

In the Name of God Almighty Amen This Being the Last will & Testament
 of me Thomas Butt of ^{the town of} Little Compton within the County of Bristol in New England
 Esq^r being very sick & weak of Body But of perfect Memory and well
 in mind Thanks be given unto Almighty God for his' Merciful graces & mercies
 bestowed upon me And Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body And Know-
 ing that it is Appointed for all men to Dye And for the true satisfaction & Disposition
 of what I am possessed of at this present to my Beloved wife Elizabeth Butt my
 Children & Grand Children, to prevent law suits or any Controversies that may
 after my Decease Arise Amongst them About the same Do make & ordain this
 to my last will & Testament that is to say & be understood principally And
 first of all I give & Recommend my Spirit unto God that gave it me And my
 Body to the Dust or Earth from whence it was taken. And as touching my
 Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me withall I Divide & dis-
 pose of the same truly & lawfully in manner & form following, first & after
 all my just Debts be truly ^{truly} paid by my Executrix after mentioned. withall
 Injoyning her to perform without any Sanction Reservation
 Be it Known, for the true love & Tender Affection I have & bore to my Beloved
 Wife Elizabeth Butt who hath been a true & beloved wife to me Do constitute
 and Appoint her to be my sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament to
 see it truly performed with and by the Advice Approbation & Consent of my two
 Overseers (with her) of this my last will & Testament their names Inserted in this
 Conclusion of this my will ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item I give and bequeath freely & absolutely unto my Eldest son Zachary Butt & to his
 wife Sarah Butt & to my Granddaughter Sarah Butt & to my Grand son John Butt
 the son of Zachary And to my Grand Child Mary Butt & to my Grand Child Abigail
 Butt and to my Grand Daughter or Child Elizabeth Butt all which Children
 or Grand Children before mentioned being the Children of my said son
 Zachary Butt & Sarah his ^{now} wife I will & bequeath unto my said son and Sarah
 his wife & Children before mentioned the two and thirtieth part of a Purshay
 Right or share of land lying & being within the Township of Dartmouth
 within the County of Bristol aforesaid to them their heirs or Assignes
 for ever Provided that if either of my ^{above} Grand Children before mentioned
 or without Issue that then their ^{part} or that part of said land by me willed unto
 them shall be Equally Divided Amongst the Survivors of them or their heirs without
 fraud or Deceit and my son Zachary Butt not to Intermeddle or Concern him-
 self with his wifes part of said land without her Consent or leave sealed ~ ~ ~

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grand son John Butt the son of Zachary Butt
 ten acres of land lying & being within the Township of ^{within the County of} Dartmouth
 to him his heirs & Assignes for ever without Reservation ~ ~ ~

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son Zachary Butt the Eight part of the
 last Division of land lying & being within the Township of Little Compton, being
 part of the 24 acre lot formerly belonging to Thomas Purshay ~ ~ ~

Item I give & bequeath unto my two sons Jdido Butt & Moses Butt Thirty acres
 of land lying & being within the Township of Little Compton & on the North side
 of William Earles Rye where it now standeth ~ ~ ~

Item I will that my wife Elizabeth & my son Moses Butt shall build an House upon
 the Thirty acres of land which Rye shall be sixteen foot Square which may
 in time be Tenementable & lease in a field & let it out & the Rent thereof shall be
 for my said wife & son Moses and they shall hereby be obliged to Maintain
 Jdido Butt During his Lameness But if it should please God to Restore my said
 son Jdido to his former health & of his Lameness that then the said House

They Build & thirty acres of Land shall be Given But his heirs & Assignes for ever But Provided that my sonne John But shall or doth Dye without Lawfull Issue that then what is above mentioned given to him & his heirs shall Return to my said sonne Moses But & his heirs or Assignes for ever my wife Elizabeth But having her Equal part in said house & land during her Natural Life

Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth But my now Dwellinghouse and all the Land thereunto belonging to be at her Dispose during her life Allways Provided she Remaineth unmarried and after her Dyeing the above said House & Land aforementioned I will give & bequeath unto my said son Moses But his heirs or Assignes for ever it being a Thirty acres lett be it more or less as first Surveyed

Item my will is that after my wives Dyeing my Daughter Hephzibah Earle shall have a Cow Delivered to her for her own use

Item I will & bequeath unto my Granddaughter Sarah But the sum of five pounds to be paid unto her at her day of Marriag in money or Equivalent -- And all the Rest of my lands or Estate be it here or els where with my Maid servant Called by the Name of Ann Dier and an Indian man Called by the Name of Pope I will give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth But her heirs or Assignes as firmly to all Intents & Purposes in Law as might be Recorded or written according to Law without Reservation Appointing my trusty and welbeloved friends Aron Davis Jun: and Joseph Wilbore of Little Compton to be my overseers of this my last will & Testament with the Advice of my said wife to see it performed

Item I will & Request the Authority for the time being to Ayde & Assist my said Executors & overseers in the performance of this my last will to be fulfilled according to my true Intent and meaning -- Making Null & Void all former wills or Testaments by me made before the sealing hereof Confirming all sales gifts grants by me given before the sealing hereof Iff Legal not any wise Interposing this my last will & Testament to the Confirmation of this my last will and Testament I have hereunto sett my hand & seal in Little Compton this Twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord God one Thousand seven hundred & two & signed sealed in the presence

of John ^{his} Briggs

Thomas But: Seals

Nicholas ^{his} Hart

Jothro ^{his} Jeffery

Richard ^{his} Cran

Thomas Townshend

Bristol ss // Memorandum that on 6th of Feb: 170² 3rd: Then in Bristol John Briggs - Nicholas Hart & Jothro Jefferys who have Subscribed as witnesses to & above & within written will of Thomas But late of Little Compton Dorsetsh Appeared before Nathl Byfield Esq^r Judge of Probate of wills &c within 4 County aforesaid and made Oath & they were present & Did see & Dorseid Thomas Butts sign seal and Publish this Instrument as his last will & Testament and that he was of a disposing mind when he so Did

John Cary Reg^r

Jur^r Coram Nathl Byfield

Thus Entered Feb 6: 170² 3rd

John Cary Reg^r