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AND THE WINNER IS...

ICFA
Buffalo Bill's
175th B-Day
Cake Contest
Entries



Buffalo Bill's Hat Cake



Life of Buffalo Bill Cake



Buffalo Bill & Naomi Cake



Deadwood Stagecoach Cake



Black Buffalo Bill Belt Buckle Birthday Bake



Scout's Rest Ranch Cake



Buffalo Bill's Wild West Cake

These 7 entries vied for 1st place in our February on-line Cake Contest, see the winners on page 2!

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to our [wrap-up of the 2021 Buffalo Bill Birthday Cake Contest](#) held on-line Sunday, February 28th in celebration of Buffalo Bill's 175th Birthday!

This event was produced by the ICFA's Reunion Committee in response to the postponement of our 2021 biennial reunion due to the pandemic. Recognizing the membership's convivial desire for social activity, committee members Terry Cody lobbied for an alternative event and Dwight Cody inspired the Cake Contest concept.

Our own ICFA Vice President and Chair of our Reunion Committee, Kevin Cody emceed the competition while contestants competed for prizes and recognition for the most decorative and creative Buffalo Bill Birthday Cake.

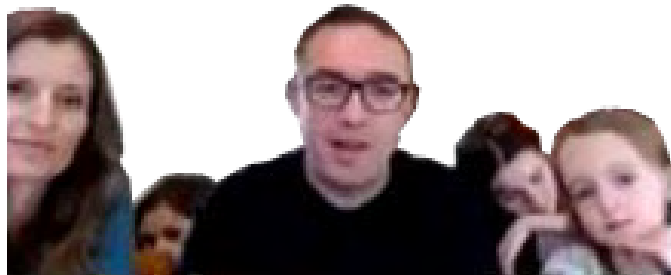
Backstage, our video director, Deborah Gordon set up the

Zoom meeting, ran the waiting room, ushered in our guests, coached them to add their names to their video feed and muted their audio on arrival. During the contest, Deborah managed the voting and without her expertise, this event might not have occurred! Dwight Cody provided color commentary.

Once the audience was assembled, our Master of Ceremonies, Kevin Cody started the show by welcoming the attendees. After mentioning author [Steve Friesen's](#) work as a Director of the [Buffalo Bill Museum](#) at Lookout Mountain, he identified himself, his sister and contestant Kellie Edwards, plus their cousins Paul Cody and Philip Boal as direct descendants of Buffalo Bill. Genealogist Paul Marquez, introduced himself as a direct descendant of Pat Garrett, captor of Billy the Kid!

Don't worry if you couldn't attend, just click for a video of our [Buffalo Bill 175th Birthday Cake Contest!](#)

And the Winner Is... *(continued)*



**1st Place - Joshua & Heather Robertson Family's
"Life of Buffalo Bill Birthday Cake"**



The winning entry consists of two 10" and one 6" yellow cake layers, frosted with chocolate buttercream. There are various characters from Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show; with [Annie Oakley](#), [Chief Joseph](#) and a few other characters familiar to his show. The top tier has chocolate boulders with [Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney's famous "Scout" statue](#) riding high, as it does in Cody, WY right in front of the [Buffalo Bill Center of the West](#). The cake has rolled and sliced caramel around the base border of the cake and down the back of the cake to look like Buffalo Bill's beloved [fringed buckskin jacket](#). At the base of the top tier, is a caramel star representing [Buffalo Bill's Medal of Honor](#) with "175" piped into the medal.



**2nd Place - the Edwards Family's
"Black Buffalo Bill Belt Buckle Birthday Bake"**

Kellie the Baker says they spent only 10 hours on this cake. When the store ran out of silver cake spray, vanilla-flavored frosting dyed black was substituted. The turquoises are blue jelly beans and everything is 100% edible!



**3rd Place - Viki McCarty's "Home on the Range" Cake
depicts Scout's Rest Ranch**

Entitled "Home, Home on the Range", this cake depicts [Buffalo Bill's Scout's Rest Ranch](#) which he owned from 1878 to 1911 and is located in the contestant's home town of North Platte NE. The cake has green grass made with coconut, the stream is blue frosting, with a pretzel bridge and the bushes are broccoli florets. A granddaughter helped with the video where Viki acts as a historical interpreter of Annie Oakley, so the Ranch is very important to her.

And the Winner Is... (continued)



Here's the visible members of the audience attending our Buffalo Bill's 175th Birthday Cake Contest

Emcee Kevin reviewed the seven entries by spotlighting each one as he read the contestant's description of their entry. Then he called for a vote which resulted in a clear win for the Best Cake and a tie for Second Place. A second round of polling broke the tie and Kevin announced our winners and then showed videos of the winning entries with voice-over commentary by the contestants themselves.

With the contest completed, Kevin played a ['hip hop' Buffalo Bill Happy Birthday tribute](#) while some in the audience boogied down to the groovy sound, click to hear it for yourself!

Once we settled down, Kevin interviewed some of the attendees, asking about their interest in Buffalo Bill.

He then introduced ICFA President, Allan Cody who thanked everybody, especially video director Deborah and Emcee Kevin for making this such a success and then promoted the upcoming [MineCraft Challenge](#).

With that, Kevin thanked everybody for coming and after a round of applause, Deborah closed the Reunion Committee's first on-line event!

The top 3 best cakes were awarded ribbons and a signed, limited edition, poster-size print of ["Buffalo Bill and the Indians on the Beach"](#) by artist [Thom Ross](#). All the contestants got a Cody Publications edition of ["The Last of the Great Scouts"](#), a softback biography of Buffalo Bill by his sister, [Helen Cody Wetmore](#).

CODY KIDS CORNER

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By Kellie Cody Edwards -145/44331
Cody, WY Ambassador

Greetings Cody Kids!

