

The Last Will & Testament of William Bradford

The last Will and Testament Nunckupative of Mr William Bradford senir: Deceased May the Ninth 1657 and exhibited to the court held att Plymouth June 3d 1657

Mr Willam Bradford senir: being weake in body but in prfect memory haveing Defered the forming of his Will in hopes of haveing the healp of Mr Thomas Prence therin; feeling himselfe very weake anddrawing on to the conclusion of his mortall life spake as followeth; I could have Desired abler than myselfe in the Desposing of that I have; how my estate is none knowes better than youerselfe, said hee to Lieftenant Southworth; I have Desposed to John and Willam alreddy there proportions of land which they are possessed of; My Will is that what I stand Ingaged to pforme to my Children and others may bee made good out of my estate that my Name Suffer not;

ffurther my Will is that my son Joseph bee made in some sort equall to his brthern out of my estate;

My further Will is that my Deare & loveing wife Alice Bradford shalbee the sole Exequitrix of my estate; and for her future maintainance my Will is that my Stocke in the Kennebecke Trad bee reserved for her Comfortable Subsistence as farr as it will extend and soe further in any such way as may bee Judged best for her;

I further request and appoint my welbeloved Christian ffrinds Mr Thomas Prence Captaine Thomas Willett and Leiftenant Thomas Southworth to bee the Suppervissors for the Desposing of my estate according to the prmises Confiding much in there faithfulness

I commend unto youer Wisdome and Descretions some smale bookes written by my owne hand to bee Improved as you shall see meet; In speciall I Commend to you a little booke with a blacke cover wherin there is a word to Plymouth a word to Boston and a word to New England with sundry usefull verses;

These pticulars were expressed by the said Willam Bradford Govr the 9th of May 1657 in the prsence of us Thomas Cushman Thomas Southworth Nathaniell Morton; whoe were Desposed before the court held att Plymouth the 3d of June 1657 to the truth of the abovesaid Will that it is the last Will and Testament of the abovesaid Mr Willam Bradford Senir.

The inventory of the goods of William Bradford, deceased 1657

Note: inventories are valued in pounds (L), shillings (s) and pence (d). There were 12 pence (or pennies) to a shilling and 20 shillings to a pound.

beding and other thinges in ye old parler

	L	S	D
Impr: one feather bed and bolster	03	00	00
It a featherbed a featherbolster a featherpillow	03	00	00

It a Canvas bed with feathers and a bolster and 2 pillowes	01	15	00
It one green rug	01	00	00
It a paire of whit blankets	01	00	00
It 2 paire of old blankets	01	00	00
It one whit blanket	00	12	00
It 2 old Coverlidds	01	00	00
It 1 old white rugg and an old ridd Coverlidd	01	00	00
It 1 paire of old curtaines Darnickes & an old paire of say Curtaines	15	00	00
It a Court Cubberd	01	05	00
It a winescot bedsteed and a settle	01	10	00
It 4 lether Chaires	01	12	00
It 1 great lether Chaire	00	10	00
It 2 great wooden Chaires	00	08	00
It a Table & forme and 2 stooles	01	05	00
It a winscott Chist & Cubburd	01	05	00
It a Case with six knives	00	05	00
It 3 matchlock muskets	02	02	00
It a Snaphance Muskett	01	00	00
It a birding peece and an other smale peece	00	18	00
It a pistoll and Cutlas	00	12	00
It a Card and a platt	00	05	00
in the great rome			
It 2 great Carved Chaires	01	04	00
It a smale carved Chaire	00	06	00
It a Table and forme	01	02	00
It 3 striped Carpetts	01	05	00

It 10 Cushens	01	01	00
It 3 old Cushens	00	02	00
It a Causlett and one headpiece	01	10	00
It 1 fouling peece without a locke 3 old barrells of guns one paire of old bandeleers and a rest	00	16	00
linnin			
It 2 paire of holland sheets	02	00	00
It 1 Dowlis sheet	00	10	00
It 2 paire of Cotten and linnin Sheets	01	15	00
It 2 paire of hemp and Cotten sheets	01	15	00
It 2 paire of Canvas sheets	01	10	00
It 2 paire of old sheets	00	15	00
It 4 fine shirts	02	00	00
It a Douzen of Cotten and linnin napkins	00	12	00
It a Douzen of Canvas Napkins	00	06	00
It a Diaper Tablecloth and a Douzen of Diaper Napkins	02	10	00
It 10 Diaper napkins of an other sort a Diaper tablecloth and a Diaper Cubbard cloth	03	00	00
It 2 holland Tableclothes	01	00	00
It 2 short Tableclothes	00	05	00
It a Douzen of old Napkins	00	08	00
It halfe a Dousen of Napkins	00	08	--
It 3 old Napkins	00	02	00
It a Douzen of Course napkins & a course tablecloth	00	06	00
It 2 find holland Cubburd clothes	00	12	00
It 3 paire of holland pillowbeers	00	18	00
It 3 paire of Dowlis pillowbeers and an old one	00	14	00

