

whatsoever, that I shall die possessed of, by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed. And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testamentary wills legacies and executions by me in any will before named wills and before ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty nine.

Peter Linnell (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared, by the said Peter Linnell as his last will & testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Philander Hale.

Adolphus Fowler

Comfort Gould.

Worcester, p. At a Court of Probate Holden at Mendon on the fourth Tuesday of May A. D. 1840.

The instrument here to annexed, purporting to be the last will and testament of Peter Linnell, late of Northbridge in said County deceased, being offered for probate by Almon Linnell the executor therein named, and notice having been duly given, and no persons objecting to the probate thereof, and Adolphus Fowler, one of the witnesses thereto, making oath, that he saw said testator sign said will, and that he with Philander Hale and Comfort Gould, attested and subscribed the same as witnesses, in the presence of the testator, who was then of full age, and of sound mind; now judg'd that said instrument is proposed to be admitted, that the same be approved and allowed, as the last will and testament of said deceased.

Ezra M. Barton, Judge of Probate.

Simon Thornton.

In the name of God, Amen. I Simon Thornton of Mendon in the County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, being in good bodily health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and the certainty of death, do judge it best to make, and accordingly do hereby make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all other last wills and testaments by me heretofore made. As to all my property, real and personal, of which I shall be seized and possessed, I devise, bequeath and dispose of the same, in manner following, to wit.

First - My will is, that all my just debts and funeral charges shall be paid by my executor herein after named, out of my money at interest, as soon after my decease as convenient.

Next. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary 189

the rents, profits, use and improvement of all my real estate of every description and wheresoever situated, for and during her natural life. I also give and bequeath her all my personal estate of every description except my securities for money and personal property to be at her entire disposal. Said rents profits, use and improvement, of the real estate, to be subject to the payment of forty two dollars annually to Susanah Thornton of Bridge, widow, on a Bond given by me to said Susanah to pay that sum annually during her natural life, and to which direct my said wife to pay.

Next. I give, bequeath and devise to my two grand sons, viz. Jesse Smith Thornton, and Simon Eddy Thornton, Sons of my son Nancy Thornton, three fourth parts of all my real estate, of every description and wheresoever situated, after the decease of my said wife Mary, to be equally divided between them. To have and to hold the same to them their heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath them all my money at interest, or securities, to enable my executor to pay all my just debts, funeral charges, and the necessary charges of settling my estate, but in case said money at interest should prove insufficient therefor, then my will is, that my said two grandsons shall equally and faithfully pay such deficiency between them. And my will is, that they shall come into possession of the real estate, provided in this will, immediately after the decease of my said wife. My will is, that the real estate hereby devised to my said grand sons shall be subject to the payment of the legacies & debt hereafter mentioned.

Next. I give and bequeath to my son Nancy Thornton the sum of one hundred dollars.

Next. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary Nancy Whelock, wife of Henry Whelock, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Next. I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Alyada Smith Thornton, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

I hereby order and direct the above three legacies to be equally paid by my said two grandsons, in one year after the decease of my said wife. And further order and direct, that should the said Susanah Thornton survive my said wife Mary, then my said two said grand sons shall equally pay the said Susanah. The said forty two dollars annually on said Bond, as long as she does live.

Next. I give, bequeath and devise to my two daughters, viz. Julia Amy Smith, wife of Aaron Smith; and Mary