

Will of John Howland

The Last Will and Testament of mr John howland of Plymouth late Deceased, exhibited to the Court held att Plymouth the fift Day of March Anno Dom 1672 on the oathes of mr Samuell ffuller and mr William Crow as followeth

Know all men to whom these presents shall Come That I John howland senir of the Towne of New Plymouth in the Collonie of New Plymouth in New England in America, this twenty ninth Day of May one thousand six hundred seaventy and two being of whole mind, and in Good and prfect memory and Remembrance praised be God; being no w Grown aged; haveing many Infeirmities of body upon mee; and not Knowing how soon God will call mee out of this world, Doe make and ordaine these presents to be my Testament Containing herein my last Will in manor and forme following;

Imp I Will and bequeath my body to the Dust and my soule to God that Gave it in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrection unto Glory; and as Concerning my temporall estate, I Dispose thereof as followeth;

Item I Doe give and bequeath unto John howland my eldest sonne besides what lands I have alreddy given him, all my Right and Interest To that one hundred acres of land graunted mee by the Court lying on the eastern side of Tauton River; between Teticutt and Taunton bounds and all the appurtenances and priviledges Therunto belonging, T belonge to him and his heirs and assignes for ever; and if that Tract should faile, then to have all my Right title and Interest by and in that Last Court graunt to mee in any other place, To belonge to him his heires and assignes for ever;

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jabez howland all those my upland and Meadow That I now possesse at Satuckett and Pamet, and places adjacent, with all the appurtenances and priviledges, belonging therunto, and all my right title and Interest therein, To belonge to him his heires and assignes for ever,

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Jabez howland all that my one peece of land that I have lying on the southsyde of the Mill brooke, in the Towne of Plymouth aforsaid; be it more or lesse; and is on the Northsyde of a feild that is now Gyles Rickards senir To belonge to the said Jabez his heirs and assignes for ever;

Item I give and bequeath unto Isacke howland my youngest sonne all those my uplands and meddows Devided and undivided with all the appurtenances and priviliges unto them belonging, lying and being in the Towne of Middlebery, and in a tract of Land Called the Majors Purchase near Namassakett Ponds; which I have bought and purchased of William White of Marshfeild in the Collonie of New Plymouth; which may or shall appeer by any Deed or writings Together with the aformentioned prticulars To belonge to the said Isacke his heirs and assignes for ever;

Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Isacke howland the one halfe of my twelve acree lott of Meddow That I now have att Winnatucsett River within the Towne of Plymouth aforsaid To belonge to him and said Isacke howland his heires and assignes for ever;

Item I Will and bequeath unto my Deare and loveing wife Elizabeth howland the use and benefitt of my now Dwelling house in Rockey nooke in the Township of Plymouth aforsaid, with the outhousing lands, That is uplands uplands [sic] and meddow lands and all appurtenances and priviledges therunto belonging in the Towne of Plymouth and all other Lands housing and meddowes that I have in the said Towne of Plymouth excepting what meddow and upland I have before given To my sonnes Jabez and Isacke howland During her naturall life to Injoy make use of and Improve for her benefitt and Comfort;

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph howland after the Decease of my loveing wife Elizabeth howland my aforsaid Dwelling house att Rockey nooke together with all the outhousing

uplands and Medowes appurtenances and priviledges belonging therunto; and all other hous ing uplands and meddowes appurtenances and priviledges That I have within the aforsaid Towne of New Plymouth excepting what lands and meadowes I have before Given To my two sonnes Jabez and Isacke; To belong to him the said Joseph howland To him and his heires and assignes for ever;

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Desire Gorum twenty shillings

Item I give and bequeath To my Daughter hope Chipman twenty shillings

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Dickenson twenty shillings

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lydia Browne twenty shillings

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter hannah Bosworth twenty shillings

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ruth Cushman twenty shillings

Item I give to my Grandchild Elizabeth howland The Daughter of my son John howland twenty shillings

Item my will is That these legacyes Given to my Daughters, be payed by my exequitrix in such species as shee thinketh meet;

Item I will and bequeath unto my loveing wife Elizabeth howland, my Debts and legacyes being first payed my whole estate: vis: lands houses goods Chattles; or any thing else that belongeth or appertaineth unto mee, undisposed of be it either in Plymouth Duxburrow or Middlbery or any other place whatsoever; I Doe freely and absolutly give and bequeath it all to my Deare and loveing wife Elizabeth howland whom I Doe by these presents, make ordaine and Constitute to be the sole exequitrix of this my Last will and Testament to see the same truely and faithfully prformed according to the tenour therof; In witness whereof I the said John howland senir have heerunto sett my hand and seale the aforsaid twenty ninth Day of May, one thousand six hundred seaventy and two 1672

Signed and sealed in the
prsence of Samuel ffuller John Howland
William Crow And a seale

