressed to him my said son *Abram* his heirs & assigns forever as his or their proper inheritance Also when my said son *Abram* shall be twenty-one years of age he shall receive two cows ye one given by his grandmother the other by his uncle *Abram*—

Item—to my son *William Whitier* I give all my land in *Newtowne* about twenty eight acres and all my land in *Cranes Neck* and after my wifes decease all my housing & land with ye improvements, in & about my home lot & ye land joining thereunto and my meadow at ye pond & in ye field to have & to hold ye said land & meadow with half a right of common-

age to him my said son *William* his heirs & assigns forever as his or their proper inheritance also to my said son *William* I give all my tools & implemts. of husbandry and my arms reserving the use of ye said tools & implemts. of husbandry to ye use of my family until my wifes decease—

Item—to my daughter *Sarah* I give two cows or ye value of ye same to be delivered to her within a twelve month after my decease and ye half of my moveables after my wifes decease and if ye sd moveables & two cows shall not be of ye value of twenty pounds in money then my son *William* shall allow her so much out of ye other half of ye moveables—

Item—My will is that my son *William* shall have ye other half of ye moveables out of which he shall pay likewise ye cow according to ye will of his grandmother & perform the condition of *Robert Goosberry* his indenture, moreover my will is that if my son *Abram* shall be dutiful to his mother and continue with her until he shall be twenty one years of age then he shall have a pair of steers and the long linked chain and if he shall continue in ye family until my son *William* be of age he shall have ye management & improvmt. of ye land & stock & for his care shall have one third part of ye increase of ye land & stock & his dyate until my son *William* comes to age—

Lastly—I do hereby nominate & appoint my friend *Timothy Brewster* my Executor of this my Will & testant. & do desire my friend *Thomas Helme* to

assist my s^d Executor & be helpful to my family in ye well ordering their affairs—

In Witness hereunto I have set to my hand & seal this fifth day of June Anno Dom. 1697—

PETER WHITEHAIR [Seal]

Signed sealed & declared to be ye last testamt. of ye sd. *Peter Whitier* in presence of

JOHN THOMAS

HANNAH HULS

RICHARD GREEN

Memorand. yt this Codicil to ye said Will by ye s^d testator, that w^{so}ever of my estate shall appear either moveable or unmoveable of w^t kind or nature soever by ye s^d will not disposed of shall be to ye maintenance of my wife and my daughter *Sarah* shall have one cow added to her legacy and yt my son *William* shall be bound to his Uncle *William* to learn his trade until he shall be 21 years of age and my will is that my son *Abram* shall further have my drugget coate & a pair of breeches— P. W. [Seal]

Signed sealed & declared to be ye annexion to ye will by ye said testator

Witness :

DANIEL BREWSTER

HANNAH SWAZY

WILLIAM W. ⚭ JAYNE his mark

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye yt whereas *Peter Whitier* late of *Brookhaven*

in ye County of Suffolk husbandman departed this life on ye 21 day of August Anno Dom. 1698 who by his last Will & testamt. as by ye copy thereof hereunto annexed may appear did nominate *Timothy Brewster* his Executor and ye sd *Timothy* for certain causes hath Expressly renounced ye burthen of ye Executorship, I therefore by virtue of ye power & authority to me given reposing special trust in you *Thomas Helme* have nominated constituted and appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint you *Thomas Helme* administrator of all & singular ye goods chattels leases debts rights & credits of ye s^d *Peter Whitier* deceased with full power to ask receive demand & recover ye same by all lawful ways & means w^hsoever which to ye sd deceased did any ways belong or of right appertain in ye time of his death & ye legacys specified in ye sd will in ye first place paying those debts wherein ye sd deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death you being obliged truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular ye goods & chattels debts rights & credits to ye sd deceased belonging which shall or may come to your hands possession or knowledge & to render a true & perfect acct. in & concerning ye sd administration before me or such other Judge or Judges as shall be thereunto appointed at or before ye first day of May next ensuing Witness my hand & seal ye 29th of Octob. 1698.

W^m SMITH

In ye name of God Amen this eleventh day of April in ye year of our Lord Christ 1699 I *Thomas Ryder*^a of *Southhold* in ye County of Suffolk on ye Island of Nassau in ye Province of New York being weak in body but sound in mind thanks be to Almighty God therefor & calling to mind ye uncertainty of this transitory life do make ordain constitute & appoint this to be my last Will and testament in manner & form following—Imprimis— I bequeath my soul to Almighty God from whence it came & my body to ye earth to be decently interred according to my degree & quality by my Executor hereafter named—

Item—I give & bequeath to my son *Joseph Ryder* my homestall to say housing orchard long lot & *Homacke* lot the half of my out lands & meadows to be equally divided between my two sons *Joseph* & *Providence* regard being had to quality as well as quantity & my desire & will is that my brothers in law *Nathaniel* & *Gersham Terry* shall see it done—

Item—I give to my said son *Joseph* all my tools & implements of husbandry the one half of all my Cattle except one white faced which I give to my daughter *Hester*—

Item—I give to my son *Providence Ryder* my new lot & the house thereon half of my old lands & half my meadow as afores^d half my cattle & half my

^a Thomas Ryder was son of Thomas Ryder who married Abigail, daughter of Richard Terry. In 1677 his father gave him all his lands from Sterling Creek to Toms Creek.

clothes linen & woolen & my son *Joseph* ye other half

Item—I give unto my said son *Providence* my chest & bed & a pot—

Item—I give unto my son *Jeremiah Ryder* ye sum of fifty pound in money of this Province to be paid him when he shall attain to ye age of twenty one years to be paid him by his brother *Joseph* thirty pounds & by *Providence* twenty pounds & my will is that he shall be put out to a trade which he is most inclinable to—

Item—I give to my daughter *Elizabeth* ye now wife of *Joseph Ludlam* twenty sheep—

Item—I give to my daughter *Abigail* ye wife of *William Downes* one sheep in full of all portion—

Item—I give to my grandchild *Abigail Downes* four sheep—

Item—I give to my daughter *Hester Ryder* my cubbord of drawers one whitefaced cow & five sheep & ye one half of all my household goods as bedding linen woolen brass pewter iron ware & all other things within doors Except w^t is before given—

Item—I give unto my daughter *Mehitable* five sheep & ye other half of all my household goods in manner afores^d—

Item—I do give all ye rest of my moveable estate not disposed of or mentioned in this my will unto my two sons *Joseph* & *Providence*—

Lastly—That my two sons *Joseph* & *Providence Ryder* be ye Executors to this my last Will and

testament—Revoking all wills by me formerly made and publish & declare & appoint this to be my last & only will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal ye day & year first within written.

The mark of x THO. RYDER [Seal]

Signed sealed published & declared by ye subscriber *Thomas Ryder* as his last Will & testamt. in ye presence of us witnesses subscribed—

JACOB CONCKLIN

JOSEPH MAPES

ISAAC CORY

Southhold ye 26th in ye year of our Lord Christ 1699 and in ye eleventh year of his Maj^{ty} reign, then appeared before me *Isaac Arnold* Judge of his Maj^{ty} Court of Common Pleas for ye County of Suffolk on Nassau Island in ye Province of New York *Thomas Mapes* & *John Tuthill* Esq^{ts} his Maj^{ty} Justices of ye Peace for ye sd County *Jacob Concklin* *Joseph Mapes* & *Isaac Cory* & made oath yt they saw *Thomas Ryder* late of *Southhold*, deceased, in his lifetime sign seal publish & declare ye above written to be his last will and testamt. and that to ye best of their skill he was of sound memory & disposing mind at ye time of doing thereof & is so certified

per ISAAC ARNOLD

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye yt on ye 23^d day of May Anno Dom. 1699 at ye Manor of

St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *Thomas Ryder* late of *Southhold* in ye said County deceased on ye 12th day of April 1699. The administration of ye goods chattels and credits of ye s^d deceased was granted to *Gersham* & *Nathaniel Terry* of *Southhold*.

In ye name of God Amen & in ye 10th year of the reign of our Sovereign of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of ye faith &c. I *Francis Sayre*⁶² of ye town of *S'hampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York being by ye blessing of Almighty God in health of body & of sound memory & considering ye frail Estate of all mortals do make & ordain this to be my last Will & testamt. in manner & form following—(viz) I do hereby revoke make void & null all former wills of mine of what nature or kind soever. And bequeath my soul to God that gave it me & my body to be

⁶² Francis Sayre was eldest son of Thomas Sayre, one of the original founders of Southampton. The land at "Flying Point" left to son John is the homestead of late Captain Thomas Sayre. The "rood of ground with dwelling house" left to son Thomas is on the east side of main street of Southampton, lately the residence of Peter Fournier and now owned by Chauncy Norton. The home lot of Francis Sayre was the lot of which the above was a part, and was lately owned by heirs of Septer Jackson, and now by Mrs. Caroline Jennings. The farm at Seven Ponds, lately owned by the Archibald family, was a part of the estate, and known as "Ichabod Sayres close." The Long Springs close was a part of the land lately owned by George W. Whittaker, and formerly owned by Samuel Jagger.

decently buried and after funeral charges and all my just debts are paid I dispose of my worldly estate as followeth (viz) I give & bequeath unto my eldest son *John Sayre* all that my certain tract of land with his dwelling house thereon standing at Flying Point only according to an agreem' formerly with him made to pay unto his brother *Caleb Sayre* thirty pound & his mother to have ye use of half s^d house during her life—

Secondly—I give unto my son *Thomas Sayre* & his wife *Patience* during their natural lives all that my certain piece of . . . of about . . . acres be the same more or be it lesse as it is now fenced & lyes adjoining to ye north side of my long springs close of land and a rood of ground as it is now fenced be it more or be it less with his now dwelling house thereon standing and two acres of land in ye first neck in ye great plains in ye first neck and if my s^d son *Thomas* shall have any heir or heirs of his body then I give the s^d land unto ye sd heir or heirs forever—

Thirdly—I give & bequeath unto my seven children namely *John, Thomas, Francis, Jonathan, Ichabod, & Caleb Sayre* and my daughter *Damaris Howell* two third parts of all my moveable estate my cart & plow tackling only Excepted to be equally amongst them my above named seven children divided only my sd daughter *Damaris* to have liberty to chose what she will have her equal seventh part in of sd two third parts of my moveable estate afores^d—

Fourthly—I give & bequeath unto my well beloved wife *Sarah Sayre* all that my one half of ye land above named & given to *John* & one third part of my land & housing hereafter given & bequeathed to my son *Ichabod* for her substance during her natural life and one third part of all my moveable estate to be delivered unto her by my Executor—and she my s^d wife to have her choice of what rooms she sees cause of my dwelling house so that it makes not above one third part of my said dwelling house—

Fifthly—I give & bequeath unto my son *Ichabod Sayre* & to his heirs & assigns forever all ye rest of my land & meadows of what kind nature or quality soever that I have do or may possess in ye bounds of s^d town of *Southhampton* and not before in this my will demised or given with my dwelling house & barn only reserving to my wife what is above mentioned (viz) one third part of ye land during her life and then I say it is my will that he my said son *Ichabod* shall enjoy all my land & meadows to him & his heirs forever—That I have not mentioned to be given to my son *John* or *Thomas Sayre*—I also give unto him my said son *Ichabod Sayre* my cart & plow with all takling & utensils thereunto belonging or appertaining. And I do hereby make & ordain him my s^d son *Ichabod Sayre* Executor of this my last Will & testam. willing him to pay unto his youngest brother *Caleb Sayre* ye full sum of forty pounds current money of this province when he s^d *Caleb* shall attain ye full age of twenty one years and that he do in

every part & article see & perform this my last Will & testamt. according to the true intent & meaning hereof that ye whole estate of my moveables (funeral charges just debts cart & plow tackling only Excepted) be by him my s^d son *Ichabod Sayre* duly & truly paid into my s^d wife & children in such manner & proportion as above mentioned & Expressed and that he do pay ye s^d sum of forty pound to his brother *Caleb* out of his own estate—And I do also give unto him my s^d son *Ichabod* and his heirs forever a fifty pound allotm^t of commonage and all increase of land thereon arising and for ye full confirmation of this my last Will & testamt. I have hereunto set my hand & seal in *Sthhampt.* afores^d this 14th day of January Anno Dom 1697.

FRANCIS SAYER [Seal]

Signed sealed & delivered to be his last Will & testamt. in presence of us

DANIEL SAYRE

MARY HOWELL

MATTHEW HOWELL

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 20 day of Sept. 1699 at ye manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County afores^d was proved & approved the last Will & testamt. of *Francis Sayre* late of *Southhampton* in ye sd county deceased on ye 20th day of January Anno Dom 1698 who by his said Will & testamt. did nominate and appoint his

son *Ichabod* his Executor to whom was granted the administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of ye sd. deceased.

The last will & testamt. of *Edward Howell*.

In ye name of God Amen at *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York ye 4th day of August 1697 I *Edward Howell*⁶³ of ye aboves^d town & county being in health of body and of a sound memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call I do make constitute ordain & declare this my last Will & testamt. in manner & form following and first being penitent for my sins most humbly desiring forgiveness for ye same commit my Soul to God my Saviour and my body to be decently buried by my fathers sepurchres and now for settling my temporal estate and such goods lands & chattels as it hath pleased God to bestow on me I do

⁶³ Edward Howell was brother of Major John Howell, and son of the Founder of Southampton. The "lot bought of Thomas Goldsmith" and left to son Joseph is on the east side of main street next north of Toilsome Lane. The Great close at Sagaponack pond is on the west side, and now owned by Bridge Hampton Improvement Company. The "home lot bought of Benjamin Foster" and left to son Jonah is on east side of main street of Southampton and was lately owned by Captain Charles Howell. The old Methodist church stands on the southwest corner of it. The home lot where Edward Howell lived and died, and which he left to his son Edward, is on the east side of main street, next south of the homestead of Captain Barney A. Green. It was sold by Wm. S. Pelletreau to Mary L. De Bost, and is now owned by Mrs. Schermerhorn.

order give & bestow ye same in manner & form following (y^e is to say) first—Item I give & bequeath to *Joseph Howell* my eldest son my home lot I bought of *Thomas Goldsmith* with all the housing standing upon it and fencing by estimation four acres as also ten acres of land in my old town close on ye North side of it lying next *Samuel Clarke* as also half of my wood close lying near the seven ponds he is to have his half on ye North side laid out to him as also all my land lying in Captains Neck being by estimation Eight acres more or less as also all my meadow lying on ye East side of the Long Tongue in Shinnacuck Necke and all my meadow on ye Island lying next to *Joseph Fosters* meadow on ye West side and a lot of meadow of mine lying on ye West side of ye Long Tongue next to *Samuel Jones* on ye West side of his meadow as also one lot of meadows of mine at Ketchaponnuck neck of salt marsh as also two acres in my close in ye little plains lying all ye length on ye Southside as also four acres of land in my great close lying near Sagaponnock pond to be laid out to him on ye West end of my close from ye North side to run South to ye land I give to my son *Samuel Howell* only there is to be two pole left between their land for a highway to ye rest of my land also a fifty of *S'hamp* commonage all which particulars I freely give & grant to the aboves^d *Joseph Howell* and to his heirs & assigns forever & to his administrators—

Item—I give & bequeath to my second son *Jonathan Howell* all my close at *Cobspound* twenty acres

be it more or less with all ye housing upon it and fences belonging to it as also ten acres of land in my close in ye Mill neck lying in ye Southeast corner next to *Henry Ludham* his land as it was laid out by *Coll. Pierson* and he shall make & maintain all the fences between my land & his land forever as also half a fifty of *S'hampt* commonage all these above mentioned particulars lands I freely give & grant to ye afores^d *Jonathan Howell* & to his heirs and assigns forever & administrators—

Item—I give & bequeath to my third son *Samuel Howell* my little close at *Mecox* and my dwelling house now standing upon it with all the fencing standing upon it as also ten acres of mine in the North division of land at *Sagaponnuck* lying next to ye land *Peter Norris* bought of *Jonah Fordham* as also a fifty of meadow of mine lying in *Smiths* meadow as also a fifty of land of mine lying on ye north side of *Hogg neck* next *Jonah Fordhams* land as also Eight acres of land in my great close near *Sagaponuck* pond and to be laid out to him on ye Southside of my close lying ye length of it only two pole is to be left for a highway to ye rest of my land on ye west end of it as also half a fifty of *S'hampt* commonage all these above written lands I freely give & grant to my son *Samuel Howell* & to his heirs & assigns forever—

