

The Last Will & Testament

Mrs Catharine Milton
Dec^r

I Catharine Milton of the County of Kent and State of Virginia do make and appoint this my Last Will and Testament.

In the first Place I commend my Soul to the infinite Mercy of God through Faith in a crucified Redeemer looking for a glorious Resurrection to eternal Life.

As to what worldly Goods, it has pleased God to give me I give and dispose of as follows In January 1837 in consideration of my dear Daughter Lucinda W Washington keeping House and my Request and my retaining it as my Home complying with her I gave her up Bonds to the amount of two thousand Dollars with the Interest. My other dear Daughters, Louisa W Mendenhall Betsey J Turner have only received four hundred each with the Interest at my Death I bequeath to each of them Fifty Dollars more to make it equal to what their Sister L. W. has, it is my Wish and Intention if no Misfortune should happen to reduce the Little I have reserved for my own Support, to pay each of my Daughters at the End of seven Years Ninety Dollars the Value of the Fifty Dollars.

To my Grand Daughter Mary Catharine Turner I bequeath a Bedstead a Feather Bed the Cover on my Room a Bolster two Pillows and a furnished parlor for a chamber.

To her Mother Louisa Mendenhall I give my Shovel and Tools.

To my Grand Daughter Catharine Turner I bequeath a Feather Bed and a Bed Bolster and two Pillows and a furnished parlor for a chamber.

To her Mother Betsey J Turner my Publick Receipts, Recs and Proofs of Religion and Newtons Works bound in one large Volume.

the One in my Room a Pillow two Pillows and a Garrison pillow for my companion.

To her Mother Louisa Mearns I give my Shovel and Tongs.

To my Grand Daughter Catharine Sumner I bequeath a Feather Bed and a Bed Pillow and a pillow for my companion.

To her Mother Betsey Sumner my Bible, Rogers' Race and Progress of Religion and a New Testament bound in One large Volume.

To my Grand Daughter Susan Mearns I leave my Toilet Table with the glass, the Looking Glass, also a small Table that stands in my Room, my Books and Papers to be equally divided between her and her Sister Virginia Mearns except those mentioned in my Will.

To my Grand Daughter Virginia Mearns I bequeath my Silver Lard large Spoon, Tea Spoon, Sugar Tongs, my white and green Windsor furniture, a small French stove, a mattress and Bedstead.

To my Niece Louisa Wadsworth I bequeath One New England Bible.

To my dear Mother Fairbank Wadsworth Forty Dollars.

It is a Token of my sincere Gratitude to my Friend Mr. A. Merrill I request my Executors to present him with a clock glass with his name on it - with my best wishes for his eternal Satisfaction.

God knows it has ever been my Prayer to do equal Justice to my dear friends and I have failed therein & by so poisoning every thing through which I have been & am passing.

It is my Request that each of my Friends should have five Dollars on the 1st of January next. I am sure they may think but also a faithful servant by the name of John now the Property of my Daughter Wadsworth as a Token of my Gratitude and I am obliged to them all.

It is my Request that my dear and Beloved Sister should have my Violoncello and my dear and Beloved

jections to this my last Request I would then think they have a Right to do so, as my Impression has even been they have none. Was also my Request that the same John Love should have a Support for the first Year of his Presidency, which I then entrusted to the Judgment of Philip Mance who I name as my Recipient, in whom I have the highest Opinion and fullest Confidence, hoping he may serve without being required to give Security.

My Request to my Executors, after all just & lawful legacies and necessary Expenses are paid, whatever Money may be over to be equally divided by him to my three Daughters Lucia & Elizabeth & Louisa & William & Peter J. Turner.

Whatever may be in the Good Kitchen or on the Place at my Death except what is mentioned in my Will or Memorandum I may leave, I bequeath to my dear Daughter Lucia & Elizabeth & Louisa
January 12th 1844

Jatharine Milton

Witness to the within Will & Testament

Since writing this above Will I have given to each of my Daughters M^{rs} Peter J. Turner and M^{rs} Louisa W. Mance the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, which is to be separated from the Estate of M^{rs} Mance and be given to be paid to them.

I bequeath the same Hundred Dollars to the Poor of the Town of Portland.

Jatharine Milton

M^{rs} Milton has in our Presence acknowledged this to be her Last Will & Testament & this Twelfth of Jan^y

1844

Witnessed & Signed
Ran. Loomis, Secy

of the 1st day of July 1845

At a Court held for the County of Worcester on Monday the 28th Day of July 1845
The said Will and Testament with the joint Oath of Mr. Nathaniel Miller Clerk was produced and
then being read before the said Will was read by the said Nathaniel Miller Clerk who was sworn who
promised and swore that they truly believe the said Will a genuine together with the signature thereto a true and
wholly in the proper handwriting of the said Nathaniel Miller Clerk. And the Court to the said Will being proven
by the Oath of Nathaniel Miller Clerk of the subscribing witnesses thereto it is ordered that a copy of the
said Will be given to the Mayor of New Bedford and the District of New Bedford to be the responsibility of the said Mayor and
thereafter the other subscribing witnesses to the said Will and to the same to the Clerk of the Court that
the said Will be the said Will may be recorded. And thereupon the said Will was read as the
said Last Will and Testament of the said Nathaniel Miller Clerk.

And on the Motion of Philip A. Mudge the Clerk in the said Will named who by the Terms of the
said Will was not required to give security who was a Clerk according to Law, and entered into an acknowledgment
before the Court of the said Will as the Law directs and is
qualified for obtaining Probate of the said Will in due Form. On the Motion of Philip A. Mudge Clerk of
Nathaniel Miller Clerk and that William A. Mudge, Nathaniel Miller, John A. Miller, and Samuel B. Miller
any three of whom having been first duly sworn to act as appraisers the said Will and the Personal Estate
of Mr. Nathaniel Miller Clerk and make Report to the Court.

Subscribed by me

Attest the said Court of the County of Worcester on Monday the 28th Day of August
1845 The Court of the said Will and Testament of Mr. Nathaniel Miller Clerk and the said