This abstract artwork was created by Scottish artist [Alick P.F. Ritchie](#) in 1890 and was used to advertise Buffalo Bill's Wild West in France in 1905.

Challenge: This artist used western icons to create Buffalo Bill's Image. Can you find all the icons on the list? *Hint: Zoom in to find the small stuff!*



Western Icons

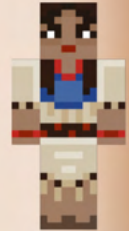
- Tepee
- Lariat or Lasso
- Bow
- Pistol
- Ammo belts (2)
- Axe
- Knife with sharpening stone
- Snowshoes (2)
- Buffalo head
- Horse head
- Feathered war bonnet
- Quiver with arrows
- Rifle
- Tomahawk
- Throwing spears (2)
- Bullet
- War club
- Beaded necklace
- Hand rolled cigarette
- Saddle stirrup
- Saddle stirrup with strap

[For the answers to this puzzle, click here!](#)

WANTED



MINECRAFT Builders



Buffalo Bill Minecraft Challenge Update!

Great News Kiddos! We have extended the submission deadline from May 1st to September 1st and have also decided to waive the entry fee. This will give you the rest of the Summer to put your creative crafting skills to the test. Your challenge is to build anything you want in Minecraft that somehow relates to Buffalo Bill. You can build solo or team up with a friend or family member.

FREE Submission: Email 1 image and 1 video of your own, original creation to getkevin247@gmail.com. Also, provide the first and last name of the builder(s) along with your city and state of residence. Once your submission has been received and reviewed you will get a verification email. All submissions are now due by September 1, 2021.

Rules: The photo and video that you submit may not contain any names, images or hints that would reveal your identity in order to prevent any bias while judging the competition.



REWARD



Recognition in the Next "Cody Review Newsletter" PLUS

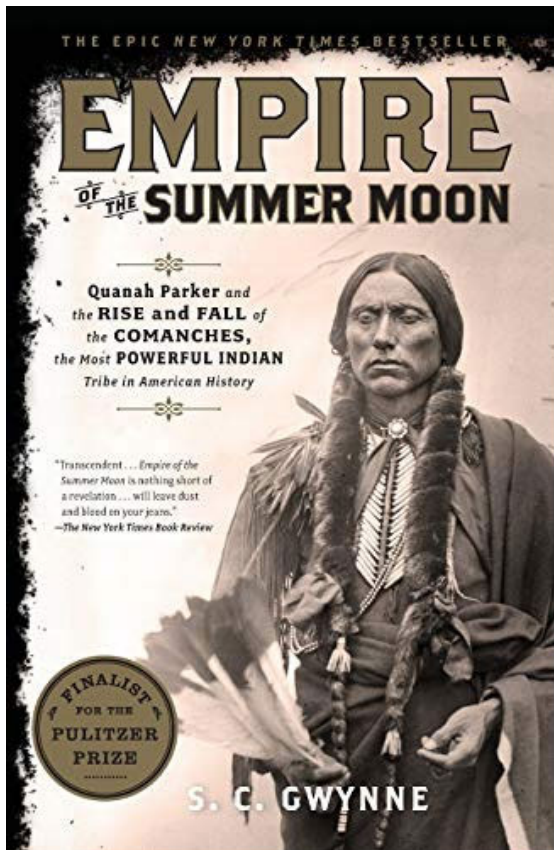
1ST Place 14,000 Minecoins (gift cards) or \$80 cash

2ND Place 8,720 Minecoins (gift cards) or \$50 cash

3RD Place 3,500 Minecoins (gift card) or \$20 cash



Quanah Parker, Comanche Chief



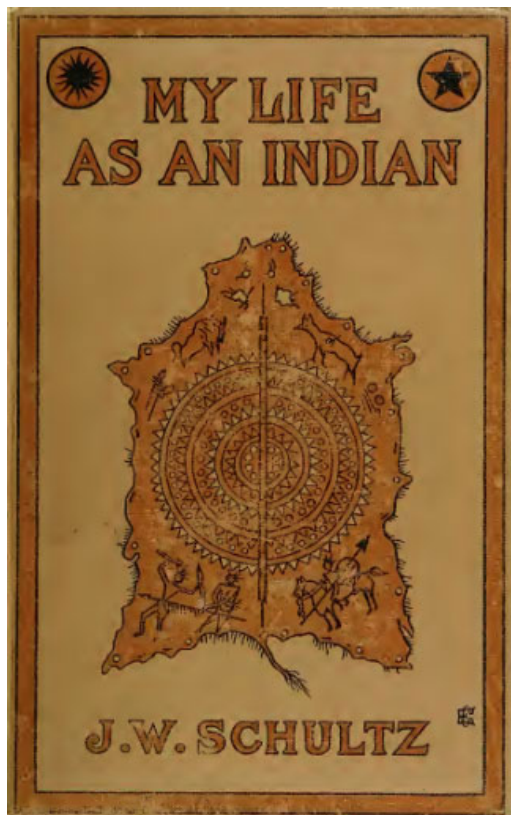
“Empire of the Summer Moon” spans two astonishing stories. The first traces the rise and fall of the [Comanches](#), the most powerful Indian tribe in American history. The second entails one of the most remarkable narratives ever to come out of the Old West: the epic saga of the pioneer woman [Cynthia Ann Parker](#) and her mixed-blood son [Quanah](#), who became the last and greatest chief of the Comanches.

Although readers may be more familiar with the tribal names [Apache](#) and [Sioux](#), it was in fact the legendary fighting ability of the Comanches that determined when the American West opened up. [Comanche boys](#) became adept bareback riders by age six; full Comanche braves were considered [the best horsemen who ever rode](#). They were so masterful at war and so skillful with their arrows and lances that they stopped the northern drive of colonial Spain from Mexico and halted the French expansion westward from Louisiana. White settlers arriving in Texas from the eastern United States were surprised to find the frontier being rolled backward by Comanches incensed by the invasion of their tribal lands.