A trew Inventory of all the goods Cattles and Chattles and Lands of Mr John howland lately Deceasd taken and aprised by Elder Thomas Cushman Serjeant Tinkham and Willam Crow the third of March Anno Dom 1672 and exhibited to the Court held att Plymouth the fift of March 1672/73 on the oathe of mrs Elizabeth howland widdow as followeth

	In the outward or fier Rome	£	s	d
Impr 1 muskett 1 long Gun 1 Cutlas 1 belt, att		02	10	00
Item 1 Chimney Iron barr 2 paire of pot hangers		00	09	00
Item 1 fier shovell 1 paire of tonges 1 paire of Cob irons		00	07	00
Item 1 frying pan 1 smoothing box and Irons		00	05	06
Item 1 adds 2 axes 1 mortising axe 1 hoe		00	11	06
Item 3 augers 1 pikaxe		00	05	00
Item 1 hammer 1 paire of Pincers I Drawing knife 1 splitting kniffe		00	02	00
Item 2 Cow bells 1 old Chaine, and Divers peeces of old Iron Aules & a box		00	05	02
Item 2 presshookes 1 paire of sheep sheers 2 sickles		00	04	00
Item 1 pruning Instrument 1 peece of steele		00	02	00
Item 2 staples 1 peec of a Chaine		00	01	06
Item 2 staples 4 peeces of a chaine		00	01	06
Item 1 Dagger three knives 2 paire of sissers 1 paire of stilliyards		00	06	00

Item 1 padlock 1 thwart saw 3 wedges 1 ploughshare	00 10 00
Item 3 Iron potts 1 paire of pothookes 1 Iron kettle	01 06 00
Item 2 brasse kittles 1 warming pan	01 15 00
Item 1 skimer 1 ladle 1 sawsse pan 1 brasse skillett	00 04 06
Item 6 pewter platters 3 basons 3 smale pewter thinges	01 07 00
Item a quart pot 1 candlesticke 1 beer bowle	00 05 00
Item 3 porringers 1 Dram cupp 1 Tunell	00 03 00
Item 2 salt sellers 2 chamber potts 7 spoones	00 10 00
Item 1 Iron candlesticke 1 latten pott 1 Ironsockett	00 02 00
Item 1 shove Iron 2 washers 2 old sikles and old Iron	00 02 00
Item 4 earthen potts 1 pan and 1 Jugg and earthen ware	00 02 00
Item 1 hatchell	00 05 00
Item 1 great bible and Annotations on the 5 bookes	01 00 00
Item mr Tindalls workes mr Wilsons workes 7 more bookes	01 00 00
Item 3 wheeles 1 cherne 1 straning Dish	00 13 00
Item 3 cheesfatts 11 trayes 1 kinnell	00 05 06
Item 3 pailles six tubbs 1 ladle 1 cheese ladder	00 14 06
Item trenchers Roleing pins and some smale things	00 02 00
Item 3 Chaires stooles old barrells 3 Cushens	00 07 00
Item 3 beer vessells	00 04 00
	16 06 00

In the Inward Rome or bedchamber his wearing apparell

Item 3 hatts	00 16 00
Item 3 great coates	02 00 00
Item 1 suite of cloth	03 00 00
Item 1 serge suite	01 10 00
Item 1 homespon suite and wastcoate	00 15 00
Item 1 suite	00 12 00
Item old clothes	00 06 00
Item 2 red wastcoates	01 05 00
Item 6 paire of Stokens	01 00 00
Item 1 Jackett and one paire of Mittens	00 13 06
Item 1 holland shirt	00 12 00
Item 4 shirts	00 18 00
Item 4 holland capps 4 Dowlis capps and 4 other capps	00 10 00
Item 2 silke Neckclothes	00 07 06
Item 1 paire of bootes 2 paire of shooes	01 00 00
	15 11 00

In the said Rome

Item 4 remnants of clothe	00 19 00
Item 2 yards of serge	00 10 00
Item 3 yards ½ of carsey	01 15 00
Item 4 Dozen of buttons ½ 10 skines of silke 3 yards of Manchester	00 04 00
Item 17 yards of fflax and cotton cloth att	02 11 00
Item 1 peece of fine Dowlis	00 08 06
Item 1 remnant of lincye woolsey	00 08 00

Item about 16 yards of several remnants of homade Cloth vallued att	03 10 00
	10 05 06

