

In the Name of God, Amen,

I, Thomas Throope of Bristol in the Colony of Rhode Island, Yeoman, At this time enjoying the free exercise of my reason and understanding for which I own and acknowledge divine goodness, and willing to put my house in order for death that common tribute of nature appointed for all men first recommending my Soul, to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried humbly hopeing for a part in the resurrection of the just thro, the merits and meditation of Jesus Christ who by his death made attonement for Sin, I have been blessed with many pleasant children and most of them I may leave behind me and many of them in their minority, my affections are carried out to them all alike and what worldly substance I may leave at my decease I would have distributed to & among my children and family (after my debts and funeral charges &c. = are discharged) in manner following, to say,

Imprimis, - I devised to my eldest son Billings Throope & his heirs forever, about fifteen acres of land in my homestead farm bounded Southerly & Westerly on land of my son William Easterly on land of Nathaniel Fales Esq. and to extend Northerly till it makes a parallel line with the North side of the five acre lot I gave to my son William by deed

Item, I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth one hundred & eighty pounds, lawfull money,

Item, I give to my son William Throope one dollar with what I have already given him is his full part of my estate

Item, I give to my son Samuel Throope sixty pounds lawfull money, and to my son Thomas Throope sixty pounds in like money and to my son George Throope sixty pounds in like money, and to my son Benjamin Throope sixty pounds in like money, my son Samuel to have his legacy paid to him within eighteen months after my decease, and the other three younger son as they respectively attain to the age of twenty one years

Item, I give to my daughter Hannah Waldron three pounds, and to my daughter Mary Peck nine pounds lawfull money which with what I have already given them is their full parts of my estate to be paid them within eighteen months after my decease.

Item, I give to my daughter Sarah considering she has always lived with and is some what weakly thirty nine pounds lawfull money to be paid her in such times as I have ordered for her two sisters as above unless she marry sooner, then to be paid her.

Item, I give to my daughter Esther and to my daughter Elizabeth Richmond thirty three pounds lawfull money each to be paid them within eighteen months after my decease, first deducting from sd sum of thirty three pounds payable to said Elizabeth what I have or may advance for her as will appear charged on book by me,

Item, I give to my daughter Lydia thirty three pounds & to my daughter Susanna thirty three pounds and to my daughter Abigail thirty three pounds lawfull money to be paid them as they

respectively attain to the age of eighteen years or marriage which may first happen, and further if my daughter Esther, and further if my daughter Esther should marry within the eighteen months limited for payment of her legacy I order it to be paid at her marriage

Item, I give to my sister Mercy Reynolds sixty weight of good beef or the value of it annually during her natural life

Item, I do constitute and appoint my said wife sole Executrix of this my last will & testament and do authorize and empower her with the advise & consent of my friend Joseph Russell and Shearjashub Bourn Esq. (to sell and dispose of my homestead farm in Bristol) exclusive of the fifteen acres I gave my son Billings, being about one hundred acres, and also a piece of salt marsh lying on the West side of Bristol Neck being about four acres the better to enable my sd Executrix together with my personal estate to pay all my just debts legacies funeral, charges & which I enjoin her to do, but in case my real and personal estate should be insufficient for that purpose then my will is and I would have each & every legacy given by this will abated and lessened in due proportion to such deficiency and further if in case there should be and appear a clear surplasusage of my estate viz: more than sufficient to pay all debts legacies &c as aforesaid then and in that case my will is & I would have each & every legacy mentioned & given by me in this will enlarged & increased in proportion to such surplasusage.

Item, It is my will that the legacies herein given to my children under age to wit: the sons under twenty one years and the daughters under eighteen shall after eighteen months from the time of my decease carry interest till paid

Item, What I have herein before given to my wife is in lieu of her right of dower or power of thirds in my estate which I would have her accept accordingly and hope it will be sufficient for her support & comfortable living.

And I do hereby ratify & confirm this & this only to be my last will & testament, revoking disannulling & making void all other former wills and testaments or devises whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the last day of October in  
the eleventh year of his Majesty's Reign Annoque Domini 1770.

Thos Throope

Signed sealed & published by the sd Thomas Throope to be his last will & testament in presence of us who at the same time signed in his presence as witnesses

word (months)