

And may Allowance as follows viz,
Paid Norman Blake for victuals and cloathing the
said Sally from the age of four years to the age of fourteen } 12-18-0
To Settling this account in the Office 5-0 13-30
Balance 33-1-

Worcester, May 20. 1794
Personally appeared William Sprague Guardian as above and made solemn
Oath to the truth of the above account, and provided vouchers for the pay-
ments therein contained, & swore that it appears he hath in his
hands a balance the sum of £33.1/ for which he is still to be account-
able

Witnessed from the Original by Joseph Wheeler Esq

Uxbridge Term May 24th 1794

I Seth Joff of Mendon in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts Gentleman, being weak in the Body, but of sound mind and memory,
do this 9th day of February Anno Domini 1794 make and publish this my last Will
and Testament in manner following - First I would recommend my Soul
to God - that gave it and my Body to the earth to be decently buried at the
discretion of my Executor - And touching such worldly Estate as the Lord has
put in me, I would dispose of it as follows - In primis, I order my just debts
funeral charges and such Legacies to be paid and discharged out of my personal Estate
in convenient time after my decease by my Executor hereafter named

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Anna all my live Stocks of Cattle & except
my mare and also all my inmost moveables except my desk & the by her and I in-
clude during her natural life, and after her decease the said moveables to be
equally divided between my two daughters Jermina & Mary Adkins. I also
give and bequeath unto my said Wife the use and improvement of all my Real
Estate during her natural life the better to enable her to support my Daughter
Elizabeth which daughter is unable to support herself excepting about one acre
of Land which is herin after given to my son Seth Joff in case my said
Daughter Elizabeth outlive my said Wife my will is that my said Daughter Elizabeth
should have the use and improvement of my said Real Estate except the said one acre dur-
ing her natural life - Item after the decease of my said Wife & Daughter
Elizabeth I give unto my son Elijah Joff the whole of said Real Estate to him
his heirs and assigns forever upon the condition that he pay to my son Grindall
Joff fourteen pounds lawful money, and to my son Sins Joff twenty shillings,
both to be paid upon his coming into possession of the said Real Estate. I also
give unto my said son Elijah my working desk and all my husbandry tools
except one draft chain - Item I give unto my son George Joff one
draft chain - Item I give unto my son Seth Joff one acre of land to
be mowed off him adjoining to his mowing land on his home farm it being
swaley land for mowing at the southerly part of his said farm -

Item I give unto my said son Elijah Joff all the remainder of my personal Estate
which is not herein otherwise given away & enable him to discharge my just debts
funeral charges &c. - Finally I do hereby make and ordain my said son
Elijah Joff the sole Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed
published pronounced and declared by the said Seth Joff to be his last will &

(Seal)

and Testament in the presence of us
Eli Whipple
Jesse Wilcox
Andrew Peters

The mark of
Seth Joff - (Seal)

Worcester To all people who shall see these presents Joseph Dorr Esq Judge of Probate
of Wills in the County of Worcester within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts -
Greeting Know ye that on the 24th day of May A.D. 1794 The
Instruments hereunto annexed purporting the last will & Testament of Seth Joff
late of Mendon in said County deceased was presented for Probate by Elijah Joff the
Executor therein named, then present, Eli Whipple & Jesse Wilcox two of the witnesses
therein subscribed, who made Oath that they saw the said Testator sign & seal & heard
him declare the said Instrument to be his last will and Testament & that they with
Andrew Peters, subscribed their names together as witnesses to the execution thereof in the
said Probate presence, and that he was then to the best of their judgment of sound & disposing
mind - I do prove approve and allow of the said Instrument, as the last will
and Testament of said deceased, and do commit the administration thereof in all mat-
ters the same concerning this Estate to and heeded & signed & approved in said Com-
monwealth unto Elijah Joff the before named executor well & faithfully to execute
said will & to administer the Estate of said deceased according thereto - who accept-
ed of said trust, and has given bond according to Law, I shall render an
account of his proceedings, when thereunto lawfully required - In Testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office the day and year above
written
for Dorr Prob

Entered from the Original by Joseph Wheeler Esq

John Spring
Will

In the Name of God Amen, the twentieth day of January in the year of our
Lord 1793 and in the Seventh year of America's Independence - I John Spring
of Northbridge in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts Esq in New
England Esq being at present through a divine mercy in health and of perfect mind and
memory, but feeling the nearness of the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is ap-
pointed for man Once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testa-
ment - That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul
into the hands of God who gave it, hope my through the merits of Christ to have
full and free pardon of all my sins and to inherit eternal life - And my Body
I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor here-
after mentioned, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following
manner & form - That is to say - First I will that all those debts that I do owe and my
funeral charges in convenient time be paid by my Executors hereafter named -
Item I give and bequeath unto Sarah my well beloved wife the improvement of one
half of my dwelling House during her natural life -
Item I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife One third part of my money notes &
Bonds, my Negro girl named Rose and also all my Household furniture -
Item I give and bequeath to my three sons to wit, John Samuel & Ephraim
the whole of my Estate not heretofore disposed of to be equally divided between them
my Negro man & woman named Philip & Phillis included) Reserving to be had where any
of them have raised any thing a part of portion - and I do hereby make and appoint
Sarah my well beloved wife John & Ephraim my dear full sons to be full & sole Executors
of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking, disannulling and making void all
former wills and bequests by me made and declaring this to be my last will & Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year above
written, Signed sealed, pronounced and declared in presence of the Subscribers