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Will of Robert Meriam of Concord

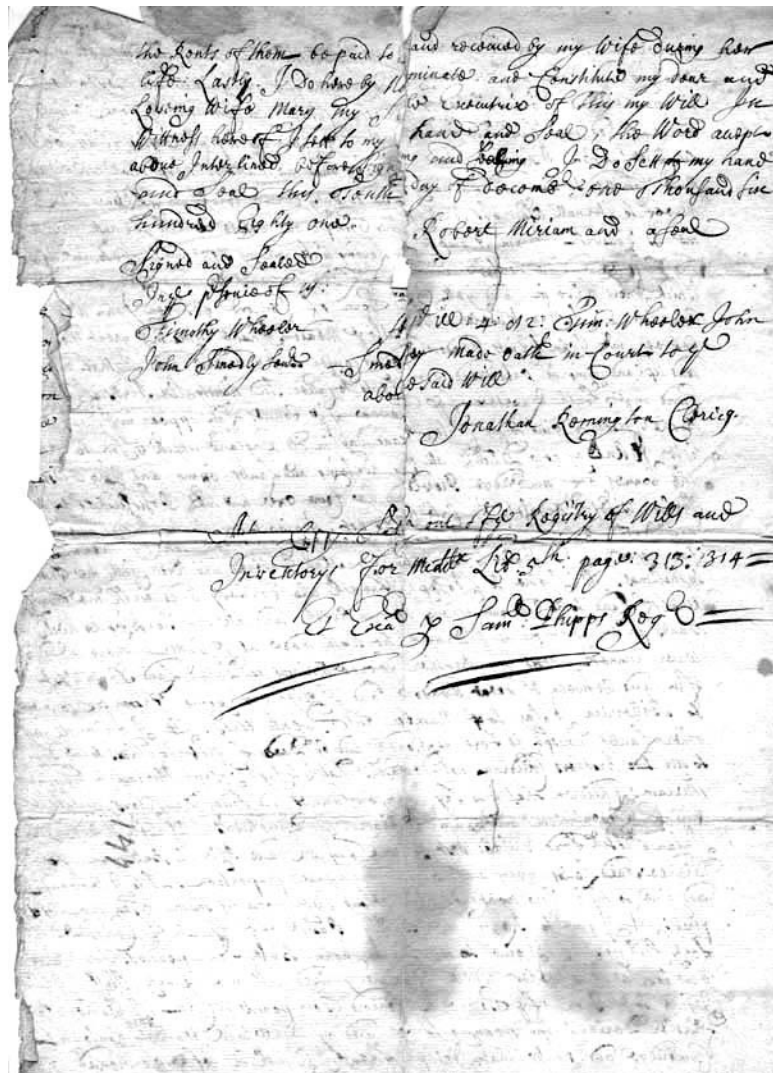


I Robert Miriam of Concord in the county of Midd^x in Massachusetts Colony in New England being in perfect memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. First I committ and command my soul into y^e hands of God my faithfull father who hath called me to the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ in him I have believed, knowing that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him, and my body to be decently buried, believing y^e Ressurrection thereof to Eternal life. As touching the Temporal Estate which God hath given me as followeth. **Item** I give my Loving Wife all my comveables to be to her use and dispose and the housing and (hole) of Land it stands on and Two orchards which I now live in, and lyeth in y^e Town of Concord between John Wheeler house lott and Joshua Wheeler [?Item] also y^e Meadow I have lying in y^e great Meadow between Mr John [?Heists] Meadow and my Cousen Sauls meadow, and all that medow and upland lying in oaks meadow or [?Monts] so called. And ninety six Acres of Comon Land, in y^e South Quarter of y^e Towne, as y^e bounds of it appear in y^e Towne Booke. **Item** I give to my cousen Isaac Day in old England, which is Son to my sister [?Joanday] now dece^d all my housing and Lands being and lying within the bounds of Cambridge, provided he come over and take possession of it, before my wife deceases. In case he do not, I give to my cousen Joseph Miriam now dece^d Robert Miriam his Son of y^e Towne of Cambridge, and his heirs for ever. **Item** I give to my cousin Jonathan Hubbard, who liveth with me twenty shillings. **It** I give to Joseph French who formerly lived with me twenty acres of land to be laid out where he now liveth, and all the housing which stands on it, beginning at ye Draine he hath made, at ye Gutter where ye water runneth next my Brother George Miriam now deceased Land, South West of it, and between ye Great Meadow, and ye Highway going from ye Towne to Billerica, I Say to ye number of Twenty Acres. **It** I give all my other Lands, except before mentioned, and by Deeds of gift to tohers to this Day, to my Two Brothers Childen not Deceased. That is to Say, Joseph Miriam & George Miriam's

Children that is to say three sonnes and five Daughters, Will Miriam & Jn^o Miriam, and Sam^{ll} Miriam, the Daughters, Elizabeth Hinchman, Susan Scotchford, Elisab: West, Anna Taylor and Abigail Bateman, to Divide said Lands, Every and (*missing because ink is faded*) equal proportion. Also I bequeath and give to those fore mentioned (*missing due to fading*) [?pesens] Every one of them, Ten pounds a piece. **It** I give to Rever^d Mr ?Seulkey Pastor of ye Church of Concord = forty shillings. **IT** I give to my cousen John Buss four pounds. **It** I give to Sarah Wheeler which formerly lived with me forty shill. **It** I give to ye poor of ye Towne of Concord four pounds in corn, I do hereby further declare my meaning to be, and my full will is, that house at Cambridge, and house that Joseph French liveth in, before mentioned,

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the rents of them be paid so, and received by my wife during her life. Lastly, I do here by nominate and constitute my dear and loving wife, Mary my sole Executrix of this my will. In witness here of I sett my hand and seal, the Word Accept above inter lined before signing and sealing. I do sett to my hand and swal this Tenth Day of December one thousand six hundred and eighty one

Robert Miriam and a seal

Signed and Sealed
In ye presence of:
Timothy Wheeler
John Smedley Law^{er}

Will: 4: 92: Tim: Wheeler John
Smedley made oath in Court to ye
above said will

Jonathan Remington Cleri??

Inventory for Midd^x

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