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Intend after untill paid. I give to my Daughter Hannah Bacon, the use & annual Interest of One hundred and fifty Dollars, the Obligation to be given by my Son Rufus & entered in one year after my decease and deposited in the hands of my Son Nathaniel before named and the Interest lawfully and punctually paid to the said Hannah during her natural life and at her decease the principal shall be paid to such of her Children as shall then be living, if they shall have arrived at lawful age otherwise to be paid to them respectively as they shall arrive at lawful age. The aforesaid sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars is also to be taken out of the aforesaid Obligation which I hold against my Son Rufus. And after paying and securing the two sums last bequeathed to my Daughter Martha & Hannah & deducting the same from said Obligation, the residue of said Obligation shall be given up to the aforesaid Rufus without any further payment.

Sixthly I give, bequeath and devise to my six Children viz, Martha Rice, Nathaniel Dodge, Sarah Dodge, Rufus Dodge, Hannah Bacon & Lucy Dodge in equal shares, all that part of my Real Estate which I have in this Will assigned to my Wife, as her dower to be distributed among them at her decease, and to hold the same to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Seventhly I give my Wearing Apparell to my two Sons Nathaniel and Rufus to be divided equally between them.

Eighthly I give and bequeath to my Son Rufus and my two Daughters Sarah and Lucy, all the residue of my Personal Property not before disposed of in this Will of whatever nature and wheresoever found to be divided in equal shares between them.

And I name, constitute and appoint my two Sons Nathaniel Dodge Junr & Rufus Dodge joint Executors of this Will, hereby revoking all other and former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty ninth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ten. Signed, sealed, published & declared by the above named Nathaniel Dodge to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator:

Philip Deane }
 Pally Deane }
 Benjⁿ Adams }
 Nathaniel Dodge (S)

(S) Mordecai J. Coatt, Register to whom these presents shall come
 Nathl Parise Esq. Judge of the Probate of Wills for the County of Worcester within the Commonwealth of

Know ye that on the thirtieth day of April Anno Domini 1813 the Instrument hereunto annexed (purporting the last Will and Testament of Nathl Dodge late of North Brookfield in the County of Worcester dec'd) was presented for Probate by Nathaniel Dodge, Wm Dodge and Executors therein named; then present Philip Deane & Pally Deane two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, who made oath that they saw the said Testator sign, seal, and heard him declare the said Instrument to be his last Will and Testament, and that they with Benjamin Adams subscribed their names together as Witnesses to the Execution thereof in the said Testators presence, and that he was then to the best of their judgment, of sound and disposing mind.

I do therefore Prove, Approve and Allow of the said Instrument as the last Will & Testament of the above named Decedent & commit the Administration thereof in all matters the same concerning, and of his Estate whereof he died seized and possessed in said Commonwealth, unto Nathl & Rufus Dodge the before named Executors well and faithfully to execute the said Will, and to administer the estate of the said Decedent according thereto; who accepted said Trust, and have given Bond to pay the Decedents debts & Legacies and to render an Account (upon Oath) of their proceedings when thereunto lawfully required.

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

Nathl Parise J. Prob.

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 Seth Davenport }
 Mill. } Worcester Prob. Ct. May 5th 1813.

I Seth Davenport of Mendon in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman, being in perfect health and of sound mind and memory & understanding (for which thanks be given to Almighty God) considering the uncertainty of this transitory life and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make, publish and declare this Instrument to be my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following.

Principally and first of all, I give and commend my Immortal Soul into the hands of God who gave it whenever it shall be his sovereign Will and pleasure to remove me from this World. I do it in hopes of his gracious acceptance through the merits of Christ alone; and my mortal Body I commend to the Earth, whence it was taken to be interred in Christian burial at the discretion