

The Will And Inventory Of Nathaniel Bradstreet 1705 - 1752

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In the name of God Amen **this thirtieth day of November Anno Dom: One thousand and seven hundred and fifty two I Nathaniel Bradstreet of Ipswich** in the county of Essex in the province of y^e Massachusetts Bay in New England Gent: being ill in body but of perfect mind and memory and calling to remembrance my mortality, do make & ordain this my last will & testament, that is, first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God and my body to the earth to be buried decently at the direction of my executor nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate, as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imprimis- I give unto **Hannah my beloved wife** the improvement and profits of my house and barn and of that part of my farm, belonging formerly to **my uncle John Bradstreet's** division, which is included in the following bounds; beginning at the north corner bound of the farm near the common field gate in Rowley, and from thence running to a black oak tree marked with the letter (T) standing on the ditch bank between Mr: Sanders land and my farm, and from thence to a walnut tree near y^e Corner of my old orchard and so running by the orchard fence to y^e end of y^e wall at the east end of the orchard and from the end of said wall, running to the east side of y^e gap that goes into the hill close, and running from said gap by y^e ditch till it comes to the warehouse pasture and running from thence to the first bound mentioned. I also give her the improvement and profits of my warehouse pasture as it is now fenced, and also of my uncle John Bradstreet's part & division of the great meadow, and as much wood at long hill as is necessary for her fire, and for fencing her part of the farm. The above named premises I give to my said wife the improvement of so long as shee remains my widow, and if shee sees cause to marry again my will is that shee should have the improvement of ten acres on the westerly side of my warehouse pasture during her natural life. I also give my said wife four cows a pair of oxen, my horse, two yearlings ten sheep, two swine two heifers, two years old each; and all my household goods, except what I shall otherwise dispose of, also one cart a seed pillow a chain and a sled; said household goods to be for the use of **my daughters Elizabeth, Mary & Sarah**, to be divided to them at the discretion of my sd wife and when shee pleases I also give my wife my riding chair to use whilst shee remains my widow and I give it to **my son Moses** afterwards

Item

I give to **my son Moses Bradstreet** (whom I likewise constitute **my sole executor** of this my last will and testament) all that part of my farm which lyes on the south westerly side of that part of it which I have given the improvement of to my wife, and the hill close, down to the river, except what marsh I shall give to **my sons Nathl: and John**, and one halfe of my land on Jeffries Neck in Ipswich, and the whole of my lands at Long Hill in Rowley except what I give my other sons hereafter mentioned, and my housing and lands with all their appurtenances in Byfield formerly Mr. Longfellow's, and a lott of land in the middle commons in Rowley on the letter (R) and all my stock of cattle & hay, not disposed of otherwise, also my wharf at the warehouse and my land adjoyning to it, that is not inclosed by fence, also my two grindoa's, my desk, and all my bills, bonds, and book debts, to be to his sole use after my funeral charges, and all other just debts are paid by him, and all my stock of provisions of all sorts

wherever they be. I also give my son Moses my silver hilted sword, all my husbandry tools and utensils not disposed of otherwise in this will, also my blue suit of apparril silk stockings, and all the rest of my apparril not disposed of otherwise, and my negro man & woman and my will is that my son Moses, should have and well educate my negro boy called Hanibal till he is sixteen years of age, and that my son John should have him for his sole use after that term is expired.

Item

I give to **my daughter Hannah** twenty pounds lawfull money to be paid by my executor (being what I have already given her) and also my great bible.

Item

I give **my son Nathaniel Bradstreet**, twenty acres of my land at Long Hill aforesaid, to be taken off on the Northside adjoyning to Jeremiah Jewetts Land, and a lott of land in the middle commons in Rowley adjacent to Ipswich line and my marsh lott at Clubhead, and a point of marsh in my said farm in Ipswich, beginning at y^e little meadow gap, and running upon said river to a creek between the Warehouse Pastr: marsh and said point till it comes to an old ditch, and from thence to the gap mentioned above, also one half of my land at Jeffries creek in Ipswich, also two cows two steers and two heffers two years old apeice and my musket, my cloth colour'd coat, red jacket and britches, and I give my thatch bank on Hoaly Islands in Ipswich to my sons Moses & Nathaniel in equal shares; the cattle to be deliver'd to my son Nathaniel at y^e age of twenty one by my execr:

Item

I give **my daughter Elizabeth** forty pounds lawful money & also to be paid to her at the age of eighteen or at marriage if that be first by my executor

Item

I give **my son John Bradstreet** all that part of my farm in Ipswich which I have given the improvement of to my wife, the warehouse pastr: and that part of the meadow I have given the improvement of to my wife, and twenty acres of my land at Long Hill aforesaid, adjoyning to the twenty acres I have given to my son Nathaniel and my three acre lott on the plains in Rowley Called Paine's Lott, also my gun, pistols, and all my trooping tackling, my camblet coat, a draught chair my least Iron barr & my black silk Jacket.

Item

I give **my daughter Mary** forty pounds lawfull money and a cow, to be paid to her at y^e age of eighteen or at marriage if that be first, by my executor.

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I give **my daughter Sarah** forty pounds lawfull money & a cow to be paid to her at the age of eighteen years, or at marriage if that be first by my executor.

Further my will is that my son Moses should have the liberty of a way through that part of my farm given to John from the country road to that part of the farm given to Moses, and that Nathaniel should have liberty to carry his hay off from the farm, and that John should have y^e same priveldge.

