

In the name and fear of God, amen, I Frances Kendell in the town of Woburn, in the county of Middlesex in her Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, miller, being by the grace of God, of sound understanding and perfect memory, yet, stricken in years and expect daily my change, do therefore, make ordain and declare, this writing to be my last Will and Testament, the which let no man presume to alter or change.

First and principle, I give my soul to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three glorious persons, but one in infinite and eternal essence, hoping for salvation, by the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

Also I give my body to the earth, to be buried decently at the discretion of my executors and overseers, hereafter named, in hopes of a glorious resurrection, and as for portion of temporal goods and estate God in his bounty hath bestowed upon me, I give and bequeath in form and manner following-

1. To my eldest John Kendal I give my now dwelling house, my barn and barnyard; the orchard adjoining the barn; and the field, with the lowland, meadow land and orcharding, adjoining my dwelling. Namely, all my land and meadow included in said field, to the bound of the land and meadow adjoining thereunto, which I have loaned my sons Thomas and Samuel Kendall and my daughter Mary Read, with all which bounds I have formerly stated, and further I give unto my son John Kendall one-half of my corn mill, together with the right of the streams, dams and utensils thereunto belonging; one-half of my woodland adjoining the woodland of Samuel Walker near Rock Meadow; one-quarter part of my herbage; half my right in the partnership in the mineral, called the Copper Mine, in Woburn; half my right of woodland at Ragg Rock; and half my woodlot at Rock Pond Meadow. All and singular the before-mentioned parts and parcels to be and remain unto my son John Kendall, his heirs and assigns forever, only excepting the liberty of a cart way through part thereof for the benefit of some of my children, as shall later be expressed.

2. To my son Thomas Kendall I give the land his house stands on, namely the land of mine lying on the west side of my mill pond and mill stream; all my land and meadow land from a stake near the place where the two brooks meet, and from thence by a line of marked trees to the land of James Peirce, bounded westerly by the land of Samuel Blodgett. Further it is my will that my son Thomas Kendall shall have free liberty for himself and his heirs to cart their hay from a piece of meadow which he formerly purchased of William Hamblet through the usual cart way in the land.

I have in this my will given to my son John Kendal further I do hereby give to my second son Thomas Kendal one quarter part of my corn mill and proportional interest in the dams, streams and utensils thereunto belonging. I also give to my son Thomas Kendall one half of my woodlot near Rock Meadow adjoining the land of Samuel Walker, and also half my woodlot

at Rock Pond Meadow; half my interest in the mineral called the Copper Mine in Woburn; and also one quarter part of my right of herbage.

3. To my son Samuel Kendall, I give the dwelling house which he now lives in, and the barn, land, and meadow belonging to it, which is bounded by the land of Thomas Carter on the east, and to the north by the road leading to the mill, and partly by woodland formerly belonging to Jonathan Tompson and Joseph Wright, Sr., and on the west by the fence that part this from what I have given to my son John Kendall. I further give my son Samuell Kendall one acre of meadow in Horn Pond Meadow adjoining the meadow of my son Thomas Kendall, with free use and improvement of the usual cart way to the same through the land I have given in this will to my son John Kendall, which my second son Sam Kendell, his heirs and assigns shall improve from time to time for carting of his and their hay, forever.

I further give my son Samuell Kendall one quarter part of my corn mill, and a proportional interest in the streams, dams, and utensils thereunto belonging, and further I do hereby give my son Samuel Kendall half of my woodlot at Ragg Rock, and one quarter part of my herbage.

4. To my son Jacob Kendall I give the thirty acres of land his house stands on with the woodland of mine it adjoins; all my woodland on the west side of the Great Meadow; a piece of woodland adjoining the meadow of John Knight; five cow commons; and my right of swamp at Clear Meadow Brook, excepting what I shall in this will give to my grandson Frances Green.

I further give my son Jacob Kendall four acres of land adjoining the east end of his homestead.

5. To my daughter Mary Read I give that tract of land that her house stands on, which I let her use upon her marriage, which I estimate to be nine acres and is bounded on the north and northeast by the road leading to the mill; eastwardly by the woodland of Jonathan Tompson; and on the south by the land that I have in this will given to my son John Kendall.

I further give to my daughter Mary Read two acres of land at Ragg Rock bounded northeasterly by the land of Jonathan Tompson; on the south by the land of Deacon Joseph Wright; and otherwise bounded by the woodland of my son-in-law Israell Read.

I further give to my daughter Mary Read my right and title in the tract of land near John Bruce called Israell Read's new field, bounded on the south by Concord Road, and on the north by the land of John Bruce.

I also give my daughter Mary Read twenty acres of my great lot at Settle Meadow, and also a small piece of meadow in Horn Pond Meadow, adjoining the meadow I formerly sold to my son-in-law Israell Read, which runs from the corner of that meadow fence to the head of a spring which arises in the meadow, and along that spring to the place where the spring runs into the brook, and is bounded elsewhere by the meadow

of my son-in-law Israell Read.

I further give my daughter Mary Read all that tract of land her husband has fenced in by itself on the south side of the highway leading to Timothy Walker's.

Further it is my will that my daughter Mary Read and her heirs shall have free liberty, at all times forever hereafter, to cart their hay from the meadow at Horne Pond through the land I have given my son John Kendall.

6. To my daughter Elizabeth Peirce, besides what I gave her when she married, and at other times, I further give her five shillings as a token of my love.

In the case she shall have a child born of her own body, I hereby give to it [the child] ten pounds, to paid by my executors, when it reaches the age of twenty-one years.

