

I Samuel Bissell Senior of Windsor in the County of Hartford and Colony of Connecticut, being this time of a sound Judgment & of perfect memory and of a disposing mind, do make this my Last will and Testament for the disposing of that Estate that it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, hereby revoking my all former wills what so ever by me made.

Imprimis my will is that all my Just debts and funerals Expenses be Well and truly paid by my Ex^{ors} here after named. Item. I give and Bequeath to my Son Samuel the Sum of One hundred & forty pounds besides that Land which I have already given him on which his house standeth which is a Bout Six acres. Item. I give & bequeath to my two daughters Abigail & Mary which are already Married the Sum of Seventy pounds with what they have already received w^{ch} is twenty pounds a piece to each of them. Item. I give and bequeath to my three younger daughters Elizabeth Deborah and Hannah the Sum of Seventy five pounds a piece to each of them, All w^{ch} Legacies my will is that it shall be and remaine to my children above named to them and their heirs and assigns for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Joshua all that Meadow Land at Symsbury which belongs to me w^{ch} I bought of Mr. Stone and Jonathan Gillet which is by Estimation Seventeen Acres more or less Excepting two acres of the North side of the lot which my Son Jacob did improve in his life, which said two acres I give to my Grandson Jacob Bissell Son of Jacob Bissell de^{ced} if he live to the age of Twenty one yeares. and in case he do not survive to that age, my will is my Son Joshua shall have it, Also two acres of upland on the North side of the brooke known by the name of Bissells brook at Symsbury, I give to my Son Joshua which said Lands above said I give to my Son Joshua and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and in case my Son Joshua dye with out Issue as above said my will is that that Estate shall be equally divided amongst my children that do survive him, and in case there be none of my children survive him then to be divided among my grand children and I do hereby forbid any Sale thereof Except it be for Exchange of Land & that to the full Value, and with the consent of my Over Seers hereafter named and the Land so Exchanged to remaine on the same conditions; Item.

Daniel Clark 1711

I give to my Grandson John Bissell Son of John Bissell decess'd five pounds to be paid out of my Estate, And two pounds and ten Shillings to my grand daughter Abigaile Bissell to be paid within a year after my decease or when they come to be of age, Also I give to my grandson Jacob Bissell above named my dwelling house at Syms bury, Also as a token of my Love to my wife Mary I give to her twenty Shillings in Silver money to be paid by my Ex^r, and for Security of the payment of the five pounds per Annum which I Engaged to pay her whilst she remained my Wid^{ow}. I make over ten acres of my Meadow Land at the South end of it in that Meadow known by the name of the great Meadow, that in case my children fail of paying the said five pounds yearly according to the agreement made before marriage, he or any in her be halfe shall ^{have} full power to make improvement there of during the said time, And where as I have in this my will given to my Son Samu^{el} and to my daughter Abigaile, Mary, Eliz^a. Deborah and Hannah, severall Legacies as is before Express^t my will is that if my Estate do amount to more then the Legacies, that the over plus shall be divided between my Son Samu^{el} and my daughters according to the same proportion that I have given them, And if it fall short to be born amongst them by the same rule, also I do nominate & appoint my Son Samu^{el} Bissell to be my Executor to this my last will, and I do desire my friends, John Moor Sen^t John Higley Sen^t Mathew Sillan and Michael Painter to be my Over Seers and to advise as matters shall call for, Also where as it is mentioned that Joshua shall not sell without of consent of my over seers, It is to be understood that with the consent of any two of them he may dispose of it according as is before Express^t, also I give to him my S^{on} Joshua what he is indebted to me, That this is my will & for the confirmation here of I do here unto set my hand and seal this second day of Augst in the year of our Lord 1697.

Samu^{el} Bissell Sen^t declared the above written with that on the other Side to be his last Will & Testament, and he signed & sealed here unto in the presence of us.