In the aforsaid Inward Roome

Item 1 pound of woolen yerne	00 03 00
Item 1 paire of sheets	01 05 00
Item 2 paire of sheets	01 10 00
Item 1 paire of sheets 1 halfe sheet	00 05 00
Item 1 paire of sheets att	00 10 00
Item 1 paire of holland pillowbeers	00 08 09
Item 2 paire of pillowbeers	00 15 00
Item 3 pillowbeers	00 06 00
Item 1 Table cloth and 7 napkins	00 13 00
Item 10 towells	00 07 00
Item 4 smale Table clothes	00 04 00
Item 2 smale pillowbeers	00 01 6
Item 1 Table and 2 formes	00 10 0
Item 1 cobbert and a framed chaire	00 08 0
Item 4 chest and 1 settle	01 00 00
Item 1 bedsted and box and coard	00 12 0
Item 1 seifiting trough and 2 seives	00 04 0
Item 1 glass 2 glasse bottles 2 earthen potts	00 03 0
Item 1 wineglasse gallipotts and spectacles	00 02 0
Item 2 paire of coards one bed cord 1 fishing line	00 05 06
Item some hobnailes & twelvepeny nailes	00 02 00
Item 5 peeces of Dressed lether one peece of taned lether	02 06 00
Item a smale pcell of hemp and hopps	00 02 00
Item 3 or 4 basketts 1 brush 1 file	00 01 00
Item Cotton woole about a Dozen pound item 3 old caske	00 12 00
Item 1 feather bed and bolster 3 great & 2 smale pillowes	05 00 00
Item 5 blanketts	03 15 00
Item 1 rugg and one blankett	01 15 00
Item 1 blankett att	00 15 00
Item in reddy mony	01 19 00
Item a smale pcell of powder shott and bulletts	00 03 00
Item 1 Inkhorn	00 00 06
	24 14 3

In the uper Roome or Chamber

Item 1 feather bed bolster and pillow	04 00 00
Item 2 blanketts and a Rugg	01 05 00
Item 1 woole or ffocke bed 2 feather bolsters and a pillow	02 00 00
Item 2 blanketts	00 15 00
Item 1 bedstead cord and box	00 10 00
Item 1 pcell of sheeps woole about fifteene pound	00 15 00
Item a pcell of feathers about 15 or 16 pound	00 15 00
Item a cupple of old hogsheds and an old candlesticke	00 02 00

Item 20 bushells or therabouts of Indian corne	03 00 00
Item 4 bushells of Mault or therabouts	00 16 00
Item 4 bushells of Rye or therabouts	00 14 00
Item 6 bushells of wheat or therabouts	01 17 00
Item 3 peckes of pease or therabouts	00 02 00
Item 2 bushells and an halfe of barly or therabouts	00 10 00
Item 2 ffliches of bacon and 1 third of a barrell of porke	02 00 00
Item 1 halfe of a barrell of beeff end 2 empty barrells	00 15 00
Item 15 pound of Tallow and Candles	00 07 06
Item 34 pound of butter & lard	00 17 00
Item 14 pound of sugare	00 07 00
Item 1 halfe hogshed	00 03 00
Item 1 pad 1 pillian 1 bridle 1 sheepskin	00 05 00
Item 6 pound of Tobacco 1 pecke of beans	00 04 00
Item 1 grindstone and handles 1 ffan	00 09 00
Item 8 baggs 15s old Iron 1 shilling	00 16 00
	22 14 06

Cattle

Item 2 mares and one colt	03 00 00
Item 4 oxen 4 cowes	24 00 00
Item 2 heiffers and 3 steers of three years old	12 10 00
Item 2 two yeare old heiffers 2 yearling calves	03 10 00
Item 13 swine	04 15 00
Item 45 sheep young and old	15 00 00
Item the one halfe of a paire of Iron bound wheeles and cart and 12 bolts 2 shakles	02 02 06
Item 1 paire of hookes and a staple	00 01 06
Item 1 bullockes hyde	00 14 00
Item a cannooe	00 05 00
	65 18 00

Debts Due to the Testator

ffrom John Branch of Marshfeild att 2 severall paymeets the sume of	08 00 00
Edward Gray 1 barrell of salt	00 12 00
Item a Debt Due from a frind	00 10 00
	09 02 00
Brought from the other side	155 09 3
Sume	164 11 03

Debts owing by the Testator

To Elder Thomas Cushman	00 15 00
To Thomas Cushman Junir	00 05 00
To John Clarke	00 10 06
To Edward Gray	00 08 03
To Willam Crow	00 02 00
To John Gorum	01 12 00
To two or three smale Debts about	00 02 00

ffunerall Charges	03 08 00
Debts Deducted	07 02 02
The totale of the estate prissed	157 08 08

Wee find that the Testator Died possessed of these severall pcells of Land following;

Impr his Dwelling house with the outhousing uplands and meddow belonging therunto lying att
Rockey nooke in the Towne of New Plymouth

Item a pcell of meddow att Joneses river meddow

Item the one halfe of a house and a pcell of meddow and upland belonging therunto lying and
being att Colchester in the aforsaid Townshipp;

Item a pcell of meddow and upland belonging therunto; lying, neare Joness river bridge in the
Towne of Duxburrow

Item one house and 2 shares of a tract of land and meddow that lyeth in the Towne of
Middleberry that was purchased by Captaine Thomas Southworth of and from the Indian Sachem Josias
Wampatucke

Item 2 Shares of a tract of Land Called the Majors Purchase lying neare Namassakett ponds

pr nos Thomas Cushman senir
 Ephraim Tinkam senir

Willam Crow