It 4 holland Towells and a lockorum one	00	05	00
pewter			
It 14 pewter dishes weying 47 pounds att 15d pr pound	02	18	09
It 6 pewter plates & 13 pewter platters ewying thirty 2 pounds att 15d pr pound	02	00	00
It 2 pewter plates 5 sawsers 4 basons & 5 Dishes weying eighteen pounds att 15d pr pound	01	02	06
It 2 plates of pewter	00	03	04
It 2 quart potts & a pint pott	00	07	00
It 2 old fflagons an a yore [ewer]	00	09	00
It a pewter Candlesticke a salt and a little pewter bottle	00	03	00
It 4 venice glasses and seaven earthen	00	10	00
In the kitchen brasse			
It 2 ffrench kittles	01	10	00
It 1 brasse kittle	00	15	00
It 2 little ffrench kittles	00	06	00
It an old warming pan	00	05	00
It 2 old brasse kittles	00	02	00
It a Duch pan	00	04	00
It 3 brasse skilletts	00	04	00
It 3 brasse Candlestickes and a brasse mortar and pestle	00	07	00
It an old brasse skimmer and a ladle	00	01	00
It a paire of andjrons	00	06	00
It an old brasse stewpan	00	06	00
It 2 old brasse kittles	00	05	00
It 2 Iron skilletts and a Iron kittle	00	15	00
2 old great Iron pottes	01	00	00

It 2 Iron potts lesser	00	07	00
It 2 paire of pothangers 2 paire of pothooks	00	08	00
It 2 paire of tonggs and an old fier shovel	00	03	04
It one paire of Andjrons and a gridjron	00	10	00
It a spitt and an old Iron Driping pan	00	05	00
It a paire of Iron Rackes and an Iron veele and another peec of old Iron to lay before a Driping pan	00	20	00
It 4 Dozen of Trenchers	00	02	06
It 2 Juggs and 3 smale bottles	00	02	00
in the New Chamber his clothes			
It a stufte suite with silver buttons & a Coate	04	00	00
It a Cloth Cloake faced with Taffety and lined throw with baies	03	10	00
It a sad coullered Cloth suite	02	00	00
It a Turkey Grogorum suite and cloake	02	00	00
It a paire of blacke briches and a rid waistcoat	00	15	00
It a lead coullered cloth suit with silver buttons	02	00	00
It a sad coullered short coate and an old serge suite	01	10	00
It a black cloth coate	00	15	00
It a broad cloth Coate	01	05	00
It a light Coullered stufte Coate	00	16	00
It an old green gounne	01	00	00
It a light Cullered Cloth Cloake	01	15	00
It an old violett Coullered Cloake	01	05	00
It a short coate of Cloath	00	10	00
It 2 old Dublett and a paire of briches a short coate and an old stufte Dublitt and wastcoate	01	00	00

It 2 paire of stockens	00	07	00
It 2 hates a blacke one and a coullered one	01	10	00
It 2 old hats	00	16	00
It 2 great Chaire and 2 wrought Stooles	01	00	00
It a Carved Chist	01	00	00
It a Table	00	15	00

the plate

It one great beer bowle	03	00	00
It an other beer bowle	02	00	00
It 2 wine Cupps	02	00	00
It a salt	03	00	00
It the trencher salt and a Drame cup	00	15	00
It 4 silver spoones	01	04	00
It 9 silver spoones	02	05	00

In the Studdie

It eight paire of shooes of the 12s	02	00	00
It 6 paire of shoes of the 10s	01	04	00
It one paire of the eights	00	03	04
It 3 pare of the 7s	00	09	00
It 2 paire of the sixes	00	02	08
Item 1 paire of the 5s 1 paire of the 4s 1 paire of the 3s	00	06	00
It 4 yards and an halfe of linncy woolcye	00	13	06
It 3 remnants of English Cotton	00	16	00
It 3 yards and an halfe of bayes	00	07	00
It 17 yards of Course English moheer	02	02	06
It 4 yards and 3 quarters of purpetuanna	01	00	00
It 18 yards of rid penistone	03	03	00