Item—I give & bequeath to my fourth son *Jonah Howell* the home lot of land that I bought of *Benjamin Foster Jr.* lying in ye town next to *Obadiah Rogers* being by estimation seven acres more or less

with ye dwelling house and all ye fences standing upon it as also a lot of mine in ye North division in ye great plain near *Gersham Culvers* house as also three rood of land of mine in *John Howells* close as also one acre of land of mine in halsyes neck as also two acres in ye Ox pasture at ye rear of *John Reeves* his close as also one lot of meadow of mine on ye beach with half a fifty of *S'hampton* commonage— The three acres of land one in halsyes neck and two acres of land lying at ye rear of *John Reeves* his land which is above written I have changed for a lot of land lying next my land in ye North division which lands above mentioned I freely give & grant to my son *Jonah Howell* and to his heirs & assigns forever—

Item—I give & bequeath to my fifth son *Edward Howell* my home lot in ye town with all my housing & shops & all the fencing belonging to it after my wifes decease as also all my close in ye little plain after my son *Joseph Howell* hath had his two acres measured out to him on ye Southside of my close all the length of the close as also my upper lot joining to my home lot as also my lot of meadow lying in *Shinacock* neck on ye West side of the Long Tongue and half ye breadth of the Long Tongue that is now drowned and a lot of meadow of mine now drowned at ye Southend of *Samuel Jones* his meadow as also half a lot of meadow of mine at *Ketchaponuck* in my North lot as also one half lot of meadow of mine lying on ye east side of *Shinacocke* Neck as also one lot of meadow of mine lying at

Occobague near ye Jumping Creek as also twenty acres of land of mine lying on ye East side of my great close near Sagabonnet pond and after my wifes decease he shall keep my daughter *Mary Howell* as long as she liveth and find her sufficient clothing meat drink washing & lodging and after my wifes decease he shall have my daughters portion I have willed to her which is fifty pound in pay out of my moveable estate notwithstanding all I have given of lands here & of meadows, I give to my son *Edward Howell*, my will is that my wife have one third part of all my land & meadows as her own proper right during her natural life and upon performance of the above written conditions I do freely give & grant to him s^d *Edward Howell* all ye lands & meadows above written to him his heirs administrators and assigns forever—

Item—I do give & bequeath to my sixth son *Benjamin Howell* all my land lying at ye rear of *Coll Piersons* home lot at *Sagaponack* eight acres more or less as also one whole lot of land lying in the south division at *Sagaponack* next to *Dan Burnet* by estimation twenty acres more or less as also half a lot of mine lying in Hogg neck on ye south east side of ye neck to be equally divided upland & meadow as also half a fifty of *S'hampton* commonage as also one half lot of meadow of mine in *Ketchaponuck* neck in my north division lot of meadow all those lands and meadows above written I do freely give & grant to my son *Benjamin*

Howell and to his heirs administrators & assigns forever—

Item—I do give & bequeath to my seventh son *Thomas Howell* all my land in ye Mill Neck undisposed of by estimation thirty acres be it more or less as also all my land at *Mccoax* lying at ye rear of *Benoni Newtons* home lot eleven acres be it more or less as also half my lot of land lying on ye south-east side of Hogg necke to be equally divided meadow & upland as also half a fifty of *S'hampt.* commonage as also one fifty of meadow of mine at *Ocobogue* lying in lot which *Jonah Fordham* had a fifty in ye same lot all these above written lands & meadows I freely give & grant to my son *Thomas Howell* & to his heirs and administrators and assigns forever—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Mary Howell* fifty pound in current pay out of my estate as it useth one thing with another to be paid her at my decease—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Deborah Tapping* five pound in current pay to be paid her out of my estate at my decease—

Item—I give & bequeath to my daughter *Phoebe Halsey* five pound in current pay to be paid her out of my estate at my decease—

Item—I give & bequeath to my grandchild *Irene Rogers* after my decease one feather bed & furniture to it to be paid her out of my estate—I do in this my last Will & testamt. ordain constitute & appoint my dear & well beloved wife *Mary Howell* to be my law-

ful Executrix to administer upon my whole estate after my decease and she is to have one third part of all my moveable estate as her own proper right and I do appoint my wife to pay all the legacies I have given by my will to any person and to my children and after all my legacies & due debts are all paid my will is that what is left of my moveable estate that my wife shall have a fourth part to herself for her trouble and the rest shall be equally divided amongst all my children.

Signed & sealed by me in ye year of our Lord in S'hamp't. Anno Dom 1697 ye 27 of January.

(No Signature.) [Seal]

In ye presence of us Witnesses

JOHN MALTBIE

JOHN TAYLOR

RICH^d HOWELL

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 28th day of Octob. Anno Dom. 1699 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} Coll. William Smith Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt. of *Edward Howell* late of *S'hampton* in ye sd County deceased on ye 29 day of April Anno Dom. 1699 who by his sd Will did nominate & appoint *Mary* his wife his Executrix to whom was granted the administration of all & singular ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased—

In ye name of God Amen & tenth year of ye reign of our Sovereign Lord *William* the third of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defend^r of ye faith &c. I *John Jagger*⁶⁴ of ye town of *S'hampt* in ye County of Suffolk & province of New York husbandman being sick & weak in body yet through the goodness of God being in full strength of memory do hereby make & ordain this to be my last Will & testant, viz: I give & bequeath my soul unto God that gave it and my body to ye earth after death to be decently buried and after funeral charges and all my just debts paid I dispose of my worldly estate as followeth—

First—I give & bequeath to my eldest son *John Jagger* and to his heirs of his body begotten lawfully forever the one half of my close of land lying on ye Northside of *Samuel Jones* his close to be taken of ye East end thereof and one third part of my land at ye 7 ponds to be the East part of the same and one acre & half in ye South division of ye Oxpasture siding by ye path that runs through ye great plains to ye beach, but if my said son *John* should depart this life

⁶⁴John Jagger was one of the early settlers in Southampton. His home lot, left to son Jeremiah, is on the west side of main street of Southampton, and is the homestead of late Captain George G. White. The "Close on the north side of Samuel Jones close" is on the east side of the road to North sea, nearly opposite the road to Seponack. On this the "old Jagger house" was built in 1707, and was a well-known landmark till it was burned a few years since. The ruins still remain. The beach lot was next the beach, on the west side of Town pond, and is now covered by the beach banks. "The close lying between Samuel Coopers land and Isaac Halseys" is on the west side of the road to North sea. The railroad runs through it.

without any such heirs as afores^d then ye above demised lands to be equally divided between my son *Jeremiah* & his heirs and my son *Samuel* & his heirs forever and my will is that my s^d two sons *Jeremiah* & *Samuel* and their heirs to take care and provide a commendable maintenance for him my sd son *John Jagger*—2 I give & bequeath to my s^d son *Jeremiah Jagger* and his heirs forever my dwelling house & barn with all ye home lot adjoining whereon sd house & barn stands & ye other half of my close of land before mentioned on ye North side of *Samuel Johnes* at ye West end thereof and ye other two third parts of ye aforesaid land at ye 7 ponds to be ye West end thereof and six acres of land in ye ten acre lot lying in Capt. Neck hollow & my two acres of land by ye pond side & one acre & half in ye ten acre lots lying next to *John Jessups* land and one half of my land called ye beach lot and my lot of upland & meadow at *Potuncke* and one fifty pound alotmt in *Ogdens Neck* & one third part of my orchard land at *Long Springs* and a fifty pound commonage throughout ye bounds of s^d town all which land & premises I give unto him my son *Jeremiah Jagger* & his heirs forever saving that his Mother Enjoy part of it as hereafter Expressed and that he give my son *Benjamin Jagger* a good title to his house when he takes possession of mine aboves^d Also I give unto him my s^d son *Jeremiah* a mare & one cow—Thirdly—I give & bequeath to my son *Samuel Jagger* and his heirs forever ye one half of my

close of land lying between *Samuel Coopers* land and *Isaac Halseys* to be taken of ye Northside of ye same to be ye one moiety of that which is now fenced & unfenced and ye other half of my land above mentioned known by ye name of the beach lot and three acres in Halsey's neck & my three acres of land in ye South division of the Ox pasture which I had of *Thomas Stevens* & a single acre lying next *Joseph Pierson* in ye ten acre lots and my whole lot of meadow at *Occobogue* and a fifty of meadow & upland in *Ogdens Neck* and a fifty pound alotmt of commonage throughout ye bounds of s^d town—And one third part of my orchard land at *Long Spring* and a mare two oxen & a cow & a three year old heifer and five sheep all which land & premises I give unto him my son *Samuel* & his heirs forever except what is after for his Mother reserved her life time—

Fourthly—I give & bequeath unto my son *Jonathan Jagger* all that my forty acre division of land I had of *Samuel Cooper* lying on ye West side of ye long pond and all my lot of land & meadow in hog neck division and half a fifty pound commonage throughout ye bounds of s^d town & one mare & two oxen & one cow and a three year old heifer & five sheep all which land & premises I give unto him my s^d son *Jonathan* & his heirs forever—Fifthly—I give & bequeath unto my son *Benjamin Jagger* and his heirs forever ye other half of my close of land lying between *Samuel Coopers* land & *Isaac Halsey* & *Jeremiah's* house thereon standing and my meadow at *Shinacocke* & *Schonnucke*

& one third part of my land and orchard at *Long Springs* and a lot of meadow at ye beach & a fifty pound alotment of meadow & upland in *Ogdens necke* & one half of a fifty pound commonage throughout ye bounds of s^d town and one mare & two oxen one cow and a three year old heifer & five sheep all which land & premises I give unto him my said son *Benjamin* & his heirs forever. And if either my son *Jonathan* or *Benjamin* should depart this life without heir or heirs then ye survivor to have the half a fifty pound commonage to him & his forever & further my will is yt if Either my son *Samuel Jonathan* or *Benjamin* shall depart this life without heir or heirs then ye respective part of land to them demised as aforesaid of him or them that shall depart this life as aforesaid shall be equally divided between my surviving sons and their heirs *John Jagger* only Excepted and my sons namely *Jeremiah Samuel* & *Benjamin* my will is that each of them shall Stump & girdle ye trees of five acres of *Jonathans* land at ye long pond—Sixthly—I give & bequeath unto my three daughters namely *Elizabeth Sarah* & *Susannah* each of them one sheep they having had their portions already—Seventhly—I give unto my daughter *Lydia* two cows & five sheep—

Eighthly & lastly—I do here by this my last Will & testant. make my beloved wife *Hannah* sole Executrix thereof & give unto her one third part of the use of all my land above demised to my several sons and one third of my dwelling house especially ye lower room next street for her use and all ye rest of

my moveable estate for ye paying of all my debts and ye comfortable subsistance of herself and family she paying all ye above mentioned legacies out of my estate that is moveable. And for ye full confirmation of this my last Will & testamt I have hereunto set my hand & seal in *S'hampt.* this 18th day of Aug 1698

JOHN JAGGER [Seal]

Signed sealed & declared to be his last Will and testamt. in presence of us

SAMUEL WOODRUFF

JOSHUA HALSEY

NATHAN HOWELL

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 29 day of Oct. Anno Dom. 1699 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd. County was proved & approved the last Will & testamt. of *John Jagger* late of *S'hampton* in ye sd. County deceased who by his sd. Will did nominate and appoint *Hannah* his wife his sole Executor to whom was granted the administration of the goods & chattels of sd deceased.

BROOKHAVEN Jany. 11 169³

In ye name of God Amen I *Walter Jones* of *Brookhaven* aboves^d in ye County of Suffolk on

Long Island of ye Province of N. York being sick & weak of body but of good & sound memory thanks be to God in calling to mind the uncertain estate of this life and that I must yield to death when it shall please God do make & ordain this my last Will & testam. hereby revoking any other or former will by me made either by word or writing—first I give & bequeath my Soul to God who gave it & my body being dead to be buried in such place & manner as to my Executor hereafter named shall seem meet—

Item—ye worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to endow me I give unto *Richard Hulse & Hannah* his wife of ye town aboves^d that is to say my house & land with all the improvements thereon together with all my goods & chattels of w^t kind or nature soever my just debts being first paid by them and the legacies hereafter named with this proviso that ye said *Richard Hulse & Hannah* his wife shall well & carefully provide for me and allow me such comfortable sustenance in my sick & weak condition as may be convenient for a sick or aged person & to look after my cattle &c. Item I give to *Thomas* ye son of *Richard Hulse* a horse & a yearling calf steer—Item—I give unto *Richard* son of *Rich^d Hulse* a yearling Heifer—Item—I give unto *Joseph* ye son of *Richard Hulse* a calf—Item—I give unto *John* ye son of *Richard Hulse* a two year heifer in ye spring—Item—I give unto *John Thomas* a bull come two year old—Lastly I do hereby nominate &

appoint my friend *Rich^d Hulse* Executor of this my last will—In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seale—

WALTER JONES ^{his} Ξ [Seale]
mark

Witnessed by
THOMAS HELME
CHARLES DAVIES

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 3^d day of June Anno Dom 1699 at ye Manor of St. George in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Coll William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye County aboves^d was proved & approved the last Will & testamt of *Walter Jones* late of *Brookhaven* aboves^d deceased on ye 15 January Anno Dom 1698. The administration of the goods & chattels of the sd dec^d was granted to *Samuel Swazy* of *Brookhaven* aboves^d.

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come Greeting—Know ye that I *Gideon Youngs*⁶⁵ of *Southhold* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York Yeoman being of sound memory but diseased in body do constitute & appoint these

⁶⁵Gideon Youngs was son of Captain John Youngs, and born 1638. In 1663 he owned part of Plum Island.

presents to be my last Will & testamt. in manner & form following : first I commit my precious immortal soul into ye hands of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer and my body being dead I commit to ye earth by decent burial in the comfortable hopes of its resurrection unto eternal life and as for my worldly goods I give & bestow them on my dear wife & children as followeth—

Imprimis—I give unto my beloved wife *Sarah Youngs* one full third part of all my lands & tenemts as the law requires during her natural life & I give her ye sole management of all the lands that in these presents I give to my son *Jonathan* till he comes of ye age of twenty-one years—And if *Jonathan* shall die before that age then my wife to have ye management of s^d lands till the successor or successors of *Jonathan* shall come to the age—Also I give her the use of my whole dwelling house till said *Jonathan* or successors shall come of age and after he or they shall be of age then my wife to have one half of my said house & of all my other houses which she shall choose as long as she shall live—

Item—I give her all my goods & chattels w^{so}ever within doors & without so long as she shall remain my widow for her own comfortable maintenance and for ye bringing up of our children and for ye helping them as she shall in her discretion se cause and in no wise to hinder her from pious uses of charity & mercy and at and before her death to dispose of them by Will & testamt. as aboves^d Also I give her the

use of half ye barn with free passing & repassing she being at half ye charge of upholding ye same and maintaining it—Item—with the injunctions reservations & provisos in these presents contained being kept and fulfilled I do give unto my son *Gideon* & to my son *Jonathan* and their heirs and assigns forever all my lands of all sorts in ye Oyster pond lower neck to be divided between them when my son *Jonathan* shall be twenty one years of age in equal proportions for quantity & quality in such several divisions and parcels as may be most equal & convenient always reserving my wifes thirds out of the whole also for ye better settling of my eldest son *Gideon* in my now dwelling house I do now establish to him and his heirs and assigns the s^d house together with a tract of land adjoining to ye same beginning at a large white oak between my dwelling houses and lies next the harbor marked with ye letter G on ye Southward side and extending from thence through ye wood in a strait line to a crooked black oak marked also with G on ye Southward side which is ye corner bounds and from thence Southward on a straight line to a crooked white oak below ye hill by ye edge of the salt pond in my land, and along from said oak by the pond side to ye harbor and so along by the harbor side Northward till it comes to ye first white oak mentioned, with free liberty to pass & repass with his cart & team or on horseback or on foot as far as my dwelling house land Extends next above ye beach & doing no damage this land thus

given to my son *Gideon* to be part of his half aboves^d And furthermore I give to my s^d son *Gideon* a first lot of upland in the Oyster pond upper neck bounded by ye land of *Benjamin Horton* to ye Eastward and by ye land of *Richard Brown* to ye Westward & in length reaching from ye Sound or North sea Southward to ye harbor also my will is that my son *Jonathan* when he shall attain to ye age of twenty one years that he shall with the best assistance that he can get divide all the lands that is dividable between himself & his brother *Gideon* into as many parcels as is most convenient in my son *Jonathan's* judgment and having so done my son *Gideon* or his heirs shall take their choice which part or parcels he or they will have for their share—Item—It is to be noted that I have ordered a piece of land to my now dwelling house bounded as followeth: beginning at a large white oak ye same tree where my son *Gideon* began as aboves^d so along by the harbor to a black oak tree which is ye bounds between *John Tuthill* and myself and from thence to ye Northeast corner of *John Tuthill's* his land lying by the harbor side and from thence Eastwardly twenty and nine rods more or less to a white oak marked on ye Southside with ye letter Y and from thence on a streit line to crooked black oak also marked with the letter Y on the Northerly side which is a corner bounds between my son *Gideon* and my son *Jonathan* and from thence upon a strait line down to ye first white oak mentioned by the harbor which parcel of land thus set

out for my son *Jonathan* or his successors in lieu of that already set out to my son *Gideon*—

