

Will, Haverhill, MA, John Mitchell 1748

16 March 1748

Received this 16th day of March 1748 of Mrs **MARY MITCHELL** the sum of ten pounds, nineteen shillings & 6 old Tennessee on account of her husband John Mitchell deceased which is in full of all accounts debt due or demands. Whom to this date as witness my hand being the administratrix to said Mitchell.

EDMOND BARTLETT

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State of Massachusetts]
County of Essex]
City of Haverhill]

In the name of God amen.

John Mitchell of Haverhill in the county of Essex and Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England. Gentleman being of a sound and disposing mind and memory the weekend body and calling to mind the precept to set my house in order do make this my last will and testament, commending my soul to God who gave it trusting in his goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ for a glorious redemption to life and my body to the earth from which it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named and touching such worldly the state as I have been favored with I do give devise dispose of it in the manner and form following viz:

Imprimis

I will that my funeral charges be paid by my three sons **JOHN, JAMES** and **WILLIAM** equally between them.

Item I will that all my just debts be paid by my three sons **JOHN, JAMES** and **WILLIAM** in the manner following viz: **JOHN** to pay upon half, **JAMES** one quarter and **WILLIAM** one quarter part thereof.

Item I give to my daughter **SUSANNA BRADLEY** forty shillings lawful money to be paid to her by my son **JAMES** in 4 years after my decease which with what I have before given to her esteem her full portion out of my estate.

Item I give to my daughter **SARAH AYER** forty shillings lawful money to be paid to her by my son **WILLIAM** in four years after my decease which with what I have before given to her is esteem or full portion out of my estate.

Item I give the children of my daughter **ABIGAIL AYER**, deceased, three pounds lawful money to be paid to them equally by my sons **JAMES** and **WILLIAM** when they shall arrive at the age of twenty one years equal to each which with what I have before given to my second daughter now deceased I esteem my said daughters full portion out of my estate.

Item I give to my daughter **MARY CARLTON** four pounds lawful money to be paid to her by my sons **JAMES** and **WILLIAM** equally in four years after my decease which with what I have before given to her high esteem her full portion out of my estate.

Item I give to my daughter **PHOEBE MITCHELL** fifty pounds lawful money to be paid to her by my son **JOHN** one half thereof in one year and the other half in three years after my decease likewise convenient room in the easterly part of mine now dwelling house for cooking washing and lodging so long as she shall live single.

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Item I give to my beloved wife my best bed and furniture and all my household furniture, except my wearing apparel, during her lifetime, then said furniture to be divided between my four daughters viz: **SUSANNA BRADLEY, SARAH AYER, MARY CARLTON** and **PHOEBE MITCHELL** equally. And I give to my wife two cows which she shall keep out of my whole stock and my horse also and the furniture for him to be her own forever. Also I give to her twenty bushels of Indian corn, eight bushels of rye and two bushels of wheat, one hundred weight of beef, two hundred weight of pork annually during her widowhood and hay for up keeping of her two cows and horse one winter after my decease and such firewood as she wants for one year after my decease to be cut up at her door and all of this to be found and provided by my son **JOHN**.