It 5 yards of broad cloth	13	15	00
It 2 yards of broad cloth	01	10	00
It 2 1/2 yards and an halfe of olive cullered Carsye	00	15	00
It a yard and an halfe of whitish Carsey	00	07	00
It 4 yards of Gray carsye	01	04	00
It 5 yards and an halfe of rid Carsye	01	07	06
It 4 yards and a quarter of Carsy ollive coullered	01	10	00
It 7 yards of Carsye sad Cullered	02	06	08
It 10 yards of gray Carsye	02	10	00
It 6 yards and an halfe of rid plaine	01	19	00
It 9 yards and an halfe of rash	03	16	00
It 6 yards of Holland	01	08	00
It a remnant of Cushening	00	05	00
It 7 smale moose skines	04	08	00
It in Cash	151	09	06
It his Deske	00	05	00
It 2 Cases with some emty bottles	00	10	00
It 3 or 4 old cases	00	03	00
his bookes in folio			
Mr Perkins works	01	10	00
It 3 of Docter Willetts workes viz on genesis exodus & Daniell	01	00	00
It the ffrench acaddamey	00	08	00
It the Guiciardin	00	10	00
It the history of the Church	00	08	00
It bodins Comons wealth	00	06	00

It B Babbingtons works	00	08	00
It Peter Martire Comon places	00	15	00
It Cartwright on the remish Testament	00	10	00
It the history of the Netherlands	00	15	00
It Peter Martire on the Romans	00	05	00
It Mayers workes on the New Testament	01	00	00
It Cottens Concordance	00	08	00
his books			
Speeds generall Description of the world	01	10	00
Weames Christian Sinnagogue and the portrature of the Image of God in man	--	08	00
It Luther on the gallations	00	02	00
It the method of phiscicke	00	02	00
It Calvins harmony and Calvins Comentary on the actes	00	08	00
It Downhams 2cond pte of Christian Warfare	00	03	00
It Mr Cottens Answare to mr Willams	00	02	00
It Taylers libertie of Prophecye	00	01	06
It Gouges Domesticall Dutyes	00	02	06
It Justification of Seperation or reasons Descused & observations Devine & morall the synode att Dort; the Apollogye	00	06	00
It mr Ainsworths workes the Counterpoison the triing out of truth	00	02	00
It Mr Ainsworth on geniseis Exodus & livitticus	00	04	00
It Calvin on genises	00	02	06
It Dike on the Deceitfulness of mans hart	00	01	06
It Gifford refuted	00	00	06

It Dod on the Comaundments & an other of his	00	03	00
It three and fifty smale books	01	06	06
It Calvine on the epistles in Duch with Divers other Duch books	00	15	00
It 2 bibles	01	00	00
It a paire of boots	00	05	00
It in lether	00	18	00
It 2 old Chists	00	10	00
It 6 old barrells a bucking tubb a brewing tubb & other old lumber	01	00	00
It a pcell of Cotten woole & a pcell of sheepes woole	02	10	00
It a pcell of feathers	00	12	00
It 3 ewe sheep	04	10	00
It 3 middleing sheep & a poor one	04	00	00
It a rame lambbe and an halfe & half an ewe lamb	00	16	06
It the old mare	12	00	00
It a lame mare and an horse coult	14	00	00
It a horse of two yeare old and advantage	07	00	00
It an other horse coult of yeare and advantage	05	10	00
It 4 bullockes	20	00	00
It 7 Cowes	28	00	00
It a bull	04	00	00
It 2 young bulls of two year old	04	10	00
It a heifer of three yeare old not with Calfe	03	05	00
It 2 heifers of two years old	05	00	00
It 4 yearlings	06	00	00
It five Calves	03	00	00
It a sow and 2 hoggs	02	15	00

It five smale shoats	01	10	00
It the house and orchyard and some smale pcells of land about the towne of Plymouth	45	00	00
It 2 spinning wheeles & a wether	00	16	00

Att the Westward in Debts upon the Duch account Consisting in Divers pcells	153	00	00
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Item Debts owing to the estate

It the Kennebeck Stocke Consisting in goods and Debts both English and Indians	256	00	00
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More Debts owing in the bay It in Doute the shoomakers hands	05	00	00
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It in Mannsses Kemptons hands	05	00	00
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It more belonging to the estate in Divers pticulars	57	00	00
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Debts owing from the estate

It to Mr Davis and mr Sheffe	05	00	00
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It to Samuell Sturtivant	02	03	00
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It 2 the townes land	01	12	00
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It John Jourdain about	02	00	00
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It To goodman Clarke about	03	10	00
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It two goodman Nelson for killing of Cattle & for veale	01	18	06
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It to William Palmer	12	04	00
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It To the Church of Plymouth	05	10	00
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Some pcells of land not mencioned above belonging to Mr William Bradford senir:

It one pcell att Eastham and another att Bridgwater

It a smale pcell about Sawtuckett and his purchase land att Coasksett with his right in the townes land
at Punctatessett

By us Thomas Cushman John Dunham

It Sundrey Implements forgotten belonging to the teame