



The last will and testament of John Howland

"Know all men to whom these presents shall Come That I John howland senior of the Towne of New Plymouth in the Collonie of New Plymouth in New England in America, this twenty ninth Day of May one thousand six hundred seaventy and two being of whole mind, and in Good and perfect memory and Remembrance praised be God; being now Grown aged; haveing many Infirmities of body upon mee; and not Knowing how soon God will call mee out of this world, Doe make and ordaine these presents to be my testament Containing herein my last Will in manor and forme following;

"Imp I Will and bequeath my body to the Dust and my soule to God that Gave it in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrection unto Glory; and as Concerning my temporall estates, I dispose thereof as followeth;

"Item I Doe give and bequeath unto John howland my eldest sonne besides what lands I have already given him, all my Right and Interest To that one hundred acres of land granted mee by the Court lying on the eastern side of Taunton River; between Teticutt and Taunton bounds and all the appurtenances and priviledges Therunto belonging, To belonge to him and his heires and assignes for ever; and if that Tract should faile, then to have all my Right title and Interest by and in that Last Court grant to mee in any other place, To belonge to him his heires and assignes for ever

"Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jabez howland all those my upland and Medow That I now posseesse at Satuckett and Paomett, and places adjacent, with all the appurtenances and priviledges, belonging therunto, and all my right title and Interest therein, To belonge to him his heires and assignes for ever,

"Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Jabez howland all that my one peece of land that I have lying on the southsyde of the Mill brooke, in the towne of Plymouth aforesaid; be it more or less; and is on the Northsyde of a feild that is now Gyles richards senior to belonge to the said Jabez his heires and assignes for ever;

"Item I give and bequeath into Isacke howland my youngest sonne all those my uplands and meddowes Devided and undivided with all the appurtenances and priviledges unto them belonging, lying and being in the Towne of Middlebery, and in a tract of Land Called the MajorsPurchase neare Namassakett Ponds; which I have bought and purchased of William White of Marshfeild in the Collonie of New Plymouth; which may or shall appeer by any Deed or writing that is Given under the said Whites hand all such Deeds or writings Together with the aforesaided particulares To belonge to the said Isacke his heires and assignes for ever;

"Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Isacke howland the one half of my twelve acre lott of Meddow That I now have att Winnatucsett River within the Towne of Plymouth aforesaid To

belonge to him the said Isacke howland his heires and assignes for ever,

"Item I Will and bequeath unto my Deare and loveing wife Elizabeth howland the use and benefitt of my now Dwelling house in Rockey nooke in the Township of Plymouth aforsaid, with the outhousing lands, That is uplands and meddow lands and all appurtenances and priviledges therunto belonging in the Towne of Plymouth and all other Lands housing and meddowes that I have in the said Towne of Plymouth excepting what meddow and upland I have before given To my sonnes Jabez and Isacke howland During her naturall life to Injoy make use of and Improve for her benefitt and Comfort;

"Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph howland after the Decease of amy loveing wife Elizabeth howland my aforsaid Dwelling house att Rockey nooke together with all the outhousing uplands and Meddowes appurtenances and priviledges belonging therunto; and all other housing uplands and meddowes appurtenances and priviledges That I have within the aforsaid Towne of New Plymouth excepting what lands and meadowes I have before Given To my two sonnes Jabez and Isacke; To belong to him the said Joseph howland To him and his heires and assignes for ever;

"Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Desire Gorum twenty shillings

"Item I give and bequeath To my daughter hope Chipman twenty shillings

"Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Dickenson twenty shillings

"Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lydia Browne twenty shillings

"Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter hannah Bosworth twenty shillings

"Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ruth Cushman twenty shillings

"Item I give to my Grandchild Elizabeth howland The Daughter of my son John howland twenty shillings

"Item my will is That these legacyes Given to my Daughters, be payed by my exequitrix in such species as shee thinketh meet;

"Item I will and bequeath unto my loveing wife Elizabeth howland, my Debts and legacyes being first payed, my whole estate: biz: lands houses goods Chattles;; or any thinge else that belongeth or appertaineth unto mee, undisposed of be it either in Plymouth Duxburrow or Middlebery or any other place whatsoever; I Doe freely and absolutly give and bequeath it all to my Deare and loveing wife Elizabeth howland whom I Doe by these presents, make ordaine and Constitute to be the sole exequitrix of this my Last will and Testament to see the same truely and faithfully prformed according to the tenour thereof; In witness wherof I the said John howland senir have heerunto sett my hand and seale the aforsaid twenty ninth Day of May, one thousand six hundred seaventy and two 1672."

John howland

And a seale

Signed and sealed in the prsence of Samuell fuller William Crow

The inventory of the goods of John Howland, deceased 1673

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.

