

found due from David wood which I Recd	3.0.0
Recd of James Clay	2.8.0
Recd of Isaac Daypt	1.4.0
Recd of Elkanah French	0.12.0
amounting to	103.6.6

The D Accountant pays for the Allowance of the following
Charges & debts which he hath Paid

Paid the Judge for proving the will	0.12.0
Pd the Evidence for going to prove the will	0.14.5
to an order for appraising the Estate	0.2.6
Pd for securing the appraisers	0.1.6
Pd by appraisers for appraising the Estate	0.13.0
Pd for the Coffin &c for digging the Graves	0.10.6
Pd for the funeral Charges	1.7.6
Pd to Constable James Hill a Rate	0.6.2
Pd to Benj ⁿ Martin the sum of	11.8.0
Pd to Josiah Perry	0.18.0
Pd to Daniel Perry	1.4.0
Pd to Elizabeth Perry	0.15.8
Pd to Mary Walker	0.4.4
Pd to John Hunt	0.4.8
Pd to William Cole	0.2.2
due to me from the Estate	0.12.0
due to me from my former acct on D Estate	3.6.0
Reving and Recording the Inventory allowing	0.13.0
then recd & Recording it	23.15.5

John Martin

Wm in test May 6th 1774

Then John Martin above named made Oath to the
truth of this above acct which I do allow of under
Oath of Record George Leonard & approbator

George Leonard & cly

In the Name of God Amere

Thomas Shepard of Norton in the County of Bristol in the
Province of the Massachusetts Bay in new England being in
the sixty ninth year of my Age and being at this present
in a weak and low Condition of body the of a sound
disposing mind and memory Blessed be God for it Calling to
mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is
Appointed for all men once to die I do make this my Last will
and Testament as follows first I give and Bequeath my body
to the Grave to be decently Buried at the discretion of my
Executors hereafter named in hope of a joyful Resurrection at
the Last day

Secondly I give and Bequeath my soul to God who gave it &c
Witness my hand

Redeemed it with the blood of his son Jesus Christ our Blessed Lord and
saviors and as to the outward or worldly Estate with which God in his
Providence has Blessed me I Give and Bequeath and Dispose thereof as
follows viz

First I Give and Bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Content Shepard the
improvement of one third part of my homestead farm and one third
part of all Buildings thereon during her Natural Life and then to
belong to my son Jacob Shepard or hereafter mentioned & fire wood
sufficient to maintain one fire cut at the door — I Also Give to my
D wife one Quarter part of all my Indoor moveables or house hold
furniture to be at her own dispose and I also Give her a note of hand which
I have against James Coddington for fifteen pounds Lawfull money to be at
her own dispose and one Good Cow

2^d I Give and Bequeath to my Eldest son Jacob Shepard all my homestead
farm in D Norton and all Buildings thereon Reserving the Improve-
ment of one third part of it and one third part of the Buildings for
my D wife as above D during her Natural Life and Reserving Liberty
shall live single or unmarried I will Give to my D son Jacob about
fifteen acres of woodland lying partly in Easton and partly in the
District of Mansfield adjoining to Abigail Withers Land further I Give
him about one Acre and half of Cedar Swamp lying in Taunton
Cedar Swamp to be used to provide fire wood for my D wife as above
D and I do hereby order my D son Jacob Shepard to pay to each of my
Daughters Jemima Shepard Rachel Shepard and Olie Shepard —
thirty pounds to each of them in three years after my Death and
in six years after my Death to pay to each of my D Daughters above named
thirty pounds more to as to make up fifty pounds in six years after my
Death to each of them and I Give further to my D son Jacob Shepard
two thirds of all my Live stock and out door moveables & money and
personall Estate of what name or Nature soever Excepting what I have
Given to my D wife as above D and what I hereafter Give to my Daughters
and my wearing apparell

3^d I Give and Bequeath to my second son Seth Shepard all the Land and Buildings
that is Contained in the farm that I own in the District of Mansfield it being by
Estimation above thirty six acres be it more or less further I Give him all
the Land that I own in Wrentham containing about twenty five acres be it
more or less lying adjoining to the Land of Ephraim Shepard I also Give him
my D son Seth one third part of all my Live stock out door moveables and
personall Estate of what name or Nature soever Excepting what I have
Given to my D wife and what I hereafter Give to my Daughters and wearing
Apparell and I do Order my D son Seth to pay to my Daughter Sarah Poffet
the wife of John Poffet fifteen pounds in three years after my Death
and fifteen pounds more in six years after my Death to as to make up thirty
pounds when in six years after my Death further I order my D son
Seth Shepard to pay to my son George Shepard twenty five pounds the
one half of it to be paid when he shall arrive at the age of Twenty one
and the other half to be paid in three years after and I like wise I order
my D son Seth to pay to my son Mose Shepard twenty five pounds

the one half of it to be paid when he shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years and the other half in three years after Resewing liberty to my Daughters Rachel to live in the house that is on My farm in Mansfield along of the I shall live single or annexed