Item—My will is that my son *Gideon* his heirs or assigns shall pay or cause to be paid unto my sons *Joseph* & *David* ye sums of thirty pounds a piece to each of them when each of them comes to legal age of twenty-one years—Also my will is that my son *Jonathan* his heirs or assigns shall pay or cause to be paid unto my sons *Joseph* & *David* ye sum of thirty pounds a piece to each of them when my son *Jonathan* shall come to ye age of twenty & three years of age all these payments in this my will are to be paid in current money of this Province—

Item—My Will is for ye security of these payments afores^d in manner & form before willed that if either *Gideon* or *Jonathan* or *Gideon's* heirs that are to pay their brothers *Joseph* and *David* their respective sums before willed them shall neglect or refuse to pay the same upon reasonable demand then I do retract from him that maketh default by not performing ye provision required ye one half of ye land so designed him both in quantity and quality excepting ye lands affixed to the respective houses and if *Gideon* & *Jonathan* shall make default of payment as is willed them then I retract from them both half ye land intended them and by this my last will & testamt. do give & bequeath it to such son & sons as shall thus be refused and neglected to be paid the money hereby given them and to their respective heirs and assigns forever that half of land so

retracted—Item—My will is that if *Jonathan* shall die under age then his land shall go to my son *Joseph* with ye same reservations & priveleges as it was *Jonathans* if *Joseph* shall die under age then ye land shall go in like manner to my son *David* if *Joseph* shall die under age then *Jonathan* to pay to *David* ye sum of threescore pound current money of this Province—If either *Joseph* or *David* shall die under age then *Gideon* and *Jonathan* to pay three score pounds current money of each of them to ye survivor—But my son *Gideon* not to pay out money to such brother as shall succeed his brother *Jonathan* in his land such successor to divide ye land also as *Jonathan* might—Item—My will is that if my beloved wife should die before *Jonathan* comes to ye age of twenty-one years then my son *Gideon* or Guardian or Guardians chosen by my son *Jonathan* shall let out for the only advantage of my son *Jonathan* until he comes of legal age my meaning is the land which I gave him by this my present will—Item—My will is that if my well beloved wife *Sarah Youngs* shall neglect or omit at or before her death to dispose of them by will & testamt. as afores^d then my mind & will is that it shall be equally divided that is to say what shall be left undisposed of to my three daughters or such of them as shall be living at their mothers death my meaning is of my moveable estate so left undisposed of by my wife—Item—My will is that my son *Gideons* chimneys and two floors belonging to the house now given him in this my

now will be finished with my estate he only assisting with his own hands finally my will is & I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my dearly beloved wife *Sarah Youngs* and my son *Gideon Youngs* to be Executrix and Executor and my will is that my son *Gideon* shall have no power to act without ye consent of his mother but that my wife shall have full power to act as Executrix without ye consent of my son if he will not concur with his mother—And in confirmation of this my last will & testamt I do hereby make null & void all former wills and do to these presents affix my hand & seal this twenty second day of December in ye year of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred ninety & nine—

GIDEON YOUNGS [Seal]

Signed sealed & owned in ye presence of us

JOHN TUTHILL

THOMAS TERRY

JOSEPH YOUNGS

SAMUEL YOUNGS

WALTER BROWN

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 22 day of Feby. Anno Dom 1699 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hon^{ble} *Coll William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved the last Will & testamt of *Gideon Youngs* late of *Southhold* in ye sd County deceased on ye 31 day of Decem. Anno Dom 1699 who by his sd Will did nominate *Sarah*

his wife and *Gideon* his son Executors of his said will to whom was granted the sd administration—

In ye name of God Amen—I *Robert Patton*⁶⁶ of *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk on ye Island of Nassau in ye Province of New York being in perfect memory & understanding do make this my last will & testamt. first I bequeath my soul to God that gave it me and my body after dead to a decent burial to ye earth from whence it was first taken and for my worldly estate I dispose in manner & form following—First I give unto the *Rev^d. Mr. Joseph Whiting* ten pounds to be paid by my executors—Secondly I give unto *Mr Samuel Burts* eldest son of *N. York* ten pounds to be paid by my executors—^{3^{dly}} I give unto *William Herrick* ten pounds to be paid by my executors—^{4^{ly}}—I give unto *Thomas Herrick* ten pounds to be paid by my executors—^{5^{ly}}—I do give unto *Sam^l Cooper* ten pounds to be paid by my executors—^{6^{ly}}—I do give unto *Ephraim Topping* my shop now standing upon ye land of *Tho. Topping*—Lastly—after yt my debts are paid and a decent burial the rest of my estate I do give unto my

⁶⁶ Robert Patton was the village tailor in Southampton in the olden time. His home lot was on the east side of main street next south of the house of late Colonel Benjamin H. Foster. The house of Josiah Foster lately stood on it. It is a small piece of land in the northwest corner of the original home lot of Lieutenant Richard Post. A store owned by Captain Daniel S. Havens stands on it. The executors of Robert Patton sold it to Obadiah Sale.

two executors namely *William Herrick* & *Sam^l Cooper* whom I do constitute & appoint to seil & dispose of my house & land that I bought of *Samuel Butler* to pay the legacies I do order my Executors to pay to *Margaret Marsker* in Scotland ten pounds if demanded I do order my executors to pay unto *William Patton* in Scotland twenty pounds if demanded by the sd *Margaret Marsker* & *W^m Patton*— And *William Herrick* & *Samuel Cooper* I do appoint & constitute to be my said Executors & administrators of this my last will & testamt. In Witness whereof I have hereunto fixed my hand & seal in *Southampton* ye 25 of April 1700.

ROBERT PATTON [Seal]

Signed sealed & declared by *Rob^t Patton* to be his last will & testamt in presence of

JOSIAH HOWELL
MANASSEH KEMPTON
THO. TOPPING

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 21 day of May Anno Dom 1700 at ye manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County aboves^d was proved & approved the last Will & testamt of *Robert Patton* late of *S^thampton* in ye sd County dec^d on ye 12 day of May Anno Dom 1700 who by his s^d last Will & testamt. did nominate and appoint *William Herrick* & *Samuel Cooper* his Executors to whom was granted the ad-


ministration of the all & singular the goods & chattels of ye sd. deceased—

In the name of God Amen. I *Mary Halsey*⁶⁷ late relict of *Thomas Halsey* of ye town of *S'hamp-ton* late deceased being very sick & weak in body but in sound memory Expecting every day to put off this mortal body do make & ordain this to be my last will & testamt. in manner & form following—I give & freely bequeath my soul to God who at first gave it to me and my body after decent burial to ye earth from whence it was taken and for my worldly estate I dispose of it as followeth, (viz)—1st I give & bequeath unto my grandson *Ammy Resco* one two year old heifer & four sheep—2^d I give & bequeath unto my four granddaughters namely *Mary Hand Eunice Howell Elizabeth Moore & Zerviah Howell* each of them twenty shillings in money one silver spoon one pr. of sheets one pewter plate two napkins one pillow drawer and one sheep—3^d I give & bequeath unto my daughter *Sarah Moore* ye best rug & a white kersey blanket & a new chest—4th I give & bequeath unto my daughter *Hannah Howell* a brass kettle, hetchill, Iron skellit, a green rugge a white fitted blanket, a pr. of stillyards & an iron

⁶⁷ Thomas Halsey, the husband of the testatrix, lived in Southampton village on the homestead of late Thomas Nicoll White. "Ammy Rescoe" the grandson was son of Ammiruhami Ruscoe, who lived at Mecox. He was the ancestor of Horace Ruscoe, a well known resident of Huntington.

bound chest—5th I give & bequeath unto my daughter *Phebe Halsey* three pound in money one silver spoon one pewter plate one sheep one pr. of sheets one pillow drawer two napkins and nine of ye fifteen cattle in ye hands of my son *Nathaniel Halsey* in proportion for value that is to say nine fifteenths of the sd fifteen cattle and two beds and two bolsters and two pillows one of the beds she hath in possession and the other feather bed I now lie on and great bedstead a green rug a great iron kettle and peile trammell & warming pan and iron mortar & a frying pan a brass skillet & a great chest and a little chest & a pair of tongues—6th I give & bequeath unto my daughter *Abigail Howell* three pounds in money one silver spoon one pewter plate & one sheep one pr. of sheets one pillow drawer two napkins a brass pot and a trammell & peile in *Nathaniel's* hands the two last particulars—7th I give & bequeath unto my son *Nathaniel Halsey* one feather bed one iron pot and cupboard & a great table and half ye grindstone all in his hands already the other half of the grindstone I give unto my son *Josiah Halsey*—8th I give unto my five sons namely *Josiah, Isaac, David, Jeremiah* and *Nathaniel Halsey* five cattle in ye hands of the s^d *Nathaniel Halsey* to be equally divided between them and my timber chain to be used amongst them five—9th my will is yt. all other household stuff belonging to me of what nature or kind and wheresoever to be found to be divided between my daughter *Phebe Halsey* &

Abigail Howell equally and that my wearing apparel linen & woolen & silk to be equally divided among my five daughters namely *Mary Howell, Sarah Moore, Hannah Howell, Phebe Halsey & Abigail Howell*—10th I do by these presents constitute ordain & appoint my sons *Isaac & David Halsey* Executors of this my last Will & testamt. to receive all my estate & first pay all my just debts and then the aboves^d bequests and legacies and the rest of my estate to be divided equally between my two Executors four pound of the s^d money above bequeathed is in ye hands of my son *Nathaniel Halsey*—And for ye full confirmation of this my last will & testamt I have hereunto set my hand & seal in *S'hampton* afores^d this 18 day of December Anno Dom 1699.

MARY HALSEY ^{her} [Seale]
mark

Signed sealed & declared to be her last Will & testamt. in presence of

CHRISTOPHER FOSTER

BENJAMIN HOWELL

MATTHEW HOWELL

By the tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 21 day of May Anno Dom. 1700 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before the Hono^{ble} *Coll. William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved the last will & testamt. of *Mary Halsey* late of *S'hampton* in ye sd. County deceased on ye 20th day of Dec^r Anno

Dom 1699 who by her said Will & testamt. did nominate & appoint her sons *Isaac & David Halsey* her Executors to whom was granted the administration of the goods & chattels of ye sd deceased.

In the name of God Amen. I *Richard Wodkull*⁶⁸ of *Brookhaven* in the County of Suffolk being weak in body but of sound memory thanks be to God calling to mind ye uncertain state of this life do make & ordain this & none other to be my last will & testamt. in manner following—First I commit my soul into ye hands of Jesus Christ my merciful Redeemer and my body being dead to ye earth to be decently buried—Item to *Richard Wodkull* my eldest son I give my house and all my home lands adjoining to it with all other the buildings orchards fencings and other the improvements thereon made & all my land in ye old field & in ye *Little Neck* and my meadow at *Conscience* and all my meadow & upland in the fire place neck at South and twenty acres of land at Selliers lot in *Newtown* and ten acres of meadow in Porriges neck at ye South and half an accommodation of common-

⁶⁸ Richard Woodhull was one of the most illustrious of the early settlers of Brookhaven, and the leader of the settlement. His wife was Temperance Topping of Southampton. So much has been written concerning him in the "History of Suffolk County" that it seems needless to repeat it here. His place at Setauket was the home of three generations. "Oldfields" is the neck north of Setauket, next the sound "Crassum's Neck" is on the South Bay at the village of Brookhaven. Snake neck is on the east side of Carman's River.

age all which lands and meadows with the buildings & improvements aboves^d I give to my said son *Richard* to have & to hold ye same to him & his heirs forever—Item to *Nathaniel Wodhull* my son I give my land & meadow at ye south in Crossums Neck with ten acres of meadow in ye Westward part of Snake Neck with half an accommodation of commonage—To Have & to Hold the said lands & meadows to him my sd. son *Nathaniel* his heirs & assigns forever—Item—to *John Wodhull* my son I give the Easternmost part of Snake called Porridge neck with all ye lands & meadow therein contained (Except ye ten acres of meadow before given to my son *Richard*) also to my said son *John* I give ten acres of meadow in ye westward part of Snake neck and half an accommodation of commonage to have & to hold the same to him my s^d son *John* his heirs & assigns forever—Item—to *Josiah Wodhull* my son I give ye Westermost part of Snake neck containing the land and meadows there (Except ye twenty acres of meadow given to my son *Nathaniel* & *John*) and half an accommodation of commonage to have & to hold ye sd land & meadow to him my sd son *Josiah* his heirs & assigns forever—Item—My Will is that if my sd sons *John* & *Josiah* shall not enjoy ye land in Snake neck then I give to them in like manner the twenty acres at *Newtowne* near to ye land late belonging to *Peter Whitier* and the rest of my land at *Newtown* (Except what I have given to my son *Richard*) to be equally divided between them and in

case either of my said sons shall not agree in the division of the land or meadow before given them then they shall chose indifferent persons to divide the same and in case either or any of my s^d sons shall die without issue then the survivors shall in like manner divide the part of the deceased among them the surviving brethren equally—Item—to *Dorothy Wodhull* I give forty pounds current money to be paid her out of my moveables at such time as she shall be of age or married—Item—to *Temperance Wodhull* I give forty pounds current money to be paid likewise out of my moveables at such time as she shall be of age or married. Item—to *Temperance Wodhull* my beloved wife I give a third part of my moveables and the whole improvement, & managment, of all my estate until such time as my children afores^d shall be of age. And the rest of my moveables not hereby disposed of my just debts & legacies first paid I give & dispose to be equally divided between my four sons—Lastly I do hereby nominate & ordain my beloved wife *Temperance Wodhull* to be sole Executrix of this my last Will & testamt. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seale the 13th day of Oct. Anno Dom 1699.

Memorandum—It is my will that in case my two sons *John* & *Josiah* shall enjoy ye land in Snake neck at South, then my son *Richard* shall enjoy all my land at *Newtown* before mentioned to be given to my said sons *John* & *Josiah*.

Witness my hand & seale ye day & year aboves^d

RICHARD WODHULL [Seale].

Signed sealed & declared to be ye last Will & testamt of ye sd testator in ye presence of—

RICH^p FLOYD

THO. HELME

ARTHUR FUTHY

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 28th day of May Anno Dom 1700 at ye Manor of St Georges in ye County of Suffolk before the Hono^{ble} *W^m Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved the last Will & testamt. of *Richard Wodhull* late of *Brookhaven* in ye County abovesaid deceased on ye 18th day of Oct. 1699 who by his s^d last will did nominate & appoint *Temperance Wodhull* his sole Executrix to whom was granted the administration of all & singular the goods & chattels of ye sd deceased.

In ye name of God Amen I *Samuel Clark*⁶⁹ of *S'hampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of

⁶⁹ Samuel Clark was the son of Samuel Clark of Northsea, who died in 1677. "The home lot in town," left to son Elisha, is on the east side of Northsea road, north of the railroad, and lately owned by Captain Jesse Halsey. The land on "west side of Northsea path" is about thirty rods north of Seponack road. He lived at North Sea on the homestead of late Austin Rose, now Edson Jennings. His next neighbor on the south was Charles Sturmy, who owned the homestead of late Captain Joseph Harris.

