

The Last Will and Testament of Sarah Jenney

Aprill the 4th 1654 Mrs Sarah Jeney of Plymouth being sicke and weake in body being otherwise by gods goodnes of pfect memory Doeth think good to Despose of some smale thinges that is my owne proper goods leaveing my husbands will to take place according to the true Intent and meaning thereof; I bequeath to my Daughter Pope my bed and furniture therunto belonging one bolster two pillows and pillowbeers three blanketts one old Rugg one pair of sheets, further I bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Pope all my wearing Clothes to Despose of them to my Daughter Abigaill Wood and to my grandchild Sarah Wood for their use as they have need excepting two of my petticoats which have not been worne which I give to my Daughter Sarah Pope for her paines furher I bequeath to my son Samuell Jeney and to my Daughter Abigaill Wood my Mare equally to bee Devided between them; further I bequeath to my son Benjamin Bartlett all my pte of Cattle that is in the hands of Joseph Warren att the Eelriver further my will is that my sheep bee kept together till my legacies bee paied; and my will further is to give unto the Teacher Mr John Reyner one ewe lambe further I give to the Elder Mr Thomas Cushman one ewe lambe and the bible which was my Daughter susannas further I bequeath to my loveing frind goodwife Clarke one ewe lambe and alsoe I give one ewe lambe to Thomas Southworth.

Sarah Jeney, her marke

Witnesse, Thomas Southworth

"Att the generall Court held att Plymouth the fift of march 1655 (1656) Leiftenant Thomas Southworth Testified upon his oath that the Will abovewritten is all the will of Mis Sarah Jeney Deceased which shee left with him."

"August the 18th Anno: 1655

"An Adition to my late Will left in the hands of Leiftenant Southworth;

"My Will is that That which is my owne since the Death of my husband I give to my two Daughters and the Children of my son Samuell Except in what I give as followeth one Colt I give to the three Daughters of my Children viz Sarah Wood Susanna Pope and Sarah Jeney if shee come hither to abide or ells not to have any pte of this Colt or any thing ells of my estate; morover my will is that if my son Samuell take away his Children that are now heer with mee then my will is that none of them shall have any thinge of myne estate but it shalbee Reserved for the two boyes if they Doe well when they come to age; It I give unto Benjamine Bartlett onely the Starred Cow which is att Thomas Popes Recaling whatsoever ells is mencioned in my former will; alsoe I give unto my Daughter Sarah Pope the bed I now lye on and the two pillows and three blanketts and the Rugg and also two petticoates one being of Turkey Moheire Confeirming whatsoever ells is in my former Will Will In Witnesse wherof I have put to my hand the Day and Yeare above written and I give unto Leiftenant Southworth one ewe lamb.

Sarah Jeney, her marke

In the prsence of William Bradford, Alice Bradford her marke

"And I desire my loveing ffrinds capt: Standish Elder Cushman Thomas Clarke and Thomas Pope to bee the overseers of this my will;

"Att the general Court held att Plymouth the fift of March 1655 (1656) Mr Willam Bradford Senir: and mis alice Bradford Did Testify upon their oathes that this next before rwritten was the last will and Testament of Mis Sarah Jeney Deceased

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 8, p. 171-172.

**THE INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF MISTRESS SARAH JENNEY,
18 February 1655/6**

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.

