

**Will Probate, CT, Hartford, William SOPER 1845**

**WILLIAM SOPER**

town of Windsor

Hartford  
Probate District

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In the name of God, Amen.

I **WILLIAM SOPER** of Windsor, in the county of Hartford, being of sound and disposing mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life have thought fit this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, Anno Domini 1843 do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: That is to say after recommending my soul to God who gave it and my body after my decease to a decent burial in the ground, my worldly estate after my just debts and funeral charges are paid, dispose of as follows.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **REBECCA W. SOPER** a good and comfortable support out of the rise and improvement of twelve acres of plain land and what I call my homestead with a privilege in the house for a home as long as she remains my widow. Said homestead consists of a house, a barn, and other out buildings with about nineteen acres of land attached thereto and is situated in Poquonock and is the tenement I now occupy. Said twelve acres of plain land lies on the north side of a lot containing about forty two acres and is bounded north on the road that runs from Windsor Locks to Turkey Hills, and is land that was formerly owned by **SYLVANUS GRISWOLD**'s heirs.

ITEM. I give and demise to my son **CHESTER SOPER** all of the use, improvements and occupancy of the twelve acres of plain land above mentioned and what I call my homestead (excepting the provision I have made for my wife) as long as Rebecca W. **SOPER** remains my widow, and my wish is the twelve acres of plain land then go to my two sons **MERRITT B. SOPER** and **IRA SOPER** in equal proportions, and my wish is that **CHESTER** have the use and improvement of what I call my homestead during his natural life, and then to his heirs, if he has any born of his natural body, if not my will is that it go to my two sons, **MERRITT B.** and **IRA** in equal proportions.

ITEM. I give and demise to my three sons **CHESTER, MERRITT B.** and **IRA** the remainder of the plain lot (that joins the plain lot above expressed or conveyed) containing about thirty acres of land, to them to have in equal proportions.

AND LASTLY I do constitute and make this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1843.

**WILLIAM SOPER**

Signed, sealed and declared by the said **WILLIAM SOPER** as his last will and testament in presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

**ZOPHAR CASE**  
**GILBERT CLARK**  
**HENRY CASE**

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State of Connecticut  
Hartford County

Windsor this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January A. D. 1845

Personally appeared before me, **ZEPHAR CASE** and made solemn oath, that he attested the within will of **WILLIAM SOPER** and subscribed the same in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of the other two subscribing witnesses to said will, and that they also subscribed and attested said will in the presence of the deponent, of each other, and in the presence of said testator, and that said testator at the time of the execution of said will, was of sound mind and memory and signed and published said will in the presence of said deponent and the other subscribing witnesses thereto.

**WALTER THRALL**  
Justice of the peace

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we **CHESTER SOPER** and **IRA SOPER** both of Windsor are holding and stand firmly bound and obliged unto **WILLIAM N. MATSON** Esquire, judge of the count Court of probate for the District of Hartford, in the penal sum of \$400, to be paid the said judge, or his certain attorney or successor and office; to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we the said **CHESTER SOPER** and **IRA SOPER** to bind ourselves and each of us, our heirs, executives, and administrators, and each and every of them, for and in the whole sum aforesaid, firmly by these presents.

Signed with our hands and sealed with our seals.

Dated at Hartford the 9th day of January Anno Domini, 1845.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the above bound and **CHESTER SOPER** administrator, with will annexed, of all and singular the goods, chattels, credits and estate of **WILLIAM SOPER** late of Windsor within said District deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory, of all and singular the goods, chattels, credits and estate of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of the said **CHESTER SOPER**, or into the hands, and possession of any other person for him, and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the registry of the said Court of probate, in the District of Hartford at, or before, the 9th day of March next ensuing. And the same Goods, chattels, credits and estate of the said deceased, at the time of his death, or which at any time after shall come into the hands or possession of the said **CHESTER SOPER** or into the hand or possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to law. And further do maker caused be made, a true and just account of this said administration, at or before the 9th day of January A. D. 1846, and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels, credits and estate, which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators account: the same thing first examined and allowed by the said court of probate, shall deliver and pay on to such person or persons respectively, as the said Court of probate, by their decree or sentence, pursuant to the true intent and meaning of the law, shall limit and appoint: then this obligation to be void and of none effect; or else to remain in full force and virtue.

**CHESTER SOPER**  
**IRA SOPER**

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Inventory of the estate of **WILLIAM SOPER**, deceased, made by the subscribers under oath.

[INVENTORY LIST]

19 Acres of land with buildings  
House and one acre of land at RAINBOW  
8 Acres of land at RAINBOW  
12 Acres of land on SUFFIELD PLAINS  
30 Acres of land on SUFFIELD PLAINS south of TURKEY HILL ROAD  
Stone quarry east of Clark & Sisson's store

Windsor, February 21<sup>st</sup> 1845

**ELIHU MARSHALL**, appraiser  
**HARLOW MOORE**, appraiser  
**CHESTER SOPER**, administrator

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In pursuance of an appointment from the Honorable Court of Probate for the district of Hartford, the undersigned have examined the claims presented against the estate of William **SOPER**, late of Windsor, in said district, deceased, represented insolvent and have found due to the foregoing persons the sums annexed to their names.

**ZOPHAR CASE**  
**HORACE B. HASKINS**  
**CARMI HIGLY**  
**ESTHER OWEN**  
**WILLIAM S. PIERSON**  
**THEODORE SILL**  
**CHESTER SOPER**  
**SETH SOPER**  
**HEZIAH TUCKER**

Windsor, August 9<sup>th</sup> 1845

Commissioned under oath  
**HARLOW MOORE**  
**ELIHU MARSHALL**

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Estate of **WILLIAM SOPER** late of Windsor, deceased in account **CHESTER SOPER**, administrator with the will annexed.

[EXPENSES]

Claim collected by **IRA SOPER**  
Rent collected of **CHAUNCEY PEACE**

Hartford, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1845  
**CHESTER SOPER**