

Reuben Underwood's Will

In the Name of God. Amen.

I Reuben Underwood of Spencer in the County of Worcester Yeoman being advanced in age and somewhat infirm of body but sound in mind and memory and wishing to dispose of my worldly property equitably and in such a manner as shall be for the best interest of my family. do make and Ordain this to be my last will and testament.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sybil Underwood the use and improvement of the East room on the lower floor in my dwelling house, the chamber over the same and the bedroom north of the same so long as she shall remain my widow.

Also I give and bequeath to my said wife a good and comfortable support and maintenance, to be provided for her by my Executors hereafter to be named, in manner following that is to say, she is to have good and sufficient, meat, drink, clothing, lodging, washing, mending and doctoring, and in fine every necessary comfort and convenience which her situation, and circumstances may require both in sickness and in health so long as she shall remain my widow - Also I give to my said wife all my household furniture, of every description for her own free use and disposal, including however my Desk, Book case and clock - Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eunice Underwood one pair for her own free use and disposal whenever she shall call for the same, and the same shall be kept on my farm summer and winter at the expense of my said Executors so long as she shall live with her mother - Also I give and bequeath to my said daughter Eunice a home in my dwelling house, and an equal right to use the fire in common with the family as long as she shall remain single - Also a right to a seat in my pew in Spencer Meeting house so long as she shall remain single -

Also I give and bequeath to my son Jonas Underwood all the remainder & residue of my property of every description, whether real, personal or mixed, to him the said Jonas his heirs and assigns forever upon the following condition viz, that he support his mother Sybil Underwood and pay all legacies as is herein provided and directed - And whereas my three eldest children viz Susy Sawin, Sally Ormes and Reuben Underwood I did receive out of the estate of their grand father James Livermore deceased, all the property which would have descended to their Mother who was my former

wife now deceased. It is also my will that my six youngest children should have all the property which descended to their mother now my present wife as heir to the Estate of her Father Jeremiah Whittier deceased - therefore I order & direct that my said son Jonas Underwood should pay the sum of one hundred dollars to my son Amos Underwood; to Eunice Underwood the sum of one hundred dollars, to Sybil Green one hundred dollars and to Cyrus Underwood one hundred dollars which is their share out of the estate which I received from the Estate of their grand father Jeremiah Whittier deceased. And the remainder of my property after paying all my just debts and funeral charges and the funeral charges of my said wife, and after reserving sufficient to pay all the legacies and provisions of this will. I estimate at thirty five dollars, and I further order and direct my said son Jonas to pay the same as follows, viz, to the rest of his brothers and sisters or their heirs, that is to say, Susy Sawin, Sally Ormes, Reuben Underwood Jr. Amos Underwood, Eunice Underwood, Sybil Green and Cyrus Underwood, the sum of five dollars each; and it is my will that all the aforesaid legacies should be paid in one year after my decease.

Also I hereby appoint my said son Jonas Underwood to be the Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this second day of February in the year of our Lord 1828.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Reuben Underwood to be his last will and testament, in presence of us who have hereunto set our hands in presence of the testator and of each other -

James Draper }
 Charles Watson } Reuben Underwood. (Seal)
 Alden Bisco }

Worcester Jr. Probate Court January 4th 1831 Proved and approved. N. Paine J. Rob Worcester Jr. Do all People to whom these presents shall come. Nathl. Paine (Seal) Judge of the Probate of Wills &c in the County of Worcester within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts do hereby Granting

I know ye that on the fourth day of January Anno Domini 1831. the Instrument hereunto annexed (purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Reuben Underwood late of Sperrin in the County of Worcester deceased) was presented for Probate by Jonas Underwood the Executor therein named; then present James Draper one of the witnesses thereto subscribed, who made oath that he saw the said testator sign & seal, and heard him declare the said Instrument to be his last will and testament; and that he, with Charles Watson & Alden Bisco subscribed their names together as witnesses to the execution thereof in the said testators presence; and that he was then (to the best of the deponents Judgment,) of sound and disposing mind -

as the last will and testament of the above named deceased, and commit the Administration thereof, in all matters the same concerning and of his Estate, whereof he died seized and possessed, in said commonwealth, unto the before named Executor, well and faithfully to execute the said Will, and to administer the estate of said deceased according thereto, who accepted said trust, and has given Bond to pay the demands debt and legacies - and to render an Account (upon Oath) of his proceedings, when thereunto lawfully required.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office the day and year above written -

Nathl Paine -