

The Will And Inventory of Moses Bradstreet (1665 - 1737)

Essex Co. Probate 325/10

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In the name of God amen the **nineteenth Day of December Anno Domini 1737 I Moses Bradstreet of Ipswich** in the County of Essex in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England **Husbandman**, being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given unto God, therefor calling unto mind, the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed, for all men, Once to Die, Do make and Ordain this my last will & testament, That is to say Principally, and first of all, I give and recommend my soul unto the hand of God that gave it and my body, I recommend to the earth to be buried in Christian Decent burial at y^e descretion of my Executor, nothing doubting, but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive y^e same again by y^e mightly power of God And as touching such worldly estate, further with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give demise & dispose of y^e same in the following manner and Form.

Imprimis:

I give to **my dearly beloved wife Dororthy**, during the time shee continues my widow, the improvement, profits & income, of the one halfe of my farm, with the privelleges & appurtenances thereunto belonging that is to say, that halfe which I am at present in y^e possession of.

Item I give and bequeath to **my well beloved son Nathaniel Bradstreet** (whome I likewise constitute, make & ordain **my sole Executor** of this my last will & testament) the whole of my farme, with all y^e housing, barne, orchard, privelleges & appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying in Ipswich aforesaid and bounded Northerly on y^e township of Rowley, westerly on Mr. Hammonds land southerly on Egypt river, and east or northeast on y^e Warehouse Pasture still reserving y^e improvement of y^e above mentioned halfe of said farme, to my wife, while shee continues my widow; I give likewise to my sd son Nathaniel, all my rights in upland, at Jeffries creek in sd Ipswich, and also all my right in a thatch island, called Holey Island, lying in the river that comes by Rowley, also y^e whole of my lands that I have, on or near y^e place called Long Hill in the township of Rowley aforesaid, also all my husbandry tools and utensils whatsoever.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Parker, two rights & a halfe, in y^e lower commons, called the Mill Swamps Pasture, or an hundred pounds in bills of creditt, which of y^e two my son Nathaniel pleases.

Item I give and bequeth to **my grandson Nathan Wood** two lotts in y^e township of Rowley aforesaid, one of which is upon y^e letter D, number 19 the other upon the letter M number 14.

Item I give to my granddaughter Andrews named Hannah, y^e Halfe of two lotts lying in the township of Rowley the one upon the letter D ye other upon y^e letter L both halves being in partnership with Jonathan Spafford of said Rowley.

Item I give to **my grand daughter Bridgett Pemberton**, one lott lying in the township of Rowley aforesd on the letter D. Number 16.

Item I give to **my grand daughter Phebe Wood**, two acres of land lying in the township of Rowley aforesaid upon the plains in y^e common fields, which land I purchased of Samuel Todd formerly Palmers.

Item I give to **my granddaughter Abigail Bradstreet** all my land, lying in the great swamp in y^e township of Rowley (saving two full acres) and all my land in Bull Brook Pasture (so called) lying in y^e township of Ipswich also a silver tankard marked M:B:H and a Co??.

Item I give to **my granddaugther Mary Bradstreet**, all my land lying in Long Hill Pasture in y^e township of Rowley, and a silver tankard as good as Abigails, to be provided by my Execr:

Item I give to **my grandchild Moses Bradstreet** five acres of land lying in y^e township of Rowley, upon the plains in the common feild, called Harriss' Long Lott, with the orchard thereon and also my gun.

Furthermore my will is that all my lands not disposed of above, and my money due to me by bills bonds or other lawfull debts are paid & satisfied, shall be equally divided for quantity and quallity between my son Nathaniel Bradstreet, and **my daughter Elizabeth Parker, and my daughter Hannah Wood's children**__ Tis to be understood that, each of my sd daughter Hannah's children shall have an equal share one with another and all of them, as much as one of my own children Nathaniel and Elizabeth, in the last mentioned premises. Also my will is that my household goods, be divided equally between my daughter Parker & Hannah's children. That is to say, my daughter Parker to have y^e one halfe of them, and daughter Hannah's children , each an equal share of the other halfe. Also my will is that my grandson, Nathan Wood, shall have twenty pounds worth of my stock and that my well beloved wife Dorothy shall have the rest of the stock remaining to dispose of at her descretion, and I do hereby disanull other former testaments and bequests, executors, by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day and year above written. The enterlining was made before y^e ensealing hereof **Moses Bradstreet {Seal}**
Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the sd Moses Bradstreet as his last will and testament.

In presence of us y^e **subscribers Jediah Short, Francis Palmer, Ezekiel Northend**

Essex ss. **Ipswich January 9th 1737** Before the **Honourable John Appleton Esq:** Judge of Probate of Wills &c: in sd county of Essex. The Revd: Mr. Jediah Jewett, Francis Plumer & Ezekiel Northend, all personally appeared & made oath that they were present & saw Mr. Moses Bradstreet late of Ipswich Decd. sign seal and heard him publish & declare y^e within written instrument to be his last will & testament and when he so did was of good understanding and of a disposing mind to the best of their discerning and they all at y^e same time sett to their hand in his presence as witnesses.

