

In the name of God Amen

Be it remembered that I Lemuel A. Bennett of the County of Essex being in my perfect sense
 and of sound memory thanks be to almighty God for the same and calling to mind
 the uncertain state of manhood that we are subject to the uncertain
 change of this transitory life and that it is often written for us here mortal
 men to die. do make and make this my last will and testament in
 presence first. I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God the
 Governor of my life and salvation, to have full power for all my line)
 Secondly) I submit my self to my mother the earth to be decently buried by
 the directions of my Executors hereafter mentioned &c and as touching
 my temporal Estate as it has been pleased the almighty to bless me with
 in this life, I give and devise in manner and form following Wits
 First I give my beloved wife Lucy A. Bennett all my Estate during her
 natural life. Secondly it is my will and desire that the Land that
 I now live on of record, be Equally Divided between my two Sons,
 Decker and Joseph A. Bennett to them and their heirs forever &c
 also I give to my son Decker Two Negro boys Isaac and P.

Also I give and bequeath to my two sons,
Darius and Joseph Burnett to them and their heirs forever. I
also I give to my son Darius two Negro boys Isaac and Ambrose at
the death of his mother, to him and his heirs forever.
Also I give and bequeath to my son Joseph one negro boy married Joshua
and one girl Sarah to him and his heirs forever.
Also I give and bequeath to my son James one negro Boy, and one girl
to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give and bequeath to my son Leonard Burnett one negro man
Joshua and one girl woman in frank to him and his heirs forever.
Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Burnett two Negro women
one one Mary to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Clara Burnett two negro
boys and Mary to her and her heirs forever. all these legacies to be paid
at the death of my beloved wife, in case that any of these negroes before
mentioned should die in the lifetime of my beloved wife, that is to say
with that if any of them should die in the lifetime of my wife, before
of the other negroes already given that out of that I reserve the negroes
living shall be made whole out of the said sum.

Also I give and bequeath to my Son Leonard Bennett one negro man
Joshua and a negro woman Francis to him and his heirs forever.
Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Bennett two negro boys
George and Jerry to her and her heirs forever.
Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Clara Bennett two negro
boys Dick and Henry to her and her heirs forever. all these legacies to hold
at the death of my beloved wife in case that any of these negroes before
mentioned should die in the lifetime of my beloved wife, that is my
will that if any of these should happen to die in the lifetime of my wife by any
of the other negroes already given that out of that increase the negroes
living shall be used whole out of the said increase and as to the
my other Estate I desire may be equally divided among all my Children
Lawly Testant Wm. William Pearce and Henry Perkins my whole and
sole Executors of this my last will and Testament For Witness hereof
I have hereunto set my hand and write this 7th day of April 1740
James Edwards? Josiah Minter? Duran?

Leonard Bennett

At a Court held for Essex County at Waltham on the 14th day of November 1794.

The last Will and Testament of Leonard Burnett Dec^d was presented in Court and proved by Josiah Minter and Henry Perkins, two of the witnesses thereto James Emerson the other witnesses being absent, and being also sworn to by Amos Burnett the Administrator and on his performing the same in such cases required a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form.

Teste

Samuel Keefe

And at an Interming Court begun and held for Essex County at the Court house in Waltham on Monday the 27th day of July 1794.

On the motion of Nathaniel Herbert a certificate was granted him in order to his obtaining letters of administration de bonis non with the last will and Testament of Leonard Burnett dec^d annexed, he having first taken the oath required by law and entered into and acknowledged a Bond payable to the sitting Justice in a penalty of \$100 Pursuant to an Order of Essex County Court in the subscribers (being Justs) have

appraised the Estate of Leonard a Sale Dec^d as followeth Viz.

One Negro Woman Sarah 20.00.00

One Negro Phoebe 20.00.00

One Negro 20.00.00