Further my will is that my wife should gett her fire wood and fencing stuff on that part of my land at Long Hill which I have given to my sons Nathaniel & John also my will is that provided my wife should die before my four youngest children shall be of lawful age, that my son Moses should take care of them till they shall be of that age, and to help him so to do, my will is that he should have the improvement of what I have given my wife till John comes to y^e age of twenty one years.

Once more my will is that my wife should have out of my stock of provisions, a sufficiency for her & y^e children with her to carry her & them through y^e year in which this my will begins to be in force, and that shee should have the use of my silver tankard & three silver spoons as long as shee continues to be my widow and I give my silver Tankard after my wife has done with it to my son Moses and my three spoons to my three youngest daughters, and my pew in Rowley meeting house to my son Moses, reserving a right in it for my widow.

And I do hereby disannul all other former testaments, rattifying this to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal y^e day & year above written.

{ the words (of hay & cattle) between y^e fourth & fifth line, from y^e bottom in y^e first page interlined before y^e sealing hereof

Nathaniel Bradstreet (seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by y^e sd Nathl: Bradstreet as his last will & testament in presence of us y^e subscribers Saml: Dresser Thos: Gage William Hale

Essex ss Ipswich Decr: 25 1752 before the Honbe: Thos: Berry Esqr. Judge of Probate of Wills &c: Samuel Dresser & Thomas Gage personally appeared & made oath that they were present and saw Nathaniel Bradstreet late of Ipswich decd: sign seal and heard him publish & declare the within written Instrument to be his last will & testament and when he so did he was of a sound disposing mind and memory to the best of their discerning and they together with William Hale, sett to their hands at the same time in his presence as Witnesses sworn Attd: Danl: Appleton Regr. upon w^{ch}: this will is provid: approvd: & allowed y^e Execr: apprd: & accepted y^e trust &c: give in an invo: in 60 Days Danl: Appleton Reg.
Thos: Berry JdProb:

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An Inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Bradstreet late of Ipswich Decd: made as lawful money by us y^e subscribers on y^e 2d day of Feby: AD 1753

In Rl:

„ Two houses 2 barns on y ^e farm & sd farm being abt 130 acres	L1110
„Three acres at the Plains	24.
„ Two Acres & ½ of marsh at Clubh: & Acre at Thatch Bank	21.10
„ The land at Jeffries Creek L32 one lott ???ange know by letter???	62.
„ One lott on ????? by letter R	13.6.8
„ abt: 100 Acres of land near Long Hill	800
„ A House & ??? acres of land in Byfeild	80.
„ A pew in Rowley Meeting house	23.
In Pl: Estate	
„ four oxen 11 cows three 3 year olds	61.
„ 4 two year olds 7 yearlings 35 sheep	20.12
„ 3 horse ?? 3 swine 3 guildales	20.19

„ carts plows chains & all y ^e other husbany: tools	20.2.6
„ 800lbs pork L10. 100 bushels indian corn	23.6.8
„ 40 bushls: rye L8 11 bushls: barley 29/4	9.9.4
„ silver shoe buckes knee buckles gold butters & desk?	4.8
„ Money due by notes of hand	24.15.6
„ negro man woman child & their bed	51.
„ 30 barrils of cyder & caske L12	12
„ clock stilyards and silver tankard	6.15
„ cash 60/. apparril L25.13.4 leather 57/.	28.10.4
„ hides 16/. bed bolster 2 pillows & curtains L6.1.	6.16
„ bed bolster 3 pillows 60/. do: bolster & 2 pilw: 80/.	7.
„ bed bolster 3 pilw: 80/. two silk blankets 20/.	5.
„ bed quilt 8 coverlids 9 blankets 10 sheets	13.6.8
„ 6 pr. pillow cases 5 table cloths & napkins	2.10
„ 4 under bed bearth: cords abt 15lbs feathers	3.17.4
„ a case of draws 60/. table 20/. 3 trunks 26/.	5.6.
„ 3 boxe? loom & tackling 36/. chest of draws & 4 chests 40/. 3.16	
„ 3 lokking glasses 53/4 9 bottles 6/. glass & earthw: bowls 12/.	3.11.4
„ cups & saucers 6/. 3 silver spoons 15/. 18 chairs 40/.	3.1
„ 3 tables 30/. books 48/. stilyd: & flax comb 14/.	4.12
„ warming pan & frying pan 5/. 4 candlesticks 5/4.	.10.4
„ lamp gridiron toasting iron & 2 trammels 14/.	..14
„ 2 shovels 1 pr tongs fender box & heater	..17
„ 2 potts 1pr hooks 2 brass kettles pan skillet & ladle	4..8
„ pewter 67/8 tin we: 6/. earthn:we: 3/. wheles &reel	4.16.8
„ 4 trays of copper ware 28/. lignumorter? mortar 8/.	2..2
„ cheese press & hoops? 8/. c??? 8/. chair & harness L8	8.16
„ sheeps wooll 20/. 12 spoons 4/. knives forks & ?? 4/.	1.8
„ all wooll cloth & druget? 84/. meal bags &c. 12/.	4.16
„ halfe bushel halfe peck & 2 riddles 6/.	..6
„ gun, pistol, saddle bridle bags ho?? & flask	9.6.8
„ musket & sword 6/. 300lbs beef 50/. 200lbs cheese 66/8	6.2.8
„ 20lbs butter 16/. hemp 6/8 2 corn basketts 4/.	1.6.8

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Moses Bradstreet

{John Hobson Saml. Dresser Thos: Gage} consl appd: & sworn by Ts.Berry Jd Pbate

Essex ss. Ipswich Feby: 5 1753

Then Moses Bradstreet made oath to y^e foregoing inventory & if any thing further appeared he would cause it to be added

before Thomas Berry JPob.