



The Last Will and Testament of Peregrine White

"The fourteenth day of July Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and four.

"I Peregrine White of Marshfield in ye County of Plimouth in New England Being aged and under many Weaknesses and Bodily Infirmities But of Sound disposing mind and memory praises be Rendered to Almighty God therefore yet in dayly Expectation of my Great Change Do therefore hereby make and Declare this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making null any former Will or Wils by me heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament and no other -

"Imprimis I Humbly Commit my Soul to Almighty God that Gave it and my Body to decent Buriall when it Shall Please him to take me hence And Touching my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased the Lord to Bless me with my Will and meaning is that ye same Shall be Employed and disposed as followeth that is to say after my just debts and funeral expenses are payd and discharged by my Executors hereafter named the same shall be Employed as herein is expressed Item I Give and Bequeath to Sarah my welbeloved Wife all my Goods and Chattels not otherways disposed of by this my Will the same to be for her Support and Comfort for and during ye term of her naturall Life. Item I having already by Deed under my hand and Seal Dated the 19th day of August 1674 Given and Confirmed to my Eldest Son Daniel White my Tenement or Homestead with other my land and Rights of Land in ye Township of Marshfield with ye Exceptions and Reservations therein mentioned - All which lands and premisses I hereby further confirm unto him according to ye true meaning of ye said Deed and I do hereby further Give and Bequeath to my said son Daniell my Great table and fourms my Joynworke Bedstead and Cupboard Also I Give unto my said Son Daniel ye one moiety or half of my lands and Rights of land in ye Township of Middleborough Always provided that in Consideration thereof he the said Daniel Keep for the use of my said wife both Sumer and Winter one Cow during ye life of my said wife Item I have enjoyed ye said Daniel to pay unto my Daughters Sarah and Mercy each of them ye sum of Ten pounds as in ye above Recited Deed is mentioned. It is my will that what is behind and unpaid by him by duly paid to them out of his Estate according to ye meaning of ye said Deed. Item I Give and Bequeath the other moiety or half my land and Rights of land in ye Township of Middleborough to my two sons Jonathan and Peregrine to be equally parted betweene them I further Give to my said son Jonathan my Rapier and to his eldest son I Give my Gun. Item It is my will that all my said Goods and Chattels that shall be remaining at my wife her decease be Equally parted betweene my four children namely Jonathan Peregrine Sarah and Mercy And further it is my will that Sarah my wife enjoy that part of ye Dwelling house that I now live in and enjoy And I hereby Give her the one third of ye Rents and profits of ye lands contayned in ye above Recited Deed to hold to her during ye term of her Naturall life and lastly I hereby nominate and Appoint my said Wife and my said Eldest Son Daniel joynt Executors of this my last Will and testament And do Request my Good friends and Neighbours Samuel Sprague Senior and John Dogget to be overseers thereof and be helpfull in ye advising my wife to such methods as may conduce to her comfortable subsistance while she lives In Testimony whereof and in confirmation of ye promisses I ye said Peregrine White has hereunto set my hand and seal on ye Day and year above Written. Item before sealing I give to Each of my sd Daughters one painted chair and a cushion.

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The mark of Peregrine White"

Inventory of the goods of Peregrine White, deceased 1704

Note: inventories are valued in pounds (L), shillings (s) and pence (d). There were 12 pence (or pennies) to a shilling and 20 shillings to a pound.

	L	s	d
Imprimis His wearing Apparril	.4	..	..
His Armes & Ammunition	.1	10	..
To a joyne worke cupboard Table forme & bedstead	.6	..	..
To two painted Chaires & wrought Cushions	..	12	..
To five other Chairs	..	14	..
To a feather bed & furniture & a silk grass bed bedstead & furniture	12	..	..
To his books	..	15	..
To Table linnen & Towels	.1	..	..
To a joyne worke Chest	..	10	..
To a Hatchell	..	.6	..
To Indian Corne and Rye	..	19	..
To Pewter and Earthen vessels	.1	..	..
To an old Brass kettle	..	10	..
To 2 Iron pots & an Iron kettle	..	15	..
To a trammel Tongs & fire slice & pot hookes	..	.5	..
To a little Skillett and frame	..	.5	..
To a pair of Bellows & a meal cive	..	.5	..
To Sheeps woll and flaxteers	..	10	.6
To a frying pan 4s and a meal bagg 3 s	..	.7	..
To 2 spinning wheels & 3 pair of Cards	..	16	..
To a toast Iron tin and glases	..	.3	..
To wooden vessells and Lumber	.1	10	..
To ye 1/2 of a yoak of oxen	.3	10	..
To the half of a horse	.1	..	..
To 4 Cows at 45 shillings a cow	.9	..	..
To one Heifer of 3 years old	.1	10	..
To 1/2 of 3 young Cattle	.2	.5	..
To ye 1/2 of 10 small Swine	.1	.9	..
To 2 hives of bees	..	12	..
To 16 sheep & lambs	.3	12	..
Debts due to the Estate from the Town of Marshfield	.1	10	..
The Estate is Indebted to severall persons more sense come to knowledge	.2	.1	.5
	..	19	.3