N. York upon ye Island of Nassau yeoman being now in perfect strength of memory though weak in body and not knowing ye time of my departure do constitute & appoint this to be my last Will & testamt. in manner as followeth—

Inprimis—I freely give & bequeath my soul to God that gave it me and my body after dead to decent burial to ye earth from whence it was taken at first & for my worldly estate I give as followeth—First—I give & bequeath to my son *Eliphalet* all that my lot of land lying & being on ye east side of a pond commonly called the long pond with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging as it is described by its dimension upon ye town record & one hundred pound allotmt upon hog necke as it stands to me upon ye record & all the meadow yt I am possessed of at little Noyeck & all my meadow Eastward as far as our town bounds go & one cow & calf & half a fifty pound commonage all the which above mentioned particulars I freely give unto my son *Eliphalet* & to his heirs for ever—2^{dly}—I give & bequeath unto my son *Elisha* my home lot in town with all my land adjoining to ye land that was *John Pinny* upon ye West side of Northsea path & one half of my home meadow lying at ye rear of my home lot at Northsea and my meadow in homeses hill cove on ye west side of the path & I give him two acres of meadow yt lyeth in Cow Neck between *George Harris* & *Joseph Smith* and about Eight acres of land lying on ye West side of Cow Neck *John Davice*

lying on ye North side & *William Jennings* on ye South side & my lot of Sedge meadow at the thorn tree with half a fifty pound commonage & one cow & calf all which I do give to my son *Elisha* & to his heirs forever—3^{dy}—I give & bequeath to my son *Samuel* a fifty pound commonage & all my housing and barns & orchards & all my lands & meadow belonging to me that is not given already the half of all at my decease & ye other half after his mothers decease or marriage & all my carpenters tools the which I freely give to my son *Samuel* & to his heirs for ever, further my will is that if any one of my sons above mentioned shall die without a true & lawful heir of their bodys then his lands that doe soe decease I do give it unto my son *John Clarke* and his heirs forever—4^{ly} I do give unto my daughter *Susannah Clarke* ten shillings money—5^{ly}—I do give to my daughter *Rachel* twenty pounds current money to be paid to her when she shall be eighteen years of age or on ye day of her marriage when she requires it—6^{ly}—I give unto my daughter *Mary* twenty pounds current money to be paid her when she shall come to ye age of eighteen years or on ye day of her marriage when she shall require it—7^{ly}—I give unto my son *John* forty pounds current money to be paid him when he shall come to ye age of twenty one years. 8^{ly}—I do give unto my daughter *Ester* twenty pounds to be paid her when she shall be eighteen years of age or on the day of her marriage when she shall require it—I give & bequeath

all my moveable estate unto my son *Samuel* & unto my well beloved wife *Sarah Clarke* for to bring up the smaller children and if she dies a widow then she may dispose of twenty pounds to whom she sees cause amongst my children & if my wife marryeth again then my son *Samuel* to pay her twenty pounds and to Enjoy all my moveable estate and I do appoint my son *Samuel* Executor of this my last Will and my beloved wife Executrix during widowhood & to administer upon my estate and to pay all my just due & legacies—This my last Will & testamt. Signed & sealed with my hand this 4th Oct. at *Northsea* belonging to *S'hampton*.

SAMUEL CLARKE [Seal]

Signed & sealed in presence of

SAM^t COOPER

JOHN MALTBIE

THE SAYRE

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on the twenty first day of August Anno Dom. 1700 at *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk before the Hono^{ble} *Coll W^m Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved the last will & testamt. of *Samuel Clarke* late of *Northsea* belonging to *S'hampt* afores^d deceased on ye first day of March Anno Dom 1699 who by his sd. Will & testamt. did nominate and appoint *Samuel Clarke* his son & *Sarah* his wife Executors of his sd Will & Testamt. and (the s^d *Sarah* for certain causes her

thereunto moving did renounce ye burthen of executorship) so that the administration of all & singular the goods & chattels of ye sd dec^d was granted to ye said *Samuel Clarke* son of ye sd deceased—

By ye Honoble. *Coll. William Smith* Judge of Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk—To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Alexander Bryan* late of *Milford* in ye Colony of Connecticut departed this life leaving no Executor and *Sibilla* ye wife of ye sd deceased having taken out letters of administration in ye sd Colony of Connecticut on her sd husbands estate and given power to *William Whiting of Hartford* to dispose of & secure for her use certain negroes & other the estate of the s^d deceased within ye County of Suffolk of the Province of New York— And ye sd *William Whiting* for certain causes him thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of all & singular the goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased w^{hin} ye County of Suffolk may be granted to him ye sd *William Whiting* to whom was granted ye sd administration on ye 27th Sept. Anno Dom 1700—And ye sd *William Whiting* on ye twenty sixth day of August Anno Dom 1701 did exhibit an acct. in & concerning ye sd administration before *Coll. William Smith* abovesd which was allowed & approved of by the sd *Sibilla* who prayed that ye administration of ye sd estate of *Alexander*

Bryan deceased may be granted to her to whom ye same was granted on ye 27th day of Sept. Anno Dom 1701.

By the Hono^{ble} *Coll William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk—To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Thomas Stevens*⁷⁷ late of *S^hampton* in ye County of Suffolk departed this life on ye 26th day of November Anno Dom. 1700 leaving no Executor and *Elizabeth Stevens* the widow of ye sd deceased for certain causes her hereunto moving hath prayed that the administration of ye goods & chattels of ye said deceased may be granted to her ye widow aboves^d to whom was granted the sd administration with full power &c. on ye 11th day of Decr. Anno Dom. 1700.

In ye name of God Amen—The last will & testament of *Richard Brown*⁷⁷ of the town of *S^hold* in ye County of Suffolk on Nassau Island in ye Province of New York in America Yeoman made this sixth

⁷⁷ Captain Thomas Stephens lived on the east side of main street of Southampton, on the present homestead of heirs of Captain James Herrick. Some of his descendants are living in the western part of the town.

⁷⁸ Richard Brown was grandson of Richard Brown, who came from England and died in Southold in 1655. He married Dorothy King May 8, 1633. He was ensign in militia.

day of July in the 13th year of ye reign of *William* ye 3^d by ye grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of ye faith &c. & in ye year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and one. To ye intent my goods & chattels lands & tenements may hereafter come unto such persons & remain & be to such uses as by me the sd *Richard Brown* herein do & shall limit & appoint in this my last Will do therefore will order give & devise as followeth—Imp^{mis}—I give devise & bequeath unto my beloved wife *Dorothy* ye moiety or half part of my farm during her widowhood and in case she my sd wife shall happen to remarry then to have hold & enjoy ye one third part thereof during her natural life she being at ye one half part of ye charge during her widowhood & one third part during her natural life for the better & more comfortable manage^{mt} thereof—Also I do give unto my beloved wife all other my other moveable estate of what kind soever except what shall be otherwise disposed of in this my last will & testant for her my sd wife & childrens more comfortable maintenance & also to dispose thereof to all or soe many of my daughters as shall belonging or come to their respective ages of Eighteen years or days of marriage which shall first happen in such part or proportion as to her my s^d beloved wife their mother shall seem most meet & convenient—Item—It is my Will & I do hereby order that my beloved wife shall have hold & Enjoy ye full use & sole command of all my dwelling house during

her widowhood only & in case she shall happen to remarry then to have her choice which part she will take for her more comfortable being with a request & a desire to her that in case my eldest son *Richard* shall happen to marry to her good liking & behave himself in honor & duty towards her that then she would permit my sd son to make use of such a part thereof as she shall or may appoint to him—Item I do give devise & bequeath unto my son *Richard* all my farm on ye Oyster pond lower neck with all the meadow on ye whole neck also one piece of meadow called *Sam^t Kings* meadow also one first lot of upland in ye oyster pond upper neck that is to say the one half of sd farm when my sd son shall attain unto ye age of twenty one years, two thirds of sd farm in case my wife his mother shall remarry and the whole after his mothers decease with all ye housing barn orchard fence & fencing there-upon standing or lying to have & to hold unto my sd son *Richard* his heirs & assigns forever to ye only & sole use of him my sd son his heirs & assigns forever—Also my mind & will is & I do hereby order & appoint my son *Rich^t* & for ye considerations & enjoym^t aboves^d to pay or cause to be paid unto his two younger brothers *Henry* & *David* ye sum of twenty five pounds current money of the Province when they shall attain to ye age of twenty one years & in case either of them shall happen to die then to pay to ye survivor of them thirty pounds of the like money—Item—I do devise & bequeath unto my son *Samuel*

Brown two lots of woodland lying & being in the Oyster pond upper neck—also two pieces of meadow lying & being by *William Brown's* meadow & the other in *Gideon Youngs* lot known by ye name of *Brinley* his meadow—Also it is my mind & will & I do hereby order & appoint & for my son *Samuels* more comfortable settlement & fencing of the above land that upon the division my son *Samuels* part shall be on ye south side to have & to hold the above land & meadow to my son *Samuel* his heirs & assigns forever to ye only use & behoof of him my sd son his heirs & assigns forever—Item—My mind is that my son *Samuel* shall allow unto his brother *Rich^d* a sufficient cartway while he comes into the common road & it is my mind & will & I do hereby order & appoint that if in case my son *Rich^d* shall happen to die without issue lawfully begotten or in his non-age then my son *Samuel* to enjoy his brothers part & to pay unto his two younger brothers *Henry* & *David* or to ye survivor of them the sum or sums of money I have ordered his brother *Rich^d* to pay unto them—I give my s^d son my great bible after his mothers death—Item—I do give devise & bequeath unto my two younger sons *Henry* & *David* all my land and meadow equally or to ye survivor of them or either of them & to y^r heirs & assigns forever & in case they shall happen to die in their non-age then to be & remain unto my sd son *Samuel* his heirs & assigns forever—Item—I do give devise & bequeath unto my beloved wife my meadow at *Car-*

chaugue which my father lent to my sister *Hannah* ye late wife of *John Reeve* for to dispose thereof for ye best advantage for her & my familys more comfortable sustenance always reserving to herself & for her own benefit use & behoof ye one third part of that & all the rest of my movable estate left to her in this my last will—Item—It is my mind & will & I do hereby order & appoint that in case my son *Richard* shall happen to die under the age of twenty one years or without issue lawfully begotten & his brother *Samuel* enjoys his part then my two sons *Henry* & *David* shall equally enjoy ye lands & meadow given to their brother *Samuel*—Item—I do give unto my two sons *Richard* & *Samuel* all my arms to be equally divided unto them by y^r Mother when they come to y^r respective age of 21 years—Item I do hereby make authorize & appoint my beloved wife *Dorothy Brown* my whole & sole Executrix of this my last Will & testamt. Also to have the whole government & guardianship of all my children charging all of them to carry it honorably & dutifully towards their Mother before & after they shall attain unto their respective ages—Item—My mind & will is & I do hereby declare that there shall be no advantage taken either by my wife all or any of my children taken of anything that is contained in this my will by any words that be contained therein or for want of words to explain any intentions of mine towards them by law or otherwise to create any strife hatred animosities or needless charge to them or any of them but to take

these presents to be ye true & genuine thoughts towards them yt love & peace may be continued wch. is my earnest desire—And lastly I do bequeath my soul to ye Almighty & my body to ye earth from whence it came in hopes of resurrection to eternal life by Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour & Redeemer & do appoint these presents to stand in force for & last will & testamt in witness whereof I have to this my last will & testamt set my hand & seal ye day & year first written—

RICHARD BROWN [Seal]

Sealed published & declared by the sd *Rich^d Brown* for & as his last will & testamt. in presence of us witnesses subscribed—

JOHN TUTHILL
SAM^t KING
CALEB CURTICE
ABRAHAM CORYE
ISAAC ARNOLD

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye first day of October Anno Dom 1701 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before the Hon. *Coll. William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last will & testamt. of *Richard Brown* late of *S'hold* in ye sd County deceased July 11 1701 who by his sd will did nominate & appoint *Dorothy* his wife his Executrix to whom was granted the administration of ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased.

In ye name of God Amen I *John Morehouse*²² being weak in body but of perfect strength of memory & not knowing ye time of my appointed change make this my last will & testamit. as followeth. First I give unto my two daughters *Mary & Phebe Morehouse* each of them one good feather bed & each of them one chest & all the goods that are now in a chest that was my wifes chest equally to be divided between them my sd two daughters & also I do give unto my sd two daughters *Mary & Phebe Morehouse* each of them sixty pounds in pay all which to be paid to my sd two daughters as they shall come to ye age of seventeen years & also each of them one bolster filled with feathers—All the rest of my estate both real & personal I give unto my son *John Morehouse* he paying the legacies as is above mentioned & I do make him my sd son *John Morehouse* whole & sole Exect^r of this my will & testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of May 1701—

JOHN MOREHOUSE [Seal]

Signed & Sealed in ye presence of

HENRY PIERSON

BENONI FLINT

I do desire yt *Henry Pierson & Theophilus Howell* would see that this my will be duly Executed.

²² John Morehouse lived at Sagg in Southampton on the homestead and farms lately belonging to Cassander W. Hedges.

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 4 day of December Anno Dom 1701 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Coll William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt of *John Morehouse* late of *Bridgehampton* in ye sd County deceased on ye 10 day of Oct. Anno Dom. 1701 who by his sd will did nominate & appoint *John Morehouse* his son his Executor to whom was granted the administration of the goods & chattels of ye sd deceased.

In the name of God Amen—August ye 9th in ye year of our Lord God 1701 I *James Herricke*⁷³ of *S'hampt.* in ye County of Suffolk upon ye Island of Nassau & Province of New York Yeoman being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory (thanks to God) calling to mind ye mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last Will & testamt. that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it & for my body I recommend it to ye earth to be buried in a Christian & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at ye gen^l resurrection I shall receive the same

⁷³ James Herrick lived on the east side of main street of Southampton, on the homestead now owned by Henry Post. His wife Sarah was the daughter of Peregrine Stanborough. The path used in old times to go to the ancient burying ground went through his home lot.

again by the mighty power of God—And touching such worldly estate as God hath blessed me with in this life I give & dispose of in this following manner & form—Imp^{ms} I give to *Sarah* my dearly beloved wife one third of my lands during her natural life—At ye expiration whereof it is to be added to the rest of my lands & living—I also give unto my sd wife one third of my whole moveable estate wholly & solely for her dispose—Item—I give unto my well beloved daughter *Sarah Herricke* all the rest of my land housing & barns orchards &c—or ye sum of three score pounds good & lawful money to be raised & levied out of my estate together with two thirds of my moveable estate & my lot & meadow at little Hog neck by her freely to be possessed & enjoyed for ever—Item—I make constitute & ordain *Sarah* my well beloved wife together with my dear brother *Thomas Herricke* the Executors of this my last will & testamt, always provided that my daughter *Sarah* be continued under her mothers care & that the aboves^d portion given to my daughter *Sarah* be left in my wifes hands for my daughters education until she shall come of ye age of eighteen years or until marriage only provided yt ye sd portion in quantity & value be no ways diminished I also give unto my s^d daughter *Sarah* my melatto boy *George* for her self & service for ever—Item—I give unto my well respected brother *Thomas Herricke* all my wearing clothes & apparel for himself & dispose together with my sword & gun—Also provided that if my sd

brother *Thomas* see cause to pay unto my dear wife *Sarah* the sum of sixty pounds good & lawful money in ye behalf & upon the account of himself for ye proper use benefit & behoof of my daughter *Sarah* that then I give unto him two thirds of the housing & lands the land at little Hog neck only excepted— But if my s^d daughter die without issue that ye whole of my daughters portion by me given her shall be my brother *Thomas's* the land at Hog neck & the household stuff excepted which land &c is to be returned to my wife *Sarah Herrick*—And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all & every other former wills & testaments. legacys & bequests & Executors by me any way before this time named willed & bequeathed ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal ye day and year above written.

JAMES HERRICKE [Seal]

Signed sealed published pronounced declared by ye said *James Herrick* as his last will & testament. in presence of us—

WILLIAM HERRICKE

AARON BURNETT

NATH. WADE

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on the 7th day of Decemb. 1701 at *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk before the Hon^{ble} *Coll W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye s^d County was proved & approved the last will & testament. of *James Her-*

ricke late of *S'hampt.* aboves^d deceased on ye 16 day of August Anno Dom. 1701 who by his s^d last will did nominate & appoint *Sarah* his wife & *Thomas Herricke* his brother his Executors to whom was granted the administration of the goods & chattels of the s^d deceased.

In ye name of God Amen—*Southold* this 14th of Oct. 1692 I *James Parshall* of the town of *S'hold* in ye County of Suffolk upon Long Island in ye Province of N. York being weak in body but of sound memory do ordain & establish these presents to be my last will & testam^t. in manner & form following—First—I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my merciful Redeemer & my body to ye earth by decent burial in ye assured hopes of its resurrection again at ye last day & as to my outward estate all my just debts being first paid & funeral charges allowed for by my Executors I do will & dispose of as followeth—Imp^{ms} I do give and bequeath unto my two sons *Israel* & *David* all my accommodations of both upland & meadow to them & their heirs forever equally to be divided between them two only my eldest son *Israel* is to have the easternmost side of this my accommodation of upland in *Occabauke* with all the improvements thereupon that is to say my dwelling house barn outhouses fences orchards & improved lands—also my will is that all my implements of husbandry &

arms be equally divided between my sd two sons. 2^{ly} I do give & bequeath to my beloved wife one bed with all the furniture thereunto belonging—4^{ly} Further I do give & bequeath her choice of my Indian Girls also my will is that my wife enjoy one room of my dwelling house & half my orchard during her widowhood and no longer—5^{ly} I do give & bequeath to my eldest daughter *Mary* one bed with all ye furniture thereunto belonging Also I give unto my sd daughter my other Indian Girl—6^{ly} My will is yt all ye rest of my estate shall be equally divided between my wife & all my surviving children—7^{ly} My will is yt & if my two grown Indian slaves do serve faithfully five years (that then & not else they shall be free) Lastly—My mind & will is yt my beloved brothers in law *John Gardiner*⁷⁴ & *David Gardiner* together with my friend *M^r Thomas Mapes* be Executors to this my last Will & testamt. And I do advise them to put out my two sons to such trades as they shall incline to learn for the confirmation hereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal in *Southold* this 14 day of Oct. in ye year of our Lord God 1692.

