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*William Browne*

1676

In the name of God amen, I William Brown late of Sudbury new of Boston in the Massachusetts Colonie of New England, being weak in body but of quite mind and memory doe make this my last will and testament as followeth

**Inprimis** I commit my soule into the hands of Almighty God my favour, and my body to earth from whence it came there to rest untill the day of the generall resurrection And my goods of abt and Lands I Dispose as followeth.

**First** I give unto my beloved wife Mary Brown my whole just part of her fathers Land <sup>ten</sup> with the barn and other outhouses now standing upon said Lands situate lying being in Hittorie Springton in the County of Kent in the Kingdom of England, or parts thereof, which her father Robert gave me upon marriage with her the said Mary I give the same to her & to her the dispose for ever. And I give unto her my said wife our fathers bed with all the furniture to it belonging, and all my plate that I shall not dispose of in this my last will, further I give to her my said wife during her widow-hood, the third part of the rents of all my improved Lands that I shall hereafter dispose by will, to be duly paid unto her by of several possessors of them.

**Item** I give unto my son Thomas Brown ten acres of meadow land, lying & being in the great river meadow so called, adjoining to one of the parts of meadow which I formerly gave to him.

**Item** I give unto my three sons Robert William Brown Edward Brown & Hopfull Brown the thirty acres of Lands with the house waite anding there upon which I lately bought of my said son in Law that was formerly of Thomas Weston together with the Lands adjoining to it, unto them, as executors in trust to & for the use of my daughter Mary that the now wife of Benjamin Rice during the bynt and term of her naturall life and after her decease, then unto her son when he shall be born and his heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and in case he happen to die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then to the next heirs to be begotten of the body of

And in case the Dye is without any more heirs  
of her body lawfully begotten, then to the said ~~John~~ <sup>William</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> their  
heirs for ever and to no other use neither for purpose  
whatsoever. ~~And~~ <sup>I</sup> give and bequeath unto my said  
three sons ~~William~~ <sup>William</sup> ~~Browne~~ <sup>Browne</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~Hopkell~~ <sup>Hopkell</sup>  
~~Browne~~ <sup>Browne</sup>, that the one hundred acres of Land granted me by  
the Great Court sitting in May in the year one thousand  
five hundred & twenty three, which was <sup>late</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~county~~  
owed unto me, by my said three sons to have equal portions  
I give and bequeath unto my said son William Browne  
the farm that I purchased of John Lawton and all  
my lands adjoining which I formerly bought of my son in law  
Richard Wainman with a small parcel of meadow lying  
in Dedham bounds which I also bought of the said Benjamin  
Aire, together with my daughter Susan Stone as an addition  
to what she hath already received, the same to be paid within  
one year after my decease if she be the said Susan be then  
living, provided all ways, my will and mind is, that upon  
condition that if my said son William Browne shall make no  
disturbance, or occasion of strife, with his true brother in law  
Browne and Hopkell Browne upon the account of his grand-  
father's will, which if he shall not I do hereby confirm  
the said bequeathment unto him & his heirs for ever, But in  
case he shall make disturbance as aforesaid, then I  
only give him ~~nothing~~ <sup>nothing</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>nothing</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>nothing</sup> ~~land~~ <sup>nothing</sup>  
which I bought of the said Benjamin Aire with the said meadow  
lying in Dedham bounds ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>nothing</sup> ~~land~~ <sup>nothing</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>nothing</sup>  
my said three sons ~~William~~ <sup>William</sup> ~~Browne~~ <sup>Browne</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~Hopkell~~ <sup>Hopkell</sup>  
~~Browne~~ <sup>Browne</sup>, their heirs for ever, And I only give unto him my said  
son William Browne the sum of twenty shillings as aforesaid.  
I do give and bequeath unto my said son William Browne my  
own true right granted me by the town of Sudbury of  
all future divisions & right of Commonage appertaining therunto

