

in the same now is - also we assign a privilege in the threshing floor in the old Barn to said Widow for to lay her Hay & Grain into and to do her threshing on the same. Also we assign to said Widow a privilege to pass to the Chamber and Cellar Stairs and up down the same, for the purpose of her occupying her part of the Chamber and Cellar which are appraise One thousand four hundred & thirty eight Dollars or one full third part always reserving the following privilege for the benefit of the Heirs and their Assigns of said Deceased a privilege to pass and re-pass to and from the Well and draw Water from the same. Also a privilege to take in the Barn in said House also so much of the Cellar as shall be equal to the one half of the whole under said House. Also a privilege to pass from their part of the House out and in at the front & door of said House as occasion may require. Also a privilege to pass to and from the Corn Barn, and the right of occupying the Eastern half of the same. Also a privilege for said Heirs to convey the Water from the Spring in the Spring Pasture so called, into that part of said Pasture which by this description is set off to them but not to injure the Watering place made by said Spring on the Dower land.

Dated at Mendon this 10th day of April 1820.

*John Thayer.*

*Aaron Burdett*

*Andrew Peniman*

To the Hon. Nathaniel Prime Judge of Probate this may certify that we the Heirs & Heirs are satisfied with the within. —  
May 20th 1820.

*Prudence Staples*

*Johnson Legg*

*Ezra Staples*

*Abram Staples*

*Jason Staples*

*Deborah Staples*

*Seth Southwick Jr.*

*Abelus Freeman*

*Rufus Prime*

*Sendot Staples*

*Worcester Co. Probate Court*

*at Uxbridge Nov: 20 1820.*

Accepted & ordered to be Recorded. —  
*N. Prime J. Prob.*

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### *Hannah Cook's Real Estate.*

To the Honorable Nathaniel Prime Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester. The Subscriber being interested in the Real Estate of Hannah Cook late of Mendon deceased, requests a division and settlement thereof according to law.

*Worcester Co. To Newell Nelson of Milford and Andrew S.S. Peniman and Ezra Felt both of Mendon and all in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Greeting*

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You are hereby appointed and authorized, on oath, to appraise all the Real Estate whereof Hannah Cook late of Mendon in said County, deceased intestate, died seized and possessed in said Commonwealth, in his own right, in fee simple, not set out for Dower; each piece and parcel by itself with the bounds, and number of Acres, at the present time valued then of, all in words at length. And you are to sever the Estate of the said Deceased from the Estate of any other person with which it lays in common - then you are to distribute the same 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 spoiling the whole, preference being had to the Sons; and in all such impartially as you are sworn.

If any of the Children of said Deceased have received any thing of him in advance towards their portion, you are to signify 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 countersigning.

Finally, seal up this Commission with your doings and return the same with all convenient speed to the Register Office of Probate, by some one of yourselves.

Given under my hand and seal of Office this 6th day of June 1820. Wm. D. Prime J. Prob.

*Mercy Star Jr. June 6th 1820.*

Personally appeared the within named Heirs, Abigail Nelson, Andrew Peniman & Ezra Felt and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the trust reposed in them by the within Warrant, according to their best skill and judgment.

Before me Warren Dawson Justice of the Peace  
The Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Hon. Nathaniel Prime Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester for the purpose of appraising and dividing the Real Estate of Hannah Cook, late of Mendon deceased, among the Heirs of said Estate (exclusive of the Widow's Dower), have on oath attested that herein as follows.

The whole of said Estate we appraise at One Thousand and eight Dollars & fifty six cents. — The number of Acres being seven, we think it proper by their consent to settle said Estate on two of them, by their giving to the other Heirs their proportion of value in said Estate as is herein after mentioned.

We first set off to Betisca Ballou, Wife of Sumner Ballou, and also to Sumner Ballou, by his procuring a Deed from Susie Cook for her right in the Dwelling house, Hopyard, Barn and Barn lot as follows. The Western half of the Dwelling House bounded by that part set off to the Widow as Dower excluding the Privileges given to the