JAMES PARSHALL [Seal]

Signed sealed published & declared before us

EVAN DAVISE

SAMUEL SWAZY

THO. MAPES

⁷⁴ James Parshall married Elizabeth, daughter of David Gardiner, the second proprietor of Gardiner's Island. They were married previous to March 26, 1680.

By the tenor of these presents Know ye yt on ye 28 day of Oct. 1701 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before ye Hono^{ble} *Coll William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last will & testant of *James Parshall* late of *S'hold* in ye said County deceased on ye 15 day of Sept. 1701 who by his s^r will did nominate and appoint his brothers in law *John & David Gardiner & Thomas Mapes* his Executors—and the administration of the goods & chattels of ye sd deceased was granted to ye sd *David Gardiner & Thomas Mapes*.

By the Hono^{ble} *Coll William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk &c. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting, Know ye that whereas *Charles Booth*⁷³ late of *S'hold* in ye County of Suffolk departed this life on ye 3^d day of Dec^r 1700 leaving no Executor & *Abigail* the widow of the deceased for certain causes her thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of the s^d deceased may be granted unto her—To whom was granted ye sd administration on ye 28 day of Oct. 1702 with full power to ask demand sue for receive & recover all & singular the goods chattels and credits whatsoever to ye dec^d afores^d belonging or any ways appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^hsoever—In ye first

⁷³ Charles Booth was son of John Booth. He had brothers Thomas and John. He married Abigail, daughter of Barnabas Horton.

place paying those debts whereby ye sd dec^d stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye sd dec^d may to this Extend taking her oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of ye sd goods chattels & credits which shall or may come to her hands possession or knowledge & further to give a just & true acct. in & concerning ye sd administration at or before ye 28 day of April next ensuing ye date hereof.

By *Coll William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk &c. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Simon Ingersoll*⁷⁶ late of *Huntington* in ye sd County Husbandman departed this life on ye 8 day of January Anno Dom 1701 leaving no Executor & *Thomas Scudmore* of ye said place for certain causes him thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased to him, to whom was granted ye said administration Dec^r ye 15 1702 with full power to ask demand sue for & recover all & singular ye goods chattels & credits w^hsoever to ye deceased afores^d belonging or any ways appertaining by all lawful ways & means w^hsoever—In ye first place paying those debts whereby ye sd. deceased stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits

⁷⁶ Simon Ingersoll was son of John (see Note 4).

of ye sd dec^d may to this extend taking his oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of ye sd goods chattels & credits which shall or may come to his hands possession or knowledge & to give a true & just account in & concerning ye sd administration at or before ye 15 day of June next.

By *Coll William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye County of Suffolk &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas *Isaac Corey*^m late of *S'hold* in ye County of Suffolk Husbandman departed this life on ye 8th day of March Anno Dom 1705 leaving no Executor & *Sarah* his widow for certain causes her thereunto justly moving hath prayed that ye administration of all & singular ye goods & chattels of ye sd dec^d may be granted to her—to whom was granted ye sd administration May ye 21 1702 with full power to ask demand sue for receive & recover all & singular ye sd goods & chattels by all lawful ways & means w^{soever} in ye first place paying those debts whereby ye s^d dec^d stood obliged at ye time of his death as far as ye lawful goods & credits of ye sd dec^d will to this extend taking her oath truly to administer ye same & to make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of ye

^m Isaac Corey was son of John Corey, who in 1659 bought a house and lot of John Budd, but was objected to by the neighbors as being a Quaker. In 1650 his father conveyed to him all his lands.

sd goods & chattels which shall or may come to her hands possession or knowledge & to give a true acct in & concerning ye sd administration at or before ye 21 of Nov. next.

In ye name of God Amen, the sixth day of June in ye year of our Lord God 1702 I *Lot Burnat*⁷⁸ of ye town of *S'hampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of New York Cordwainer being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefor, calling to mind ye mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this to be my last will & testamt. that is to say, principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into ye hands of God that gave it & for my body I recommend to ye earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at ye discretion of my Executors—And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of ye same in ye following manner & form—Imp^{mis} I give & bequeath to my wife *Phoebe* during her natural life one half of all my housing & lands meadows & orchards yt I have in ye bounds of ye town of *S'hampton* aforesd & ye one half of my moveable estate of w^t

⁷⁸ Lot Burnett was son of Thomas Burnett, a very early settler. His homestead was at Flying Point, and now owned by Luther D. Burnett. A place on east side of Fish Cove at Northsea still bears the name of "Lot's Orchard," and a road in the woods north of Bridgehampton is called "Lot's Path," and both probably derive their names from him.

nature or kind or wheresoever to be found in ye sd County of Suffolk forever—And I give & bequeath to my eldest son *Joseph* ye one half of all my land housing & barn & orchard & meadow yt I have in ye bounds of *S'hampton* forever & at his mothers decease all ye other half of sd land housing & barn in ye bounds of *S'hampt.* afores^d the half of my orchard only Excepted which I have hereafter given to my son *Joseph.* Imp^{ms} I give and bequeath unto my son *David Burnat* to his heirs & assigns forever ye above named moiety or half of my orchard at his mothers decease & all that my certain house & accommodations of land & meadow at a place commonly known by ye name of *Cohansey* in ye bounds of ye town of *Fairfield* in ye Province of West Jersey in America. Imp^{ms} I give & bequeath unto my daughter *Sarah Fithian* ye sum of ten shill having rec^d her part before Item—I give & bequeath unto my six sons namely *Joseph David Jonathan Nathan Ephraim & Samuel Burnat* all ye rest of my estate not above demised & given & disposed to be equally divided amongst my sd six sons each of them to receive of my Executors ye equal six part of all my estate not demised & given as afores^d Item—I make constitute & ordain my beloved wife *Phebe* & my eldest son *Joseph Burnat* my Executors of this my last Will & testamt. to fulfil & Execute this my last Will & testamt. according to tenor & form of it & I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all & every other former testamts wills legacys bequests &

Executors by me in any ways before this time named willed & bequeathed ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & testamt. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal ye day & year above written.

LOT BURNAT [Seal]

Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by ye sd *Lot Burnat* as his last Will & testamt. in ye presence of us ye subscribers

BENJ. FOSTER

THOS ^{his} X SMITH
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MATTHEW HOWELL

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 1st day of Sept 1702 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll W^m Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt of *Lot Burnat* late of *Southampton* in ye sd County dec^d on ye 16 day of June 1702 who by his sd last Will did nominate & appoint *Phebe* his wife & *Joseph* his son his Executors to whom was granted ye administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased—

The last Will & Testamt of me *Peregrine Stanborough*⁷⁹ yeoman of or belonging to *S'hampton* in ye

⁷⁹ Peregrine Stanborough was son of Josiah Stanborough, one of the original "undertakers" of the settlement of Southampton. His home

County of Suffolk upon ye Island of Nassau alias Long Island within ye province of N. York as followeth—First—I having given long since my soul to God & Christ do continue ye same & my body to ye grave where I expect its glorious resurrection to life again at ye last day—My estate as followeth—1. I give to my beloved wife *Sarah* half my housing & barn after my decease with a third of my land at home & a third of that where my son *Johu* now dwelleth her third to lye on ye east side next *Theodore Piersons* land she keeping up the third of ye fence I give also to my wife Eleven head of Cattle two of them Oxen ye other nine as they rise—I give her also one horse twenty sheep ye bed we lye on with all ye furniture to it or what she pleaseth—I give her her trunk & box with what is in them & ye four score pounds in money that her father willed her, forty of it being in her trunk and ye other forty pound to be paid by her son in law *Jonathan Strickland* with all ye moveables in ye house yt were her fathers, saving ye books that have ye childrens names in them & three which I give to our Minister *Ebenezer White* having his name in them—I give also to my wife an iron pot a warming pan a frying pan brass

lot and that of his father before him was at Sagg, on the south side of Bridge Lane, and still known as "Stanborough Lot." His wife Sarah was the eldest daughter of Rev. Thomas James. Peregrine Stanborough was probably the first white child born in Southampton. His tombstone in the Sagg burying ground bears the inscription: "Mr. Peregrine Stanborough, Deacon in ye Parish, departed this life Jan. ye 4. 1791. in ye 62 year of his Age."

scillet box iron—I give her also my Negroes *Will & Isabel* with ye bed and bedding they lye on—2. I give to my son *John Stanbrough* & to his heirs forever after my decease half of my housing & barn with two thirds of my land at home & ye other third of land & housing to return to him upon his mothers decease or marriage. I give also to my son *John* all that tract of land lying between *Col. Piersons & Capt. Toppings* land—3. I give to my son *James Stanbrough* & to his heirs forever after my decease all yt house that his brother *John* now lives in & all that land lot or lots bounded with *Theodore Piersons* on ye east & ye highway on ye southwest & north & a fifty of commonage if my wife outlive me then she shall enjoy a third of that land above specified & after her death to return to ye sd *James Stanbrough* & his heirs forever—4. I give to my daughter *Olive* after my decease nine cattle as they rise young and old fifteen sheep one mare a bed bolster a p^r of fine sheets & two other pair two blankets a rugg a coverlet one of ye chest of drawers her chest & box with what is in them ye pewter I give her, an iron pot & a brass kettle which she will one iron tranell also a woollen & linen wheel which she will—5. I give to my daughter *Hannah* wife to *John Lupton* besides what she has had that cow and ye money that son *Lupton* owes me & ten acres of land lying by *Elisha Howells* land on ye other side Sag pond & after their death I give it to my grandson *Josiah Lupton* & his heirs forever—6. I give to my daughter *Mary* ye wife of

Jonathan Strickland twelve acres of land lying next to that willed to my son *Lupton* provided *Jonathan Strickland* pay to my youngest daughter *Anne* nine pounds in current money of this Province when *Anne* comes of age if not six acres of ye twelve to return to *Anne* & her heirs forever but if he pay not my wife that forty pounds I willed to her which he is to pay according to his obligation then I give the other six acres to my son *John Stanbrough*—7. I give to my daughter *Sarah* wife of *James Herricke* one two year old heifer & all my land & meadow in little Hog neck which is a third of ye neck—I give to her & her heirs forever—8. I give to *Eunice* my daughter nine cattle as they rise fifteen sheep a bed bolster a blanket two pr of sheets a rug a coverlet lined her closet & what is in it with ye pewter I gave her & an iron pot & a brass kettle—9. I give to *Elizabeth* nine head of cattle as they rise young and old fifteen sheep a bed bolster two pr. of sheets a rug a coverlet a blanket her chest with what is in it & pewter I gave her, an iron pot a brass kettle & ye least iron kettle—10. I give to *Ann* my youngest daughter feathers Enough to fill a bed & bolster two pr. of sheets a rug two blankets a brass kettle an iron kettle an iron pot my chest with what pewter is in it—I give to my son *James Stanbrough* fifteen head of cattle with them that are his two of them oxen ye rest little & great he giving to his sister *Ann* nine cattle of cow kind when she comes of age as they rise—I give to *James* also five & twenty sheep with them he calls his he

giving to his sister *Anne* fifteen good sheep when she comes of age—I give also to *James* the bed he lyes on a blanket & rug which his sisters leave a pr. of sheets or two pr. if there be any left he giving to *Anne* four pounds current money—If not to make good to her ye ware when she comes of age—I give to my son *James* a gun a sword a plow chain a horse chain an axe a hoe ye choice of them his chest & what is in it half of my clothes saving my cloake which I give to my son *John* with ye other half of my clothes & *James* to enjoy his own horses which he calls his—I give to my son *John* ye land on ye other side ye pond yt is left not already given away he paying to *Olive* nine pounds current money of this Province or Equivalent unto *Eunice* seven pounds in money or equivalent & to *Elizabeth* seven pounds current money of this Province—I give my daughters *Olive*, *Sarah*, *Eunice*, *Elizabeth* & *Anne* what money is in my chest at my decease to be equally divided amongst them—I give to my wife the Trundle bed a cotton rug blankets & sheets if there be any left & one of ye flaggons—I give to my daughter *Martha* ye other flaggon & to her daughter *Abigail* yt iron pot yt is in your possession—I give to my grandson *Josiah Stanbrough* a gun & sword—I give to my grandson *David Lupton* a gun & weaned calf & I give to *Hannah Lupton's* little child *Sarah* ye least pewter tankard—I give to *Sarah Herricks* child a y^e old heifer & to *Ruth's* child if she comes my wife shall give a cow & ten sheep I constitute my be-

loved wife *Sarah* my son *John Stanbrough* & my son *James Stanbrough* to be Co. or joint Executors of this my last Will & testamt—I desire my good friends *Ebenezer White* & *Theophilus Howell* to be overseers of this my will for ye due performance of ye same for ye ratification & confirmation of this my last Will & testamt. I do set to my hand & fix my seal this seventeenth of May 1699 & in ye 11 year of his Ma^{ty} reign King *William 3^d* of Great Britain France & Ireland defender of ye faith whom God preserve & save—

PEREGRINE STANBURGH [Seal]

Subscribed & sealed in presence of us

THEOPHILUS HOWELL

THEODORE PIERSON

EBENEZER WHITE

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 2^d day of Sept. Anno Dom. 1702 at ye Manor of St Georges in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt of *Peregrine Stanburgh* late of *S'hampton* in ye sd County deceased on ye 15 day of Jan^y 170¹ who by his sd will did nominate & appoint his beloved wife *Sarah* his sons *John* & *James Stanburgh* his joint Executors & ye administration of all & singular ye goods & chattels of ye sd deceased was granted to them—

In ye name of God Amen I *Henry Pierson*⁸⁰ belonging to *S'hampton* in ye County of Suffolk on Island of Nassau in ye Province of New York being thro Gods goodness in perfect strength of memory though weak in body & not knowing ye day of my appointed change do make this my last Will & testam^t as followeth—First—bequeath my soul to God who gave it & my body to ye earth decently to be buried & as for yt estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of it as followeth—I give unto my eldest son *John Pierson* his heirs & assigns forever my home lot with all ye housing & fencing thereupon & also all my beach close & also two lots of land in Hog neck No. 39 & No. 47 & also all my land & swamp at ye head of Sag swamp & also all my meadow at ye North side at ye great meadow & at *Smith's* meadow & also a quarter of a share at *Meantake* one horse two oxen two cows & ten sheep—I give unto my son *David Pierson* to him his heirs & assigns forever all that piece of land lying in *Bridgehampton* on ye West side of ye street bounded with ye land of *Rob^t Norris* *Stephen Hedges* & *Josiah Hand* on ye South; with Sag pond on ye West; with ye land of ye sd *Norris* on ye North, & with ye

⁸⁰ Lieutenant Colonel Henry Pierson was son of Henry Pierson, for many years Town Clerk of Southampton. He lived at Sagg on the east side of the street, next south of the homestead of late Richard Lester. It remained in the hands of his descendants for generations, and was last owned by David Emmet Pierson. Colonel Pierson was Speaker of the Assembly for many years, and one of the most prominent men of his day. His tombstone says he died November 15, 1701, in the fiftieth year of his age.

street on ye East thereof & also all my meadows at *Noyack* & also one half quarter of a share at *Meantake* & one horse two steers of 3 year old & two cows & ten sheep & twenty five pound in money or what shall be equivalent when he shall come to ye age of twenty one years—I give unto my son *Theophilus Peirson* all yt piece of land yt I bought of *M^r Peregrine Stanburgh* called ye Swamp Close & also two fifty pound allotments of land in Hog neck one of which was my fathers No. 41 ye other I bought of *Benjamin Foster* No. 26 all which said land I give unto him ye sd *Theophilus Peirson* his heirs & assigns for ever—Also one horse two steers two cows ten sheep & twenty five pounds in money or what may be equivalent thereto when he shall come to ye age of twenty one years & also one Eighth part of a share at *Meantake* I give unto my two younger sons *Abraham Peirson* & *Josiah Peirson** to them their heirs & assigns forever equally to be divided all yt piece of land which I bought of ye town of *S'hampton* & of *Christopher Leaming* called ye wood close bounded with a highway on ye south with ye land of *Theophilus Howell* & ye parsonage land on ye East with ye land of *Capt^t Topping Benoni Flint* and common land on north with ye land of *Robt. Norris* & a highway on ye West thereof & also a fifty pound commonage throughout ye bounds of *S'hampton* & also four acres of land lying in *S'hampton* join to ye east end of ye lot of *Joseph Peirson* & I do give unto each of them my sd two

* See note, p. 275.

sons *Abraham & Josiah Peirson* twenty five pounds in money one horse two steers two cows & ten sheep as they shall come to ye age of twenty one years, but if it shall please God to take away any of my sons by death before they come to ye age of twenty one years then his or their part so taken away shall be equally divided amongst those of my sons surviving—I give unto my three daughters *Hannah Peirson Sarah Peirson & Mary Peirson* each of them one hundred pounds current money of this Province or what may be equivalent thereto when they shall come to ye age of twenty years or at ye day of their marriage as it shall be demanded, but if any of my sd daughters shall be taken away by death before they shall come to ye age of twenty years or marriage then her or their part so taken away shall be equally divided among ye rest of my children then surviving—I do make my well beloved wife *Susannah Peirson* whole & sole Executrix of this my last will & testamt & my will is that my sons as they come to fitting age shall be taught to reade & write well & bound out to trades—In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 28 day of August 1701—And I desire *M^r Ebenezer White & Brother Abraham Howell* to be overseers to my children & see that this my will be duly executed— HENRY PEIRSON [Seal]

Signed & sealed in presence of us

BENONI FLINT

THEO. PEIRSON

JN^o MOREHOS

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 2^d day of Sept. 1702 at ye Manor of St. Georges in ye County of Suffolk before *Colonel William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last Will & Testamt. of *Henry Peirson* late of *S'hampton* in ye sd. County deceased on ye 4 day of Nov. Anno Dom. 1701 who by his sd last will did nominate & appoint *Susannah* his wife his Sole Executrix to whom was granted the administration of all & singular ye goods & chattels of ye sd dec^d &c.

