

John & Mason mark
Elizabeth & Boone
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In the Name of God amen I James
Grimes of Norfolk County western branch this Ninth day
of Dec. in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred
& Seventy Six do make and ordain this my last Will and Teste-
ment in the form and maner as follows first I desire that all
my just debts to be paid and such of my Es.^{ts} that can be best to be
sold to discharge the same with

Item I do give yeas of all my Es.^{ts} to my loving Wife Sarah Grimes
during her life and after her decease I give my Land to my Son
John Hobbs Grimes after all the rest of my Es.^{ts} to be equally di-
vided between my Two Children Mary Grimes & John Hobbs

94 Grimes excepting my Son should have it in his power to hinder
his Sister or equally dividing any Es^t that may fall to my Es^t
of my Fathers Es^t after my Mothers Decease and he should do it
then I would that his Sister shall have as much of my Es^t he-
= fore the above Es^t of mine is equally divided between them
further in case any of my Nieces should not be house to
themselves Mistresses she may have full power to sell such and put
the Money to Interest and have the Interest herself further
in case my Two children should depart this life and should
have no children behind them in that case I desire one half of
all my Es^t Lands and all to my loving wife to be at her dispo-
= sal and the other half of all my Es^t to be equally divided
amongst all my Brothers & Sisters except the the use
of them should have it in their power to take the advantage
of their Sisters & brothers and should do it in that case to
have know part of my Es^t

I mean the part of my Fathers Es^t that may be divided after
my Mothers death further my loving Wife Sarah Grimes
and William Booker my hole and sole Exeuter to this my
last Will and Testament

leave no children behind them in that case I imagine one half of
all my Est. Lands and all to my loving wife to be at her dispo-
-sal and the other half of all my Est. to be equally divided
amongst all my Brothers & Sisters except the the one
of them should have it in their power to take the advantage
of these Sisters & brothers and should do it in that case to
have none part of my Est.

I mean the part of my Fathers Est. that may be divided after
my Mothers death further my loving Wife Sarah Grimes
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James Grimes Seal

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Richard Carney

Thomas Mares

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William X. Marks
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