The [war with the Comanches](#) lasted four decades, in effect holding up the development of the new American nation. Gwynne’s exhilarating account delivers a sweeping narrative that encompasses Spanish colonialism, the Civil War, the destruction of the buffalo herds, and the arrival of the railroads, and the amazing story of Cynthia Ann Parker and her son Quanah—a historical feast for anyone interested in how the United States came into being.

[Hailed by critics](#), S. C. Gwynne’s account of these events is meticulously researched, intellectually provocative, and, above all, thrillingly told. “Empire of the Summer Moon” announces him as a major new writer of American history. For fun, see the graphic novel, [“White Comanche.”](#)

James Willard Schultz, Indian Trader



In this fascinating memoir, first published as a book in 1907, the author recalls the remarkable story of his journey westward as a young man to the Montana Territory. Traveling in [the days before railroads](#) crossed the continent, he sought wild life and adventure and found both among the [Piegan Blackfeet](#).

As a welcome guest of the Indians, [J. W. Schultz](#) took part in almost every aspect of tribal life, enabling him to write vivid and dramatic descriptions of [buffalo hunts](#), war parties, [daring raids on enemy quarters](#), and other adventures; but he also paints a detailed picture of the quieter side of life in the [vast encampments of lodges](#) that dotted the plains: [religious ceremonies](#) and customs, [child-rearing](#), food preparation, burial practices, tales told around the campfire, and much else.

The author’s sensitive commentary testifies to his deep love and affection for the people with whom he lived, among them [Nāt-ah’-ki](#), the young and beautiful Blackfoot girl who became his wife; Ashton, an Easterner with a secret sorrow; Diana, an orphaned Indian girl, who, as Ashton’s loving ward, received a proper education but met a tragic death; and Berry, a tall, fearless [Indian trader](#) of mixed blood who became the author’s long-time friend.

Spanning a period in American history that saw the Indian way of life dwindle to near extinction, this extraordinary firsthand account of a white man’s experiences in the word of the Plains Indian will not only captivate general readers but will also appeal to ethnologists and students of Native American life and culture. A new Introduction by [Hugh A. Dempsey](#), Chief Curator Emeritus, of the Glenbow Museum at Calgary AB, provides biographical information on the author and traces the book’s publishing history and cultural impact.

Nicknames & the Curious Case of “Major Mooney”

Nicknames can be fun, they give color and life to the everyday Mary, John, or Paul, but others like “Boney Maroney”, “Piggy”, “Fats” or “Specs” are [a little too much](#) for some children.

Other people spend their lives living down a nickname they once glorified in their youth, like a bad tattoo or embarrassing Facebook post. While nicknames can cut both ways, they provide an exciting escape from the everyday, dull and drab with a passport to [a new, unique identity](#).

Some nicknames are iconic, “Little Joe”, “Hoss”, or “Butch” and “Sundance” say a lot in just a few syllables. Some nicknames become family names, experts tell us that our own [Lecaudey](#) surname describes a lightly cooked pastry and that [LeBrocq](#) means “badger”, a verb synonymous with pugnacious behaviour.

The Wild West is famous for monikers like “Cattle” Annie and “Little Britches”. It’s where “Billy”, the innocent boyish diminutive of William, is tainted by “the Kid”. A nickname like “Doc” might be a title or just refer to a man’s demeanor.

But who doesn’t wince a little when some backslapping yahoo asks if you’re related to “Wild Bill” Cody?

We smile politely and ask, “Don’t you mean Buffalo Bill?”

No offence to our family friend, James Butler Hicock, it’s the false familiarity that sets our teeth on edge and reminds us of the hero’s classic taunt, “Smile when you say that.” in the cowboy thriller, entitled “[The Virginian](#)”, itself a nickname.

Complimentary or not, self-conceived or not, nicknames add color whether the bearer likes it or not. Either way, nicknames spell trouble for genealogists and have their own way of getting revenge, but three of our own early records use “Patty” [for Martha](#). Nowadays, we rely on birth names or legal names because if a nickname assumes its own life, it clouds rather than clarifies our records.

Genealogical purists think of nicknames as childish or deceptive. Others accommodate them by including it in quotes like James Butler “Wild Bill” Hicock, William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody or F.J. “The Picture Man” Hicock. Occasionally, nicknames create their own identity and trick genealogists into believing it’s a real person, separate from their owner.

Milestones

Please use the fill-in forms under CONTACTS on the website’s home page to report family news.

Births:

133/1511232 Penelope Jo Glazer b Kirkland WA 12/7/2020
258/244131 Brody Samuel Grant Anderson b Victoria BC 9/5/2020
264/8273311 Autumn Cay Grasher b Everett WA 3/29/2020
130/6121221 Baker Cody Miller b Calgary AB 11/15/2020

Marriages:

266/628362 Benjamin Adam Arana m1 Mountain Home AR 5/2/2021 Megan Sky Adkins

Deaths:

184/1341 Della May Wellman d Joliet Will Co IL 10/14/2020 bur Woodlawn Memorial Park Joliet Will Co IL
44D/5935 James DeLancey Kramer d North Oaks MN 3/31/2020

Recently, we found a nickname in our genealogical records who was mistakenly recorded as a real person!

[David 235](#) appears on page 44 in our 1954 “The Cody Family Massachusetts 1698” with wives Nancy Kelly and Susan Sutton and David’s children; Kane, Loretta, Button Guinette, Philander Schuyler, Hannah, Major Mooney, Alonzo O., Elvina Catherine, and David Barney. Kane was named for his grandmother’s family and Button Guinette was named for a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but it was David’s 6th child, Major Mooney, who really caught our attention.

