

Joseph Dodge son of David in County of Essex in New England born being young & aged 3 yet
of perfect understanding & Memory this is his good and lawful will & testament in manner following
I do not knowing how short my time may be here in this world
knowing it is appointed for all men once to dye & bringing
to settle a little worldly estate which God in his good providence
has been pleased to bestow upon me I do make & Ordain this
to be my last will & testament in manner following
In first place I Commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God in
the faith & Merits & Mediation of Jesus Christ my blessed
Saviour & Multiplier in hope of a blessed & glorious reward
when he shall appear & my Body do hereby be decently
Buried in such manner as my Executors shall think fitt &
Convenient, & for a little worldly estate which God hath given
me I dispose of in same as followeth my house & furniture
& furniture charges being satisfied & discharged my first place
I give & bequeath to my son Joseph Dodge to be paid
him by my Executors five Shillings which with his portion
I have given & settled him by Deed of Gift, & what else
I have done for him his full share & part in my estate as
he is my Heir, & also as a compensation for any Service he
may have formerly done for me, & so I do not due to him
on my last account, & Whereas the said William son of
John Dodge being dead on or about March my Mind well
perception was & is of the said John & Eliza Dodge
March to be paid of said Estate, & he & his heirs to enjoy
the same according as I have bounded it by Deed to him
I give & bequeath to my two son Joseph Dodge & Eliza Dodge
to be paid to them by my Executors what I have settled to them by Deed of Gift as
Housing Land & March & other ground as in said Deed of Gift is
expressed, & if they shall have any wronging appeared of one or
the other of them all my Executors of my husbandry shall between them
& Joseph Dodge shall have my great iron kettle & one pair
of the Irons & Eliza Dodge shall have my Copper kettle & the
other pair of my Ladles & my Wain & horse
I give & bequeath to my son William Dodge his wife & child
the fifty pounds money or as Money & of Bonding which two two
Brothers Joseph & Eliza Dodge or their heirs are to pay him as
Mentioned in said Deed of Gift which they have of my Land & to be
paid according to said Deed of Gift which with what I have given
to him & give for him I do account to be his portion
in my estate
I give & bequeath to my four Daughters & Daughters in Law
the Wife of John Robert Albion & Maria & Wife of Abraham Perkins
& Wife of John Friend & Wife of John Friend & Family Kimball & Wife of
John Kimball in each of five Shillings apiece to be paid to
them when they shall be of age & three Months after

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to be & each of them & theirs in my estate & they nor
theirs or any of them or their heirs to have any further
claim upon part of my estate

Item My Will is & I do hereby give & bequeath to my granddaughter
Abigail Dodge daughter of my son Joseph Dodge who now
dwells & lives with me after my decease my household stuff
& pillows & I usually have upon my furniture as Curtains Valance
covers & Blankets & bed & belonging to my said daughter a good cow
a small iron pot & pot hooks, my warming pan - and my things will
be & I should have before I said Abigail Dodge be grown up
if my son Ephraim & Mary his now wife shall have care of
her & she will live & continue with them & also provide for
her & all they take & I give & charge of & care mentioned
things given to her at which said mentioned things shall be
delivered to her when they shall arrive or one full year of
eighteen years or day of marriage within & time of the said
Abigail with them or either of them - but if she & her said
Abigail Dodge should not live & survive for above & over
eighteen years or day of marriage then the above things which
we do have had, shall be equally divided between my said
sons

Item I do nominate Ordaine constitute & appoint my two sons
Joseph Dodge & Ephraim Dodge to be sole exors of the my last
will & testament - and I do desire & appoint my loving
friends Nath Newman of Gloucester & Nathaniel Grant son of
Edward to be overseers of this my last will & testament
desiring them to do it be duly attended & fulfilled - and
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
the third day of May A.D. 1716. one Mary Anne Town
witness & signed

Joseph Dodge O

Signe & sealed published
& attested
In presence of us
John Newman
Edward Dodge
Nath Dodge

Exam. Ipswich Sept. 7. 1716
Before us John Appleby
Judge of the probate of Wills &c for
the County of Essex - Edward Dodge
& Nath of Ipswich properly appeared
& made Oath that they were
& said the said Joseph Dodge & the
said Mary Anne Town & the said
John Newman & Nath Dodge & the said
Edward Dodge & the said Mary Anne Town
in presence of the above written
witnesses & before his Court & testimony
& when he so did he was of good understanding
& disposing mind & of full age & of
sound mind & they agreed with the
Newman of Gloucester Esq. Sir Nathaniel
Withers for his presence
whereupon I have signed
this my Will is moved & allowed & approved - The