

## **The Will & Inventory of Nathaniel Bradstreet of Ipswich, yeoman 1806.**

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In the Name of God amen, **I Nathaniel Bradstreet of Ipswich** in the county of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts **yeoman**, being in health of body and of sound mind and memory do this **second day of January Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred & four** make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say, first and principally I command my soul to God, who gave it, my body I commend to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter mentioned hoping to receive the same again at the resurrection of the just: and respecting such worldly estate as has pleased God to bless me withal I give and dispose of the same as follows vizt.,

**First**, I give unto **my beloved wife Phebe Bradstreet**, at her disposal all my household furniture of which I may die seized, with one third of all provisions as shall be in my house at my decease; with one cow at her choice. Also the improvement of one third of all my real estate during her life for her dower therein.

**Secondly**. I give unto **my son Nathaniel Bradstreet junr.** his heirs and assigns forever all my real estate consisting of lands & buildings situate in said Ipswich and Rowley and a gallery pew (he paying all my just debts funeral charges and such legacies as shall hereafter be appointed him to pay) excepting my said wife's term or dower in one third part thereof during her life as before expressed, and excepting the privileges &c, hereafter given to my daughters who may remain single and excepting half a pew given to them.

**Thirdly**, I give unto **my three daughters Mary Bradstreet, Sarah Bradstreet and Hannah Bradstreet** or such of them as shall remain in a single life until after my decease one cow.

**Also** I give unto them, during their single life, the use and improvement of my largest and best chamber, with liberty of passing and re-passing thereto, also the improvement of one quarter part of my cellar, with liberty of passing and re-passing thereto, with liberty of laying wood on the land adjoining to my house, and liberty of making a pen to keep swine in, also liberty of gathering so many apples from my orchard as may be necessary for their own particular use.

**also** the improvement of the whole of the garden on the southwesterly side of my barn containing about one eighth part of an acre, be the same more or less, bounded as the stone wall now stands, also the privilege of keeping one or two cows in the barn, with hay sufficient to winter one cow, and pasture for one. \_\_\_

**also** my will is that if one or two of my said three daughters shall marry or die that then the one or two who shall remain single shall enter into the enjoyment of all of the above mentioned privileges hereby bequeathed to all three. **also** my will is that my said son Nathaniel Bradstreet junr. pay fifty dollars to each of **my children hereafter named viz, David Bradstreet, Danl. Bradstreet, rev. Nathan Bradstreet, Elizabeth Jewett wife of Aaron Jewett and Phebe Cresey wife of John Cresey**, the one half of the same to be paid one year after my decease, and the other half thereof in two years after my decease. \_\_\_

**also** it is my will that my daughter Sarah Bradstreet shall at marriage, be supplied with household furniture, for keeping house, equal to my two daughters who are now married, and to the value of one hundred and thirty three dollars including what is or may hereafter be provided for her by me, or by herself previous to marriage. **also** it is my will that my said son Nathaniel pay unto her fifty dollars after my decease, one half in one year and the other half in two years after my decease which fifty dollars is to be over and above the furniture before mentioned.

**also** it is my will that my said son Nathaniel pay one hundred and fifty dols. to each of my two daughters viz, Mary Bradstreet and Hannah Bradstreet, the one half part thereof in one year and the other half part thereof in two years after my decease

**Also** it is my will that my sd. son Nathaniel supply such of my said daughters as shall remain single till after my decease with seven bushels of indian corn and three bushels of rie, yearly, during their single life to be equally divided between or amongst them, and when any of them shall marry or die the one or two who shall remain single shall receive the whole of the corn and rie hereby bequeathed to all\_

**Also** I give unto my daughters Mary, Sarah and Hannah before mentioned thr. heirs and assigns the half of the pew which I own in partnership with Joseph Dresser reserving liberty for my said wife to sit therein.

Also I give unto my said son Nathaniel Bradstreet all my personal estate of which I may die possessed, which is not herein before disposed of\_\_

**And lastly** I do hereby revoke all former wills & testaments ratifying and confirming this for my last will and testament; and I do hereby constitute and ordain **my said son Nathaniel Bradstreet junr. sole executor** of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do here unto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. N.B. the words, and a gallery pew, were interlined in the eighteenth line; and the word Nathaniel was enterlin'd in the forty fourth and forty ninth lines of the first page, and first line of the second page. also the eleventh and twelfth lines of the second page were written with a smaller hand\_ and the word estate at the end of the fourteenth line of the second page, or rather at the beginning thereof. and all this before signing and sealing hereof.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Nathaniel Bradstreet as for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, have hereunto set our names as witnesses to the same

Joseph Chaplin, Joseph Chaplin jr. Polly Chaplin

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Samuel Holten Esq. Judge of probate for the county of Essex, within the commonwealth of Massachusetts, sendeth Greeting. Knowye, that on the **seventh day of may Anno Domini 1806**, the instrument aforewritten (purporting the last will and testament of Nathaniel Bradstreet late of Ipswich in said County yeoman deceased) was presented for probate by Nathaniel Bradstreet the executor therein named; then present Joseph Chaplin and Joseph Chaplin junr. two of the witnesses thereto subscribed, who made oath that they saw the said testator sign & seal and heard him declare the said instrument to be his last will & testament, and that they the said Joseph Chaplin & Joseph Chaplin Jr. with Polly Chaplin subscribed their names together as witnesses to the execution thereof, in the said testator's presence; and that he was then ( to the best of their judgements) of sound & disposing mind;

