

ESTATE OF THOMAS EMERSON OF IPSWICH.

"The 31<sup>th</sup> of maye 1658 I Thomas Emerson of Ipswich in the countye of Essex being att present, I prayse god, of good

health and pfect memory, And well knowing that all men are borne to dye & depart this life, and that the tyme & place of there departure is to them vnknowne & vncertayne and sometymes sudden &c I doe thefore declare & make knowne this my last will and Testament in manner folowing

Imprimus I bequeath my soule into the hands of my blessed Creator & Redecmer my body to the earth to be deasently buried In asured hope of a Joyfull resurection at last day And for my outward Estate I doe dispose of as followeth I Giue and bequeath vnto my Sonne Joseph the some eighty pound of Current paye of newengland viz forty pound of it which I reserued out of my farme Giuen vnto my Sonne John to be payd vnto the sayd Joseph my Sonne acording to the couenant & agreement expressed in a payre of Indentors beareing date the six and twentieth of the ninth mounth 1648 The other fforty pound to be payd vnto him by my Sonne Nathaniell (out of my house & land giuen vnto him) within six mounths after the decease of me & my wife Item I giue & bequeath vnto Nathaniell Emerson my sonne my house wherin I now dwell with all my vpland & meddow and the marsh I bought of my Sonne Joseph w<sup>ch</sup> was somtymes m<sup>r</sup> woodmansy with all the aptenances & preveledges thervnto belonging payeing forty pound out of it as aboue exprest alsoe a little psell of meddow lyeing withing the marsh before mentioned after the Decease of me & my wife Item I Give vnto my daughter Elizabeth ffullar The best fetherbed & boulder with a paire of blanketts and the best couerlet & the bedsted to Inioy for hir vse vntill hir Daughter Susana atayne the age of Twenty yeares or daye of hir mariage if shall happen sooner and then she to Inioy them alsoe I giue vnto my sayd daughter the great carued chest & the carued box with a little Trunck with all y<sup>e</sup> is in it and a small carued chest with what is in it. Item I giue vnto my Sonne James Emerson the sume of forty pounds out of my stock of cattell to be payd vnto him if he shall Come ouer into this Country (or send by a certayne surtificate of his being liueing within two yeares after the decease of me & my wife In case my sayd Sonne dye before) then my will is that my sonne Joseph his sonne Joseph shall haue ten pound of it and my sonne Nathaniell ten pound & my daughter ffullar hir foure sonnes the other Twenty pound or if any of them dye the surviuors to inioye the same. Item my will is that Elizabeth Emerson my wife shall Inioy the yearely rent of the farme with the six head of cattell wintering at the sayd farme & if they doe not

winter soe many to make it vp as is agreed as alsoe the house wherein I dwell with the vpland & meddow & marsh bought of my sonne Joseph with all the aptenances belonging ther-vnto and alsoe all my houshold goods and all my cattell I shall leane both oxen cowes & all other young cattell wha[t]-soeuer to inioy them freely without let or disturbance of any pson or psons whatsoever dureing the tyme that she doth continue my widdow provided allwayes and it is my will & meaning that if the sayd Elizabeth my wife doth marry that then she shall haue only the yearly Rent of the aforsayd farme dureing the tyme of hir naturall Life and the wintering of the aforsayd Six head of cattell alsoe to haue the little feather-bed & one boulster & two payre of sheetes and two cowes (The rest of the cattell & houshold stufe to be disposed of as In this my will exprest) And further my will is that my sonne Nathaniell in case he doe inioye the house & Land by the mariage of my wife that then he shall paye the some of six pound by the yeare to his mother dureing the terme of hir naturall life for the rest of my houshold goods I leaue to my wife to dispose of what shee shall thinke fitt to my sonne Joseph and the rest to be devided betweene my sonne Nathaniell and my daughter fuller ffurther I make my Loueing wife Elizabeth Emerson sole executrix to this my last will and Testament And doe desire my much honered & faithful frends m<sup>r</sup> Samuell Symonds and maior Gen<sup>r</sup> Daniell Denison to be ouerseers to see y<sup>t</sup> this my will be fulfilled In wittnes to this my last will I haue heervnto sett my hand & seale the day and yeare first exprest

Thomas Emerson [SEAL]

Witness: Robert Lord, Daniel Hovey.

"January the 4<sup>th</sup> 1660 memorandom thes ar to testify vnto any home it may concern that I haue giuen vnto my son John Emerson his porshon fully in y<sup>e</sup> Consideration of y<sup>t</sup> agreement betwixt vs about my farme he dully performing y<sup>e</sup> Covinant of y<sup>e</sup> said indentors betwixt vs during the terme of my lif & his mothers as alsoe thos engagements their spesified afterwords acording to our mutuall agreement according to the sixtenth lin of ths will"

Thomas Emerson

"memorandom in consideration of the ten Lins canseld on the other sid conserning my son James my will is that he shal haue the sum of fiv pound payd to him by my son Nathaniel within tow yers after the diseas of the longest liver, of

my wife or myself in Case he shall Com or send by a certain sertifficat y<sup>t</sup> he is then Living alsoe in refrans to y<sup>e</sup> eightenth lin of this my will for six months ther exprest is thus to be vnderstood that my son nathaniel shoul[d] pay that forty povnds to my son Joseph the sum of ten pounds a year til it be fully dischargd vnles he y<sup>e</sup> said nathaniel shall sell my hous & land I now dwel in, & the it to be payd to my son Joseph presently.

"also in refrans to the twenty fifth lin of this my wil it is to be vnderstood that what the et it mentoned as to my daughter ffuler it my intent that it shall be holy & fuly devided betwen hur tow daughters at y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty yers or at y<sup>e</sup> day of mariadg susana & Elisabeth alsoe my will is that my loving wif Elizabeth Emerson shall enioy for |[hur|, vs halfe the fruit of the orchard during hur natural lif to the particulars abov mention I witnes to be my own act"

Thomas Emerson

Witness: George Giddinge, Daniel Hovey.

Proved in Ipswich court May 10, 1666 by the witnesses.

Inventory of the estate of Goodman Emesonne, Sr., deceased 9: 3 m: 1666, taken by William Goodbue and Simon (his M mark) Thomsonne: the housing and land belongin too itt, 150li.; too steares, 6li.; three Cows and a heyfer, 16li.; too weanings calfs, 1li.; sixe sheep and too lamb, 3li. 10s.; half a mare and half a colt, 5li.; his wearing clothes linen and woolen, 9li.; in the pallor: a feather beed, flock beed, quilt, 3 bolsters and too pilows, a coverlitt and too blanketts, curtains, valants, beedsted, 18li.; a lettell trunk, a doosen 1-2 napkins and a table cloth a shortt one and a long towel, 3li.; the great earved chest with nine paycr of sheets, 3 tabel cloths, 4 pilow bears, peace [of] cloth, 16li. 10s.; a carved boxe, 6s.; 3 chest and a trunk, 1li. 10s.; a carpett, too cousings, a remnantt cootten, 1li. 15s.; a remnant of cloth, 1li. 2s.; books and bibels, 2li.; a tabel and chayers, stoole, glas cast and what is in, 3li.; brase and pewter and tinware, 7li. 10s.; Iron ware and tools, 2li.; a feather beed in the chamber and blanket, 4li. 10s.; in the other chamber, corn and a steell mill, 3li. 10s.; for severall small perticulares, 1li.; too perces and bandelears, 1li.; total, 257li. 3s.

Attested in Ipswich court Sept. 25, 1666 by the widow, Elizabeth Emerson.

*Essex County Probate Files, Docket 8,947.*