Item I give and bequeath unto my said sonne **Edmond Browne** and **Hopstall Browne** my farme in Suthery bounds adjoyning to Courth byt at **Downport** being three hundred and thirty acres, And my farme in Suthery adjoyning to m<sup>r</sup> **Danfords** lands w<sup>ch</sup> were to **Mobstot** with all the appurtenances thereto belongyng by equal proportion payyng to my two Daughters **Elizabeth Browne** and **Sarah Browne** as an addition to what they have already received & twenty pounds apiece, when they shall attayne to the age of twenty one years or at the day of marriage which shall first happen Also I give unto my two Daughters **Elizabeth Browne** and **Sarah Browne** to each of them a feather bed with the appurtenances. Item I give unto my said five children namely **William Browne** **Edmond Browne** **Hopstall Browne** **Elizabeth Browne** and **Sarah Browne** each of them two silver spoons a peece as formerly I have given to my other children. Item I give to my five grand children **Edmund** **Mary** **Browne** **Thankfull Browne** **Patience Browne** and **Sarah Browne** five shillings a peece. And the residue of all my estate, my debts being paid and finally discharged, I give and bequeath to **Mary** my said wife and **Hopstall Browne** my said sonne whom I ordaine and appoint executor of this my last will & testament, and I doe here by utterly revoke and make void all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the date and twentieth day of May in the year of our

Edward one thousand six hundred & seventy six  
 Signed sealed & published in the presence of the witnesses (by way of  
 proper attestation) in the 24 line, (I have to hold in  
 the 29 line, shall) in the 33 line (Boughten or)  
 in the 35 line in the first part, (for) in the 8 line  
 the sum of ten pounds in the 16 line (if) in the 19  
 line of the second part, entirely with before sealing  
 & publication hereof in presence of  
 Will... **Clark** **Mary** **Howard**  
 the att of **Robert Howard** Not publick



Boston in New England, Octob<sup>r</sup>. 25. 1676.

M<sup>r</sup> Robert Howard, & Mary his wife being Sworne & do say  
that they were present when the wife named with Breake  
deced, being of sound judgment & memory signed & published  
this instrument at her last will & testament: and at his request  
they subscribed their names as witnesses therunto.

This done the day & yeare above written.

Before us w<sup>th</sup> magistr<sup>s</sup> Richard  
& Thomas Davenport Esq<sup>rs</sup>.



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25-7-77.

Substant<sup>d</sup>. - 0-3-0  
att. fee. - 0-1-0  
ad. fee. - 0-2-2  
all. fee. - 0-1-2  
0-7-0

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An Inventory of the Estate of Mr William Boyson of  
 Sudbury who deceased at Boston the 30th of Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1676 Taken  
 by his wife name and subscribed this 7th of November 1676

Imp: 3 lands in Old England	100	00	00	
4 the dwelling house & buildings & homestead lands & meadow	300	00	00	
4 Compartments lands	060	00	00	
4 his lands, Meadows, Right Canonages, & divers lands bequeathed to his Sonne William Boyson & the Towne Right	110	00	00	
4 his house & lands bequeathed to his daughter Mary Rice	050	00	00	
4 a Grant of 200 Acres from the Court	030	00	00	
4 10 acres of Meadows in the Great Meadow	015	00	00	
4 Hoar's Cattle	035	00	00	
4 1 Cask of furniture	005	10	00	
4 5 more	018	05	00	
4 2 Plate	007	06	00	
4 1 powder	005	00	00	
4 1 Brass	005	00	00	
4 1 Iron case, viz. Pelt, Jack, Spitts, Bobines, & other iron staples in 1 House	026	10	00	
4 5 Bedds & Bedding	004	00	00	
4 3 of Holland Tapesty & Pillowcases	007	12	00	
4 8 of ordinary Tapesty & 4 Pillowcases	004	10	00	
4 1 old Linen	001	00	00	
4 Cushions &c	006	13	10	
4 1 English Goods	000	12	06	
4 1 Table Carpet	002	10	00	
4 2 Bedsteads & a Cupboard	000	13	00	
4 1 Whiff	004	02	00	
4 1 Cables, Stools, & Chairs	004	17	00	
4 1 Wool, Hongs, & Wax, & yam	025	01	00	
4 1 Whake, Ry, Indian, & Buxley	004	00	00	
4 1 portion in 1 House	012	07	06	
4 1 his remaining Apparell	003	05	00	
4 1 Armes, & Ammunition	002	00	00	
4 1 Boots	001	09	00	
4 1 a Still	010	04	06	
4 1 wooden, & earthen stoves in 1 House	024	00	00	
4 1 Hay & straw fodder	000	10	00	
4 1 a stable trap	001	04	00	
4 1 Cart, Plow, hark, & Husbandry tools	003	14	06	
4 1 Curving tools, Carpenters tools, & other small things	000	12	00	
4 1 Old Iron				
Total		907	07	10

John Lynde  
 Josias Flannery  
 Thomas Walker

Witnesse my hand & the hand of my wife  
 the 7th of November 1676