Sworn Attr: Danl. Appleton Reg.

Upon w^{ch}: this will is provd: approvd: & allwd: y^e Execr: appeared & accepted that trust & to give in an inventory in 30 days.

Inventory of the estate of Mr: Moses Bradstreet, late of y^e town of Ipswich in the county of Essex
Decd: taken by the Subscribers on ye 20th day of January Ano: Domi: 1737

., Abt: 100 acres in y ^e farm in Ipswich wth: y ^e building standing on sd farm	L2000
., Abt: four score acres of land at y ^e place called Long Hill in Rowley	960
., The land in Jeffries creek in Ipswich	120
., Abt: 3 acres of thatch bank at y ^e Holey Island	30.
., Abt: 10 acres in y ^e pasture called y ^e Mill Swamps in Rowley	100

„ Abt: 12 acres in y ^e Great Swamp in Rowley	220.	
„ Abt: 36 acres in y ^e Long Hill Pasture in Ipswich		360.
„ Abt: 20 acres in Bull Brook Pasture in Ipswich		200.
„ Five wood lotts in Rowley avt: 5 acres each	200.	
„ 12 acres of plowland in y ^e Great Feild in Rowley		240
„ abt: 3 acres of mowing ground in y ^e Great Field in Rowley	24.	
„ abt: 4 acres of marsh at Nelsons Island		60
„ abt one acre & halfe at Hog Island & abt 2 acres & ½ at Club Head Marshes		60.
„ Three rights on y ^e Island called Rogers Island in Ipswich		25.
„ Three rights in y ^e township in y ^e county of york comonly called Cox Hall	300.	
„ Land in Partnership with Mighill & others		45.
„ two wood lotts on y ^e east side of y ^e Penbrook		60.

Personal Estate

„ 2 Oxen sold for L26.10/ Cows L56. 3 steers & a bull L32. Horse & mare L20. 38 sheep L30.	164.10	
„ 4 young cattle L16. 9 swine 80/. husbandry tools & utensils L 16.13.	36.13	
„ one gundaloe ?/ 3 of another L7. Best coverlid 50/ do: 30/. Other do: 25/.		12.5
„ 4 rings 73/. 9 coverlids 40/. Blankett L8.2 bed in west room L8.2.6	21.17.6	
„ bedstd: & pillw:.43/6 Bed 14/. Cort: L5. Do: 80/. Bed std & cord 15/.		15.12.6
„ bed in y ^e west chambr: L6.15 bolstr: 24/. Bedstd cord & underbed 10/.		8.9
„ one bed 111/. Boltsr & pill: 38/. Trunk 35/. Chest 35/. Do. 10/.		11.9
„ oval table 25/. Do: 15/. Cupboard 40/. Pine chest 14/.		4.14
„ chest 20/. Meal Do: 15/. a box 1/6 trough 6/. box 8/. table & stool 8/.		3.8.6
„ pewter ware L11.4 Earthen glass stone ware &c. 92.6		15.16.
„ mortar 16/. sieves 4/. brass kettle 60/ tin kettle 15/. pott hooks &c. 20.		5.6
„ andirons brass kettle, iron pott & kettle skillets .. & tongs &c		7.1
„ chair & cushing 13/. 8 chairs 25./ 6 Do: 9/.		2.7
„ spit 5/. 2 wheels 8/. reel 12/. 36 sheets 120/. 3 pillow cases 20/. pillw. 18.	10.3	
„ box iron & heaters 6/. trenchen & hand ware 12/.		.18
„ Books 10/. one silver tankard L33.10 a f... comb 10/.		37.10.
„ silver money as Bills of Creditt L16. bills of creditt L15.		<u>31.</u>

Personal Estate

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Jno: Hobson Jno: Northend Francis Palmer sworn by y^e Judge of Probt:

February 28th 1737 Nathaniel Bradstreet

Then Nathle: Bradstreet Execr: made Oath to the truth of this Inventory before John Appleton, Jd
Probt.