7. To my daughter Hannah Green, I give that piece of land and woodland of mine, bounded on the north by the land of William Bruce, and on the east-north-east by the highway near Samuel Snow, estimated to be eight acres; a woodlot at Ragg Rock, near John Russill's, adjoining the highway; a piece of land at Long Meadow Brook, on the west side of the meadow belonging to Captain Edward Johnson, which is about six acres; and a seven acre lot at Settle Meadow, which I received from my son-in-law William Green by way of exchange.

These several parcels of land and woodland I hereby give my daughter Hannah Green, her heirs and assigns forever, and further give to my daughter Hannah Green ten pounds, to be paid to her by my son Samuel Kendall, two years after my decease.

8. To the children of my daughter Rebecca Eaton, deceased, I give a tract of land at Settle Meadow, purchased from Daniell Baken, and was his great lot, which contains an estimated forty-nine acres, unless my executors see cause to pay the children of my daughter Rebecca Eaton twenty pounds instead.

9. To my daughter Abigail Read, I give forty-seven acres of my great lot at Settle Meadow, which is my whole great lot except twenty acres I have given in this will to my daughter Mary Read.

10. I give to my three daughters, namely Mary Read, Hannah Green, and Eunice, the wife of John Kendall, all my household items, to be equally divided amongst them, in return for the great care, pains, and nursing they provided their mother, my late wife, during her last sickness.

My daughter Mary Read shall have the liberty to redeem my feather bed, and enjoy the same, paying to her sisters more than her proportion of its value.

11. To my grandson Frances Kendall, the eldest son of my son John Kendall, I give that piece of meadow adjoining my corn mill and bounded on the south-east by the path leading to the mill, and bounded on the east partly by the orchard adjoining the barn which I gave my son John Kendall.

I also give my grandson Frances Kendall a tract of land, which is fenced by itself, adjoining the previously mentioned meadow, bounded on the north-west by Timothy Walker's land; on the south partly by the barn and barnyard, and the highway leading to the mill; and further bounded by the land I previously gave my daughter Mary Read

12. To my grandson Ralph Kendall, the son of my son Thomas Kendall, I give my plow lot in Hodges Hole, and half the plow lot formerly belonging to Micheale Lippingwell.

13. To my granddaughter Mary Peirce, I give that lot I purchased from Daniel Baken near Dirty Swamp.

14. To my grandson Frances Green I give that land I purchased from John Mousell, Israell Walker, and Ephraim Buck in Wood Hill, and the right of five acres of Swamp Bottom.

15. To my grandson Samuell Kendall, the son of my son Sam Kendall, I give two small cedar lots in Lather Pole Swamp, the one of which was mine, the other which I purchased from Daniel Baken.

16. To my grandson Jacob Kendall, the son of my son Jacob Kendall, I give one piece of upland adjoining the swamp I have given to my son Jacob Kendall at Clear Meadow Brook.

17. To my granddaughter, Elizabeth Lampson, the daughter of my daughter Rebecca Eaton, I give my two cedar lots in the old Cedar Swamp, one of which was my own, the other which I purchased from Daniel Baken.

18. To my grandson William Read, I give one-half of my right in a piece of land or woodland remaining undivided amongst the proprietors of the Seventh Division on Rock Meadow Plain.

19. To the eight children of my brother Thomas Kendall, who were living when my brother died, I give twenty shillings apiece to be paid by my executors. In case any of the eight children die, the eldest child of the deceased shall enjoy the mother's gift. I do this in remembrance of the kindness I had for my loving brother.

20. It is my will to give my corn mill to my three sons, John Kendall, Thomas Kendall, and Samuel Kendall. Shall any of them refuse to repair, rebuild, or constantly maintain in good repair their respective part of the mills, dams, or utensils when reasonably required, then his or their part shall become that of those who undertake the rebuilding or repair.

It is also my will that if any of my children, to whom in this will I have given a parcel or parcels of land in partnership, fail to agree to its division, then the division shall be made by the overseers of this will, whose decision shall stand.

In the eighteenth article of this will I have given to my grand-

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son, William Read, one-half of my right in a piece of land or woodland remaining undivided amongst the proprietors of the Seventh Division on Rock Meadow Plain. Upon further consideration, I give whole right title and interest in this piece of undivided land to my grandson William Read.

Finally, I ordain my two loving sons John Kendall and Thomas Kendall, executors of this, my last Will and Testament.

It is also my desire that my trusty and well-beloved friends, Major Jeremiah Swayn of Reading, and James Fowle of Woburn, be the overseers of this will. In consideration of their care and trouble, I hereby appoint my executors to pay them thirty shillings apiece.

And thus having finished, by God's help, this will as it is expressed and inserted on this and the other side of this sheet of paper, I exhort and command all my children and grandchildren to live in the fear of God, and in love and peace, and pray God, who is the God of love and peace, be with you all, amen.

I hereby revoke and disallow all other former wills and testaments before this time, ratifying and confirming this writing to be my last Will and Testament.

I, Frances Kendall, have set my hand and affixed my seal, this ninth day of May in the fifth year of the reign of our Lady Anne, sovereign queen of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland. Anno domini Seventeen Hundred and Six.

Signed, sealed and published to be the last Will and Testament of Frances Kendall, Sr.

In the presence of us

John Brookes

Daniel Baldwin

Edward Winn

Proved at Cambridge, 31 May 1708

[Middlesex Probate 13053]

The mark & seal of Frances Kendall Senior

Place names found on today's maps:

Rag Rock and Rag Rock Park (Ragg Rock)

Horn Pond (Horne Pond)

Fowle Brook (James Fowle was one of the overseers)

Winn Road (Edward Winn was a witness)

Total amount of land bequeathed, specified in acres: 189