Using FindAGrave.com, we found David 235’s 7th child, [Alonzo O. Cody’s memorial page](#) which, to our surprise, says; “Alonzo O. Cody was Major Mooney Cody. David Cody, his father and (brother) Button were in the Mexican war and when home on leave talked so much about a Major Mooney in the Army at that time that Alonzo (age 5 years) was so intrigued that he wanted to go back with them to see Major Mooney and did nothing but talk about him so they started calling him Major Mooney and it stuck all through his life.”

Now we’ll delete the extra record and re-number David 235’s posterity accordingly.



“Major Mooney’s”
gravestone in
Cedar Vale Cemetery,
Chatauqua Co. KS
with a
Grand Army of the
Republic
Marker

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Probate of Philip 1's Estate

To 'bookend' [December's article](#) about Philippe Lescaudé's birth record, we now present the probate case of Philip Coady of Hopkinton, courtesy of the [Massachusetts Archives](#).

Philip's will was examined by Lydia S. Cody and a transcription was first published in her 1954 masterwork, "[The Cody Family Massachusetts 1698](#)." That copy differs slightly from the original's wording and spelling. Additionally, we present new evidence of our ancestors.

The Inventory, Bond, Citation, Return and Expense Report are presented here for the first time ever. Notably, we find Martha's and Thomas' signatures, testifying to their literacy.

Philip's will provides a [family portrait](#) of his survivors; wife Martha, sons John 2, Joseph 3 and Thomas 6. Son Isaac 5 and grandson Samuel 23 are predeceased, so their shares go to Philip's grandson Joseph 24. Son Abraham 4 and daughter Mary 7 are not mentioned and thereby assumed deceased.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Phillip Coady of [Hopkinton](#), in the County of Middlesex and [province of the Matichusetts Bay](#), in [New England](#) [Husbandman](#) being aged & weak in Body, but Sound in Mind & Memory, thanks be to God therefor, and calling to mind my mortality and not knowing how soon I shall die Do this day being the tenth day of August in the year of our Redemption Seven _teen hundred & thirty Nine, make this my last will & Testament, first rendering my Soul into the hands of a Merciful God hoping for Salvation thro the Merits of my blessed Savior. and my body to the Ground to be buried in a Christian & decent manner according to the direction of my Executors hereafter named, hoping to receive it in the general Resurrection of the Righteous; and for such Worldly Estates as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give bequeath & bestow in Manner following - viz:

- [Imprimis](#) I give and bequeath to ????? to my beloved wife, Martha, my whole Farm in hopkinton, containing One hundred Acres for her use improvement & Support for and during the term of her Natural Life, but in no part to be alienated, I also give and bequeath to her all my personal Estate of whatever kind, Nature or quality whatsoever (after the payment of my just debts and funeral Charges) to her Own use benefit & [behoof](#) to dispose as she shall think proper.
- Item I give and bequeath to my Son John the Sum of [Twenty Shillings](#) to be paid in two months after my decease by my beloved wife Martha.
- Item I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph & his heirs Thirty three acres & one third of an Acre of my Farm in hopkinton aforesaid to be possessed by him or his heirs after his mothers decease the bounds & limits of the said thirty three acres & one third of an acre as follows the line to begin att the Road and Run between the two dwelling houses till it comes to the middle of the barn and then to pass thro the Barn so as to divide the Barn - and then the line to Continue till it meets a line of a thirty three acres and one third of an Acre hereafter mentioned given to my two Grandsons Samuel & Joseph Coady and there westerly bounded on the said thirty three acres & a third. Northerly on the land now in possession of [Jason Walker](#), Easterly on a Road. together with the house half the barn & appurtenances thereto belong or in any wise appertaining -
- Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas & his heirs Thirty three acres & one third of an acre of my Farm in hopkinton aforesaid to be possessed by him or his heirs after his mothers decease, the bounds and Limits of the said tract of Land as follows the northerly line to begin at the Road & Run between the two dwelling houses till it comes to the middle of the Barn, then to pass thro the Barn so as to divide the Barn and then the Line to Continue till it meets a line of thirty three acres & one third hereafter mentioned given to my two Grandsons Samuel & Joseph Coady and there westerly bounded on the said tract of thirty three acres & one third. Southerly on the Land now in the possession of Charles Morris & Easterly on a Common Road; together with the dwelling house, half the Barn and all Other ap purtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining.
- Item ... I give and bequeath to my two Grandsons Samuel & Joseph being the Sons of my son Isaac and to their heirs if either arrives to the age of twenty one years to be possessed by them in equal halves as they shall respectively come of age (provided it be not till after their grandmothers decease) thirty three Acres & one third of An Acre to be on the westerly part of my Farm in an Oblong Form, the whole width of my farm aforesaid, and the Northerly & Southerly bounds to be equal. but the said tract to remain in the use & Occupation of my Executors hereafter named till they shall respectively come of age and provided they die in their minority then I give and bequeath the said tract unto my two Sons Joseph &

Probate of Philip 1's Estate...(continued)

The Last Will and Testament of Phillip Coady of Hopkinton, obverse
from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate Records First Series 1648-1871, Beginning No. 4717

In the Name of God Amen. I Phillip Coady of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England This handman being aged & weak in Body but sound in Mind & Memory, thanks be to God therefor, and calling to mind my mortality and not knowing how soon I shall die Do this day being the tenth day of August in the year of our Redemption seven hundred & thirty nine make this my last will & Testament, first renouncing my Soul into the hands of a Merciful God, Hoping for Salvation thro' the Merits of my blessed Saviour, and my body to the Ground to be buried in a Christian & decent manner according to the direction of my Executors hereafter named, Hoping likewise in the general Resurrection of the Righteous, and for such worldly Estate as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give bequeath & bestow in Manner following

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Item I give and bequeath to my dear Son the Sum of Twenty Shillings to be paid in two months after my decease by my beloved wife Martha.