Essex ss. **Nathaniel Bradstreet** Exect: of the testamt: of his father Moses Bradstreet late of Ipswich in
sd. county of Essex decd: **his acct: of** ... on sd Estate Exhibited t o the Honbl: Thomas Berry Judge of
Probt: of wills&c **April 5th 1742**

The Estate of y^e sd Decd: is Cr: viz:

By Real Estate as pr. Inventory	L5030.
By two lotts more on letter R & letter Z priced at L(empty)	
By personal estate as pr. inventory	
L388.13.6	
By Sundry Debts due by bond	139.7.6
By Job Tyler's bond L25 John Stickney L35/.	26.35
By a note L10 Jno: Pearson L21 George Dickinson L20.	51.
By John Cresy L80 Daniel Johnson L10	90.
The Estate of sd decd: is Dr. vizt.	
To William Jenkins? L 12.10. Moses Davis L7.12.9	L
20.2.2	
To John Osborn L50.2/ 7 Gersham Fraizer 50/6	52.13.1
To Richard Rogers L79.1.5 Saml. Northend 40/.	81.1.5
To Nathaniel Fraizer 118/. Sundry Ind. Debts L31.19/8	37.17.8
To Mary Bailey 9/6 Jno: 2/. Lord 6/. Hidden 8/.	1.5.6
To John Pearson 39/10 Doer: Kilborn 107/.	7.6.10
To a mourning suit for Abigail Bradstreet	11.5.4
To Do: for Sister Woods children	
17.00.10	
To John Wood Guardian to Nathan Wood	<u>13.7</u>
	L
	241.19.10
To John Wood Guardn: of Nathaniel Wood & Phebe Wood	29.5.6
To Abraham Parker & his wife Elizabeth	58. 6
To Joshua Andrews & his wife Hannah	14.12.9
To John Wood Guardn: to Nathan, his legacy for cattle	20.17
To Dorothy widow of y ^e dcd: her legacy for cattle	153.13
To Nathaniel Bradstreet a legacy of tools &c.	23.13
To Richard Lighton Grave Stones 80/	4.
To Mary Bradstreet Daughter of Moses Bradstreet legacy of a tank:	34.14.6
To Doer. Toppan 14/9 Nathan Wood 29/.	2.3.9
To Abrahm: Parker 39/. Sundry expences at law L13.6	15.5
To y ^e Execr for time trouble & expence	12.
„ Proving y ^e will expence &c. 70/.	3.10
„Proving y ^e Estate swearing the appraisers & fee	6.10
To Daniel Appleton Esq. for ...	5.15
„ staking allowing & recording this acc	<u>1.5</u>

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Nathaniel Bradstreet

Essex ss Ipswich April 6 1742 Then Nathaniel Bradstreet made Oath to the foregoing amount which being examined is allowed by Thomas Berry Jd. Probate

Be it known to all by these presents that **we Abraham Parker and Elizabeth Parker**, both of the town of Bradford in county of Essex in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, have the Day of the Date **hereof received of our brother Nathaniel Bradstreet** Executor of y^e last will & testament of Mr: Moses Bradstreet of y^e town of Ipswich in sd county decd: all that legacy that is due to us y^e sd Abraham & Elizabeth out of the household goods of said decd: being fifty eight pounds six shillings, with which we acknowledge ourselves truly satisfied & paid and thereof and every part & parcel thereof do clearly acquitt, exonerate & discharge y^e said Nathaniel & his heirs Execrs: & admrs: and every of them forever by these presents.

Dated January 26, 1737

Abraham Parker

Elizabeth Parker

In witness whereof we y^e sd Abraham & Elizabeth have both sett to our hand in presence of Nathan Wood Bethiah Bishop

Know all men by these presents **that we John Pemberton & Bridgett Pemberton** of the town of Rowley in y^e county of Essex in New England. **The said Bridgett being y^e daughter of Mr: Jacob Wood** late of Boxford and said county of Essex and **heirs of y^e estate of mr: Moses Bradstreet** late of Ipswich in sd county of Essex Decd: Do by these presents acknowledge that we **have recived of Mr: Nathaniel Bradstreet** Execr: of the last will & testament of said decd: y^e sum of fourteen pounds twelve shillings & nine pence, which is in full for our part of the household goods of said decd: and do by these presents acquitt & discharge y^e said Execr: of all and every part of y^e said household goods In Witness of whereof we y^e said John and Bridgett have sett to our hands.

Dated Feby: Anno Domini 1737

John Pemberton

Bridgett Pemberton

Signed in presence of Mary Woodberry Ebenezer Kimball

Be it known to all men that **I John Wood** of y^e town of Boxford in the county of Essex in New England, **Guardian to Nathan Wood have received ??** sum of twenty pounds seventeen shillings in bills of creditt **of Nathaniel Bradstreet** Execr: of y^e ?? will & Testament of Mr. Moses Bradstreet late of Ipswich decd: being in full of what was ?? to y^e sd Nathan to be paid him out of y^e stock of said decd:

Dated September 28th day Anno Domini 1738

John Wood Guardian

Signed in presence of Joshua Andrew Lydia Wood

Recd: of Mr: Nathaniel Bradstreet Execr: to the Estate or will of Mr: Moses Bradstreet late of Ipswich Decd: y^e sum of sixteen pound in full for y^e household stuff, and all y^e personal Estate that hath been under a Dispute as not being inventory'd Recd: by as Bradford **March 29 1742**

Joshua Andrew Hannah Andrew