

Estate of Thomas Dickinson of Rowley

Essex Probate Docket # 7678

I Thomas Dickinson of The Towne of Rowley in The County of esex being weake of Body but of perfect vnderstanding And memmory doe make And ordaine This my last will and Testament In primis my will is That my well beloued wife Jennett Dickinson shal be my Solle excequtrise for To pay all my debts and to pay my children Those portions That I by will doe Giue vnto Them; And also To demand and Recouer all debts that are or may be due vnto me by bills bonds or other wise and To doe any Thing belonging To such an excequtorise. Item I will and Giue vnto This my well beloued wife halfe of my Dwelling house halfe of my barne halfe of my orchard and halfe of my swampe below my orchard and all my land aboute The barne about Twellue Acres be it more or lese And Three Acres of mead ow one acre of it in batchelor meadow and Two Acres in the northeast feild as also one acre more of salt marsh in the marsh feild bounded by deacon Jewets marsh on the west and by marsh of John pickards on the north and also i doe Giue vnto hir Two Gates on the Towne common al this I doe Giue hir dureing hir naturall life Item I will And Giue vnto my son James dickinson The other halfe of my house in barne orchard and swampe below the orchard and all other my lands meadows and Commons that belonge vnto me with The Towne of Rowley (excepting my village land and Two Acres of meadow in The great meadow be it more or lese.)

Item I doe Giue vnto my son James dickinson foure score Acres of land more or lese being my deuission of land in that land Commonly called merrimack land buting against merrimacke Riuer with the priueledges belonging vnto the said fourscore acres of land and likewise I doe Giue vnto my son James my houseing barne orchard and swampe and lands aboute the barne and meadow and commons That I haue giuen vnto my welbeloued wife for her naturall life to be vnto his proper use and behoufe after his mothers decease.

Item I doe further Giue vnto my son James my cart and plough and furneture belonging There To also I giue vnto him my loumes and furneture belonging There To

Item out of The Rest of my estate That is in my village land and Two Acres of meadow in the Great meadow that was before excepted and in my stocke moueables bills bonds or any other estat that is or may be due vnto me out of This Remaneing part of my estat I will and Giue vnto my foure daughters each of Them one hundred pounds and my will is that that fifty pounds That I haue giuen vnto my daugh ter Sarah already shalbe accounted as part of that which I doe now giue And if any of my children die before they at taine to the age of Twenty one yeares or day of marriage Then There portions to be devided equally among the rest and if my son James depart This life haueing noe child Then the one halfe of those lands I giue him to Returne to be equally devided among The Rest of my daughters or Theire heires The other halfe I giue vnto his wife if then liueing to be for hir use dureing hir naturall life and then to returne after hir decease to be equally devided among my other daughters or there childeren if ther be any then liueing

Item I will and Giue (the Three hundered and fifty pounds being paid out of this estat that I here apoint for the payment of my daughters portions) all the Remaineing part of that estat vnto my welbeloued wife To be vnto hir owne proper use and To despose of as she shall Thinke meete;

And my will is that my wife shall haue hir liberty to chuse which halfe of my dwellinghouse she will for to liue in dureing hir life; And I appoint John pickard and Samuell Brocklebanke To be ouersseers of This my last will and Testament which I Confirme with my owne hand this eighth of march one Thousand Six hundred and sixty one or sixty two

Thomas Dickanson

Witness:

Samuell Brocklebanke

John trumble

Proved in Ipswich court Apr. 17, 1662 by the witnesses.

An inventory of the estate received in court Apr. 17, 1662. Ipswich Quarterly Court Records, vol. 1, page 106.

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