In ye name of God Amen I *William Barker*⁶¹ of *S'hampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of New York Gent. being of sound and perfect health & understanding thanks be to Almighty God for ye same & knowing ye frailtyes of this life that I must die & not knowing how soon have therefore made & do ordain & constitute this to be my last will & testamt, hereby revoking & making void all former & other wills & deeds of gift by me heretofore made & sealed before ye date of these presents—Imp^{mis} I bequeath my soul into ye hands of my creator who

⁶¹ William Barker was probably the first storekeeper in Southampton. His home lot was on the east side of main street, and the second lot north of Toilsome Lane. Part of this lot is now owned by Edward H. Foster and part by George R. Howell, M. A., the distinguished historian, whose unwearied labors to preserve the history of his native town need no praise from us. William Barker owned a warehouse on Bullshead Bay at Seponack, at the north end of the east line of Shinnecock Hills. The place is still known as "Barker's Island."

gave it me in hopes of everlasting pardon for all my sins & iniquities committed against him in & through the meritorious death & passion of our blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ—I also bequeath my body to ye earth to be decently buried & interred and as for such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to endow me withall I give & bequeath in manner & form following—Item—I give & bequeath unto my trusty friend *M^r Abraham Howell* Gentleman of *Southampton* ye sum of fifty pounds current money of New York & leave one of my Executors of this my last will & testamt. Item—I give & bequeath unto my trusty friend *John Wicke* Seargemaker of *S'hampton* all my housing & land I bought of *John Jagoe* during his natural life & twenty pounds of current money of New York & leave him my other joint Executor of this my last will & testamt. Item—I give & bequeath unto *Job Wicke* son of *John Wicke* aboves^d all my lands within ye bounds of *Southampton* afores^d together with ye house I now dwell in & household goods that shall be therein & after ye decease of his said father *John Wicke* to *Job Wicke* and his heirs forever ye other house—Item—I give & bequeath unto *Sibill Howell* daughter of *Jno Howell* dec^d twenty pounds of current money afores^d Item—I give & bequeath unto *Mary Howell* widow of *John Howell* dec^d a ring of five pounds afores^d Item—I give & bequeath unto *Thomas Herricke* five pounds as afores^d Item I give & bequeath unto *John Burt* son of *Samuel*

Burt of *N. York* ten pounds as afores^d Item—I give & bequeath unto my cousin *Anne Leaget* fifty in money afores^d if living Item—I give & bequeath unto *Arthur Davice* apprentice to *John Wicke* to buy him a loom in money five pounds—Item I give & bequeath to ye poor of *S'hampton* five pounds in money afores^d Item—I give & bequeath to *Mr. Joseph Whiting* minister of *S'hampton* five pounds in money afores^d Item—I give & bequeath all ye remaining part of my estate both real & personal my farm upon *Staten Island* & houses in *New York* after my debts & funeral expenses being paid & legacies above bequeathed are paid & satisfied I give & bequeath unto my cousin *Mary Menty* daughter of my Uncle *Matthew Barker* Esq to her & her heirs forever--In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this sixteenth day of March Anno Dom one thousand six hundred and nine alias 1700.

WILLIAM BARKER [Seal]

Signed sealed & declared by *Mr W^{rs} Barker* to be ye last will & testmt in ye presence of us underwritten.

JOHN HOWELL
THOMAS HOWELL
JAMES CLARKE

By ye tenor of these presents know ye that on ye 14 day of Sept. 1702 at ye Manor of *St. Georges* in ye County of *Suffolk* before *Coll William Smith*

Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved & approved ye last will & testamt of *W^m Barker* Esq. deceased at *N. York* who by his sd will did nominate & appoint *Abram Howell* & *John Wicke* his Executors as per ye sd Will may appear to whom was granted ye administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased.

In ye name of God Amen I *Caleb Horton*⁸² of *Southold* in ye County of Suffolk on Nassau Island in ye Province of N. York Yeoman being in good health of body & of sound & perfect memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my last will & testamt. in manner & form following—That is to say first & principally I commend my soul into ye hands of Almighty God hoping through ye merits death & passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon of my sins & to inherit everlasting life & my body I commit to ye earth to be decently buried according to ye discretion of my Executors hereafter named & as touching ye disposition of all such temporal estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give & dispose thereof as followeth—First my mind & will is yt all my just debts & funeral charges be duly & truly paid & discharged by my Executors—Item—I do devise give & bequeath unto my beloved

⁸² Caleb Horton was son of Barnabas Horton. He was born in 1640, and was during his life one of the foremost citizens of Southold.

wife *Hester* forty shillings yearly & every year to be duly paid unto her by my Executors in goods provisions wheat & meal at price current as it passeth from man to man as long as she shall remain my widow & also my Executors are to cart all ye firewood she shall have occasion of for her use she to be only at ye charge of cutting ye same at some convenient place on ye lands yt was mine & also she have liberty to keep 20 dunghill fowls during her natural life or widowhood all which is over & above w^t is expressed & agreed upon in writing under my hand & seal bearing date ye 26 day of April 1699. I do give devise & bequeath unto my son *Jonathan Horton* all my lands meadows houses barn orchards gardens & yards on ye neck it now standeth on ye Southside of ye highway (excepting fifty acres more or less which I purchased of *Isaac Willman* of *Southampton* & all my meadow I purchased of *Jeremiah Veile* as low as Spring) also I give my son *Jonathan* all my Creak thatch purchased of *M^r Tuthill Sen^r* & *Mr Thomas Mapes* & also sixty acres of land more or less adjoining to ye land of *John Cleaves* & also two fifths of my great lot of land adjoining to ye land of *Thomas Tusten* on ye West & West side of said great lot that remaineth mine two fifths to be enjoyed by my son *Jonathan* when he shall attain to ye age of twenty years old & to his heirs & assigns for ever to enjoy occupy & improve & possess all & every part & parcel of ye aboves^d premises (except what is excepted) in his & their own proper right use & behoof

provided he shall make no alienation of any part or parcel of sd land & meadow before he shall attain to ye age of twenty three years old & he my son *Jonathan* to duly fulfil & perform what agreem^t I made with *Hester* my wife before our marriage & also what is herein bequeathed unto her in this my last will & testam^t. & for ye better enabling my son *Jonathan* to perform ye injunctions aboves^d to my widow I do give & bequeath unto him two oxen & two cows & one mare & one iron hake he to have his choice out of ye three & half my husbandry implements of all sorts (excepting my log chain) also I give my son *Jonathan* my great table & ye form belonging & my great Bible & a book upon ye deceitfulness of mans heart by *Jeremiah Dike* & a commentary upon ye Revelations by *David Pareus* & one flock bed bolster & covering belonging & one great chair & half ye hogsheads barreles & corn casks & ye loom & what tackling belongeth to ye same—Item my mind & will is yt if it soe happen that my son *Jonathan* die without issue then my son *David* & his heirs & assigns to enjoy all ye premises he died possessed of—Item—It is my Will & mind yt my son *Jonathan* shall live upon ye farm bequeathed to him if it happen yt I die before he come to ye age of twenty one years & make ye best improvem^t that he can to defray ye injunctions laid on him but in case he shall neglect to improve ye same my Executors shall have power to let it out to ye best advantage for ye use aboves^d until he shall comply

provided they let it out but for one year at a time & what overplus may be shall be for *Jonathan's* use.

Item—I do give devise & bequeath unto my son *David Horton* fifty acres more or less which I purchased from *Isaac Willman* of *S'hampton* & also ye meadow which I purchased from *Jeremiah Vaile* so low as ye Spring up to ye highway as it was excepted above in my son *Jonathan's* part also three fifths of my great lot being ye Eastward part of ye sd lot adjoining to ye land of *John Reeves* & bounded by ye Sound North on ye South by ye land of *John Reeve* & ye highway & ye land of my son *Jonathan* on ye West also forty acres more or less in ye Fort Neck & ye meadow I purchased from *Joseph Youngs* adjoining to ye sd. land & also ye meadow and Creek thatch purchased by me from my brother *Joshua Horton* lying in ye Fort Neck also a second lot of meadow I purchased from *Coll. John Youngs* deceased. Also a second lot of meadow I purchased from *Mr Christopher Youngs* deceased lying and being in ye great meadow of Cortchaugue all & Every part & parcel of ye aboves^d premises I give to my son *David Horton* & his heirs & assigns for ever to occupy possess & enjoy after he shall attain to ye age of 21 years neither shall he alienate any part thereof until he shall attain ye age of twenty three years but in case my son *David* happen to die without any lawful issue of his body begotten in wedlock nor any of the lands alienated then all ye sd lands & meadows to return to my son *Jonathan* &

his heirs and assigns forever—Also I give unto my son *David* one bible & a commentary on ye ten commandments & a book entitled ye Excellency of holy carriage in evil times by Mrs. Burroughs also a sermon book by *Mr. Jeremy Turner* also two oxen three cows one horse my log chain half my husbandry implements & my small eight square table one iron hake & half ye hogshhead barrels corn casks—Item—I do give devise & bequeath unto my grandson ye eldest son of my son *Barnabas Horton* deceased all my right of upland in *Occabaugue* divisions & all my shares & allotm^{ts} of meadow on both sides *Peaconnecke River* all & every part thereof to be enjoyed & possessed by my grandson *Caleb Horton* & his heirs & assigns forever—I do give devise & bequeath unto my daughter *Mary* ye wife of *Nathaniel Terry* one first lot of Commonage & a lot of upland in ye last division of ye old town bounds to have & to hold forever to her & her heirs & assigns forever—Item—I do give devise & bequeath unto my youngest daughter *Phebe Horton* a box & what is in it which was her mother's desire before her decease—Also I give her a feather bed bolster curtains & valens & two pillows with covering & all furniture belonging & one iron pot which I shall appoint & one small iron pot about a quart & one brim pewter basin yt was her grandmothers & one iron hake one box iron & heaters & two cows—Item—My mind & will is that my grandson *Barnabas Horton* shall be put after my decease to *William*

Whittier until he shall attain to ye age of one and twenty years old to learn ye art & trade of a weaver & to learn to read & write in consideration thereof my executors are to deliver to *William Whittier* a cow out of my estate when he shall receive ye boy he ye sd *Whittier* to return to ye boy at expiration of his time he is to live with him another cow as good but in case *William Whittier* do not see cause to accept ye boy then my Executors are to put him to some good place to be educated & brought up to ye childs benefit according to their best discretion—Item—It is my mind & will yt my son *David* after my decease shall be put to *Mr. Joshua Wells* to live with him until he attain to ye age of twenty one years old, *Mr Wells* to profit him in his reading and learning him to write & instruct him in carpenter work but if *Mr Wells* refuse I leave my son to disposal of my executors according to their best discretion for my sons good—Item—My mind & will is that my daughter *Phebe* shall live with her sister *Hester Mapes* until she shall attain to age to make choice of her Guardians but if *Jonathan Mapes* see cause not to accept I leave it to ye executors to dispose of her to one of her sisters but let *Jonathan Mapes* have ye first refusal & those of her sisters she shall live with may & shall have ye use of her two cows & the three cows bequeathed to *David* & ye use of all ye meadows given to *David* until she shall attain to ye age of fourteen years to choose her guardians they returning ye principal good again for ye use as they

are bequeathed—Item—I do give devise and bequeath unto my two sons *Jonathan* & *David* my grandson *Caleb Horton* all my wearing clothes to be equally divided between them three—Item—I do give & bequeath unto my son *David Horton* the feather bed I lye on after my wife *Hester* is remarried or deceased which shall first happen together with furniture shall there belong to it—Item—My will and mind is yt all my just debts shall be truly paid & also all necessary charges yt may arise about ye premises to be paid by my executors out of my moveables estate yt is not yet already bequeathed or disposed of by any contract or this my last Will & testamt. saving grain & provisions necessary for my wife & those yt shall remain in ye family—Item I do give devise & bequeath unto my five daughters & one grandchild (viz) *Mary* ye wife of *Nathaniel Terry* *Hannah* ye wife of *Ensign John Booth* *Hester* ye wife of *Jonathan Mapes* *Abigail* ye wife of *Benjamin Moor* & *Phoebe* my youngest daughter & *Barnabas Horton* my grandson all my moveable goods and chattels of what kind or nature soever within doors or without except what is given & bequeathed by contracts or afores^d in this my last Will and Testamt. & it is to be understood that my beloved wife is to have her choice first of ye household goods for her use during her natural life or widowhood according to our agreem^t before marriage & afterward that part is also to be equally divided between my five daughters & grandchild

afores^d & my mind is that my widow shall have ye use of ye warming pan during her widowhood & what estate or goods my wife *Hester* brought with her or have brought since or shall hereafter bring of her own estate or yt was her's together with all her wearing clothes of what sort soever she or any of her children shall have free liberty to take & dispose of ye same at their will & pleasure & to remove them at or before or after her decease without any molestation—

Item—It is my mind & will yt my Executors may be careful to preserve ye timber on *David's* and make use of none but what may be of pure necessity until he come to enjoy it himself—Item—I do hereby make authorize & appoint my son *Jonathan Horton* and *Nath^r Terry* & *John Booth* to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last Will & testamt. & do hereby revoke & call back all former wills & bequests & do by these presents appoint this only to stand in force for my last Will & Testamt. Witness my hand & seal this 30th day of Dec^r 1699.

