

In the name of God, Amen. I, Elkanah Hamblen of Barnstable in ye County of Barnstable, Yeo, being advanced in years tho by God's goodness of sound and disposing mind and memory, do this 26th day of March, 1754, make & ordain this myh last Will and Testament, Knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, and first I commit my soul to God in Jesus Christ & my body I comit to the earth, and touching the worldly estate wherein God hath blessed me I give demise & dispose of the same in the following manner and form, & first my will is that my just debts and funeral charges shall be paid out of my personal estate by my executers.

Imprimis, I beve and bequeath to my loving wife Margaret in lieu of her dower the use and improvement of a fire, room, cellar and chamber in my dwelling house, the profit of a cow, six sheep and of a swine pastured, four loads of wood at the door per annum, a sixth of the produce of lands tilled, a sixth part of the fruit of the orchard, a privilege of being carried to meeting oad of having her grain carried to mill & the meal brought home. These articles to be done & performed by my son Rueben Hamblen for his mother during her widowhood yearly & every year in consideration of what is hereafter given, & it is to be understood said Rueben is to find and keep said cow & sheep for his mother's profit, and of all the land hereafter given him to render a sixth for the produce to his mother of what is planted or sown, also I give my said wife one half of my personal estate not hereafter particularly disposed off.

Item. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son Silvanus Hamblen, deceased to their heirs and assigns forever, one lot of land at the Long Pond & four pounds lawful money to be paid by my son Rueben in two years after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Rueben Hamblen his heirs and assigns forever all and singular my real estate saving said lot at the Long Pond & saving ye improvment to his mother as above reserved, said real estate being my house, barn, homestead, meadow, woodland and whatever else is denominated real estate, further I give my sd son half my apparel, all my live stock, moneys, credits, husbandry utensils, to him his heirs, on condition he or they pay my debts and perform ye articles above enjoyed & pay the legacies hereafter and heretofore mentioned.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Hamblen his heirs three pounds six shillings and eight pence and half my apparel, said money to be paid by my son Rueben in twelve months after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew Seth Fish five shillings.

Item. I giev and bequeath to my daughter Tabitha Saunderson half of my indoors personal estate not particularly already disposed of and five shillings in twelve months to be paid by my son Reuben. I likewise constitute make and appoint my two sons Reuben and John Hamblen Executors of this my last will & testament revoking former wills & testaments & confirming this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and date above. Signed, sealed, pronounced, published and declared by the said Elkanah Hamblen to be his last will and testament.

ELKANAH HAMBLLEN (L.S.) He died in 1764 in Barnstable, Barnstable, Massachusetts.