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Will of Job Lane



In the name of God: Amen: The Fifteenth Day of February One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three. I Job Lane of Bedford in the county of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Gentleman; Being at the Writing hereof of a Sound disposing mind and memory, and sensible of my mortality, do make This my Last Will and Testament: and First of all I commend my Precious Soul into the Hands of God, Trusting on the Merits of Jesus Christ for Salvation: and my Body I commit to the Dust by Decent Burial: My Temporal and Worldly Estate, I give, demise and dispose of in the following manner.

My will is that all my just debts and charges of my Funeral be paid. Then I give and bequeath into Mary my Wife a Decent Suit of mourning apparel, and liberty to dwell freely in my Mansion House and be supported out of my Estate, one year after my Decease: and the contract made with her before marriage made good.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Son Job Lane, His Heirs and Assigns forever Four Acres of Swamp, being in Cedar Swamp in said Bedford, which I purchased of Samuel Fitch: and the sum of Thirteen Pounds, six shillings and eight pence Lawful money: This is to be over and above his Equal Part in my Estate: TO my said son Job Lane, His Heirs and Assigns for Ever, I give and bequeath, about seven acres of Land being in said Bedford: Lying Southerly of my Sheep Pasture so called, The Road against said Land shall be Three Poles in Width.

Item: I give and Bequeath unto my Son John Lane, His Heirs and

Assigns for ever, about Seven Acres of Land, being in said Bedford, in my Great Field so called, in a direct Line from the Road, to Capt. James Lane's Meadow across the Middle of a Large Rock, which direct Line shall be the Southerly Line: To my said Son John Lane His Heirs and Assigns forever I give and bequeath about Five Acres of Land being in said Bedford, Bounded Southerly by the Land of my son Timothy Lane, and on the Wall of my New Orchard so called, Easterly by the Land of Obed Abbott, Northerly by His own Land Reserving a Way adjoining to the said New Orchard for the use and Benefit of my son Timothy Lane, from the Road, to his own Land.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Son Timothy Lane, His Heirs and Assigns for Ever, about Ten Acres of Land, being in said Bedford: Bounded



Northerly by the Land of my Son John Lane, Westerly on the Wall of the said New Orchard, Till It comes to a Little Meadow: Then It runs over a corner of the Meadow, so as to take in the Spring.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Son, Benjamin Lane, His Heirs and Assigns forever, my Mansion House, Barn, Corn House, Mill house and Forty Acres of my Homestead Land, Being in said Bedford, Bounded Northerly on the Land that I have given in this my Last Will, unto my son John Lane; Westerly on the Land of Capt. James Lane, and of Cor^l John Lane, Southerly on the Land of the sd Cor^l: John Lane and on the Land that I have given in This my Last Will, unto my Son Job Lane, Easterly by my own Land, and then Northerly by the sd New Orchard: The Country Road Thru said Land Excepted.

This is in consideration of the Labour and Service He has done for me since he has come to the age of Twenty One years, and to be Equivalent to what I have already given my other sons, Job Lane, John Lane and Timothy Lane, by Deeds.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my sons, Timothy Lane and Benjamin Lane, Their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, The Remaining Part of my Homestead Lands, in said Bedford, to be Equally divided between them.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Sons John Lane and Benjamin Lane, and Their Heirs, my Pew in the Meeting House in said Bedford.

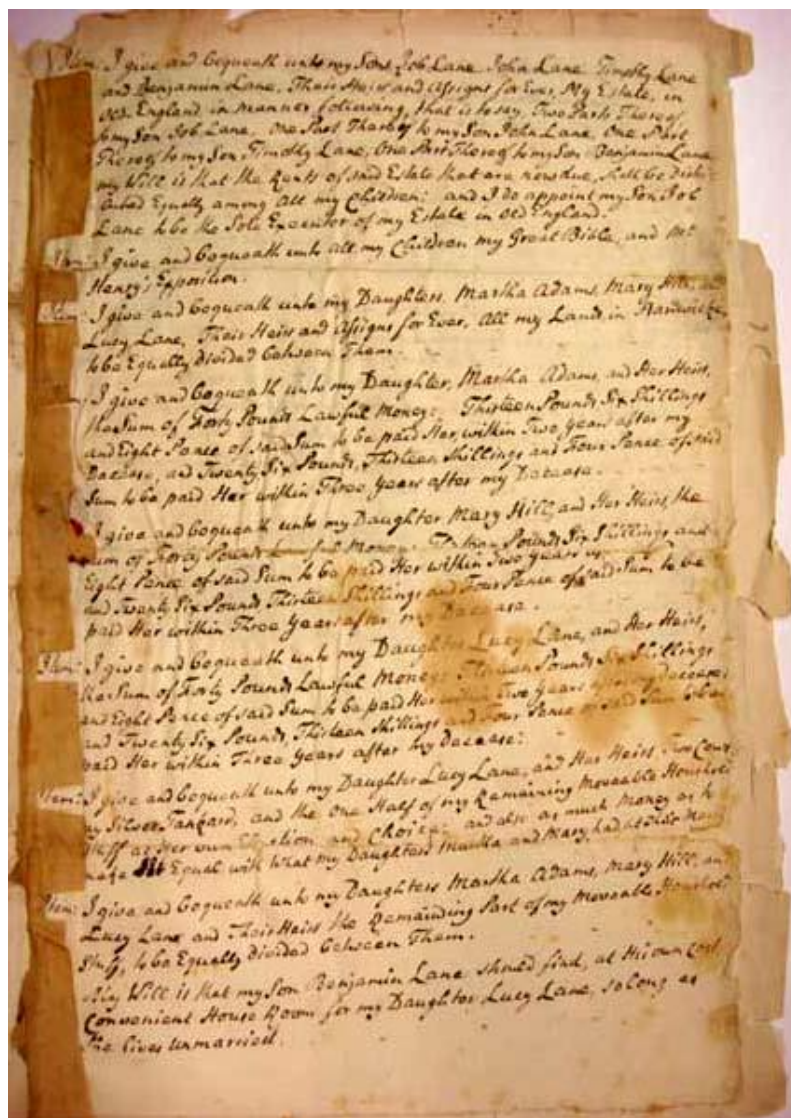
Item: I give and bequeath unto my Sons Job Lane, John Lane, Timothy Lane, and Benjamin Lane, Their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, The Remaining Part of my Real Estate, in said Bedford, to be divided between them, so as that Each of Them shall have an

