

274. Worcester, etc.

At a Court of Probate holden at Dorchester  
in the second Decade of May, A.D. 1813.

The instrument hereunto annexed, purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Jason Walker, late of Dorchester, in said County,  
deceased, being offered for probate by Parker A. Rice, the Executor  
therein named, and notice having been duly given, and no person  
objecting to the probate thereof, and Alis Hojden, one of the witnesses  
therein making oath, that the said said testator sign said will, and  
that he, with Tilly Keenan and Jose Odinighans attested and subscribed  
the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator, who was then  
of full age, and of sound mind; I now do judge that said instrument  
is proved, and decree that the same be approved and allowed, as the  
last will and testament of said deceased.

Per M. Justice, Judge of Probate.

Seth Davenport.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Seth Davenport of Mendon in the County of Worcester and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Gentlemen, being in good  
health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory (I give  
to God for the reward) calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of  
human life, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs which I  
am blessed with strength and capacity to do - do hereby and  
publish this my last will and testament, thereby revoking and  
making void all former Wills and Testaments by me at any time  
heretofore made.

And first I commend my immortal soul to my Creator who  
gave it, and my body to the earth.

And after maturely considering the circumstances and condition  
of my family, and the advancements I have made to some of my  
children, I do hereby bequeath and dispose of all the property which  
I possess, with which I have pleased God to entrust me, in manner  
following, to wit:

Item. My will is that all my just debts and funeral  
charges shall by my Executors hereinafter named, be paid out of my  
estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found con-  
venient.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Betsey  
Davenport, the use and improvement of such a third part of my man-  
sion house, where I now reside, as she may select, for and during the  
term of her natural life. And I also give and bequeath to my said  
wife, to her sole use and disposal, all my books and pamphlets,  
all my household furniture and utensils, all the provisions and  
groceries and the Linnæ cheise and cheeness, of which I now do

possess at the time of my decease, and one cow, to be by her selected, 275.  
I also give and bequeath unto my said wife for her sole use and dis-  
posal, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars annually from and  
after my decease, during her natural life, to be paid to her yearly  
and every year by my three sons Samuel Davenport, Joseph Giles  
Davenport and Seth Tallman Davenport, in equal proportions, in  
the manner therein after directed. And if I should survive my  
said wife, it is my will, and I direct, that what I have therein  
given and bequeathed to her for her sole use and disposal, shall be  
equally divided between my said three sons, above named, for  
their sole use and disposal.

Item. The Lovell place, so called, with the appurtenances,  
situate in said Mendon, containing about fifty five acres of land  
with ten dwelling houses and a barn thereon, conveyed to me by Thomas  
Pitt; also about thirty six acres and one hundred and forty rods of  
pasture and woodland, situate in Uxton on the west side of the  
Worcester and Providence road, conveyed to me by the deed of Jonathan  
Baldwin, to which reference is made for a more full description;

the farm with the appurtenances situate in said Mendon, opposite  
the new house of Joseph G. Davenport, with ten dwelling houses  
and a barn thereon, containing about twenty three acres, conveyed to  
me by James Lovell and one Hinson; also, about three acres of  
meadow land, which I purchased of Erns Poff, adjoining said  
last mentioned farm, and ten thousand dollars in money. I give,  
devise and bequeath, for and during the natural life of my son  
George L. Davenport, unto the said Samuel D. Davenport and Joseph  
G. Davenport, and the survivors of them, and upon the decease of  
the said Samuel and Joseph, or in the event that they the said  
Samuel and Joseph or the survivor of them should become incompetent

to discharge the trusts hereinafter created, to my son Seth L. Davenport,  
when he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, upon and for  
the trusts, intents and purposes therein after expressed. And upon the  
decease of the said George L. Davenport, I give, devise and bequeath  
the said described lands, tenements and money unto the children of  
the said George L. Davenport, lawfully begotten or to be begotten,

to the sole use and behoof of said children, their heirs, executors, admin-  
istrators and assigns in fee simple, forever; and if any of said children  
shall die in the lifetime of their father, the part and portion of such  
deceased child or children, I devise and bequeath unto the surviving  
children aforesaid. And the feeche and money which I have  
devise and bequeathed, for and during the life of the said George  
L. Davenport, unto the said Samuel D. Davenport and Joseph G.  
Davenport and the survivors of them, and in the event of the death  
or incompetency of the said Samuel and Joseph or the survivors of them