4ly I give and Bequeath to my third son George Shepard and my fourth son Maza Shepard a certain tract of Land lying partly in the district of Houghton ham and part in the town of Walpole in the County of Suffolk containing about one hundred acres with all buildings thereon to be Equally divided between them according to quantity and quality Resewing liberty to my Daughter Olief Shepard to live in the house belonging of the I shall live single or unmarried further I give to my D George Shepard and to my D son Maza Shepard twenty five pounds a piece to each of them to be paid by my son Jacob or above

5ly I give and Bequeath to my Eldest Daughter Sarah Basset the wife of John Basset thirty pounds to be paid by my son Jacob Shepard the one half to be paid in three years after my death and the other half to be paid in six years after my death over and above what she has already had of me

Sixthly I give and Bequeath to each of my Daughters Benjamin Shepard Rachel Shepard and Olief Shepard sixty pounds to be paid to each of them by my son Jacob Shepard thirty pounds of it to be paid to each of them in three years after my death and thirty pounds more to each of them in six years after my death further I give to my Daughter Benjamin Rachel and Olief all my Indors moveables or house hold furniture excepting what I have given to my wife or above & to be Equally divided between them further I give to my Daughter Benjamin Shepard the privilege of living in my house which I have given to my son Jacob Shepard along of the I shall live single and I give to my Daughter Rachel Shepard the Privileges of living in my house in Mansfield which I have given to my son Jacob Shepard to long of the I shall live single I also give to my Daughter Olief Shepard the Privilege of living in my house at Houghton ham which I have given to my sons George & Maza to long of the I shall live single

Further I give and Bequeath all my waving apparel to my son George Shepard
And I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Jacob Shepard and Seth Shepard Executors to then my last will and Testament fully Impowering them to demand Receive and Recover all that is any ways due to me from any person or persons and to pay the several Legacies above mentioned and to pay all my just debts and funerals charges and I do hereby make void and disallow of all wills herebefore by me made touching this

this and none but this to be my Last will and Testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of July
in the fourth year of his Majesty King Annas Doms 1774
Signed sealed Published and Declared by
Thomas Shepard. Sole his Last will &
Testament in presence of us

David Williams
Jeth Gilbert
Gerry Wheaton

Thomas Shepard (Seal)

Bristol November 4th 1774

Then before the Hon^{ble} George Leonard Esq Judge of the Probate of
wills for the County of Bristol came David Williams of the
Gilbert two of the witnesses to the within written instrument and made
Oath that they were present and saw Thomas Shepard the subscriber thereto
who is since deceased sign here and hereon him Publish and declare said
Instrument as his Last will and Testament and that he was of sound
and disposing mind and memory when he so did and that they with
Gerry Wheaton joined as witnesses at the same time and all in the presence
of the Testator

Coram George Leonard

Jeth^o Geo Leonard Jeth^o

Province of the Massachusetts Bay By the Hon^{ble} George Leonard Esq
Judge of the Probate of wills and for Granting letters of administration
on the Estates of persons deceased having Good Chattels Rights or Credits
in the County of Bristol within the province aforesaid

Now ye that upon the day of the date here of before at Norton
in the County aforesaid the will of Thomas Shepard Late of Norton in y^e
County of Bristol deceased to these presents annexed was proved approved
and allowed. who having while he lived and at the time of his
Death good Chattels Rights or Credits in the County aforesaid: and the
Probate of the D will and power of committing Administration of
all and singular the Good Chattels Rights and Credits of the said
by virtue thereof appertaining unto me: the administration of
all and singular the Good Chattels Rights and Credits of the said
deceased and his will in any manner concerning is hereby committed
unto his two sons Jacob Shepard and Jeth Shepard Executors in the
last will named well and faithfully to execute w^{ch} will and to
Administer the Estate of y^e said deceased according therunto, and to
make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the
Good Chattels Rights and Credits of y^e said deceased and to exhibit the
same into the Registry of w^{ch} Court of Probate for the County aforesaid
at or before the 14th day of February next ensuing: and also to render
up plain and true account of y^e said Administration upon Oath

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal of the D Court of Probate. Dated at Norton y^e 14th day of
November Anno Domini 1774

George Leonard

Geo Leonard Esq

Jeth^o Geo Leonard Jeth^o