In the outward or fier Rome	L	s	d
Impr 1 muskett 1 long Gun 1 Cutlas 1 belt att	02	10	00
Item 1 Chimney Iron barr 2 paire of pot	00	09	00

hangers			
Item 1 fier shovell 1 paire of tonges 1 paire of Cob irons	00	07	00
Item 1 frying pan 1 smoothing box and Irons	00	05	06
Item 1 adds 2 axes 1 mortising axe 1 hoe	00	11	06
Item 3 augers 1 pikaxe	00	05	00
Item 1 hammer 1 paire of Pincers 1 Drawing knife 1 splitting kniffe	00	02	00
Item 2 Cow bells 1 old Chaine, and Divers peeces of old Iron Aules & a box	00	05	00
Item 2 presshookes 1 paire of sheep sheers 2 sickles	00	04	00
Item 1 pruning Instrument 1 peece of steele	00	02	00
Item 2 staples 1 peec of a Chaine	00	01	06
Item 2 staples 4 peeces of a chaine	00	01	06
Item 1 Dagger three knives 2 paire of sissers 2 paire of stilliyards	00	06	00
Item 1 padlock 1 thwart saw 3 wedges 1 ploughshare	00	10	00
Item 3 Iron potts 1 paire of pothookes 1 Iron kettle	01	06	00
Item 2 brasse kittles 1 warming pan	01	15	00
Item 1 skimer 1 ladle 1 sawsse pan 1 brasse skillett	00	04	06
Item 6 pewter platters 3 basons 3 smale pewter thinges	01	07	00
Item a quart pot 1 candlesticke 1 beer bowle	00	05	00
Item 3 porringers 1 Dram cupp 1 Tunnell	00	03	00
Item 2 salt sellers 2 chamber potts 7 spoones	00	10	00
Item 1 Iron candlesticke 1 latten pott 1 Ironsockett	00	02	00
Item 1 shove Iron 2 wahsers 2 old sikles and old Iron	00	02	00
Item 4 earthen potts 1 pan and 1 Jugg and earthen ware	00	02	00
Item 1 hatchell	00	05	00
Item 1 great bible and Annotations on the 5 bookes of Moses	01	00	00
Item mr Tindalls workes mr Wilsons workes 7 more bookes	01	00	00
Item 3 wheeles 1 cherne 1 straning Dish	00	13	00
Item 3 cheesfatts 11 trayes 1 kimnell	00	05	06
Item 3 pailles six tubbs 1 ladle 1 cheese	00	14	06

ladder			
Item trenchers Roleing pins and some smale things	00	02	00
Item 3 Chaires stooles old barrells 3 Cushens	00	07	00
Item 3 beer vessells	00	04	00
	16	06	00

**In the Inward Rome or bedchamber
his wearing apparell**

Item 3 hatts	00	16	00
Item 3 great coate	02	00	00
Item 1 suite of cloth	03	00	00
Item 1 serge suite	01	10	00
Item 1 homespon suite and wastcoate	00	15	00
Item 1 suite	00	12	00
Item old clothes	00	06	00
Item 2 red wastcoates	01	05	00
Item 6 paire of Stokens	01	00	00
Item 1 Jackett and one paire of Mittens	00	13	06
Item 1 holland shirt	00	12	00
Item 4 shirts	00	18	00
Item 4 holland capps 4 Dowlis capps and 4 other capps	00	10	00
Item 2 silke Neckclothes	00	07	06
Item 1 paire of bootes 2 paire of shooes	01	00	00
	15	11	00

In the said Rome

Item 4 remnants of clothe	00	19	00
Item 2 yards of serg	00	10	00
Item 3 yards 1/2 of carsey	01	15	00
Item 4 Dozen of buttons 1/2 10 skines of silke 3 yards of Manchester	00	04	00
Item 17 yards of fflax and cotton cloth att	02	11	00
Item 1 peece of fine Dowlis	00	08	06
Item 1 remnant of lincye woolsey	00	08	00
Item about 16 yards of several remnants of homade Cloth callued att	03	10	00
	10	05	06

In the aforsaid Inward Roome

Item 1 pound of woolen yerne	00	03	00
Item 1 paire of sheets	01	05	00
Item 2 paire of sheets	01	10	00
Item 1 paire of sheets 1 halfe sheet	01	05	00