I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph in his heirs Thirty three acres & one third of an Acre of my Farm in Hopkinton to be possessed by him or his heirs after his mothers decease the bounds & limits of the said thirty three acres to be as follows: to begin at the end of the road and Run between the two dwelling houses till it comes to the middle of the Barn and then to pass thro' the Barn and then the line to continue till it meets with the line of my two Grandsons Joseph & Joseph Coady and then westerly bounded on their thirty three acres & one third of an Acre, westerly on the land now in possession of Jason Coady westerly on a Road together with the house half the Barn & appurtenances thereto belong or in any wise appertaining.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandsons Joseph & Joseph Coady in their heirs Thirty three acres & one third of an Acre of my Farm in Hopkinton to be possessed by him or his heirs after his mothers decease the bounds and limits of the said thirty three acres to be as follows: to begin at the Road & Run between the two dwelling houses till it comes to the middle of the Barn then to pass thro' the Barn so as to divide the Barn and then the line to continue till it meets with the line of my two Grandsons Joseph & Joseph Coady and then westerly bounded on their thirty three acres & one third of an Acre, westerly on the land now in possession of Charles Morris & Easterly on a common Road together with the dwelling house half the Barn & all other appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

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Probate of Philip 1's Estate ...*(continued)*

The will continues on its reverse side with the division of Philip's 100-acre Hopkinton farm between sons Joseph 3, Thomas 6 and his grandsons Samuel 23 and Joseph 24. It also names widow Martha and son Thomas as Executors.

Along with a couple of notes and the date, our Philip makes his mark alongside the signatures of the witnesses, gentleman farmer [Charles Morris](#), his wife Mary, and [George Barrett](#), brother of a local minister, [Rev. Samuel Barrett](#).

Philip's will went to probate because his Executors declined the trust due to age and disability. Son Joseph 3 travelled the 28 miles to court in Cambridge to deliver his Inventory and petition [Judge Remington](#) who appointed him Administrator of Philip's estate if he post a £300 surety bond.

Judge Remington's reply is recorded below by the Registrar of Probate, [Samuel Danforth](#), who in 1745 succeeded Remington as Probate Judge.

and Thomas and their heirs in equal Shares and division that is to say the Southerly half part thereof to my Son Thomas & his heirs & the northerly half to my son Joseph & his heirs to be possessed by them in manner aforesaid after the decease of their mother.

And reposing Special Trust and Fidelity in my beloved wife Martha ~~I do hereby~~ and my Son Thomas I do hereby make them Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all Other and former Wills heretofore by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal the day & Year above written & now Subjoin'd

Signed Seal'd Published & declared
before us

Interlined before signing - on the Otherside line 22
the words (or his heirs) & in line 43 these words
(in equal halves)

Charles Morris (signature)
George Barrett (signature)
Mary Morris (signature)

August the 10th 1739

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Phillip Coady
mark



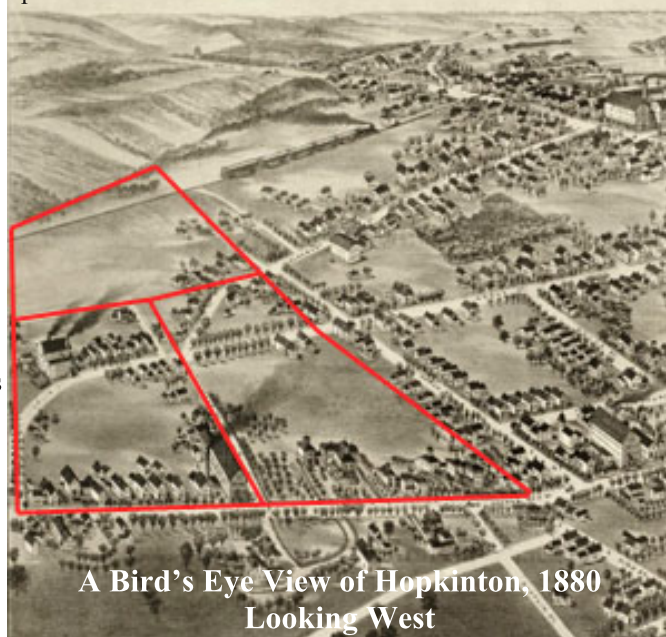
Massachusetts

Bay ~ Know all Men by these Presents - that on the third Day of February anno Domini 1743, before Me Jonathan Remington Esq^r Judge of the Probate of Wills & etc - in the County of Middlesex in the Province aforesaid, was presented for Probate - the foregoing Instrument purporting the last Will & Testament of Philip Coady late of Hopkinton in Said County Husbandman Deceas'd: Then present Charly Morrice & Mary Morrice two of the Witnesses thereto Subscribed, who made Oath that they Saw the Said Testator Sign, Seal, & heard him declare the Said Instrument to be his last Will & Testament & that they together with George Barret Subscribed their Names together as Witnesses to the Execution thereof in the Said Testators Presence, & that he was then (to the best of their Judgement) of Sound & Disposing Mind. I do Prove, Approve & Allow of the Said Instrument as the last Will & Testament of the beforenamed Deceased; and whereas the Executors therein named have refused to accept of their Said Trust; I do commit ~~the~~ Administration cum Testamento annexo _ of the Said Deced's Estate unto Joseph Coady of sd Town, Son of the Sd Deced; who is to become bound in the Sum of three hundred Pounds, with Sundries, for the faithfull Discharge of his Sd Trust: In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & Seal of Office the Day & Year above written.

By Order of the Judge
S. Danforth Reg.

Jona. Remington

Here we see how Philip 1 divided his 100-acre farm between his sons Joseph 3, Isaac 5 and Thomas 6. Isaac predeceased his father, leaving grandsons Samuel 23 and Joseph 24 as his heirs. Samuel 23 died young and Joseph 24 inherited his father and brother's shares when he turned 21 in 1757. Jason Walker was the abutter on the right and Charles Morris was the abutter on the left side of this picture.

