

The 11th of 4th month June 1692

In the name of God Amen John Willis gent of the Town of Bridgewater in y^e Colony
of New Plimouth in New England being by y^e good hands of God of sound judgment and
memory do ordaine and make my last will and Testament as followeth And first I
do ordaine and Constitute my son Nathanael Willis to be my true and lawfull Ex-
ecutor Specially my debt being paid and y^e cost of my funeral discharged I Give unto
my son John Willis the ten acres of land his house stand on And my furrow of thierow acres
of land lying below Titterton Together with ten acres of land yet unlayd out All which I
Give to him and his heirs for ever. I further Give unto my son Nathanael Willis my
Breeding house Orchard and barns with the whole tract of five acres of land adjoining
thereto from y^e River unto y^e people tree and pines that divide between my sons Benja-
min land and mine and as far as it runs on y^e East side of Benjamins side beyond
the well tree gutter Only that y^e is at this present time within Benjamins fence
to remain Benjamins All my whole Homestead I Give unto my son Nathanael him and
his heirs for ever Together with ten acres on the other side of Nunkatost river
lying betwixt with overtt and Nathanael Heyward. And therfore and ten acres of
my far field at or to Tannaton with eleven acres of Swampy Swamps And four
Acres at mile Brook between John Amos and Sam^l Esen Together with half my
Share of Cedar Swamps at Nunkatost pines And half a share of Cedar Swamps
I Bought of Nicholas Byrnie And my two lots of meadow one in Coopers Kitchen
and the other in Coves Cove with all my undivided land that belongs unto my por-
chase in y^e Town with my plough and cart and all the Tacklin belonging thereto
Only let it be remembered that after his decease the Seventy Acres of the far field be
divided unto his three sons Nathanael Jonathan and John. I Give unto Nathanael
thirty Acres with two lots that I Bought of his father at Titterton And to his
son Jonathan twenty acres and twenty unto his son John All which I Give
and Bequeath unto my son Nathanael and his Heirs to him and his and their
heirs for ever I Give unto my son Joseph Willis during his life fifteen acres of
the far field that lye next Tannaton And five and twenty acres of my last
fifty acres that is yet to be layd out And after his decease unto his eldest son Joseph
to him his heirs and assigns for ever I Give unto my son Comfort my first share
acres at the Indian field be it more or less And the ten acres on y^e other side of
River Butting on his Homestead And five acres adjoining unto y^e Southern side
of his Homestead And a lot of meadow in the Great meadow and half my share
of Cedar Swamps at Nunkatost pines and half my undivided land that belongs
unto my purchase All which I Give unto him and his heirs for ever. I Give
unto my son Benjamin my two lots at Titterton and the ten acres beyond

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to his Land in y^e words to him his heirs for Ever I Give unto my Eldest Daughter
 Hannah Hayward my feather Bed & Lys on with y^e Ruff belonging therunto And my best
 Bed unto my Daughter Elizabeth Harvey with the Coverlet and Blanket. I Give
 unto my Grandchild present Legue one of my Cows And my Billo And all the rest
 of my Goods and Chattels to be Equally divided Betwixt my three Daughters Hannah
 Hayward Sarah Anne And Elizabeth their wifes In witness whereof I Set to
 my hand and Seal this seventeenth day of y^e sixth month August 1692.

Signed and Sealed in presence of

Thomas Hayward

Elihu. Brett

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Captin they were with some said Fulfill.

John Willis (Seal)

Capt Thomas Hayward And Elihu Brett y^e witnesses have sworn & affirmed in presence
 of 22th day of September 1693 And made oath that they were present and saw & heard
 the above said John Willis sign Seal and deliver the above written to be his last will
 and Testament And that in their judgment he was of disposing mind when he so did
 before William Bradford Esq^r Judge. Attest Sam^l Springett Regist^r.

William Bradford of Commissioners by his Deputy S^r William Phips R^{et} Captain Governor
and Council in chief in and over their ^{high} province of Massachusetts Bay in New England
do hereby advise and Consent of the Council for the granting probate of wills & Letters of Administration
within the County of Plymouth. To wit to whom these presents shall come or may concern
Know ye that on the 20th day of September 1692 before me at Plymouth the Will of John
Willis late of Bridgewater deceased by these presents Authorized was proved approved and
allowed who having remitted his lands and at the time of his death Goods Chattels rights and
Credits The said Decedent and his Will in any manner Concerning was committed unto his
son Nathaniel Esquire in the said Will stands well and truly to Administer the same
And to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular of his last wills rights &
Credits of the said Decedent And of same to Exhibit unto the Register of the said County
according to law Also to render a true and plain account of his said Administration
upon oath In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the said
Court at Plymouth the 2th day of September 1692 William Bradford. Seal

In Inventory of the estate of John Willis late of Bridgewater deceased the 27 of August
my year 1692.

In 300 Bells	2	0	0	This is a true Inventory of according to our best understanding taken by us where present under written the last of August 1692 Thomas Heyward John Ambrose John Butts
In Neat Cattle	13	0	0	
In Hops & Hops	2	5	0	
In Savins	1	18	0	
In Bedding sheets and Coverings	8	8	0	
In Wearing Cloths Linen & Cotton sheet stockings & hats	7	2	0	
In Wollen Cloth	1	0	0	
In pewter Brass & Iron vessels	1	6	0	
In Earthen vessels	0	8	0	
In Lumber	1	10	0	
In Iron Guns and tools for husbandry	1	4	0	
In Hooping and Lead for powder & Ammunition	200	0	0	

Nathaniel Willis Executor of the last will and testament of his late father John Willis late of
Bridgewater deceased made the 20th of September 1692 before William Bradford Esq
Judge of probate &c. that the above written is a true Inventory of the Estate of the said
John Willis as far as he knoweth & believeth correct shall come to his knowledge he will swear
of same. Attest Sweet Springour register