Samu^{el} Bissell Sen^t Seal

John Moore Sen^t
John Higley Sen^t

The wise disposing providence of god haveing made a breach in my family by bereaving of the Son of my hope whom I had nominated on the other Side for my Ex^r it hath given me occasion to consider of an alteration of my mind in the draft on the other Side and so added this my Codicall that my will may be fully & clearly understood which is as followeth, my will is that the Estate that I had devised to my Son Samu^{el} on the other Side (who is deceased) shall after my decease be equally divided amongst my five daughters nominated in my will on the other Side, and if any one or more of ^{them} happen to dye before she or they come to possess their proportion and leave children or issue borne of her body the Estate given shall be to ^{her} child or children, and if any of my daughters depart this life & leave no issue of her body surviving, her proportion or share due her here by shall returne to the other Sisters & to their children respectively, And also I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son in Law James Enno Executor of my will and Super visor as on the other Side, In testimony here of I have set my hand and fixed my Seal the 23^d of Aprill in the year of our Lord 1697/ Sam^l Bissell Sen^t Seal

Sam^l Bissell declared that draft on the other Side withy^e alteration in that Codicall to be his will & signed & sealed it before us witnesses
 Daniel Parke 1722 or thereabouts Seal

Windsor November 25. 1700.

I Samuell Bissell being at present under great weakness yet of sound Judgment do I canse to make this addition or Codicall to my will Writton on the other sides as followeth, Viz^t. I do nominate and appoint and do hereby im power my Son in Law John Fetti bone Jun^r. to be my Executor giving him Joynt power wth my Son in Law James Enno / also I do fur ther declare it to be my will that in case there shal arise any difference betwixt my children in deviding the Estate to them willed that my Brother Benajah Holburn and John Moore Sen^r. shall have full power to Issue the said difference and to divide the said Estate according to my will which I do here declare it to be my mind to have fully attend ed, and for the confirmation of what is above written I do set my hand and seal the day & year above Written.

Signed & sealed in the presence of
of
Daniell Clark
Timothy Phelps. Sen^r.

Samuell Bissell Seal

An Inventory of the Estate of Samuell Bissell Sen^r. of Windsor who deceased on December 3. in the yeare of Our Lord 1700.