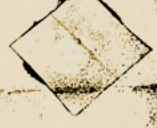


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and my son Thomas I do hereby make them Executors of this my last will & Testament
herby revoking all other and former wills heretofore by me made In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & Year above written & now Subscribed
Signed Seal Published & declared August the 10th 1739

before us
Interced. before signing - on the other side line 22
the words (or his heirs) & in line 23 the words
(in equal halves)

Philip Coady
marks 

Charles Morris
George Barrett
Mary Morris

Massachusetts
Bay

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of February anno Domini 1743, before me Jonathan
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the County of Middlesex in the Province aforesaid, was
presented for Probate the foregoing Instrument pur-
porting the last will & Testament of Philip Coady late
of Hopkinton in said County Husbandman Deceased:
Then present Charles Morris & Mary Morris two of the
Witnesses thereto Subscribed who made Oath that they
saw the said Testator Sign, Seal, & read this Deed
the said Instrument to the said last will & Testament
& that they together with George Barrett Subscribed
their Names together as Witnesses to the Execution thereof
in the said Testators Presence, & that he was then (to the
best of their Judgment) of sound & disposing Mind.
I do Prave, Approve & allow of the said Instrument
as the last will & Testament of the aforesaid Deceased,
and whereas the Executors therein named have refused
to accept of their said Trust; I do commit the Administration
cum Testamento annexo - of the said Deceased's Estate
unto Joseph Coady of P^r Town, Son of the said Deceased; who is
to become bound in the Sum of three hundred Pounds
with Sureties, for the faithful Discharge of his said Trust:
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand
& Seal of office the Day & Year above written.

By order of the Judge
S^r D. Impforth Reg^r } Jon^r. Remington

Probate of Philip 1's Estate ... (continued)

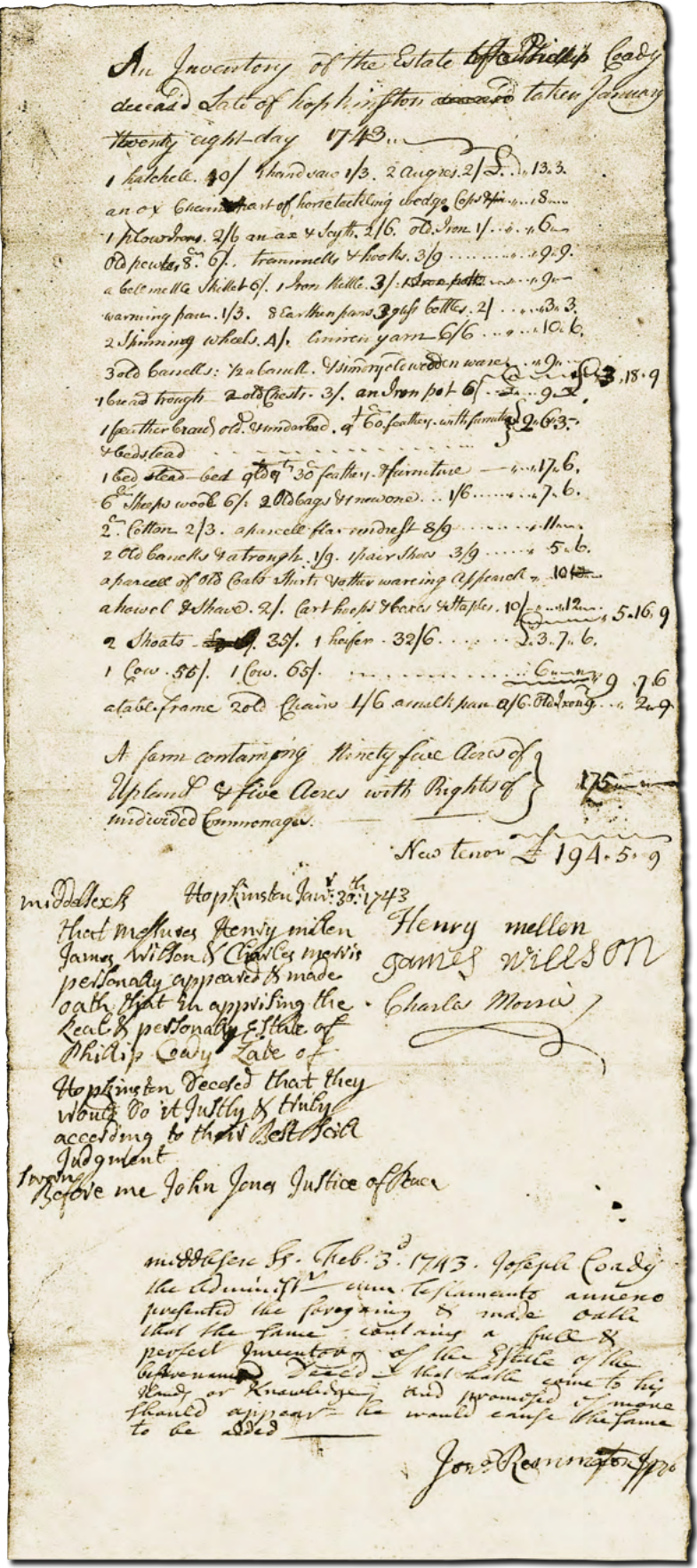
Inventory of the Estate of Phillip Coady,
from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate Records First Series 1648-1871, Beginning No. 4717

An Inventory of the Estate of Phillip Coady
deceas'd Late of hopkinton ~~??????~~ taken **January**
twenty eight day 1743

