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In the Name of God Everlasting Amen. I William Bassett of Lynn in y^e County of Essex in New England being of good perfect memory & Rationally disposed and having reached to y^e years of 80 good old age & being very sensible of y^e decay of nature & y^e many distempers & infirmities to w^{ch} do attend my outward nature cannot knowing w^{ch} shall be my death & last thing may come therefore I take this opportunity to settle y^e affairs of my family & do leave this of my last will and Testament (y^e mp^{ts}) as foloweth

Item I give all sort of goods & chattels to my dear Son that gave it. & to my Redeemer Jesus Christ which by his precious Blood hath redeemed my soul from death as for my body which is fraile I comend it to my Deity. wishing a defont Interment thereof & gratefull to thank y^e quality. all through out my skin I desire that in my last will I shall see God Amen. as for y^e disposal of my outward estate which God of his goodness hath given me. my wife is that after my funeral charge & Lawfull debts to be paid I bequeath to my deare & loving wife who hath bin carefull of me & my dear w^{ch} outward estate I bequeath into her place for y^e improvement of a hat & for her honorable life and all her the improvement of my whole estate during her honorable life and all her moveable estate in my house which is mine to be at her absolute disposal. of shee shall for Carge. Item. I give to my Eldest Son willm Bassett all y^e housing land meadows marshes or otherwise withm y^e bounds of Lynn town ship or elsewhere to be at his absolute disposal. further it is to be understood that my son willm Bassett is to pay out of such estate as such Lagafus of y^e I shall give to y^e host of my Ch^{ch} of y^e foweth. Item. I give to my son John Bassett five pounds in money. Item. I give to my son Elisha Bassett five shillings in money. Item. I give to my son Samuell Bassett five shillings in money. Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Bassett. alias Richard forty shillings in money. Item. I give to my daughter Sarah Edwell. for the sharding in money. Item. I give to my daughter Me^{rram} Sandy forty shillings in money. Item. I give to my daughter Mary each forty shillings in money. Item. I give to my daughter Rachel sister forty shillings in money. Item. I give to my daughter Rach^{el} sister forty shillings in money. Item. I give to my daughter Kocachah Bassett forty shillings in money. Item. I give to my daughter Hannah. Lelle forty shillings in money. and if any of y^e above named children except my son willm Bassett should die. then to be divided equally amongst them all. It is to be understood that these Lagafus are to be paid within one year after my death and my wife. & my will is that neither stry nor w^{ch} be made but to the end afore said. Item. my will is that my son willm Bassett be sole Executor to this my last will and Testament.

I have unto I have set to my hand and sealed this tenth day of february in the year of our... 1701. Signed William Bassett with a seal

Witnessed by before signing it is to be understood that my son willm Bassett is to have my whole estate as is above mentioned to him & his heirs for ever.

James Johnson
 Lois Rogert
 Richard Rogert

Essex Co. Before the Hon^{ble} Justice of the Peace
 Judge of probate of the County of Essex
 Samuel Johnson & John Rogert Esqrs. appeared & made oath that they have shewed to us the within and signed the same as their last will & Testament & declare that the above mentioned points & see his own & that they have seen the testator's hands as witnesses for the purpose & they may justly be taken as true upon which we have a process approved & allowed being signed by William Bassett & our names above & we receive a True

proved, approved & allowed
 accounted by Jacob Rogert May 22. 1703

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TRANSCRIPTION

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Heare unto I have set my hand and seale this tenth day of February in the yeare of our .: 1701

[...]proved May 22 1703