

In the name of God, Amen: This Thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, I James Hamlin, Seniour, late of the town of Barnstable, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England; Being of Perfect Disposing mind and memory; yet considering my age and the mortality of my Body do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament, in the Town of Tisbury, in Dukess County, in the Province aforesd, the place of my present abode and residence.

Imps. Principly and first of all I give and commend my Imortal Soul into the hands of God through Jesus Christ his Son; who I trust hath redeemed and will save it through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant. And my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian maner, at the Discretion of my executor; And as to the Portion of worldly Estate that I have yet remaining, having already given and settled large Portions of my Estate in Land and Meadows, Housing and Commonage in the Town of Barnstable upon My Sons, James, Jonathan, Ebenezer, and Elkanah Hamlin. In manner and form following I make Disposition and - thereof (viz:) my just debts and my funeral charges being first Paid by my Executor hereafter to be named, then I give to my four above names Sons, James, Jonathan, Ebenezer, and Elkannah Hamlin, the sum of Two Shillings to each of them.

1ly. I give and bequeath to my son Job Hamlin the sum of Sixty Pounds.

2ly. I give to my Daughter Hope Case, wife to William Case of Tisbury, the sum of nine pounds which I would have taken out of and to Consist in what Household Goods I shall have at my decease, Viz: Chiefly Bedding and the furniture belonging to it; And when this is done my will is that my Daughter Scudder, wife of John Scudder of Barnstable, and my Daughter Hope Case shall have & divide the remainder of my Household Goods Equally between them.

3ly. I give and bequeath to my four Grandchildren, the children of my son Eliazar Hamlin deceased, the sum of five Pounds to each of them.

4ly. I give to my eight grand children, of my daughter Experience Jenkings, now deceased, the sum of nine pounds (viz) twenty shillings a peace to seven of them. But to Thankful the wife of Isaac Taylor I give the sum of forty shillings.

5ly. I give to my Daughter in law Ruth, the wife of my Son James Hamlin the sum of twenty Shillings; And to my daughter-in-law Sarah the wife of my son, Ebenezer Hamlin, the sum of twenty Shillings; And to my daughter-in-law Abigail, the wife of Elkannah Hamlin, my son, the sum of twenty shillings; and to my daughter-in-law Ester, the wife of my son, Jonathan Hamlin, the sum of twenty shillings.

6ly. I give and bequeath to my Grandchildren Shuball; James & Ebenezer, the sons of my daughter Mary Davis, deceased, the sum of forty shillings to each of them.

8ly. I give and bequeath to my Brother Israel Hamlin of Barnstable, the sum of twenty shillings.

9ly. I give and bequeath to Lida Barrow and Mercy King of Plymouth, who are my wife's sisters forty shillings, to each of them.

10ly. I give and bequeath to Jean Kelly, who was formerly my maid at Barnstable, but now resident at Martha's Vineyard, the sum of forty shillings.

11ly. I give and bequeath unto the Reverend Mr. Jonah Tony, Minister of Tisbury, on Martha's Vineyard, or his Heirs, the Sum of five Pounds.

12ly. I give and bequeath the Surplusage or remainder of my Estate, whether money or goods remaining. (After all the herein mentioned Legacies and Bequests are will and truly paid,) unto my son Job Hamlin, and my daughter Elizabeth Scudder, both now of the Town and County of Barnstable, to (be) equally Divided between them: saving one Third part of the goods remaining as aforesd, my will is and I give and Bequeath them unto my Daughter Hope Case, wife to William Case of Tisbury, one third part thereof, ye money only excepted.

13ly. I give and bequeath to the Reverend Mr. Jonathan Russell, Minister of the Town of Barnstable, the full sum of ten pounds, together with full and

noble Satisfaction for all his pains and trouble he shall be at about my Estate in Administering there upon.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate and apoint the said Rev. Mr. Jonathan Russell to be Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and I hereby revoke anull and make void all former and other Wills and Testaments by me at any time made by word or in writing, and declare these presents to be and contain my only last Will and Testament.

In witness here of I have hereunto set to my hand and seal this Thirteenth Day of September in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George over Great Brittain, &c.

Anoqe Dom, 1717.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared By the Testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who subscribe our names as witnesses in the testators presence and by his desire.

PAIN MAYHEW J. HAMLIN (SEAL)
MARY MAYHEW
PAIN MAYHEW, Junr.

[Mary Dunham's] grave is about sixty rods distant from the site of his house on the Coggin's Pond lot. The following is [inscribed] on her slate head stone....

MARY WIFE TO
JAMES HAMLIN
DIED APRIL
Ye 19 1715
in Ye 73
YEAR OF HER
AGE