Item 1 paire of sheets att	00	10	00
Item a paire of holland pillowbeers	00	08	09
Item 2 paire of pillowbeers	00	08	09
Item 3 pillowbeers	00	06	00
Item 1 Table cloth and 7 napkins	00	13	00
Item 10 towells	00	07	00
Item 4 smale Table clothes	00	04	00
Item 2 smale pillowbeers	00	1	06
Item 1 Table and 2 formes	00	10	00
Item 1 cobbert and a framed chaire	00	08	00
Item 4 chest and 1 settle	01	00	00
Item 1 bedsted and box and coard	00	12	00
Item 1 seifing trough and 2 seives	00	04	00
Item 1 glass 2 glasse bottles 2 earthen potts	00	03	00
Item 1 wineglasse gallipotts and spectacles	00	02	00
Item 2 paire of coards one bed cord 1 fishing line	00	05	06
Item some hobnailes & twelvepeny nailes	00	02	00
Item 5 peeces of Dresed lether one peece of taned lether	00	06	00
Item a smale prcell of hemp and hopps	00	02	00
Item 3 or 4 basketts 1 brush 1 file	00	01	00
Item Cotton woole about a Dozen pound	00	12	00
[I]tem 3 old caske	00	02	00
Item 1 feather bed and bolster 3 great & 2 smale pillowes	05	00	00
Item 5 blanketts	03	15	00
Item 1 rugg and one blankett	01	15	00
Item 1 blankett att	00	15	00
Item in reddy mony	01	19	00
Item a smale prcell of powder shott and bulletts	00	03	00
Item 1 Inkhorn	00	00	06
	24	14	03

In the uper Roome or Chamber

Item 1 feather bed bolster and pillow	04	00	00
Item 2 blanketts and a Rugg	01	05	00
Item 1 woole or fflocke bed 2 feather bolsters and a pillow	02	00	00
Item 2 blanketts	00	15	00
Item 1 bedstead cord and box	00	10	00
Item 1 prcell of sheeps woole about fifteene pound	00	25	00

Item a pcell of feathers about 15 or 16 pound	00	15	00
Item a cupple of old hogsheds and an old candlestick	00	02	00
Item 20 bushells or therabouts of Indian corne	03	00	00
Item 4 bushells of Mault or therabouts	00	16	00
Item 4 bushells of Rye or therabouts	00	14	00
Item 6 bushells of wheat or therabouts	01	07	00
Item 3 peckes of pease or therabouts	00	02	00
Item 2 bushells and a halfe of barly or therabouts	00	01	00
Item 2 ffliches of bacon and 1 third of a barrell of porke	02	00	00
Item 1 halfe of a barrell of beeff and 2 empty barrells	00	15	00
Item 15 pound of Tallow and Candles	00	07	06
Item 34 pound of butter & lard	00	17	00
Item 14 pound of sugare	00	07	00
Item 1 halfe hogshed	00	03	00
Item 1 pad 1 pillian 1 bridle 1 sheepskin	00	05	00
Item 6 pound of Tobacco 1 pecke of beans	00	04	00
Item 1 grindstone and handles 1 ffan	00	09	00
Item 8 baggs 15s old Iron 1 shilling	00	16	00
	22	14	06

Cattle

Item 2 mares and one colt	03	00	00
Item 4 oxen 4 cowes	24	00	00
Item 2 heiffers and 3 steers of three years old	12	10	00
Item 2 two yeare old heiffers 2 yearling calves	03	10	00
Item 13 swine	04	15	00
Item 45 sheep young and old	15	00	00
Item the one halfe of a paire of Iron bound wheeles and cart and 12 bolts 2 shakles	02	02	06
Item 1 paire of hookes and a staple	00	01	06
Item 1 bullockes hyde	00	14	00
Item a cannooe	00	05	00
	65	18	00

Debts Due to the Testator

ffrom John Branch of Marshfeild att 2 severall payments the sume of	08	00	00
Edward Gray 1 barrell of salt	00	12	00

Item a Debt Due from a frind	00	10	00
	09	02	00
Brought from the other side	155	09	3
Sume	164	11	03

Debts owing by the Testator

To Elder Thomas Cushman	00	15	00
To Thomas Cushman Junir	00	05	00
To John Clarke	00	10	06
To Edward Gray	00	08	03
To William Crow	00	02	00
To John Gorum	01	12	00
To two or three smale Debts about ffunerall Charges	00	02	00
	03	08	00
Debts Deducted	07	02	02

The totale of the estate prised 157 08 08

Wee find that the Testator Died possessed of these severall pcells of Land following;

Impr his Dwelling house with the outhousing uplands and meddow belonging therunto lying att Rockey nooke in the Towne of New Plymouth

Item a pcell of meddow att Joneses river meddow

Item the one halfe of a house and a pcell of meddow and upland belonging therunto lying and being att Colchester in the aforsaid Townshipp

Itm a pcell of meddow and upland belonging therunto; lying neare Joneses river bridge in the Towne of Duxburrow

Item one house and 2 shares of a tract of land and meddow that lyeth in the Towne of Middleberry that was purchased by Captaine Thomas Southworth of and from the Indian Sachem Josias Wampatucke

Item 2 Shares of a track of Land Called the Majors Purchase lying neare Namassakett ponds

pr nos Thomas Cushman senir, Ephraim Tinkham senir, William Crow