1 hatchett 10/ 1 hand saw 1/3. 2 augers 2/ £..... 13.3.
 an ox Chain part of horsetackling wedge Cops H..... 8.....
 1 plow Irons. 2/6 an ax & Scyth. 2/6. old Iron 1/ ... 6 ..
 Old pewter 8^c. 6/.. **trammells & hooks.** 3/9 9.. 9 ..
 a **bell mettle Skillet** 6/. 1 **Iron Kettle.** 3/. **Iron pot**..... 9 ...
 warming pans. 1/3. 8 Earthen pans 3 **glass bottles.** 2/ ... 3.. 3
 2 **Spinning wheels.** 4/. **linen yarn** 6/6 10. 6.
 3 old barrells: 1/2 a barrell. & sundry old **wooden ware** ... 9 ..
 1 **bread trough** 2 old **Chests.** 3/. an **Iron pot** 6/ 2... 9 £ 3.18.9
 1 feather Crawl old. & underbed, q^t 60 feather. with furniture }
 & **bedstead** } 2..6..3.-
 1 bed stead old q^t 30^c feathers. & furniture- 17.. 6
 6 Sheeps wool 6/: 2 Old bags & 1 new one ... 1/6 7 .. 6
 2 c. Cotton 2/3 . a parcell flax omdrest 8/9 11
 2 Old barrells & a trough 1/9. 1 pair **shoes** 3/9 5 .. 6
 a parcell of Old **Coats Shirts** & other wareing Appearell ... 10 -
 a howel & **Shave.** 2/ Cart hoops & boxes & Staples 10/- 12 ..
 5.16.9
 2 **Shoats** 35/. 1 **heifer** . 32/6 £.. 3..7..6.
 1 Cow . 56/. 1 Cow. 65/ 6 ..
 9.7.6
 a **table frame** 2 old **Chairs** 1/6. a milk pan 9/6. Old Iron 9 ... 2 .. 9
 A **farm** containing Ninety five Acres of }
 Upland & five Acres with Rights of } 175....
 undivided Commanage }
 New tenor £ 194. 5. 9

Middlesex Hopkinton Jan: 30th: 1743
 that Messures **Henry Mellen** (Mellen's signature)
 James Wilson & Charles Morris (Wilson's signature)
 personally appeared & made (Morris' signature)
 oath that in appraising the
 real and personal Estate pf
 Philip Coady Late of
 Hopkinton deceased that they
 Would do it Justly & truly
 according to their Best Said
 Judgement
 Sworn
 Before me **John Jones** Justice of Peace

middlesex Ss · Feb · 3^d · 1743 · Joseph Coady
 the Adminis^{tr} cum Testamento annexo
 presented the foregoing & made oath
 that the same contains a full &
 perfect Inventory of the Estate of the
 Abovenamed Deac'd - that hath come to his
 Hand or Knowledge and promised of more
 should appear - he would cause the same
 to be added -
 Jona. Remington JPro



Probate of Philip 1's Estate ... (continued)

A Bond for a Faithfull and Complete Inventory of the Estate of Phillip Coady,
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K NOW all Men by these Presents, That we
Joseph Coady Husbandman and James Wilson
Husbandman & Charles Morris Gent^l
all of Wapbinton in the County of Middlesex
within His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, are
holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto *Jonathan Remington Esq^r*
Judge of the Probate of Wills, and granting Administrations within the
County of *Middlesex* in the full and just Sum of *three hundred Pounds*,
Lawful Money of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay; to be paid unto
the said *Jam^s Remington* - or his Successors in the said Office,
or Assigns: To the true Payment whereof, we bind our selves and each
of us, our, and each of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly
and severally for the whole and in the whole firmly by these Presents.
Sealed with our Seals. Dated the *twentieth* Day of *February*
Anno Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and *forty three*
Annoque Regni Regis *Georgii secundi Decimo septimo.*

THE Condition of this Present Obligation is such,

That if the above-bounden *Joseph Coady* - admitted ad-
ministrato^r cum Testamento annexo of the
Estate his Father Phillip Coady late of Wapbinton
Deceased -
do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the
Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said Deceased, which have or shall come
to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of *him* the said *Joseph Coady*
or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for *him*;
And the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the
Court of Probate for the aforesaid County of *Middlesex* at or before the *27th*
Day of *may* next ensuing; and the same Goods, Chattels, Rights and
Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said Deceased,
at the time of *his* Death, which at any time after shall come to the Hands and
Possession of the said *Joseph Coady* or into the Hands and Possession of
any other Person or Persons for *him* do well and truly Administer according to
Law: And further do make, or cause to be made a just and true Accompt of *his*
said Administration upon Oath, at or before the *27th* Day of *February*
which will be in the Year of our Lord, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty four*
And all the rest and residue of the said Goods, Chattels Rights and Credits which
shall be found remaining upon the said Administrator's Accompt, (the same being
first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being, of Probate
of Wills and granting Administrations within the County of *Middlesex* aforesaid)
and shall deliver and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively as the said Judge
or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to Law shall limit and appoint:
And if it shall hereafter appear, That any last Will and Testament was made by the
said Deceased: And the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same
into the Court of Probate for the said County of *Middlesex* making request to have
it allowed and approved accordingly: If the said *Joseph Coady* above
~~within~~ bounden being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said Letter of
Administration (Approbation of such Testament being first had and made) into the
said Court: Then the before Written Obligation to be Void and of none Effect,
or else to abide and remain in full Force and Virtue.

Sealed and Delivered
in Presence of

George Stinson
Thomas Walker

Joseph Coady
James Wilson
Charles Morris

Probate of Philip 1's Estate ...*(continued)*

Fearing a contest, Probate Judge Jonathan Remington directed Samuel Danforth to summon the Executors of Philip's will, widow Martha and son Thomas 6, to Cambridge to hear their pleas. Since Middlesex County Court sat in Cambridge, they must travel 28 miles from Hopkinton to satisfy his demand.

