

Essex Probate 325/365*

The Will of Benjamin Morse b. Aug 24, 1668 and d. Oct 22, 1743 in Newbury, MA; written Feb 4, 1742 & Proved Nov 7 1743

In the name of God Amen **I Benjamin Morss of Newbury** in y^e county of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, **Weaver**, Being, through the goodness of God in health and of a disposing mind & memory & calling to mind my own mortallity, not knowing the day of my death do make & ordain this to be my last will and Testament, as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give & bequeath in ye following manner & form {viz:}

Imprimis: I give & bequeath to **my son Benjamin Morss** his heirs & assigns, the one halfe of my real estate in house & land and one halfe of that peice of pasture land, lying in the great pasture called Ordway pasture in Newbury as it is measured & bounded in deed of sale to me from **my late son Stephen Morss**, together the one halfe of my wearing cloaths and my silver headed cane; and my will is that this my son Benjamin, shall pay the one halfe of the legacy herein bequeathed, my just debts, funeral charges and other charges that may arife in settleing my estate__

Item. I give unto **my daughter Ruth Chase**, five shillings in ye new tenor currency besides what I have already given her.

Item. I give unto **my grand children of my late daughter Priscilla Ordway** five shillings in new tenor currency, besides what I have already given them.

Item. I give unto **my daughter Judeth March** five shillings in the new tenor currency besides what I have already given her.

Item. I give unto **my daughter Mary Pearson** five shillings in the new currency besides what I have already given her.

Item. I give unto **my daughter Hannah Rogers** five shillings in ye new currency besides what I have already given her.

Item. I give unto **my grandson (son of my late daughter Susanna Perrin) Thomas Perrin** five pounds in new tenor bills of the new currency, besides what they have already had and this my bequeath shall be paid when this said grandson comes to the age of twenty one years.

Item. I give unto **my grandson Stephen Morss, son of my deceased son Stephen Morss**,: two pounds ten shillings in the new tenor currency, to paid him when he comes to the age of twenty & one, besides what they have already had.

Item. My will is that my household goods shall be divided into five parts or shares, and my daughter Ruth Chase shall have one share, and my daughter Judeth March shall have one share: My deceased daughter Priscilla Ordway's heirs shall have one share, and my daughter Mary Pearson shall have one share and my daughter Hannah Rogers shall have one share.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **my son Abel Morss** his heirs & assigns, the one halfe of my real estate in house & land and the one halfe of that pasture land lying in the great pasture called Ordway's pasture in Newbury, as it measured and bounded in a deed of sale to me from my late son Stephen Morss: Together with on halfe of my wearing apparril and my Will is that this my son Abel Morss shall pay one halfe of the legacy herein bequethed, my just debts & funeral charges, and other charges that may arife in settling my sd. estate.

And furthermore I do constitute & appoint thy **my son Abel Morss to be my sole executor** of this my last will and Testament, Allowing, Rattifying & Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will & Testament, In witness & for confirmation hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this **fourth day of February, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & forty two three**. and in y^e fifteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George ye second by the grace of God of Great Brittan France & Ireland being defender of the faith &c.

Benjamin Morss

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by ye sd. Benjamin Morss as his last will & testament in presence of us Benjmain Long Peter Ordway Isaac Morss

Proved: **Ipswich Nov 7 1743** before the Hon. Thomas Berry Esq.

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