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DENNIS MACCARTY OF WARREN, R. I.

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Since I forwarded the data relating to Dennis and William Mackarty, I have again examined the probate records of this town, and have made the discovery that the will of Dennis Maccarty of Warren was probated on November 7, 1757. As Dennis of Bristol did not die until 1760, it follows that there must have been living in Bristol County two men bearing the same name, both of whom served in the French wars.

I enclose a copy of the will of Dennis of Warren. In 1757, Warren, as you know, included Barrington. You will notice that the legatees mentioned in the will were all Barrington men; therefore, I conclude that Dennis resided in the west section of the town. Again, the testator mentions no kindred, while Dennis of Bristol had a wife and son. Here is the will mentioned:

"In the Name of God Amen I Dennis Maccarty of Warren in the County of Bristol in the Colony of Rhode Island Labourer being engaged in the expedition against Crown Point; and not knowing what Shall befall me Being now of a Sound and Disposing mind; Thanks be to God; Do make this my last will and Testament in manner following; Principally and first of all I give my soul to the hands of God that gave it and my Body to the earth to be Decently Buried in a Christian manner hoping for a Blessed Resurrection through the merits of Jesus our only Redeemer, and as to my worldly goods wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me I give the same in the following manner;

"Item. My Will is that my Just Debts and Funeral Charges be Duly and Seasonably Paid by my executor.

"Item. To my loving and well-beloved Friend Peleg Richmond I give a Note of hand I have against him of one hundred and thirty-two pounds old tenor Rhode Island currency.

"Item. To my loving and beloved friend John Roger Richmond, I give all my wearing apparel.

"Item. To my friend Mary Richmond June, I give one hundred pounds. To her sister Elizabeth Richmond, I give sixty pounds, and to Sarah Richmond, I give forty pounds; all to be paid in old tenor Rhode Island.

"Item. To my beloved friend Benjamin Viall I give a note of hand I have against him of Forty Pounds three Shillings old tenor.

"Item. To my beloved friend Thomas Brown, I give Thirty Pounds of old tenor Rhode Island currency.

"To my Trusty and Beloved Friend Solomon Townsend of Warren, Clerk, whom I make executor of my last will and Testament I give and bequeath all the Remainder of my money, Bills, notes, Bonds, and wares that Shall Remain and become Due After the above Legacies are Paid. And I Do Ratify and confirm this to be my last will and testament. In Witness hereof I have Set my hand and 61Seal this Thirtieth Day of April in the Twenty-ninth year of his majesties' Reign Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-Six.

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"Dennis X Maccarty,

"mark.

"Signed, Sealed, Published, and delivered by sd. Dennis Maccarty to be his last Will and Testament.

"In presence of "Constant Viall. "David Allen, Jr. "Samuel Viall." Probated November 7, 1757."