The usual ^{sign} of

CALEB HORTON [Seal]

Signed sealed & declared by *Caleb Horton* to be his last Will & testamt. in presence of us

THOMAS MAPES

JOHN GOLDSMITH

STEPHEN BAYLEY

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye that on ye 14th day of Oct. 1702 at ye Manor of St Georges in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll William Smith* Judge of the Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved and approved the last Will & Testamt of *Caleb Horton* late of *Southold* in ye sd County Husbandman deceased Oct ye 3^d 1702 who by his sd Will did nominate & appoint his son *Jonathan Horton Nathaniel Terry & John Booth* his Executors to whom was granted ye administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased—

In ye name of God Amen I *John Corwin Sen^r*⁸³ of *Southold* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of New York being aged but in health of body & of a sound & perfect memory do make this my last Will & Testamt. as followeth, First I bequeath my spirit to God that gave it & my body to be decently buried in hope of ye resurrection again with Jesus Christ at ye last day &c. And for my worldly estate after my just debts & funeral charges paid I do bequeath as followeth—Imp^{mis} I give & bequeath to my eldest son *John Corwin* one hundred acres of land lying & being at *Mattetucke* be it more or less ye land of *Jonathan Reeve* on ye West also one first lot of meadow at ye deep creek & all my meadow at ye other side of Peaconnucke river & also a third lot of

⁸³ John Corwin was son of Matthias Corwin and made freeman of Connecticut in 1662.

upland ag^t ye Indian field & one first lot of upland on ye North side of ye highway near ye fresh meadow & a third lot of upland on ye Southside of Hog neck & one lot of Creek thatch at ye Indian Necks all & every part of upland & meadow as above recited I do give grant & bequeath unto my said son *John Corwin* his heirs and assigns for ever to Have & to Hold in his & their own proper right forever &c. as also one lot of commonage to him as aboves^t &c. 2^{dy} I give & bequeath unto my second son *Matthias Corwin* my dwelling house barne & home lot, also one & twenty acres of Woodland on ye Northside of *S'hold* near ye cleft & eighteen acres of upland at ye backside lots & a third lot of meadow Eastward from *John Budds* & a third lot of meadow at ye head of ye Millpond & a second lot of meadow in pine neck Also one lot of meadow creek thatch in Indian Neck & one lot of commonage all which housing barn & lands & meadows I give & bequeath unto my second son *Matthias Corwin* & to his heirs & assigns forever to possess & Enjoy in his and their own proper right forever &c. 3^{dy} I give & bequeath unto my youngest son *Samuel Corwin* one hundred acres of upland more or less lying & being at *Mattetucke* East from ye land of *Jonathan Reece* as also one first lot of meadow at ye deep creek & a second lot of creek thatch at ye Indian Neck together with one lot of commonage to him my sd son *Sam^l Corwin* to have & to hold to him his heirs & assigns for ever &c. As also I give one first lot laid out at ye Wading River with half ye common-

age belonging yet undivided &c. 4^{ly} I do give & bequeath to my daughter *Sarah* now ye wife of *Jacob Osman* one cow to be delivered by my Executor hereafter mentioned—5^{ly} I do give & bequeath to my daughter *Rebecca* now ye wife of *Abram Osman* one cow to be delivered after my decease—6^{ly} I give & bequeath to my daughter *Hannah Corwin* one young cow or cow kind—7^{ly} I give & bequeath to my daughter *Abigail Corwin* one young cow or cow kind—8^{ly} I give & bequeath to my grandchild *Sarah* ye daughter of *Jabez Mapes* one cow all which is to be delivered after my decease by my Executor hereafter mentioned & my horse & my plow & plow irons I give to my son *Samuel Corwin* & all my sheep to be equally divided between my two youngest sons & all my daughters equally &c. & what carpenters tools I leave to be equally between my three sons &c I give my Oxen & cart & wheels & one plow with irons & ye bed I lye on to my son *Matthias Corwin* &c. And all ye rest of my moveable goods I give to my two youngest sons *Matthias Corwin* & *Sam^r Corwin* equally to be divided—Also I do make & ordain my second son *Matthias Corwin* my sole Executor to see this my last Will & testamt. duly performed & this I declare to be my last Will & testamt. as witness my hand & seal this 26 day of Nov. 1700. JOHN CORWIN [Seal]

Signed & sealed as witnessed by us—

JOSHUAH WELLS

JAMES REEVE

STEPHEN BAYLY

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye yt on ye 14th day of Oct. Anno Dom 1702 at ye Manor of St Georges in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd. County was proved & approved ye last Will & testamt of *John Corwin* late of *Southold* in ye sd County dec^d on 25th day of Sept. 1702 who by his sd Will did nominate & appoint *Matthias Corwin* his son his sole Executor to whom was granted ye administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased—

In ye name of God Amen ye 19th day of May in ye year of our Lord Christ 1702 I *Abram Corey* of *Southold* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York in America, Cooper, being in reasonable health & strength of body but of perfect mind & sound memory thanks be given to God therefor calling unto mind ye mortality of ye body & knowing yt it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will & testamt (that is to say) principally & first of all I give recommend my soul into ye hands of God yt gave it & for my body I recommend it to ye Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at ye discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at ye general resurrection I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty power of God & touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise & dispose of ye same in ye following manner

& form after my just debts & funeral charges paid— Imp^{ms} I give devise & bequeath unto my well beloved wife for ever to dispose of at her own discretion that bed we lye on with all furniture thereunto belonging & all household stuff of what kind or nature soever Excepting bedding that came to me by her father & what I shall hereafter & herein dispose of to our children—Also I give to my beloved wife one cow one mare ten sheep two swine &c. and to remain in ye best room in my house so long as she continues my widow also to possess all yt land called Brushes Neck as it is now Enclosed & half my barn & also one third part of ye fruits of both my orchards at Hog neck & at ye town & also ye use of yt ground on ye Northside my town lot lying to grass & ranging from ye Northeast corner of my sd house to ye Northwest of ye barn of *Richard Benjamin* & what land my wife do se cause to improve my two sons *Abram Corey* & *John* to till it gratis yearly & every year during her widowhood she finding seed & diet during ye time they work for her & my son *Abram* to keep all that fence at ye town in good repair & my son *John* to keep that in repair at Brushes neck & both to provide firewood for their mother upon equal charge during her widowhood— Item—I give devise & bequeath unto my eldest son *Abram Corey* all my housing orchard & home lot in ye town & all yt land I formerly purchased of *Mr Budd* lying in ye Calves Neck & also all my land in ye Northside division & all my meadow land at

Corchaugue & half my right of commonage, Hog Neck excepted, all & every part & parcel of ye above recited premises I do hereby absolutely give & bequeath unto my sd. son *Abram Corey* & his heirs & assigns forever &c. Also I give unto my sd. son *Abram* one horse kind one cow two working cattle six sheep two swine one feather bed halfe my wearing clothes & half my implemts of husbandry & half my tools of all sorts w^{so}ever &c. I do devise will & bequeath unto my second son *John Corey* & his heirs & assigns forever all my housing barn orchards together with all my land in Hog Neck both divided & undivided with all my meadow land at ye south harbor To Have & to Hold yt to him my sd son *John Corey* & his heirs & assigns forever Also I give my son *John Corey* one horse kind one cow two working cattle six sheep two swine one feather bed & half my wearing clothes & half my implements of husbandry & half my tools of all sorts also one iron pot & pot hooks & one iron tramell &c. I do will devise give & bequeath unto my daughter *Mary* now ye wife of *W^m Bradly* besides what I lent her at her first marriage one cow five sheep & half my land in pine neck to her & her heirs & in case she die without issue of her body ye sd land after her decease and ye decease of her husband ye land to return to my son *Abram Corey* & his heirs &c. Item—I do will give devise & bequeath unto my daughter *Elizabeth* now ye wife of *Samuel Hutcheson* besides what she has already had one good sheep

&c. Item—I do will devise give & bequeath unto my daughter *Dorothy Corey* one feather bed and furniture one iron pot one iron trammell one pair of tongues one brasse kettle & my best cupboard & half my pewter dishes & one cow five sheep & also half my land in Pine Neck to her & ye heirs of her body & for want of such issue ye sd land to return to my son *John Corey* & his heirs & I do hereby order yt my two sons *Abraham* & *John* to maintain my sd. daughter *Dorothy* with diet & house room gratis until ye day of her marriage &c. Item—I do will give & bequeath unto my grandson *Elijah Hutcheson* one horse colt—Item—I do will give & bequeath unto my nephew *Patience Mayhew* if she shall remain with my executors till she come to age according to custom then my will is she shall have five sheep besides what I gave her already and also twenty shillings current money to be paid by my Executors to my sd. Nephew *Patience Mayhew* &c. Item—My mind & will is that neither of my two sons *Abram Corey* nor *John Corey* shall have any power to alienate nor Exchange any part or parts of their lands willed to them by me until they arrive to ye full age of twenty five years except with each other—Lastly—I do hereby constitute ordain & appoint my well beloved wife *Margaret Corey* & my two sons *Abram* & *John Corey* Executrix & Executors no ways doubting but they according to their power will faithfully endeavor to so see or cause to be done this my last Will & testamt duly performed fulfilled &

Executed according to ye true intent & meaning thereof & this I *Abraham Corey* do declare to be my last Will & testamt & do hereby revoke renounce & make utterly void all former wills or any other Executor whatsoever but what is herein named & ordained by me as witness my hand & seal ye day & year first above written.

ABRAM COPEY [Seal]

Abraham Corey did in ye presence of us ye subscribers declare ye above written instrument to be his last will and testamt. witnessed by us

DAVID YOUNGS

JOSHUA YOUNGS

STEPHEN BAYLEY—

By ye tenor of these presents Know ye yt on ye 14th day of Oct. 1702 at ye Manor of St Georges in ye County of Suffolk before *Coll William Smith* Judge of ye Prerogative Court in ye sd County was proved and approved ye last Will & testamt of *Abram Corey* late of *Southhold* in ye sd County deceased on ye 10th day of Sept. Anno Dom 1702 who by his sd last will did nominate & appoint *Margaret* his wife & *Abraham Corey* & *John Corey* his Executors to whom was granted ye administration of all & singular ye goods chattels & credits of ye sd deceased—

In ye name of God Amen I *John Woodruffe*⁸⁴ of ye town of *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk & Province of N. York on ye Island of Nassau husbandman being in health of body & of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God therefor & knowing its appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testamt, that is to say, principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into ye hands of God yt gave it & for my body I commend it to ye earth to be buried in a christian like & decent manner at ye discretion of my Ex^{rs}. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of in ye following manner & form—Imp^{ms} to my dearly beloved wife *Hannah* I give & bequeath one third part of all my moveable estate after my just debts are paid &

⁸⁴ John Woodruff was the youngest son of John Woodruff, Sr., who was one of the earliest settlers in Southampton. John Woodruff, Sr., married a daughter of John Gosmer, one of the original Founders, and his oldest son, named John, was adopted by his maternal grandfather and went with him to Elizabethtown, N. J., and was the ancestor of the families of the name of Woodruff in that State.

John Woodruff, Sr., had another son also called John, who remained in Southampton, being a curious instance of a man's having two sons of the same name living at the same time. John Woodruff, Sr., died in May, 1670.

The homestead of John Woodruff, left to son Samuel, was sold by him to Francis Pelletreau, April 12, 1728. The ancient house, which stood till within a few years, was the last house on Long Island that retained the old-fashioned rhomboidal panes of window glass once in general use, and for this reason it was known as the "House with Diamond Windows." The place is now the homestead of Josiah Foster.

funeral charges are deducted & ye one half of my dwelling house being ye east end thereof and one half of my barn & half my home lot and one third part of my land at *Sebonnucke* & one third part of my close adjoining to ye town pond all which parts of my housing & land as above mentioned to be unto my sd wife *Hannah* during her widowhood & upon her marriage or decease to return to such as I shall hereafter in this my last will & testamt bequeath unto—Item—I give & bequeath unto my eldest son *Samuel Woodruffe* my house barn & home lot with all ye land adjoining thereunto running as far Eastward as ye first cross fence yt separates ye upper end of my land yt fronts to ye old town highway containing in all with ye home lot afores^d about eleven acres of land and all my afores^d close of land adjoining to sd town pond & all my land at a place commonly known by ye name of *Sebonnucke* & all yt my two acres of land or meadow adjoining to *Mr. Stephens* his land lying in a place called Captains Neck & also my lot of meadow at *Shinnecock* & ye one half of my two lots of meadow at a place commonly known by ye name of *Aquabaugue* & a hundred pound alotmt of meadow at *Seponucke* lying by ye plum beach all which housing & barn & parcels of land & meadow as above mentioned I give unto my son *Sam^d Woodruffe* & the heirs of his body either male or female forever & for want of such heir to be equally divided between my three sons namely *Benjamin Woodruffe Nath. Woodruffe*

& *Isaac Woodruffe* & their heirs reserving only to his mother such part of s^d housing & land as is given to her during her widowhood afores^d & I also give him my sd. son *Sam^t* three quarters of a fifty pound alotmt of undivided lands & commonage with priveleges thereunto belonging—Item—I give & bequeath unto my son *Joseph Woodruffe* ye sum of twenty pounds current money of sd Province to be paid him by my Executors hereafter named—Item—I give & bequeath unto my son *Benjamin Woodruffe* his heirs & assigns forever all ye remainder of my home land fronting to ye old town highway aforesaid running westward to ye afores^d land given to *Sam^t* part of it fronting to ye highway over ag^t *Joseph Hildriths* house & all yt my close of land lying in ye ten acre lot & a gore acre of land & a lot of meadow lying in Halseys Neck & two lots of meadow upon ye beach & my lot of meadow land adjoining to *Obadiah Rogers* in ye afores^d Captains Neck and a hundred & fifty pound alotmt of meadow lying near the Cold Spring at *Sebonnuck* afores^d & ye one half of my afores^d two lots of meadow at *Aquabogue* all which I give to my afores^d son *Benjamin* his heirs and assigns forever—Item—I give unto my two sons namely *Nathaniel Woodruffe* & *Isaac Woodruffe* all yt my three pieces of land & meadow adjoining or to them belong lying to ye eastward of said town namely twenty six acres of land adjoining to ye East side of ye long pond & a forty acre lot of land adjoining to

Scuttle hole & all my land & meadow being a whole neck commonly known by ye name of Brushey Neck to be equally divided between them by indifferent men when my sd. son *Nathaniel* comes to ye age of twenty one years all which three parcels of land & meadow I give unto them my said sons *Nathaniel Woodruffe* & *Isaac Woodruffe* their heirs & assigns forever to be equally divided as aforesaid but if either of them shall depart this life before they come to ye age of twenty one years then my will is that my son *Jonathar Woodruffe* shall have his part deceased to him & his heirs forever & if all my sd three sons namely *Nathaniel Isaac* & *Jonathar* shall depart this life without heirs then my will is yt ye afores^d three parcels of land given to them as above be equally divided between my two sons before mentioned namely *Joseph* & *Benjamin* & their heirs forever—I also give unto my three sons namely *Benjamin Woodruffe Nathaniel Woodruffe* & *Isaac Woodruffe* & their heirs for ever each of them a three quarter part of a fifty pound alotmt of undivided land and commonage throughout ye bounds of ye sd town—Item I give & bequeath unto my sd son *Jonathar Woodruffe* ye sum of twenty pounds in current money of this province to be paid him by my Executors when he comes to ye age of 21 years—Item—I give and bequeath unto my four daughters namely *Sarah Davis, Hannah Woodruffe, Abigail Woodruffe* & *Elizabeth Woodruffe* each of them ye sum of ten pound in current

money of the sd Province to be paid them as they come to ye age of 21 years by my Executors—Item—My will is & I do hereby constitute make & ordain my sd wife *Hannah* & my sd son *Samuel Woodruff* joint Executors of this my last Will & testamt to Execute fulfil & perform all & every article & clause herein contained according to ye true intent & meaning hereof & I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all and every other former Testamt wills & legacys requests & Exec^d by me in any ways before this time named willed & bequeathed ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testamt. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal in *S'hampt.* afores^d this 14 day of January Anno Dom 1700 alias 1701.

JOHN WOODRUFFE [Seal]

Signed sealed published & declared by ye sd *John Woodruffe* as his last will & testamt in ye presence of ye subscribers (viz)

JEREMIAH JAGGER

SAMUEL JAGGER

MATTHEW HOWELL

These are to certify yt on ye 1st day of April 1703 came before *Isaac Arnold* Esq Judge *Josiah Hobart* & *Thomas Helme* Esq^s Justices of ye Common Pleas at *Southampton* in ye County of Suffolk *Matthew Howell* Esq. *Jeremiah Jagger* & *Sam^t Jagger* wit-

nesses to ye last will of *John Woodruffe* deceased and upon your oaths declared yt they saw ye testator *John Woodruffe* sign seal & declare ye same to be his last will and yt he was at ye same time of disposing mind—

ISAAC ARNOLD

THO. HELME Cler

[The following is in different handwriting from all of the preceding.]