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| Imprimy one newe coat 2/10 | Clack 5/ | a new Searge. | | | |
| coat 50/ | s. coat 12/ | s. coat 5/ | a Wescoat 20/ | another wescoat 6/ | } 12 " 08 " 01 |
| 1. p ^r . brichot 13/ | s. coat 20/ | 3. p ^r . brichot an old coat & wescoat 6/ | | | |
| a p ^r . leather brichot, | a p ^r . lining of woollen & Steeny 14/ | | | | |
| 2 hats 20/ | 2 p ^r . gloves 4/ | 3. Shirts 6/ | a cap & neck cloth 3/ | | |
| boots and shoes 14/ | 2 Staffs 10/ | to haue box & tong 10/ | | | |
| 3. p ^r . Stocking 9/ | purse with money 7/ | | | | |
| In Parlor Item. 1 bed, bolster & 2 pillows 4/ | Shag Rug 35/ | | | 05 " 15 " 00 | |
| 1. Coverlet 20/ | Curtaines and Valence 30/ | bedsted & rope 10/ | | 03 " 00 " 00 | |
| pillow biers and sheets 14/ | warming pan 6/ | chamber 4/ | | 01 " 07 " 00 | |
| Cup board & clothe 30/ | Wainscot chest 6/ | a plaine Chest 4/ | | 02 " 02 " 00 | |
| a table 5/ | a runet bag & basket 2/ | Cutlesh & belt 11/ | | 00 " 10 " 00 | |
| 1. gun 16. shillings, | a p ^r . of pistols 16/ | a pouch w th lead 6/ | | 01 " 17 " 00 | |
| a pouch with powder 2/ | a Jarr and a Rubstone 16/ | | | 00 " 03 " 06 | |
| In Kitching 9. pewter platters weight 26/ | 2. 12/ | 2 platters three basons | | 02 " 12 " 00 | |
| and a beaker 19/ | 3 quart pots 7/ | great brass Kettle 25/ | | 02 " 10 " 00 | |
| 1. lesser brass Kettle 20/ | 1. brass Skillet 4/ | | | 01 " 04 " 00 | |
| 2. Iron pot & s. p ^r . hooker 20/ | frying pan 5/ | Gridiron 2/ | | 01 " 07 " 00 | |
| a spit 5/ | a Surned 2/ | 2 Smoothing Iron 4/ | | 00 " 11 " 00 | |
| Earthen ware 2/ | Lant. home 2/ | candlestick & 1 earthen plate 2/ | | 00 " 06 " 00 | |
| 4. glass bottle 2/ | a p ^r . Shillyards 12/ | | | 00 " 14 " 00 | |
| 5. Spoones and a Hooping Knife 3/ | 3 payles & a tub 7/ | | | 00 " 10 " 00 | |
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| Brought from the other five | 34 | 04 | 07 |
| Frenches and other wooden ware 1/4 a 1/2 bushel, Fat, pork 2 | 00 | 06 | 00 |
| And iron 10/ Stue 4/ tong 2/ 2 tramely 6/ books 6 | 05 | 00 | 00 |
| An old sword belt and Cartouch box 7/ quimbley hammer & aul 2 | 00 | 09 | 00 |
| 1. yoke of Oxen 9/ 10 a yoke of Steers 7/ 2 Cowes 7 | 25 | 10 | 00 |
| 2. other cowes 5/ 5/ 2 year olds 30/ the brown horse 4 | 40 | 15 | 00 |
| the old gray horse 20/ 7 sheep 3 | 04 | 00 | 00 |
| a mare & colt 40/ 2 fat Swine 4/ 5/ 3 other Swine 3 | 09 | 05 | 00 |
| Cart wheels & Groms belonging 40/ sled 9/ harrow teeth 8 | 02 | 17 | 00 |
| Plow & Groms belonging 20/ yoke & Grom 5/ 2 p. horse charms 15 | 02 | 02 | 00 |
| Plow chain 6/ a grindstone 3/ 2 p. fetters & point of chains 13 | 05 | 04 | 00 |
| a p. of cart bands 10/ an old spade & shovell 2 | 00 | 12 | 00 |
| a long talle 6/ one syth and sackling 5 | 00 | 13 | 00 |
| Horse Collar harness and lind halter 7/ Wrinow sheet 2 | 00 | 09 | 00 |
| 10. chairs 9/ 3 cushions 2/ 2 sickles & 2 mortars 12 | 00 | 12 | 00 |
| Beetle & wedget 5/ flax comb 9/ Spring wheely 6 | 05 | 00 | 00 |
| In North Room, one Bedsted bed and furniture | 02 | 12 | 00 |
| a p. of cards 3/ old Curtains, Valene & pillion | 00 | 09 | 00 |
| 1 1/2 Blanket yarnd 2/ meal Sum 2/ | 00 | 04 | 00 |
| Wooden bottle, tape loom churn & meal trough | 00 | 11 | 00 |
| 4. bushells of Meal | 00 | 10 | 00 |
| In Barn: Wheat, Rye, Oates, & Barley in Straw & in sheaf | 16 | 05 | 00 |
| Flax in sheaf, and hay all at | | | |
| In the Cellar. 2 Barrells Syder 20/ 3 Barrells 5/ meat, fish, 2 | 05 | 09 | 00 |
| turnups, beer Usselly, To bawo, 3 axot, 5 Bags, & other Lumer | 03 | 05 | 00 |
| In the Chamber. 2. bedsted & 2 ropot 20/ 1. bed & furniture 45 | 07 | 00 | 00 |
| 3. corne Scunt & hops 12/ 2 sub Barrells and Salt 8 | 00 | 06 | 00 |
| peate hooks, cart rope, rake & shovell | 00 | 06 | 00 |
| a barrell with some peate, Spindles for wheely | 05 | 00 | 00 |
| 40. bushelly Indian corne in the ear | 05 | 00 | 00 |
| a pitch fork, hoop & a Basket with Iron in it | 01 | 02 | 00 |
| more lining 10/ 6 napkins, 2 table cloths, 2 pillow Beird, 2 p. sheets 2 | 04 | 06 | 00 |
| with saddle, bridle, broken sword, trowely, w. a syd. press & 2 the milled | | | |
| In Land. Grem-housing, homested Barne & Orchard | 50 | 00 | 00 |
| about 15. aurot of unimproved Land in the great Lot, at 3 p. auro | 45 | 00 | 00 |
| about 4. aurot being sown, by plowing & seed | 02 | 00 | 00 |
| 3. aurot adjoynning being let for one year to Witten Gorine | 07 | 15 | 00 |
| more about 6. aurot in Swamp pasture | 16 | 00 | 00 |
| about 42. aurot of unimproved Land | 40 | 00 | 00 |
| 15. aurot in great meadow at 5. p. auro | 124 | 00 | 00 |
| about 17 aurot meadow Land at Symes bury at 5. p. auro | 05 | 00 | 00 |
| Some Wood Land and part of a dwelling house at Symes bury | 06 | 17 | 00 |

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a true acc^t of the Estate presented and apprizd by us.

Windsor Decemb^r the 9th 1700/ John Moore Sen^r. Math. Allyn Benaj^r Aldum.