

BONUS NORTON**1718****HAMPTON**

mary Norton & W^m Norton widow & son to Bonus Norton
desiring adm: on s^d Bonus's Estate allow'd apprisors Joseph Swet
& Sam^l Shaw

[Probate Minutes, June 4, 1718.]

[Administration on the estate of Bonus Norton of Hampton gran-
ted to his widow, Mary Norton, June 4, 1718.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 174.]

[Inventory of the estate of Bonus Norton, gentleman, July 9,
1718; amount, £679.11.0; taken by Joseph Swett and Samuel
Shaw, both of Hampton.]

[Probate Records, vol. 9, p. 175.]

[Blank sheet of paper for bond, signed by Mary Norton, Joseph

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Swett, and Samuel Shaw; witnesses, Benjamin Gambling and Pomfret Dam.]

To The Honour^{ble} The Judg of Probats

With Humble Submission I would say before Your Hon^r an objection I have a Gainst y^e Inventory of y^e Estate of my Fath^r Norton Deceast (viz) That Those Gentle Men y^t Have appris^d s^d Estate though I Hope Not by favour or affection Have Priz^d Those Lands and Buildings att 530^l which I am inform^d Cost No Less 20 year Past and its Generally accounted by verry Good Houest men Noways Byass^d y^t Those Lands and Buildings are worth More Then Half as Much More as thay are Pris^d att: I am well assur^d y^t thare is Nither of s^d apprizers y^t Can Give Your Hon^r an account within 20: achers of y^e Land thay Have appris^d: I would Therefore Pray That Your Hon^r would be Pleas^d so To ord^r y^t afair y^t wee who are Younger Brethren May Not be Sufferers thereby

I am Your Hon^{rs} Most Humble Ser^t

Sep 1st 1718

Tho Waite

Sam^l Norton a minor appear'd before y^e Judge & chose Nathan Longfellow his Guardian w^{ch} was allow'd

Eliz^a Norton a minor chose Tho. Lovet her Guardian &c w^{ch} was also allow'd by y^e Judge

both upw^{ds} of 14 years

[Probate Minutes, Sept. 2, 1719.]

[Citation, June 6, 1720, to the Widow Norton, administratrix of the estate of her husband, Bonus Norton of Hampton, to appear and answer the complaint of Daniel Moody of Stratham; return signed by Caleb Marston, constable.]

To All to whom these p^rsents shall come, Mary Norton Widow & Adm^x of Bonus Norton late of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England Yeoman dece'd, William Norton Joseph Norton & Samuel Norton three of the Sons of the s^d Bonus Norton, Thomas Leavitt of Hampton afores^d as Guardian to Eliz-

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abeth One of the Daughters of the s^d Bonus Norton, and Hezekiah Jennes of the same place as Guardian to Lucy Norton & Anne Norton two Others of the Daughters of the s^d Bonus Norton by the s^d Mary Norton send Greeting Wh^{as} the late Farm or Homestead of the s^d Bonus Norton by reason of it's great Length & Narrowness in the Front is Inconvenient for any more than three Settlements, The s^d W^m Norton, Joseph Norton & Sam^l Norton By & with the Consent & approbation of their s^d Mother Mary Norton Thomas Leavitt & Hezekiah Jennes Testified by their being made parties hereunto and Signing Sealing & Delivery hereof Have Agreed to take the s^d Farm or Homestead (com'only called or known by the name of Norton's Farm) into their Hands to be Equally divided between Them Share & Share alike In the following Mann^r (That is to say) William to Have Hold Use Occupy possess & Enjoy to Him his Heirs Exec^{rs} Admin^{rs} & Assignes for ever all that part of the Lands with their Appurten'ces lyeing on y^e South Side of y^e s^d Farm Joseph to Have Hold Use Occupy possess & Enjoy to Him his Heirs Exec^{rs} Admin^{rs} & Assignes for ever all that part of the Land with it's Appurten'ces lyeing on the North Side of the s^d Farm And Samuel to Have Hold Use Occupy possess & Enjoy to Him his Heirs Exec^{rs} Admin^{rs} & Assignes for Ever all that part of the said Farm with it's Appurten'ces lyeing & being between the Estate of his s^d two Brothers W^m & Joseph Norton The Whole Estate to be liable to the Thirds of the s^d Mary Norton, and to the payment of all Just Debts & Demands Upon the same and particularly to the sev'll & respective Claimes & Demands of the s^d Tho^s Leavitt & Hezek : Jennes in favour and behalf of the s^d Elizabeth, Lucy & Anne Norton Out of the s^d Estate as their Shares & proportions thereof According to y^e Just apprizement of the same (And after the payment of other Just Debts) The Rest of the Children of the s^d Bonus Norton viz^t John, Mary, & Sarah having received full Satisfaction of their Shares & proportions out of the s^d Estate As by proper Releases & Discharges given und^r their Hands & seales Unto their s^d Brothers William, Joseph & Samuel Some or One of them Relation being thereunto respec-

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tively had more fully & at large may Appear Now Know Yee that the s^d Mary Norton in Considⁿ of the p^rmisses, Hath & by these p^rsents Doth Agree to Accept of her Thirds of the s^d Estate and that it shall & may be lawfull to & for the s^d W^m Norton Joseph Norton & Sam^l Norton to Have Hold Use Occupy possess & Enjoy their respective shares & proportions thereof above mentioned subject to the payment of her Thirds and to the Just Claimes & Demands of the s^d Tho^s Leavitt & Hezek : Jennes or Either of y^m in mann^r as afores^d And Lastly the s^d W^m Norton Joseph Norton & Sam^l Norton for Themselves their Heirs Exec^{rs} & Adm^{rs} Do hereby Jointly & severally Covenant promise Grant & Agree to & with the s^d Mary Norton Tho^s Leavitt and Hezek : Jennes their Exec^{rs} & Admin^{rs} to accept of their shares or proportions of the Lands & Farm of their s^d late Father dec^d Upon the Termes & Conditions herein before mentioned And that they will pay or cause to be paid all such Sum^e & Sum^{es} of Money from time to time as shall become justly due & payable by them or Any of them by Virtue of these p^rsents In Witness whereof the s^d Parties to these p^rsents have hereunto Sett their Hands & Seales the fifth Day of Septemb^r in the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sov^{ra}ign Lord George King of Great Britain &c : Annoq : Dom 1721

Mary norton
William Norton
Joseph Norton
Samuel Norton
Thomas Leavitt
hzkiah Jennes

[Allowed Sept. 6, 1721.]

[Bond of Bonus Norton in the sum of £100, June 24, 1709, to pay £50 as a dowry to his daughter Mary, wife of Daniel Moody, Jr., of Salisbury, Mass; witnesses, Caleb Cushing, Wyman Bradbury, and Jacob Bradbury.]

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