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Of

In the Name of God AMEN the twenty ninth  
Day of June Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred & four  
In the third Year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Queen  
Ann over England &c. I Josias Byles of Boston in the County  
of Suffolk within Her Majestys Province of the Massachusetts  
Bay in New England Sadler being Sick & weak of Body but  
of sound Disposing mind & memory praised be God for itt  
Knowing the uncertainty of this present life and being  
Desirous to settle that outward Estate the Lord hath lent  
me. Do therefore make & ordaine this my last will & Test.  
in manner & forme following. That is to say first principally  
I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator  
hoping to Receive full pardon & Remission of all my sins &  
salvation through the alone merits of Jesus Christ my  
Redeemer, And my Body to the Earth to be Decently Interd.  
according to the Discretion of my Excutrie herein after named  
And as touching such wordly Estate the Lord hath lent  
mee my will & meaning is the same shall be Employed  
and bestowed as in & by this my will is expressed hereby  
Revoking renouncing & making null & void all wills  
Testaments by me hitherto made Declaring & appoint-  
ing this to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I will that  
all my Just Debts & Funerall Expences be well & truly paid or  
ordained to be paid in convenient time next after my Decease  
by my Excutrie herein after named. I M. J. Do hereby give &  
Bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Byles all those



Her present household goods plate, moveables & personal  
 estate whatsoever which she brought to me at the time of  
 our late Intermarriage together with twenty pounds & my  
 Silver Server or Sundry to be at her own free & absolute Disposal  
 forever. *Item* I give & bequeath unto my Eldest Son Josias Byles  
 of Boston Tabled my Black Suit of morning and that Bible which  
 was his own mothers havinge done considerably for him in di-  
 kinds. *Item* I Do give & bequeath unto my Son Thomas Byles  
 who is an apprentice with Mr. Wm. Barzies Ten pounds mon-  
 certaine when he shall come off free age. As also ten p.  
 more if there be a sufficiency of my Estate. And my will is  
 he may have cloathing out of my Estate during his ap-  
 prenticeship according to agreement by his Indenture.  
 Further I give unto my Son Thomas my Coat compleat -  
 wedding suit of apparell. *Item* to my Daughter Sarah  
 a good Gold Ring & bequeath my Silver Tankard. marked  
 F. B. and the Bible which was her mothers. *Item* to my  
 youngest Son Samuel Byles I give & bequeath my Indian  
 Boy named Winchester. And as for the Residue of my Estate  
 and all the Best & Chiefest part of my household Good & moveables  
 of household stuff. Thereby give & bequeath the same unto my  
 two youngest before named Children vizt Sarah & Samuel to be  
 equally Divided between when they shall come of age or be  
 married, untill which time I commit all that I have before  
 herein given to each of them to my Wife's Care & manage-  
 for them who has already Expressed and manifested abundant  
 of motherly affection & tenderness towards them even as much  
 in a manner as if they had been her own. *Item* my will  
 is that if in case either of my youngest Children Dy in  
 his or her marriage the survivor shall be his or her heir.  
 And if both Dy before they come of age then their part of  
 my Estate herein bequeathed to them shall be go & remaine  
 the one halfe part thereof to my wife for her proper use &  
 behoofe & the other halfe part to my Son Thomas for his  
 proper use & behoofe. *Item* I Do give & bequeath unto my  
 honoured Mother Dorothy Byles in Winchester in England to my  
 Sister Dorothy Jeffrys & to my Brother John Byles a good  
 Ring apiece & a token of my Love. *Item* as for & concerning  
 my Shop Goods & Sundry wares and all other the Residue of  
 my Estate of what nature kind & sort soever which after  
 my Debts & Funeral Expences are paid & satisfied shall then  
 remaine undisposed of. I Do hereby give & Devise & one quarter  
 part thereof unto my Son Thomas And the other three quarters  
 parts thereof unto my beloved wife the sd Elizabeth for  
 her further comfortable Subsistence & towards the main-  
 tenance & bringing up of my two youngest Children  
 whome I leave with her Entreating her to Continue &  
 Exercise of her motherly affection towards them. *Item* if  
 after my Decease my Wife shall see good to carry on  
 the Sundry trade then and in such Case I Do Devise that  
 my Son Josias Byles Do yeild unto her all Reasonable &  
 needfull help & assistance in the management thereof  
 according as shall be Devied, And that he together with  
 my other Children Do Carry toward her with all Dutifull  
 Respectfullness and give her no manner of molestation  
 about what I have herein left her which if they Do that  
 Child which gives her molestation is & shall hereby be  
 deprived & cutt off from his or her part of my sd Estate  
 herein before given unto him them or her. *Item*

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ALL I Do constitute & Appoint my L. wife Sarah a Sole  
Executrix of this my last will & Testament In TESTIMONY where-  
of I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the Day & Year first  
above written. Josias Pyles & Seal Signed Sealed published &  
Declared by the sd Josias Pyles the Testator as and for his last  
will & Testament in presence of us Joseph Billing Benjamin  
Lamenten Oliver Mobbey Sec.

Examined for J. Dudley Reg<sup>r</sup>.