

Charles G. Taft, Betsy Chestman, Sophia Taft and Polly Taft all my Estate of what name or nature soever Real as well as Personal. I have and to hold the same to them, their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided between them, excepting Charles G. Taft who is to have Two hundred Dollars over and above one share. One hundred Dollars to be paid him in one year after my decease, the other hundred in one year after the decease of his Mother Lydia Taft reserving the use & privilege for their Mother out of the same as before expressed.

And Lastly - I do constitute and ordain my said Son Samuella Taft, sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament.

In addition to what I have given my Wife Lydia Taft in the foregoing Will I hereby give her two Cows out of my Stock of Cows - Signed sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Seth Taft, as and for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence hereunto set our names as Witnesses to the same.

Elijah Thayer
Elijah Taft
Benoni Staples

Seth Taft. (S.S.)

Norchester Jr. I call People to whom these presents shall come, Nathl Paine Esq. Judge of the Probate of Wills &c in the County of Worcester within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Underneath greeting.

Knowing that on the Twenty sixth day of November Anno Domini 1815 the Instrument hereunto annexed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Seth Taft late of Mendon in the County of Worcester deceased was presented for Probate by Samuella Taft the Executor therein named then present Elijah Thayer Esq. and Elijah Taft two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, who made oath that they saw the said Testator sign and seal & heard him declare the said Instrument to be his last Will & Testament, and that they with Benoni Staples 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 judgement) of sound and disposing mind.

I do therefore Prove, Approve and Allow of the said Instrument as the last Will and Testament of the above named Deceased and commit the Administration thereof in all matters the same concerning, and of his Estate

whereof he did seized and possessed in said County. I do therefore give and authorize the said Executor well and faithfully to execute the said Will, and to administer the Estate of the said Deceased according thereto; who accepted said Will and has given Bond to exhibit an Inventory of said Estate into the Probate Office in said County, within three months and to render an Account (upon oaths) of his proceedings, when therunto lawfully required.

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

Nathl Paine

Joseph Rists Real Estate

In the Honorable Nathl Paine Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester. The Subscribed being interested in the Real Estate of Joseph Rist late of Uxbridge deceased requests a division and settlement thereof according to Law. October 30th 1816. Called First.

Norchester Jr. To Peter White Gentleman, Frederick T. Esquire and Samuel Read Esquire, all of the bridge in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Greeting -

You are hereby appointed and authorized on oath, to appraise all the Real Estate wheresoever Joseph Rist late of the bridge in said County deceased intestate, did seized and possessed, in said Commonwealth, in his own right in fee simple; each piece and parcel by itself, with the lands and borders and number of acres, at the present true value thereof, all in words at length. And you are to sever the Estate of said Deceased from the Estate of any other Person with which it lays in common and the remainder you are to distribute to and among the Children of said Deceased or their legal representatives, or so many of them as the same will conveniently accommodate without prejudice to, or speaking the whole preference being had to the sons; and in all deal impartially as you are sworn - If any of the Children of said Deceased have received any thing of theirs in advance towards their portion you are to signify the same to me & how much each one has had.

When you go about your work let all parties concerned have notice, and if they are satisfied with your proceedings, let them signify the same by counter signing.

Finally Seal up this Commission with your Doings, and return the same with all convenient speed into the Register Office of Probate by some one of yourselves - Given under my hand and Seal of Office this 30th Day of October Anno Domini 1816 - Nathl Paine J. Prob.