

The Last Will & Testament of Henry Botchford of milford in the colony of Conecticut in New England.

I, Henry Bochford of .milford aforesd, being in perfect & sound memory & understanding, & in some measure of health, though weake & feeble, & being sensible of my mortality, doe here make this my last Will & testament in maner & forme as followeth. first, I give & bequeath my soule into the hands of god (through Jesus Christ) that gave it, & my body to a decent & Christian buriall, & as to my worldly goods yt god bath given mee I dispose of as followeth.

Imprs I give unto my foure daughters, namely, Elisabeth wife of Daniell Baldwin, & Mary Wife of Andrew Sanford, of milford, & Hester wife of Nathaniel Wheeler & to Ruth wife of John Baldwin of Neworke, twenty five pounds a piece, to be payd by my Executor within five yeares after mine & my wives decease.—Item, I give unto my son in law Nathaniell Baldwin of milford five shillings.—Item, I give unto those foure children that he had by my daughter Hannah five pounds a piece, if either of them dye, not being of age, or marryed, that part shalbee equally divided amongst the survivors.

Item, I give unto my grandchild Elisabeth Botsford, twenty pounds, to be payd by my Executor, within five yeares after mine & my wives decease ; Alsoe J give unto the sd Elisabeth Botsford, fifteen pounds in my houshold goods, shee to take her choice after my wives decease, to make up the same with what shee hath had already.

Item, I give unto my loveing wife Elisabeth Bochford, ye use & improvemt of the West end of my house, & soe much of my houshold goods as shee shall have need of dureing her naturall life, Alsoe my Will is that my son Elnathan Bochford, shall allow my sd wife the use & benefitt of two coves & ten sheep dureing her naturall life, which he is to keep, winter & sumer for that purpose: ffather my Will is, that my Executor, shall pay unto my sd wife, eighteene bushels of wheate & foure bushels of Rye, & thirty bushels of Indyan come, & as much flax fitt for ya crackle as shee shall need to spin, and what cloth shall bee spun by her & my grandchild Elisabeth Botchford, shalbe equally divided betweene them; And further my Will is, that my Executor shall supply my sd wife with what wood shee shall need, cut fit for the fire dureing her naturall life, and that shee shall have one third part of the apples my orchard yeilds: But if my wife shall see cause to remove to another house, then my Executor shall onely allow her ten pounds a yeare, & to lett her have the use of two cows & ten sheep & flax & apples as aforesd, & to let her have the use & improvemt of one piece of meadow in the new meadow, on the further side of the creeke, & one piece of meadow at the creeke neare Stratford river dureing her naturall life ; and if it shall please god to take me away this yeare what provision is in the house & the corne due to me from my son, shalbe hers, & what yarne is in the house shalbe hers, and if my wife shall need any more for her maintenance, it shall be borne equally by my son and daughters.—ffurther my Will is, that if either of my daughters dye before they receive what is here given them, it shalbee equally divided amongst her children that deceaseth.

Item, I give unto my loveing son Elnathan Bochford, all my houses & lands, both arrable & meadow ground, within the bounds of Milford, or else where, with all the priviledges & appurtenances belonging, to him, his heys & assignes forever, with all other my goods & chattells whatsoever moveable, & immoveable ; And I doe hereby make, ordaine & constitute my said son & heyre to be my whole & sole Executor of this my last Wilt & Testament ; In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this first day of february 1685. the word five in ye eleventh line was interlined before signeing

Signed, sealed & declared by Henry
Botsford as his last Will & testament

Henry H Botsford
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In ye presence of us.

Samuell Eells senior

George Clarke