| | L | s | d |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Impr 2 Cowes | 08 | 00 | 00 |
| It the halfe of a heifer and a steer of 3 year old att Spring | 03 | 10 | 00 |
| It the halfe of 2 yearlinges | 01 | 00 | 00 |
| It beefe in John Rouses hand four hundred grosse 9 pound and of Tallow and suite and 18s in a hyde the halfe of this being mis Jeneys | 02 | 14 | 02 |
| It one Cow in henery Woods hand & halfe a 2 year old | 04 | 00 | 00 |
| It one mare | 16 | 00 | 00 |
| It one horse of 2 year old | 06 | 10 | 00 |
| It one coult of a year old | 04 | 00 | 00 |
| It 6 ewes and and an ewe lamb & a young Ram | 09 | 00 | 00 |
| It a Copper kettle | 01 | 08 | 00 |
| It one Copper kettle | 01 | 01 | 00 |
| It 2 large brasse kettle | 01 | 08 | 00 |
| It 4 smale kettles | 00 | 15 | 00 |
| It one brasse pan and a old broken skillett | 00 | 12 | 00 |
| It one brasse ladle and Skimer | 00 | 01 | 00 |
| It one brasse Candlestick and Skillett | 00 | 02 | 00 |
| It one warming pan | 00 | 03 | 00 |
| It one large Iron pott | 00 | 10 | 00 |
| It one Iron kittle | 00 | 05 | 00 |
| It one Iron pot and 2 broken ones | 00 | 12 | 00 |
| It one frying pan | 00 | 02 | 00 |
| It one Iron posnett | 00 | 02 | 06 |
| It one paire of tonges and fier shovell | 00 | 01 | 06 |
| It one Iron Skillett | 00 | 02 | 00 |
| It one pair of andirons | 00 | 10 | 00 |
| It 2 paire of pothangers | 00 | 05 | 00 |
| It 3 old peeces & a pistell & a paire of bandealers | 01 | 10 | 00 |
| It an Iron pestle & a wooden Mortert | | 01 | 06 |
| It a smothing Iron a paire of sheepsheers | | 03 | 06 |
| It a paire of stilliards | | 06 | 00 |
| It a Tamy petticoat & a Tallaminko wastocat | 01 | 00 | 00 |
| It a petticoat & wastcoat | 01 | 16 | 00 |
| It a petticoat & wastcoat of Phillip & cheney | 00 | 17 | 00 |
| It an old coat & wastcoat | 00 | 07 | 00 |

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| It an old coat & wastcoat | 00 | 07 00 |
| It an old under petticoat | 01 | 00 00 |
| It one lose coat | 00 | 05 00 |
| It a yard of broad cloth | 00 | 16 00 |
| It 3 petticoates | 00 | 16 00 |
| It one old stuffe gowne | 00 | 08 00 |
| It 2 old wastcoasts | 00 | 04 00 |
| It a new Carsy wastcoat | 00 | 10 00 |
| It a cloth lose coate | 01 | 05 00 |
| It 2 paier of bodies | 00 | 03 00 |
| It 2 old curtaines | 00 | 02 00 |
| It 4 say aprons | 00 | 16 00 |
| It one hatt | 00 | 10 00 |
| It a carpett | 00 | 06 00 |
| It a muffe | 00 | 02 00 |
| It 2 brushes | 00 | 01 00 |
| It yard of teeking | 00 | 02 00 |
| It five fine old sheets | 01 | 05 00 |
| It 9 paire of old sheets & 4 halfe sheets | 04 | 00 00 |
| It a flanell Coat | 00 | 06 00 |
| It 3 silver spoones | 00 | 15 00 |
| It a Dozen of napkins | 00 | 12 00 |
| It twelve pillowveers | 00 | 18 00 |
| It 7 Table clothes & 2 long towels | 01 | 00 00 |
| It 8 sheets | 01 | 10 00 |
| It a salme booke | 00 | 01 00 |
| It old linnin and a shift | 00 | 06 00 |
| It a swath | 00 | 00 06 |
| It 6 white aprones | 02 | 00 00 |
| It 6 Double clouts | 00 | 03 00 |
| It 2 silke capps & a hood and 2 Skarffes | 01 | 00 00 |
| It a Callico apron and an old pillowbeer | 00 | 03 00 |
| It 13 Crosclotehs & Dressings | 00 | 16 00 |
| It 21 handkerchifes | 02 | 00 00 |
| It 6 Dressings | 00 | 04 00 |
| It 12 quoyves | 01 | 00 00 |
| It 13 quoyves | 00 | 08 08 |
| It 48 peeces of linnin as quoyves and Stomengers and other linnin | 00 | 06 00 |
| It 17 peeces of pewter 2 bsons & 4 porrengers | 02 | 19 04 |
| It 2 quart pots & a pint pott | 00 | 06 04 |
| It 5 pewter cupps and beaker & a salt | 00 | 04 00 |

