

handes of my blessed god & deare Savio<sup>r</sup> Jesus Christ; & my body to be decently buried. Item I give vnto each of my sisters, namely Elizabeth wife of my brother Daniel Epps, Martha wife of my brother John Denison, Ruth wife of my brother John Emerson, Mary wife of my brother Peter Duncan, & Priscilla Symonds, eight pounds a peece, to be paid in currant pay in New England, within six monthes after my fathers decease. Item I give vnto my loving father, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Symonds all the rest of my estate, both reall & psonall, as howses landes, Milne, & what else is myne, with all & singular the app<sup>r</sup>tenances: whom I make my executor of this my last will, & Testament; & whom I appoynt to pay my debts, & to receive what is due to me In witness whereof I have herevnto set my hand & Seale Decemb 18<sup>th</sup> 1668."

Samuell Symonds Jun<sup>r</sup> (SEAL)

Witness: James Chute, Daniell Epps, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Proved Nov. 29, 1669, by James Chute before Samuell Symonds and 30: 9: 1669 by Daniell Epps.

Inventory taken Nov. 29, 1669, by Henry Bennet and William (his B mark) Bennett: 2 guns, 4li. 15s.; one saddle & bridle, 1li. 10s.; wearing apparel at home, 3li.; halfe the farme at Lamperele River, the wholl farme contayning 640 acres, 100li.; Bookes, 8li. 8s. 6d.; a still, 1li. 10s.; debts owing to him, 25li.; debts which he oweth at home, 40li.

The court 30: 9: 1669 gave the executor additional time to perfect this inventory.

The other part of the inventory taken Nov. 15, 1670, by James Chute and Henry Benet: his chest of druggs, 21li.; another chest with two hatts & goods, 32li.; A limbeck, 4li. 10s.; bookes at the Bay, 2li.; one old black cloake & other clothes at home, 4li.; A still, 2li.; one stone mortar, 5s.; saddle & bridle, 1li.; total, 70li. 15s. Owing out of his estate, 120li.; owing in England, 95li. 10s. 7d.

Brought into court 2: 10m: 1670 by Samuell Simonds, Esq.

*Essex County Quarterly Court Files, vol. 15, leaves 56-58.*

#### ESTATE OF ROBERT BUFFUM OF SALEM.

Administration on the estate of Robert Buffum, dying intestate, granted 2: 10m: 1669, to Tamsen, the widow, who brought in an inventory which was allowed. The two papers given in as testimony, of Gartrid Pope and Eliza Kitchin, to prove what was the will and mind of deceased, not being at-

tested upon oath, were not allowed, but were to remain on file in the court records.

Inventory of the estate of Robert Buffem, lately deceased, taken Nov. 15, 1669, by George Gardner and John Kitchin: His wearing apparrell, 5li.; three beds, with ye furniture, 14li. 10s.; a small table Cloath and halfe a dozen knapkins, 10s.; two coboards and two tables, 1li. 10s.; one small truncke and two Chests, 10s.; severall parsels of garden seeds, 2li.; three kittels and three iron potts, 3li.; putar & latten pans, 1li. 4s.; one paire of andirons, two hakes, one spitt, one paire of tongs, one fier shovell, 1li.; two skilletts and one bible, 8s.; three small remnants of cloath, 1li. 10s.; cotten yarne and flax & 4 porrenjars, 1li. 4s.; scales, weights and measures, 4s.; one small gunne & one sword, 15s.; glass bottles and Jugges, 10s.; one warming pann & a little wooll, 1li.; wooden ware, Chaires, 2li.; ye dwelling house, outhouses, ye orchard & 4 ackers of land belonging to it, 150li.; 2 acres of salt marsh, 15 acres of upland, 30li.; 2 acres of fresh marsh, 4li.; five Cows & 3 oxen, 28li.; three calves & 3 swine, 4li.; one old Cart & one plow & Iron gear, 1li.; workin tooles, 15s.; a Iron Scillett, a bason & a Coboard, 9s.; a horse, 3li.; monye, 13li.; total, 270li. 19s.

Gertrud Pope, widow, deposed that being at the house of Robortt Buffom when he lay on his death bed, he asked deponent and Eliz. Kitchen "to take notice that what he had as to his estate he would leue to his wife for shее help to gett it & y<sup>e</sup> Children were hers."

Elizabeth Kitchin testified that Robert Buffum's wife Tamsen, being near her husband, urged him to make his will and leave his estate to the children, etc.

*Essex County Quarterly Court Files, vol. 15, leaf 59.*

John Hill, Robert (his O mark) Wilson, William Beanes and Jeremiah Neale, children and heirs of Robert Buffum, deceased, shewing that their father died intestate, and the Court appointed Tomazin Buffum, the widow, administratrix of the estate, who since that time hath either disposed of the same or else keepeth the same in her own hands, petition the court to consider their cause that they may not be deprived of their due.

Deposition of Mary Buffum alias Mary Neale, aged about 30 years, that when her father Robert Buffum was sick she tended upon him until he died, and during that time she

heard her mother Tomazin Buffum several times desire her father Robert Buffum to make his will for the settling of his estate, of which he took little notice until a little before his death she desired him to give their son Calebb certain land lying in the North field of the towne of Salem which he was not willing to do, but said he would have his son Joshua have a double portion and for the rest of his children he would make no difference betwixt them for they are yours as well as mine.

Sworn Nov. 25, 1678 before Bartho. Gedney.

*Essex County Quarterly Court Files, vol. 30, leaf 16.*

Agreement made Apr. 2, 1679 by Tamasing Buffam, relict of Robert Buffam of Salem, with her two sons Joshua and Caleb Buffam and her sons-in-law, John Hill, Robert Willson, Wm. Beane and Jerimiah Neale with reference to the estate of her deceased husband. Joshua and Caleb Buffam to have all the land in the North field, Joshua being the elder brother to have two thirds and Caleb one third part, the land and houseing in Salem one half to each, as it is now divided excepting ten pole of ground in the homestead next to the house and land of Henry Renold, being two pole and half in front to the street and four poles deep, which Lidia my daughter, wife of John Hill shall have, she paying to her son Caleb Buffam for the same, ten pounds; Joshua Buffam shall pay to his brothers, William Beane and Jerimiah Neale, each, sixteen pounds in silver, within three years after her decease; Caleb Buffam shall pay to his brothers John Hill and Robert Willson, each sixteen pounds in silver, within three years after her decease. All the ground at Castle Hill bought by Tamasing Buffam, of Elias Stileman to be equally divided between her four sons-in-law, John Hill, Robert Willson, Wm. Beane and Jerimiah Neale, entailed unto their grandchildren belonging to them that have been and now are their wives, only she is to have during her life one third of the produce of the land and one third of all the wood that shall be cut on the land, but if the one third prove not sufficient then the sons and sons-in-law each of them to contribute out of the principle stock for her supply and for the other estate on the inventory the mother to have liberty to dispose of as she sees good.

Signed by Thamasing Buffam, Joshua Buffam, Caleb Buffam, John Hill, Robert Willson, Sara Beane as attorney to her husband William Beane, Jerimiah Neale. Witness: Henry Renolds, Richard Croad.