



THE WILL OF HENRY SAMPSON

"Duxburrow this 24th of the 10th 1684

The Last Will and Testament of henery Sampson of Duxburrow;

In the Name of God Amen

Know all prsons whom it may Concerne that I henery Sampson being in my right understanding Doe thuse will and bequeth my estate to be Disposed of, after my Death

1 I Doe Comitt and Comend my soule to God that gave it mee whom I trust hath redemed it; and my body to the earth for a season; Desiering that I may be Decently buried;

2 It is my will that all prsonall Debts be payed out of my prsonall estate; and that my funerall Charges before any legacyes

3 I Doe Give and bequeath unto my son Stephen one third prte of my whole puchase of Land lying and being in the Township of Dartmouth;

4 I Doe Give unto my son John one third of my whole purchase of Lands lying and being within the Township of Dartmouth;

5 I Give and bequeath unto my son James the remaining prte of the other third of my Land lying within the Towneship of Dartmouth; That is thuse Joseph Russell is to have the Land which was my son Jameses sold to him the said Russell; and I signed it taken out of the Last third; and the remainder is that which I Doe bequeath to my son James for hee had the Mony for the Land that was sold to the abovesaid Russell;

6 I Doe further give and bequeath unto my son James one shilling;

7 I Doe give and bequeath unto my son Caleb one shilling;

8 I Doe Grant unto my Daughter Elizabeth now the wife of Roberd Sprout one shilling;

9 I Doe Give and bequeath unto my Daughter hannah now the wife of Josias holmes one shillinge;

10 It: I Doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Now the wife of John hanmore ten shillings;

11 I Doe Give and bequeath unto Mary my Daughter Now the wife of John Summers; one shillinge

12 I Doe give unto my Daughter Dorcas now the wife of Thomas Bony one shillinge

13 I Doe Constitute ordaine and appoint; my son Stephen to be executor of this my Last Will and Testament to pay all my Debts and Legacyes and to receive all Dues;

14 It is my Desire that my trusty and honored frind mr Wiswall would be the overseer of this my last will and Testament; Thus Desireing to waite untill my Change shalbe; and that those that come aftr may be att Peace; I shall subscribe with my hand and seale the Day & yeer above expressed; signed and sealed in the prsence of the witnesses:

Thomas Delano

Joseph Channdeler

Henery Sampson, his H marke, seale

Thomas Delano & Joseph Chandeler made oath in Court the 5th of March 1684/85 that they see henery Sampson signe seale and Declare this to be his Last will and Testament; and that

to the best of their Judgment hee was of a Disposeing mind when hee soe Did;

The inventory of the estate of Henry Sampson

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.

An Inventory taken of the estate of the Late Deceased Henry Sampson of Duxberrow by us whose Names are under written;

Item To Land in Dartmouth	70	00	00
Item To one Cow	02	05	00
Item Armes wearing Clothes and Lyberary	04	10	00
Item To bedes and bedding	12	00	00
Item To pewter brasse & Iron	10	00	00
Item a Table and benches	01	10	00
Item to one and harnise	00		
Item to Chaines and plow Irons and Glasse bottells	01		
Item To one Chest three wheeles and some other Lumber	01		
Item To Corne	08		
The totall sume is	106		

The Debts that are Due out of the estate			
is first To Elizabeth Sproute	01	05	00
To mr Winge of Boston	03	10	00
To mr Thomas three Gallons of Rum And other funerall charges	00	18	04
To mr Wiswall	00	08	00
To the Country	00	04	00

Thomas Delano
Joseph Chandeler

Stephen Sampson made oath in Court the 5th of March 1684/85 that this a true Inventory of the estate of Henry Sampson Deceased' and that when hee knowes more hee will cause it to be added to this Inventory as Attests

Nathaniel Morton, Secretary

Mayflower Descendant, Volume 2, p. 142-144.