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Mehitable Wait's Will

Know all men by these presents, that Mehitable Wait of Millbury in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, single woman, being of sound mind and desirous of disposing of my property, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

First

I will and direct my Executor to pay all my just debts and funeral charges and also within (page 291) one year after my decease to procure and cause to be well set up at my grave, good and suitable grave stones, as also at the graves of my late sister Joanna Eaton, Joshua Wait, and my late brother in law Timothy Burnap and Reuben Eaton and his late wife and also at the graves of my late father and mother.

Second

I give and bequeath unto Lucy Eaton, daughter of my late sister Joanna Eaton, one half of my dwelling house and lot of land on which it stands and now occupied by me and said Lucy Eaton, she relinquishing the amount of what she paid toward said house, which is the sum of one hundred [illegible = and thirty?] one dollars and sixty eight cents. I meaning to give to said Lucy, one half of what I own in said house and land.

Third

I give and bequeath unto Polly Hall the daughter of William Hall and Bethiah Hall and granddaughter of my late sister Joanna Eaton, fifty dollars.

Fourth

I give and bequeath unto Abigail Eaton, daughter of the late Reuben Eaton, twenty five dollars.

Fifth

I give and bequeath unto Mehitable Batcheller wife of Deacon Mark Bacheller and daughter of my late brother in law Timothy Burnap, my Scotts family bible during her natural life, and then at her decease to her daughter Mehitable during her natural life and if said bible be then not worn out it is to be given to the most lineal descendant of said Mehitable, of the name of Mehitable.

Sixth

I given and bequeath to unto my nephew Timothy Burnap, my desk.

Seventh

I give and bequeath unto my sister Bethiah Burnap, Ruth Eaton and Mehitable Batcheller and Mehitable Wait of Fitchwilliam [Fitzwilliam?], my wearing apparel, to be equally divided between them.

Eighth

After complying with the above bequests, I order my executor to divide the residue of my property into five equal parts, after having converted the remainder of my real estate into money. I then will and

bequeath one-fifth part thereof, to Asa Wait, the son of my late brother Asa Wait deceased, and to his two sisters, Betsy and Lucinda to be equally shared among them. I also give and bequeath one fifth part thereof, to my sister Ruth Eaton to be used by her (page 292) during her natural life and then to her legal heirs except to Samuel Eaton and Ruth Smith who are to have nothing, but their proportion is to be equally divided among their heirs. I also give and bequeath unto my sister Bethiah Burnap, the use and improvement of fifth part thereof, during her natural life, and then the same to be equally divided one fifth part thereof to the heirs of my late brother Thomas Wait to be equally shared among them. I also give and bequeath one fifth part thereof unto the heirs of my late brother Joshua Wait, except to John Wait, who is to have nothing, and Rufus Wait, who is to have nothing, but to the heirs of said Rufus are to have the proportion which would otherwise fall to Rufus. I also will and bequeath nothing to my nephew Cyrus Burnap one of the heirs and son of my said sister, Bethiah Burnap.

Lastly

I appoint and constitute my nephew Timothy Burnap of Sutton, my sole executor hereby revoking and annulling all former wills and testaments heretofore made by me.

In testimony whereof, I the said Mehitable Wait, have hereunto set my hand seal this twenty second day of March, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty,

Mehitable Wait

The above Mehitable Wait subscribed her name and affirmed her seal hereto, and declared the same to be her last will and testament in our presence and each of us in the presence of the other hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses at the same time.

Geo. W. Livermore

Joseph Hastings

Moses Dunster

Worcester

To the people to whom these presents shall come Nath. Paine Esq. Judge of the Probate of Wills in the county of Worcester within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts sendeth Greeting.

Know ye that on the seventh day of February Anno Domini 1832 the instrument hereunto [amended?] (purporting to be the last will and testament of (page 293) Mehitable Wait late of Millbury in the county of Worcester, deceased) was presented for probate by Timothy Burnap the executor therein named, then present Joseph Hastings one of the witnesses thereto subscribed, who made oath that he saw the said testatrix sign and seal and heard her declare the said instrument to be her last will and testament, and that he with George W. Livermore and Moses Dunster subscribed their names together as witnesses to the execution thereof in the said testatrix' presence: and that she was then (to the best of the deponents judgment) of sound and disposing mind.

I do therefore prove, approve and allow of the said instrument as the last will and testament of the above named deceased, and commit the administration thereof in all matters the same concerning V of estate whereof he died seized and possessed in said Commonwealth, unto the before named executor, well and faithfully to execute the said will, and to administer the estate of the said deceased accordingly thereto; who accepted said trust and had given bond to exhibit an Inventory and to render an account upon oath, of his proceedings, when thereunto lawfully required.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, the day and year above written.

Nath Paine.

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