

In the Name of God Amen. I John White
Holt Clerk of Suffolk County and County of Bedford
through the unmerited Mercy of God enjoying the free
and full exercise of my reason and mental faculties, and
being earnestly desirous to be in every respect prepared to die. Do make
and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner and
form following ^{my own} I humbly devote to God who gave it earnestly praying for
gracious acceptance of it only for the sake and through the mediation of
Christ Jesus my Lord. My Body I leave to be returned to the earth at
the Discretion of my Executors. I ordain that all just claimers against my
Estate be fully satisfied and paid out of those Debts due to it. And lastly
In consideration of her Conjugal Fidelity and affection as an
Acknowledgement thereof and as the best means in my Power to secure
to her a due filial regard from our common Children I do support the parental
Authority in her; as well as to vest her with the power of rewarding or chastising
my Distinguished: themselves by their virtuous conduct or of punishing the
refractory and Disobedient; To my Dearly Beloved wife Lucy I give
Bequeath & Devise the whole of my Estate real & personal

Bequeath & Devise the whole of my Estate real & personal as fully & entirely
as if every part & parcel had been expressly provided out by name. To be by her
fully & freely possessed and enjoyed without let, Molestation or controul during
her natural life, and at her Decease or at any time before as to her may seem
best to be given by her in such proportions as she may think fit from a considera-
tion their different conduct, character or Circumstances to our common Children
viz Anna Martha, Joseph, Lucy, Thomas Barnett, Matthew Watson
and Katharine or to the survivors of them and to no other. Provided she shall
not marry. But in case she should. It is my Will & Desire, in order to secure my
beloved Children from the tyranny & Injustice too often exercised by stepfathers
that my Executors proceed immediately to sell to the best advantage the whole of
my said Estate real & personal & taking sufficient security for the reversal of
it to my Children aforesaid to pay to my beloved wife aforesaid one Eighth
part of the nett proceed. The remainder to be Disposed of by my Executors in such
way & manner as to them shall seem most advantageous for the equal benefit of
my of my Children aforesaid. And the Children themselves to be Disposed
of to trades or otherwise as their sex age or other circumstances may render expedient.
In witness that this my Last Will & Testament may have full force & effects

and in every particular be carried into Execution relying fully on their
 friendship & fidelity I appoint James Callaway senior Thomas Holt &
 David Holt my beloved Brethren & friends, Executors of this my Last Will
 & Testament Disclaiming & renouncing all other pretended Wills and
 Declaring this to be my only Testament, wrote signed and sealed with my
 own hand this eighth day of may in the year of our Lord MDCCXC
 Declared and acknowledged
 In Presence of } John W. Holt

A Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of
 September 1790.

This Last Will & Testament of John White Holt Clerk
 Deceased was exhibited in Court & it appearing to the satisfaction of
 the Court that the same is in ^{the} known hand writing of the said Decedent
 the same is ordered to be recorded. On the motion of James Callaway &
 Thomas Holt two of the Executors therein named who made oath
 thereto according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining

the same in the County of Bedford whereupon they

together with Benjamin Price & William Read there securities
entered into & acknowledged their Bonds in the penalty of
two thousand pounds for the said Executors due & faithful
administration of the said Decedents Estate & performance of his

will, Liberty being reserved the other executor therein named
to join in the probate when he shall think fit, And at a Court held
for said County the 27th day of June 1791. On the motion of David
Holt the other Executor who made oath thereto Liberty is granted
him to join in the probate of said Will & giving security whereupon
he together with Samuel Holt & Benjamin Price entered into
and acknowledged their Bonds in the penalty of two thousand pounds
for the said Executors due & faithful administration of said
Decedents Estate & performance of his Will

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Ja. Steptoe C. J. C.

Exd & corrected
March 2nd 1903.