In the name of God Amen I *Nathaniel Norton*⁸⁵ being unsound in body but of good & perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God & calling to remembrance the uncertain state of this transitory life do make constitute ordain & declare this my last Will and testant in manner & form following revoking & annulling by these presents all & every testament & will heretofore by me declared either by word or writing & this is only to be taken for my last will & testant. & none other—Imprimus—Being penitent for all my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same by the mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer I give & commit my soul unto Almighty God my Creator Redeemer & Preserver in whom by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust &

⁸⁵ Nathaniel Norton came from Southampton to Brookhaven and bought a house and lot of Captain John Platt in 1665. He was a carpenter and built the new meeting house at Setauket in 1669.

believe assuredly that I shall be saved have full & free remission of all my sins & be raised up to life & immortality at the day of the general resurrection & my body I submit to be buried in such place & decent manner as it shall please my Executors hereafter named to appoint. And now for the settling of my temporal estate & such goods chattels & debts as it hath pleased God in mercy to bestow upon me I do give and bestow in manner following willing & ordering that all those debts & duties which I owe to any person or persons whatsoever in right or conscience shall be well & truly paid & contented or ordained to be paid in convenient time after my decease by my Executors hereafter named—Item—to *Isaac* and *Nathaniel* my eldest sons I give my home lot to be divided as followeth, to my son *Isaac* the house garden & orchard with what buildings shall be raised thereon & all the land from the East side of the orchard unto the highway westward over against *Abram Dayton's* house & the remainder of the lot eastward of the said orchard I give to my son *Nathaniel* & the swamp or meadow joining to the Creek within fence I order & dispose it to be equally divided between my sd sons *Isaac* and *Nathaniel* & also all my land either in the old field or little neck to be equally parted between them & likewise my four shares of meadow at the *oldmans*—Provided that if either of them shall die before marriage the survivor shall have all—

Item—to *George* & *Jonathan* my younger sons I

give all my land & meadow at *Mount Misery* & at the south side to be equally divided & shared between them—Provided that if either of them should decease before marriage the survivor of these two sons shall enjoy all his brothers part as is before Expressed—

Item—to my three daughters *Mary Sarah* & *Hannah* I give to each of them at the day of marriage twenty-five pounds which is to be paid as followeth—*Isaac* my eldest son shall pay or cause to be paid the sum of twenty five pounds to *Mary* my eldest daughter in good current passable pay at the day of her marriage & likewise my son *Nathaniel* to *Sarah* my daughter shall pay ye sum of twenty-five pounds at the day of her marriage & *Hannah's* portion of twenty-five pounds shall be in like manner paid at the day of her marriage by my wife, provided that if either *Isaac*, *Nathaniel* or my wife shall not be capable of the payment of the said portion at the day of their marriage abovesaid then they shall have time to pay five pounds p. annum—Item—to my beloved wife *Mary* I give & dispose all my other moveable estate as household goods utensils horses of any kind cattle sheep swine &c with the furniture & guears belonging to them with the full & free use of the house such land as she shall have occasion for—Moreover I constitute order & appoint my sd wife to be my lawful & sole Executrix of this my last will & testamt to receive & pay all my just debts to see to & take care that the aboves^d legacies

be fulfilled & to perform all such things pertaining to the office of an Executrix—I do request & desire that my wife shall take the advice of my friends *Richard Woodhull Junr* & *Timothy Brewster* whom I nominate to be trustees to be helpful to my Executrix upon all occasions to the confirmation of the premises I do hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty second day of Dec^r 1684.

NATHANIEL ^{his} O NORTON [Seal]
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In presence of
THOMAS HELME
JOHN WADE

These are to testify that the sum of twenty-five pounds the portions of my several daughters is altered & ordered to be but twenty & that this proviso of the payment of their portions at the day of their marriage or at four several payments that is five pounds at the day of marriage & so five pounds per annum for the three next years is consented to & agreed on by me *Nathaniel Norton* witnessed by us *John Combes Thomas Helme*—

Thomas Helme according to the order of Court sworn before me *Richard Woodhull* November the 7th 1685—

John Combes sworn in Court to the truth of this will the other by order of Court to be sworn before Justice *Woodhull* & returned to the Clerk. Entered April the 25th 1733. P. W^m SMITH, Clk.

*COPY OF WRITING ON THE OUTSIDE
OF PARCIMENT COVER.*

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. To all to whom these presents shall come or concern Greeting Know ye that we have assigned constituted and appointed and by these presents do assign constitute and appoint our trusty and well beloved subjects Richard Floyd Hugh Gelston and Samuel Landon Esquires jointly and severally to be the Judges of our inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden in and for our County of Suffolk in Province of New York in America with full power unto them the said Richard Floyd Hugh Gelston and Samuel Landon to exercise fulfil do and perform all powers and jurisdiction which unto the said office of a Judge of the said Court may belong—And we do also assign constitute and appoint our trusty and well beloved subjects John Chatfield Richard Woodhull George Phillips Richard Miller Nathaniel Baker Isaac Barnes Job Pierson Isaac Post Thomas Youngs Robert Hemstead Isaac Hubbard Nathaniel Woodhull Jonas Williams & Thomas Jarvis Esquires Justices of the Peace of our said County to be the Assistant Justices of our said inferior Court of

Common Pleas And do hereby impower and authorize the said Richard Floyd Hugh Gelston Samuel Landon John Chatfield Richard Woodhull George Phillips Richard Miller Nathaniel Baker Isaac Barns Job Pierson Isaac Post Thomas Youngs Robert Hempstead Isaac Hubbard Nathaniel Woodhull Jonas Williams & Thomas Jarvis or any three of them, whereof one of either of them the said Richard Floyd Hugh Gelston and Samuel Landon to be one, to hear try and determine by the oaths of twelve good and lawful freeholders of the same County, all suits quarrels controversies and differences cognizable in our said Court, and arising within our County aforesaid between any of our loving subjects there, according to the laws and ordinances in that behalf made and provided, and to issue Execution thereupon—And to use and exercise all powers and jurisdiction to the said Court belonging. In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our Province of New York to be hereunto affixed, Witness our trusty and well beloved Robert Monckton Esquire and Captain General and Governor in Chief over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice Admiral of the same, and General of our Forces at our Fort in our City of New York, the twenty ninth day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty two in the second year of our Reign—

CLARKE, Secy.

[No mark of seal, except the two holes near the fold of the parchment at foot, where it may have been attached.]

The cover of the original book is the commission, on parchment, issued to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in 1762, shortly after the accession of King George III. to the English throne; and this has caused the preservation of a very interesting document which otherwise would doubtless have been lost. As the persons so honored were among the most prominent citizens of Suffolk County, a few words concerning them may not be inappropriate.

Richard Floyd was son of Richard Floyd 2d. His mother was the daughter of Colonel Matthias Nicoll and sister of William Nicoll the patentee of Islip. He was born December 29, 1703, and inherited the paternal estate at Setauket, where he lived. His only brother, Nicoll Floyd, was the father of General William Floyd, the signer of the Declaration of Independence. Judge Floyd died April 21, 1771, and left a large family.

Hugh Gelston was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and settled in Southampton, L. I., in the early part of the last century. His residence was on the west side of the main street of that village, and on the south side of "Job's Lane," and is now owned by Albert C. Reeves. In ancient times the whipping post and stocks stood in the street at the corner of his lot, and it was said of any person who was

accused or suspected of petty crime, that "he would be brought up to Gelston's fence." This byword was in common use long after the cause of it had passed away. Though the name has long been extinct in Southampton, many of his descendants are to be found in other parts of the State. Hon. David Gelston, formerly collector of the port of New York, and member of Congress, was his grandson. His tombstone in the Southampton burying ground bears the following inscription.

"In Memory of | Hugh Gelston ^{Esq} | who
died | December 13 A. D. 1775, | in the 78th |
year of his age."

Samuel Landon was the son of Samuel Landon who came from Hertfordshire, England, and settled in Southold. Judge Landon was born May 20, 1699. After the disastrous battle of Long Island, he, like many other prominent citizens, fled to Guilford, Conn., and he died there January 21, 1782. Judge Landon left several children, among them a son, Jared Landon, who was the only one that lived in Southold. He was born January 29, 1746, and was Surrogate and County Judge about twenty years, Justice of the Peace for thirty years, and for nine years Member of Assembly. He died in Southold February 10, 1816.

Thomas Youngs was the son of Judge Joshua Youngs of Southold. He was born in 1719 and died in 1793. His homestead was a large farm which he inherited from his father, at Sterling, now

Greenport. The family burying ground, where his remains were laid to rest, is now a part of Sterling Cemetery.

John Chatfield was son of Judge Thomas Chatfield of Easthampton. He lived in his native village to a very advanced age, and was the connecting link between ancient and modern times, for his style of dress and mode of living were of an age long anterior to his own. His sister, Mary Chatfield, married Joseph King of Southold, who died at an early age. She then married Francis Pelletreau of Southampton, and after his decease became the second wife of Judge Hugh Gelston.

Richard Woodhull was son of Richard Woodhull 3d and Mary daughter of John Homan. He was born October 11, 1719, and lived at Setauket on the estate inherited from his father. He married, in 1738, Margaret, daughter of Edmund Smith, son of Adam Smith, and grandson of the Patentee of Smithtown. She was born 1714, and died October 6, 1803. Justice Woodhull died October 13, 1788.

George Phillips was son of Rev. George Phillips of Smithtown, and many of his descendants are living in Suffolk County.

Richard Miller was a descendant of Andrew Miller, who came from Easthampton about 1659 and settled at Miller's Place (so named from him) in the town of Brookhaven. He married Dorothy Woodhull, sister of General Nathaniel Woodhull of Revolutionary fame, and has many descendants.

Nathaniel Baker was a descendant of John Baker, one of the early settlers of Easthampton, and was a prominent citizen for many years.

Isaac Barnes was also a native of Easthampton, and descended from Charles Barnes, the first schoolmaster in that town.

Job Pierson was grandson of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Pierson. His homestead was at Sagg, in the town of Southampton, and on the west side of the street near the south end, and is still owned by his descendants.

Isaac Post lived in Southampton village, on the homestead now owned by William Jagger. He was killed by falling from a tree May 8, 1785, in the 74th year of his age. His widow married Bartlett Hines, a schoolmaster from Connecticut, and with her family removed to Honesdale, Pa., where his descendants are still to be found.

Robert Hempstead lived in Huntington, but we have no information concerning him.

Isaac Hubbard lived in the western part of Southold, now the town of Riverhead.

Nathaniel Woodhull was the famous general whose unhappy fate is so important an episode in our Revolutionary history, and so much has been written concerning him that any further notice is needless.

Jonas Williams lived in Huntington, and held many offices prior to the Revolution.

Thomas Jarvis also lived in Huntington, and was prominent in town affairs.

THE FIRST WILL RECORDED IN THE NEW YORK
SURROGATE'S OFFICE.

April ye 27 1665.

The last will and testament of *William Ludlam senior*. I commend my soul to God, and my estate I bestow as followeth.

Imprimis. My will is yt my son *William* shall have a cow. 2nd I give unto my daughter *Grace* one cow. 3d I doe give unto my daughter *Mary* one cow. 4th I doe give unto my daughter *Frances* one cow. 5th I doe give unto my son *Anthony* all my housing and land at the old ground and a fifty pound commonage to him and his heires, forever, provided yt my son *Henry* shall have a third part of ye said land for ye terme of seven years after ye date hereof. 6th I doe give unto my son *Joseph* my new dwelling house with two acres of land adjoining unto it and also thirty acres of land adjoining to the mill and mill pond on the east side of the mill river with a fifty pound commonage to him and his heires forever. 7th I do give to ye eldest child of my son *William* 50 shillings, and my son *Henry's* child 50 shillings, and my daughter *Grace's* child 50 shillings, and unto my daughter *Mary's* eldest child 50 shillings, and to my daughter *Frances* eldest child 50 shillings. 8th that whereas there is a covenant made between me and *Samuel Davis*, the said *Samuel Davis* is to enjoy the coves and ye benefit of ye house and land specified in the said covenant, from the date

hereof until the fourth day of March next ensuing. 9th and lastly I do will that my son *Henry* be my executor and to pay or cause to be paid all my debts, and also all the above mentioned legacies, and also to build up the mill that now is, half at his own proper charge and the other half out of my estate, and my son *Henry* to have half of the said mill to him and his heires forever, and my son *Joseph* the other half to him and his heirs forever. And also I do give to my son *Henry* a fifty pound commonage with and belonging to the land he hath now in possession, as it standeth upon record, also I give unto him the said *Henry* thirty six acres of land lying at ye mill pond head with all my household goods, cattle and chatels what soever, to him and his heires forever.

Witness my hand the day and year above written.

WILLIAM LUDLAM

In the presence of us witnesses

JOHN HOWELL

JOHN COOPER.

Nov. 2, 1667.

This day the will of *William Ludlam* was proved in court. (Minutes of Court of Assizes)

NOTE.—William Ludlam lived at the water mill near the village of Southampton. This was the first water mill in Suffolk County. His son Joseph moved to Oyster Bay and has many descendants who retain the name of Ludlam. The families in Southampton have changed it to Ludlow. This will was recorded in Liber 1, page 1, New York Surrogate's office, but the first three pages are lost. The original will, however, is among the original documents in the office, and from it the above copy was made.

THOMAS HELME.

BY RICHARD M. LAYLES, ESQ.

The original Thomas Helme of Brookhaven town, tradition says, came here from Massachusetts, but little is known of his antecedents beyond this simple tradition. The records show that he was an active man in the primitive community, and a man of superior education and more than ordinary intelligence. Though his lineal representatives still preserve his name and some of his property, yet an unfortunate breaking up of the family in early years threw any records or documents that may have been left by him into the keeping of other hands, which had not the interest in preserving them that an immediate member of the family would be likely to have, and little remains to throw light on the life of the original settler except a copy of his will. He was not among the first who settled here, but appears to have been living at Setauket previous to 1680. And in that year he is mentioned as one of the owners of the "Fifty Acre Lots" near Mount Sinai, and it is probable that he had purchased a proprietary right from some former owner. He lived at Setauket, somewhere on the old road south of the present East Setauket schoolhouse. He had seven children, four daughters and three sons. To his eldest son Thomas he gave land at Miller's Place, and to his sons Anselm and William he gave

his homestead at Setauket. The two younger sons conveyed their lands to others, and removed to Orange County, N. Y. Thomas Helme, the oldest son, was killed by a runaway team, at the hill just east of the Middle Island post office, about the year 1730. He left but one child, a son, Thomas, who was then but two or three years old, and was brought up by his uncle and guardian, Andrew Miller. After arriving at manhood he built the house at Miller's Place where Mr. George P. Helme, one of his descendants, now resides.

Thomas Helme, the original here, was a man of prominence in local affairs, and evidently had the respect of the people in a very high degree, and held many positions of honor. He was one of the Patentees of Brookhaven in 1686; was commissioned with Richard Woodhull to lay out Little Neck, in 1687; one of the witnesses to the will of Richard Smith, the Patentee of Smithtown, 1692; Supervisor of Brookhaven, 1694; Town Clerk, 1687; President of Town Trustees, 1694-1698; Justice of Peace from 1691 to 1706, and perhaps longer; commissioned to lay out highways in Suffolk County, 1704; County Clerk, 1692 to 1709, and in this capacity was *ex officio* Clerk of the Prerogative Court, as shown in this volume. All things show plainly that he was looked upon as an equal by the foremost men of his time, and conducted the affairs of all the various offices committed to his trust with great ability, and his clerical accomplishments are clearly

demonstrated by the admirable handwriting in which the records of the Prerogative Court, and County Clerk, made by him are preserved. It is worthy of mention that the widow of Wm. Smith, the progenitor of the "Tangier" family, in her will leaves a legacy of forty shillings to her friend Thomas Helme "to buy him a ring." After a life of usefulness Thomas Helme died in 1710, but his age is unknown.

JUDGE WILLIAM SMITH.

William Smith was born at Newton, near Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire, England, February 2, 1655. In 1675 King Charles II. appointed him Governor of Tangiers at a time when it was intended to make it a place of trade. The enterprise did not succeed, and the place was abandoned in 1683. In 1686 he came to America, and shortly after purchased a large estate on Long Island, afterward established by patent as the "manor of St. George"; a large part of which is still owned by his descendants.

The Supreme Court was established May 6, 1691, and consisted of a Chief Justice, a Second Judge, and three other judges, and among the latter was William Smith, who was at the same time appointed a judge or delegate of the Prerogative Court for Suffolk County. On November 11, 1692, he was appointed Chief Justice and held the office till 1703.

He died February 18, 1703, aged fifty-one.

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John Edwards was son of William Edwards, whose will (not recorded) is among the original documents in the New York Surrogate's office. This will is dated February 1, 1687. He mentions wife Anne, and sons John and Thomas, and daughters Elizabeth Baker and Ann Squire. He also mentions "Wm and Josiah sons of my son John," and "William Edwards son of my son Thomas." The daughter Elizabeth was previously the widow of Richard Stratton, and had by her first marriage five children, Richard, Thomas, Isaac, Benjamin, and Elizabeth Stratton.

The will of Richard Stratton (not recorded) is also among the original documents in the New York Surrogate's office. He mentions wife Elizabeth and the children named above, and "my father in law William Edwards." The will is dated April 7, 1674.

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† The youngest son, Josiah Pierson, was born 1695; died 1782. His descendants are very numerous. Among them is the well known family known as the "Piersons of Ramapo," Rockland Co., N. Y. The tombstone of Colonel Henry Pierson, in the old burying ground at Sagg, has been restored by Mrs. Russell Sage, his descendant of the fifth generation.

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