

No. 2788

Bond

John Haverhill

1675 Apr. 13.

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The last will & testament of John Bond of Haverhill
made October the 31th 1674.

In order to the disposal & settlement of that estate which the Lord of his goodness hath lent mee, I John Bond of Haverhill, being weak in body & expecting my change & dissolution; but being of good & perfect memory, do hereby declare this that shall be hereafter declared to be my Will, & duly to be observed after my Decease. That is to say.

- 1st. I will & order that all my lawfull debts shall be truly & honestly paid, & my body decently interred, there to wait for its Resurrection unto glory through the faith & hopes which I have in Jesus Christ my Saviour.
- 2^{dy}. I give and bequeath unto Hester Bond, my beloved wife, the full half of all my housings, orchards, pastures, arable lands, & meadows; and of each distinct parcels; and the half of that house that is yet to be finished, during her naturall life; which shall after her Decease revert into the hands of my Son Joseph.
- 3^{dy}. I give unto my said wife as a free gift one of my Cows, called Blossome, or any one of the Cows which shall be living after my Death, she being to make her owne free choice; & to have room if she please to keep the same in any housing that shall to that end be erected on my land.
- 4^{thly}. I give unto my said wife, during her naturall life the full improvement and use of all my household stuff, which at her Death shall be at her disposal, provided only that what is left at her death of the household goods shall by my said wife be given to one or both of my Daughters, — namely Mary and Abigail, as my wife shall see meet.
- 5^{thly}. I give also to my sd. wife one Sow, she making her choice of what I have; and I give her also two of the spring piggs or shotts; which she shall choose of them.
- 6^{thly}. I give unto my two Daughters Mary & Abigail six pounds a peece to be paid in corn & meet cattle within two yeares after my Decease.
- 7^{thly}. I give to my Daughter Hester Chase twenty shillings.
- 8^{thly}. I give to my Son Joseph all the other part of my estate as housing land, meadows, & living stock, not particularly disposed of by this my last Will; he paying all debts that are due from mee; out of that his owne half in the first place, without meddling or disposing of any of it is above mentioned & left with his Mother.
- 9^{thly}. I will that my executor shall out of my estate which is disposed of to himself; & out of his other estate if now, or at my Decease shall have is not particularly disposed of provide sufficient provision for my said wife for one full yeare next after my Decease; & shall also make good what ever I have absolutely given by this my Will to my sd. wife and three Daughters; out of what estate I have in his hands at my Decease, according to the true intent of the articles abovescribten.
- 10^{thly}. I doe hereby constitute and appoint my Son Joseph to be my sole executor of this my last will, & testament; and to pay all my debts and to make good all the legacies which I have hereby given; and in case my said Son shall refuse of the place as executor, and to doe as I have herein ordered; then my Will is that my present wife Hester Bond shall be my sole Excutrix, and have the whole.

of my estate putt into her hands, she paying all my debts, and legacies, &
upon my said Son Josephs refusall of Executorship, I will that my said
Wife shall give my said Son the sum of ten pound, and then what
I had formerly given and left to my said wife, & Son of housing, lands
& meadows shall be the one half of it at my wife's absolute disposal
at her death, provided she give the other half, before or at her death
to my said two daughters Mary & Abigail.

I absolutely & freely give unto my wife, a booke in folio which I have
of Mr Perkins his works.

I will that my Son Joseph refusing to be my Executor, shall have no
further interest in my estate then the ten pound which my wife, taking
the place which he refuseth, is hereby ordered to pay to him my sd. Son.

In witness whereunto, and for confirmation of the twelve foregoing
articles to be my last Will and Testament, which in the name
of Christ my Redeemer I bequeath my Executor or Executors
to observe; according to ye true intent of them; I the said John
Bond doe hereunto set my hand & seale this one & thirtieth of
October 16 hundred seventy & four. John Bond

Signed & Delivered in presence of

Nath. Saltonstall

John Williams
his mark

Cap^t Nath Saltonstall & John Williams testified upon oaths before
County Court hold at Salisbury y^e 13th of Aprill 1675: that they
saw Jⁿ Bond signe & seale this will & heard him declare it
to be his act & deed: & y^e hee was at that time of a disposing
minde: so atteste Tho. Bradbury rec^d

Entered & Recorded in y^e County Records
for Norfolk lib 3^d pa 5th y^e 28th of Aprill
1675: as atteste Tho Bradbury rec^d

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Last will and
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Bond late of Haverhill
will deceased.

1875 April 13th.

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In Bonds
Bill of Inventory
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Inventory of estate
of John Bond late
of Newerhill deceased.

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James L.