I do therefor prove, approve and allow of the said instrument as the last will & testament of the before named deceased, and do commit the administration thereof in all matters the same concerning & of his estate whereof he died seized and possessed in said Commonwealth unto Nathaniel Bradstreet the before named executor, well & faithfully to execute the said will, and to administer the estate of said deceased according thereto, who accepted of his said trust, and gave bond with Joseph Chaplin and David Saunders as sureties to exhibit an inventory by the seventh day of August next, and to render an account by the seventh day of May which will be in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seven. In testimony whereof, I do hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this seventh day of May Anno Domini 1806.

S. Holten

Examd. per Daniel Noyes Regr.

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An Inventory of the estate of Nathnaiel Bradstreet, late of Ipswich in the county of Essex, Yeoman, deceased, appraised upon oath by us the subscribers duly appointed to that service by the Hon. Samuel Holten Esq. Judge of Probate of Wills &c. for said county, viz.

**Real Estate.**

The homestead of the said deceased , situated in said Ipswich, containing by estimation about 37 acres of land with the buildings thereon.. \$2300.

About 4 acres of salt marsh and upland at a place known by the name of the stackyard in Rowley.. 100.

about 5 acres of woodland in Rowley 180.

about 4 acres in the Dow farm so called in Ipswich 40.

5 acres in Long Hill pasture in Ipswich 40.

\$2660.

**Personal Estate**

Household furniture...Restbed, under bed, pillows and bolster.. \$25.

Furniture, stead and cord \$7.

2d bed, under bed, pillows and bolster \$24., furniture, stead & cord \$7. 31.

3d bed, under bed, pillows and bolster \$13., furniture, stead & cord \$5.	18.
4th bed, under bed, pillows and bolster \$11., furniture, stead & cord \$5	16.
4 quilts \$12. three coverlets \$3. 4 blankets \$5. bed linen \$24.	44.
Cloth for two pillows \$1. suit of curtains \$2	3.
Table linen \$6. twenty five towels \$6.50. best table \$4. side baord do. \$1.50	18.
2 light stands \$1. four old tables \$1. Case with drawers \$2. do. \$1.	5.
Old chests \$1.50 clothes press \$2. chairs \$3.50 pewter platters, plates &c. \$4.	11.
Crockery, glass and tin ware \$7. knives and forks 75c.	7.75
Cast iron ware \$4. brass ware \$4. Andirons, slice, tongs, trammels & iron ware \$6. 14.	
Bellows 33c. pails, wash tubs &c. 1.67	\$2.
Sieves 50c. powdering tubs &c. 1.50 2 looking glasses &3.	5.
	206.75
	\$2866.75
<b>Miscellaneous articles</b>	
4 spinning wheels \$4. reel 50c. steelyards \$1. cyderbarrels \$5.	10.50
Hhd. and hhd. tubs \$4. Boards \$14. timber \$4. grindstone \$2. ?? + harness \$12	36
Saddle & bridles \$6 iron bar \$2.5 3 yards of cloth \$3.	11.50
Husbandry utensils, cart \$20. plow \$3. yokes & irons \$3. chains \$2.50	27.50
Pitch fork \$1.50 shovel 75c. hoe 25c. scythes &c. \$1.50 & sundries \$3.	7.
<b>Live Stock</b>	
yoke of oxen \$45. 4 cows \$60. pair three year old steers \$24	129.
Pair of two year steers \$16. year old \$6. horse \$30. 7 sheep & 9 lambs \$21	73.
Poultry \$5. swine \$35.	40.
<b>Stores and Provisions</b>	
about 15 bushels of Indian corn	15.
6 bushels of rye \$8. 30lbs pork \$5. 20lbs beef \$1. cheese \$5.	19
2 barrels of cyder \$6. hogs fat \$1.	7.
<b>The deceased clothing</b>	
best suit \$10. second suit \$6. third suit \$3.	19.
6 shirts \$6. 5 pairs hose \$2. hat \$1.50 old clothes \$2. great coat \$6.	17.50
Silver knee buckles 50c. 2 pairs of shoes \$1.50	2.
Richard Little hale and Jos. Varnums note for 75 dollars with interest from the 8 of February last	76.75
2 Bibles and other books \$5. a right in Rowley library \$1.50	6.50
	Total \$3364.

Ipswich **June 30 A.D. 1806** Nathaniel Bradstreet Exor.  
Joseph Chaplin, David Saunders, Stephen Pearson } Appraisers sworn.

Essex ss. **Ipswich July 7th 1806**... Then Nathaniel Bradstreet, executor, presented the aforewritten, and made oath that it contained a true and perfect inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Bradstreet, late of Ipswich in said county, yeoman, deceased, testate, so far as has come to his hands or knowledge; and that, if anything further shall hereafter appear, he will cause it to be added.

Before me, S. Holten J. Proba.  
Examd. pr. Daniel Noyes Regr.