

In his will, dated 31 January 1671 [2] (with codicils dated 14 November 1672 and 18 December 1672) and proved in September 1673, "William Gaylord of Windsor, seriously considering my age," bequeathed to "my son John Gaylord, his heirs & assigns" all my housing and home lot and orchard bounded by "my daughter Hoskins" provided my son John freely resigns up his propriety in his own dwelling house & barn & orchard & land to "my grandson John Birge ... his heirs and assigns"; if "my son John" refuse to make the exchange, then "my grandson John Birge" to enjoy my house and homelot as it is bounded; to "my beloved son John Gaylord & my beloved grandson John Birge" sixteen acres of meadow in the Great Meadow divided between them; to "my grandson John Birge" ten rods breadth in the parcel of land I bought of Mr. Hanford on the east side of the great river; to "Hezekiah Gaylord my grandson (who now lives with my son John)" four rods breadth in the land over the great river "that lieth next to the land I gave his father"; to "my son Walter Gaylord" ten rods breadth in the land over the great river; to "my son Samuel Gaylord" ten rods breadth in the land over the great river; to "my son John" the remaining part of my whole lot on the east side of the great river with the barn standing thereon; to "my daughter Elizabeth Hoskins, of whose dutiful & tender respect to me I have had good experience & great comfort in having by this my will disposed of part of my estate to her son John (who hath and is a great help in supporting of me in my old age), I am not able to do for her as otherwise I would, but as a token of my love to her I give her one of my great kettles, the brass or copper one, which she pleaseth"; son John Gaylord sole executor; Capt. Benjamin Newberry and John Allyn of Hartford, overseers. In a codicil dated 14 November 1672 "the Lord having lengthened out my life longer than I expected" he bequeathed "as a testimony of my fatherly affection to my daughter Elizabeth Hoskins one of my cows and household goods"; to my grandchild John Birge my bay mare and the great table and form in the fire room below. In a codicil dated 18 December 1672 he bequeathed to "his grandson John Birg" tools; to "my daughter Birge" a white and black hog [Hartford PD Case #2140].

The inventory of "the estate of Deacon Willaim Gaylor who deceased July 20, 1673, was taken 2 August 1673 and totalled £296 17s. 6d., of which £230 was real estate: "his housing, homelot & pasture adjoining," £59; "16 acres of land in the Great Meadow," £80; "land on the east side of the Great River being 34 poles in breadth by the river," £68; "18 acres of land by Rocky Hill," £3; and "39 acres of land near Pine Meadow," £20 [Hartford PD Case #2140]