

*Will.*

May 23, 1687. Whereas I Alexand<sup>r</sup> Alvord of Northampton in y<sup>e</sup> Countie of Hampshire in y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay in New England being weak and deceased in strength and well stricken in years, dayly Lookeing w<sup>th</sup> I shall go hence vnto y<sup>e</sup> place appointed for all liveing doe therefore make, ordaine constitute & appoint this my Last Will and Testament, I being of perfect memory and sound Understanding I comitt my soul to God y<sup>e</sup> gave it and Jesus that redeemed it.

Hopeing through his merrits to receive pardon of all my sins and to be accepted in y<sup>e</sup> sight of God.

I leave my Body to be buried in comely manner at y<sup>e</sup> discretion of my Executor heafter mentioned & as for that portion of outward estate y<sup>e</sup> God hath given me I dispose, alienate and bequeath it as followeth viz:

Whereas my son John Alvord; my daughter Abigaile wife to Thomas Roote; Mary Weller deceased; and Elizabeth Birth deceased; having received y<sup>e</sup> full of their portiones already, I only give as follows viz.

To John Alvord twenty shillings; to Sam<sup>l</sup> Root son to Thomas Root twenty shillings; to two of my sons Weller's children, Experience, and Abigail, to each of ym 20<sup>s</sup>, to Henry Burt's child 20<sup>s</sup>.

Item to Thomas Alvord twentie shillings and to his two sons Thomas and John twentie shillings to each of them.

To my son Benjamin Alverd I give that part of my old house joyneing to that w<sup>ch</sup> my son Weller lived in, together with that piece of Land it standeth upon which was given me by the town.

Item to my son Jeremiah Alvord I give thirtie pounds. To my daughter Sarah Alvord I give thirtie pounds.

Item, to my son Jon<sup>th</sup> Alvord I give twentie pounds;

The rest of my Estate my just and due debts being pay<sup>d</sup> I give to my son Ebenezer Alvord viz: my house barne, orchard, pasture, meadow land, stock, debts, household stuff and all my estate whatsoever, both moveables and immoveables.

Alsoe my will is that y<sup>e</sup> Legacies be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> stock, debts & in moveable Estate, and to be payd to each of them, the one half at my decease, the other half within two years after; & my will is y<sup>e</sup> my son Ebenezer shall not alianate any part of y<sup>e</sup> lands given him but shall make such disposall of y<sup>e</sup> same to the heirs of his body as shall see cause.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Ebenezer Alverd to be y<sup>e</sup> sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness hereunto I have subscribed and sealed this 23<sup>d</sup> May 1687, and I desire my trustie ffriende Mr. Hawley to see this my will to be accomplished and to take speciall care of my unmarried children; to advise them in matching & to have y<sup>e</sup> oversight of y<sup>m</sup> while they remayne in a single condition.

ALEXANDER ALVORD  
his A. A. marke.

Signed sealed in y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence of us  
Joseph Hawley  
John Lyman.

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