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| It a chamber pott & 2 old dishes & 2 sawsers | 00 | 05 00 |
| It 1 bason | 00 | 02 06 |
| It one leten Driping pan & 2 smale leten pans | 00 | 02 06 |
| It a letten Sugar box | 00 | 01 00 |
| It 2 bottomes of frying pans | 00 | 00 06 |
| It 8 peeces of earthen ware & a ston Jugg | 00 | 04 00 |
| It 7 trayes & other wooden dishes & a smale tubb | 00 | 04 00 |
| It a Cheespresse and a paile & an old kimnell | 00 | 02 00 |
| It a smale spitt | 00 | 01 00 |
| It a great Trough & 3 seives | 00 | 08 00 |
| It black bill | 00 | 01 08 |
| Cartwright on the Remise | 00 | 06 00 |
| It Downhams workes | 00 | 06 00 |
| It 4 old bookes | 00 | 00 06 |
| It Mr ainsworth on geneses & Exodus | 00 | 02 06 |
| It a great bible & a smale one | 00 | 11 00 |
| It a Chaire & form & 2 stooles | 00 | 10 00 |
| It 2 whees | 00 | 04 00 |
| It a chaire Talbe | 00 | 04 00 |
| It a brewers slinges | 00 | 02 00 |
| It a Table | 00 | 12 00 |
| It 2 bedsteds | 00 | 12 00 |
| It in old Iron one hundred & six pound neat | 00 | 16 00 |
| It an old axe & spade & other old thinges & a lamp | 00 | 03 00 |
| It 6 sett Cushens | 00 | 10 00 |
| It a bed and bolster pillow & 2 whit blankets | 01 | 12 00 |
| It 11 p ound of sheeps woole & 4 pound of cottenwoole | | 15 00 |
| It a bed & 2 pillowes | 02 | 00 00 |
| It a bed and bolster 2 pillowes & 2 old blankets & 2 old Rugges | <u>03</u> | <u>00 00</u> |
| | 17 | 08 10 |
| More 6 neckclothes & 2 handkerchifes one course old lynyng 12 pcells of lase & yarne & odd thinges | 00 | 07 00 |
| It a paire of kiuves & gloves & paire of sleeves | 00 | 06 00 |
| It yarne linnin & woolen | 00 | 01 06 |
| It a Cotton sheet | 00 | 08 00 |
| It five Chists & a Case | 00 | 18 00 |
| It the land & meddow att Lakenham | 07 | 00 00 |
| It all the land att Strawberry hill and meddow att the salthouse beach | 14 | 00 00 |
| It the purchasers land | 10 | 00 00 |
| It The Mill with the land belonging to it and Dwelling house and all such thinges belonging therto | 100 | 00 00 |

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| It a gridiron & 2 paire of Cards | 00 | 03 00 |
| It a Dozen of trenchers & a spanish lether skin | 00 | 04 00 |
| It a paire of stockens & a paire of shooes & 2 old aprons | <u>00</u> | <u>04 00</u> |
| | <u>127</u> | <u>04 06</u> |
| Summa Totalis | 248 | 05 08 |

It money one peece of eight & 2 halfe Crownes & more
seaven pence in silver

| | | |
|----------------------|----|-------|
| It one sow & 2 piggs | 00 | 10 00 |
|----------------------|----|-------|

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|-------|
| Debts owing to the estate | 09 | 19 06 |
|---------------------------|----|-------|

Thomas Willett; Thomas Southworth

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 8, p. 173-175.