

Abner Woodward of Ashford, Connecticut

I Abner Woodward of Ashford in the County of Windham State of Connecticut considering the uncertainty of the continuance of life, and now being of a sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testament.

Item - I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Eunice Woodward the lot of land on which I now live situated in the westerly part of said Ashford on the north side of the Boston Turnpike Road called the Fay lot bounded northerly by land of Luther Warren, easterly by land of Ephraim Squier, southerly by said Boston Turnpike Road, and westerly by land of Jake Dunham, containing about fifty two acres with all the buildings there or that may be there at the time of my decease to her and her heirs forever. And in case the said Eunice should die before my decease I do hereby give, divide and bequeath the aforesaid described lot of land and buildings to the lawful heirs of the said Eunice to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them.

Item - I give bequeath and devise to my said wife the one third part of the residue of my real estate of which I may die possessed during her life. And I give to my said wife the one third part of all the personal estate of every description of which I may die possessed to her and her heirs forever.

Item - After the payment of all my just debts and funeral charges out of the remaining part of my estate, I give bequeath and devise all the residue of my estate both real and personal to my children to wit: Hiel Woodward, Joseph Woodward, Jonathan Woodward, Jerusha Lenard the wife of Dexter M. Lenard, Jelina Clark the wife of Francis P. Clark, Ashbel Woodward, Otis Woodward, and Royal Woodward to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them.

Item - I do hereby appoint my sons Joseph and Otis to be the executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal at Mansfield this third day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty One.

Abner Woodward L.S.

Signed, sealed, declared, and published by the above named Abner Woodward as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us that subscribes, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the said Testator and of each other

John Fitch
Gordon Robinson
Dennis Dexter