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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, **AMOS STAFFORD**, of Warwick, in the county of Kent, in the colony of Rhode Island & c., yeoman, being at present in reasonable health of body and sound disposing mind and memory, thanks be given to God, for the same.

AND calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

PRINCIPALLY and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried by my executors.

AND as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

MY WILL is and I do hereby order, that all the debts that I do owe, in right or conscience, to any person or persons whatsoever, be well and truly paid in some convenient time after my decease by my executors.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, **MARY STAFFORD**, the one half of my mansion house I know dwell in, together with the one half of all my land thereunto adjoining with the one half of all the buildings thereon erected as also the one half of my land lying on the southeasterly side of the street over against my said mansion house, and the one half of my lot of land lying on the southeasterly side of the mill pond, over against the last mentioned piece of land.

And the one half of my land at Rocky point, so called in Warwick Neck and the one half of my land in the Four Miles Township of Warwick, aforesaid, that was drawn on **THOMAS SCRANTON**'s right to be and remain unto my said wife during her natural life.

ITEM I give and bequeath to unto my said beloved wife all my household goods, and five cows, and all my young cattle, and all my sheep, and the one half of my horse kine and my negro boy name LONDON, all which is to be in leu of her dower & c. power of thirds to my estate.

AND my will is that all my husbandry tools and farming tackling shall be and remain to the use of my homestead situation during the time of my said wife's natural life.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved son, **AMOS STAFFORD**, my farm house lying in Coventry in said county of Kent, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. I also give him two small lots of land lying in the Four Miles Township of Warwick and on is in that Neck called and known by the division of the first and second point and is No. 50 upon the plat thereof and is a water lot, the other lies at the head of the Horse Neck and runs across Roues Creek, so called, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter **MARY [STAFFORD] BONNET** my lot of land, No. 49, lying in the said first and second point division to her, her heirs and assigns forever. I also give her my farm I bought of **SAMUEL HUNT** lying to the westward of **CARR**'s River in Coventry and was drawn on the right of **ROBERT POTTER** to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

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I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter **MERCY [STAFFORD] ARNOLD** my lot of land No. 34, lying in said division of the first and second points and my lot of land situate in said Coventry and is bound by the highway at the south east end of Saw Mill Hill, so called, both of which lots of land I do give unto my said daughter **MERCY ARNOLD** and to her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter **FREELove [STAFFORD] BARTON** my lot of land No. 24 lying in Warwick in the said first and second point division and to her heirs and assigns forever. I also give her, all the remaining part of my farm lying in the Newpass Chase lands, so called, laid out for 400 acres, whereof, 300 is already disposed of, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my grandsons, viz. **AMOS STAFFORD, STUCKLEY STAFFORD,** and **STUCKLEY ARNOLD** three lots of land laid out in the first division at Apponeke or Fulling Mill, so called in Warwick, aforesaid, to them, their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally divided amongst them.

I give and bequeath to my grandson **AMOS ARNOLD** my house Leh? I bought of **EDWARD GORSON** lying in the said division of Apponeke, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my grandson **THOMAS STAFFORD** son of my son **SAMUEL STAFFORD**, deceased, all the rest & residue of my real estate herein before undisposed of, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my said grandson, **THOMAS STAFFORD**, and also my granddaughter **MARY GREENE, HANNAH FILLINGAST, PATIENCE STAFFORD, MERCY STAFFORD,** and **SARAH STAFFORD**, being all children of my said son **SAMUEL STAFFORD**, deceased, all the residue and remaining part of my personal estate herein before undisposed of to be equally divided amongst them or their legal representatives.

Further, I do hereby constitute, ordain and appoint my loving wife, **MARY STAFFORD**, and my beloved son **AMOS STAFFORD** my executors to execute this, my last will and testament.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of March in the 26th year of his Majesty's reign George the Second, King over Great Britain & c. Anno Domini 1753.

AMOS STAFFORD {seal}

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said **AMOS STAFFORD**, the testator, as his last will and testament in the presence of us

JOHN WAMER
WILLIAM POTTER
JEREMIAH LIPPETT

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JOHN WAMER, Esqr., **WILLIAM POTTER**, Yeoman and **JEREMIAH LIPPETT**, Esqr., all of Warwick in the county of Kent & c. came before the town council of Warwick the 20th day of October Anno Domini 1760 and upon oath declared that they saw the testator, late **AMOS STAFFORD**, sign, seal, publish and declare the afore written to be his last will and testament and that in his presence they subscribed their names as witnesses to the same and that he was in his perfect mind and memory at the same time.

Attest

JEREMIAH LIPPETT, Council Clerk

Whereupon the town council took the premises under their consideration and after having maturely considered the former did thereupon prove and approve the afore written Last Will and Testament to be good and valued in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

IN TESTIMONY whereof the council hath ordered their seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year aforesaid.

JEREMIAH LIPPETT, Council Clerk

Registered in Warwick the 23rd day of October A.D. 1760

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