Equal Share in the Whole of my Real Estate in said Bedford: Excepting the Four Acres of Swamp, which I have given in this my Last Will unto my Son Job Lane, as above mentioned: and also Excepting in the Mansion House, and the Other Buildings and the Forty Acres of my Homestead Land, which I have given in this my Last Will unto my Son, Benjamin Lane as above mentioned.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Sons Job Lane, John Lane, Timothy Lane, and Benjamin Lane and Their Heirs, all my Wearing Apparel to be Equally divided between Them.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Lane, and His Heirs the Bed and Bedstead and Bedding on which he lies: my clock, one cow, all my Husbandry Tools, my gun and my Best Saddle and the one Half of my Casks:

Item: I give and Bequeath unto my Sons, Job Lane, John Lane and Timothy Lane and Their Heirs the other Half of my Casks, to be equally divided between Them.



Item: I give and bequeath unto my Sons, Job Lane, John Lane, Timothy Lane, and Benjamin Lane, Their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, My Estate, in Old England, in Manner following, that is to say, Two Parts Thereof to my Son Job Lane, One Part Thereof to my Son John Lane, One Part Thereof to my Son Timothy Lane, One Part Thereof to my Son Benjamin Lane. my Will is that the Rents of said Estate that are now due, shall be distributed Equally among all my Children: and I do appoint my Son Job Lane to be the Sole Executor of my Estate in Old England.

Item: I give and bequeath unto all my children my Great Bible, and Mr. Henry; Exposition.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughters, Martha Adams, Mary Hill and Lucy Lane, Their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, all my Land in Hardwicke to be Equally divided between Them.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter, Martha Adams and Her Heirs, the Sum of Forty Pounds Lawfull Money: Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Eight Pence of said Sum to be paid Her within Two years after my Decease, and Twenty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence of said Sum to be paid her within Three Years after my Decease.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Hill, and Her Heirs, the Sum of Forty Pounds Lawful Money. Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Eight Pence of said Sum to be paid her within Two years [after my decease] and Twenty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence of said Sum to be paid her within Three Years after my Decease.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Lane and Her Heirs, the Sum of Forty Pounds Lawful Money: Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence of said sum to be paid Her within

Two Years after my Decease and Twenty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence of said sum to be paid to Her within Three Years after my Decease:

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Lane, and Her Heirs, Two Cows, my Silver Tankard, and the one Half of my Remaining Moveable Household stuff at her own Election and Choice: and also as much money as to make Equal with what my Daughters Martha and Mary had at their marriage.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Martha Adams, Mary Hill and Lucy Lane and Their Heirs the Remaining Part of my Moveable Household stuff, to be Equally divided between Them.

My will is that my Son Benjamin Lane should find, at His own cost, convenient House Room for my Daughter Lucy Lane, so long as She lives unmarried.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Sons Job Lane, John Lane, Timothy Lane, and Benjamin Lane, Their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, the Remaining Part of my Estate: to be Equally divided between Them.

My Will is that my Sons Job Lane, John Lane, Timothy Lane and Benjamin Lane shall pay all my just Debts, the charges of my Funeral and the Legacies mentioned in this my Last Will to my Three Daughters, Martha Adams, Mary Hill, and Lucy Lane; and also shall pay unto my Wife, Mary Lane, the Money that I covenanted before my marriage with Her, that she should receive out of my Estate after my Decease.

And I do Constitute and appoint my Sons Job Lane, John Lane, Timothy Lane and Benjamin Lane to be the Executors of my Estate in New England: and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke

and disannull all and Every other Former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests and Executors by Me in any Way before named, willed and bequeathed: Ratifying and confirming This and no other, to be my Last Will and Testament: In Witness Whereof I have here unto put my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Published

Pronounced and Declared by

Job

Lane

the Said Job Lane, as His Last Will & Testament In Presence of the Nicholas Bowes._.

John Lane Jr

Elijah Stearns