The journey to Cambridge would take a day or two, the session would take a day, and the journey back home would take a day or two. At widow Martha's advanced age and with son Thomas' disability, it would be a daunting wintertime trip for both Executors.

Fortunately, they saw an alternative, and responded to the Judge's Citation with a sworn affidavit, thereby avoiding the difficult journey and reducing the cost of probate. A sworn affidavit would satisfy the Judge's anxiety and assure him there would be no contest over Philip's estate.

To the Widow & all the Heirs at Law of the Estate of Philip Coady late of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex Dec'd -

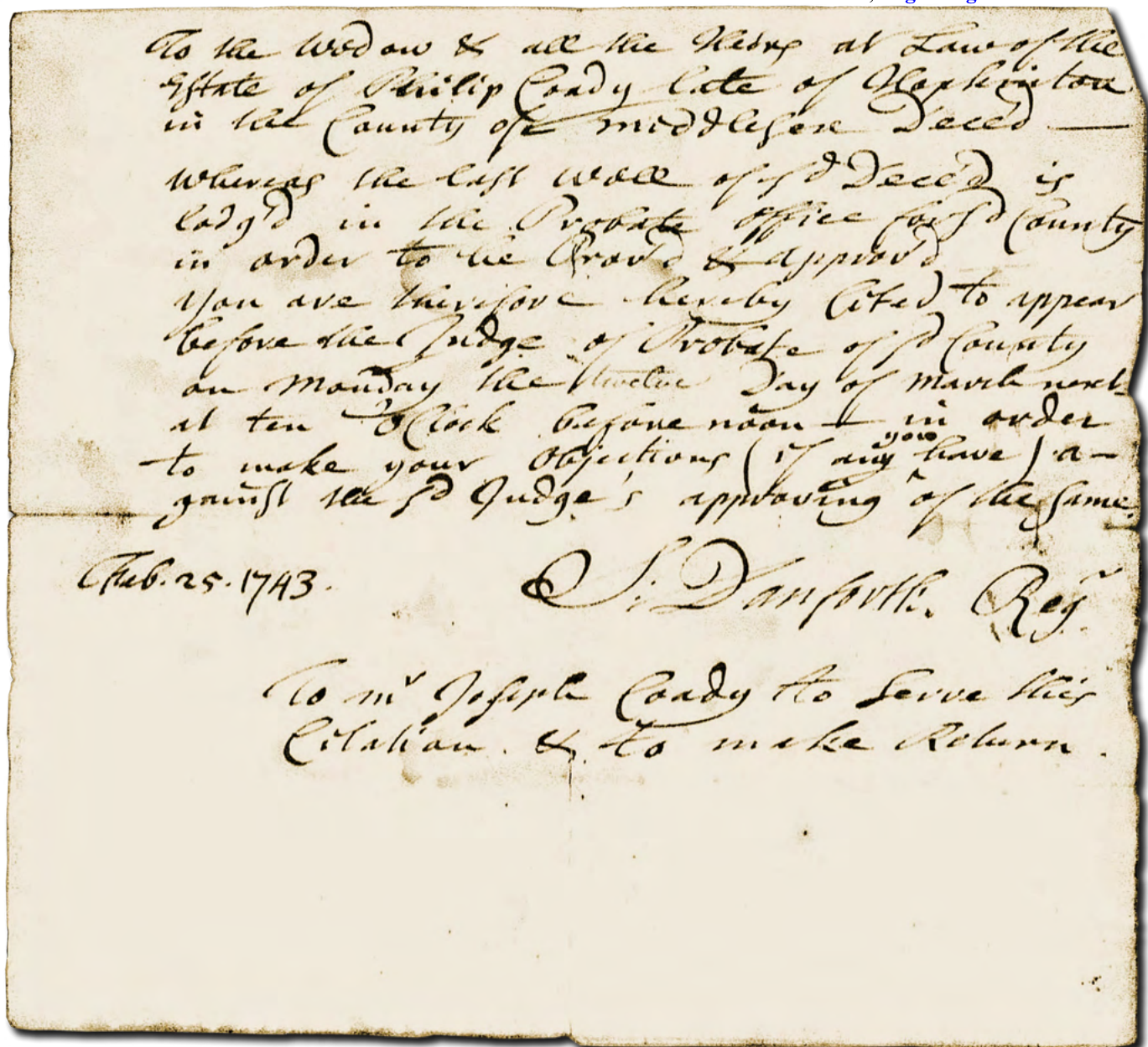
Whereas the last will of sd Dece'd is lodg'd in the Probate Office for sd County in order to be Proved and approv'd You are therefore hereby Cited to appear before the Judge of Probate of sd County on Monday the twelve day of March next at ten o'Clock before noon - in order to make your Objections (if any you have) against the sd Judge's approving of the same.

Feb · 25 · 1743 ·

S. Danforth Reg.

To M^r Joseph Coady to Serve this Citation & to make Return.

Judge Remington's Citation to the Executors of the Estate of Phillip Coady, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate Records First Series 1648-1871, [Beginning No. 4717](#)



Probate of Philip 1's Estate ...*(continued)*

To his honor the Judge of Probates }
for this County of Middlesex }

Sir: We being appointed by Phillip Coady Late of hopkinton deceased, Executors to his Will & Testament and being One of us by Reason of Age and great infirmity and the other of us disabled the Use of his Limbs unable of taking upon us the Trust repos'd on us, We do therefore decline the said Trust and pray your Honor to appoint and Constitute Joseph Coady of hopkinton our Son and Brother as Administrator cum Testamento annexo he being a residuary Legatee and by Lease already in possession of the Real Estate and As we apprehend XXXX be done Otherwise with great prejudice to Heirs & etc. from Y^e honor's hand Sent
Hopkinton Jan^y 30th · 1743
Sign'd in presence of
Charles Morris (signature)
James Goodin (signature)

Martha Coady (signature)
Thomas Cody (signature)

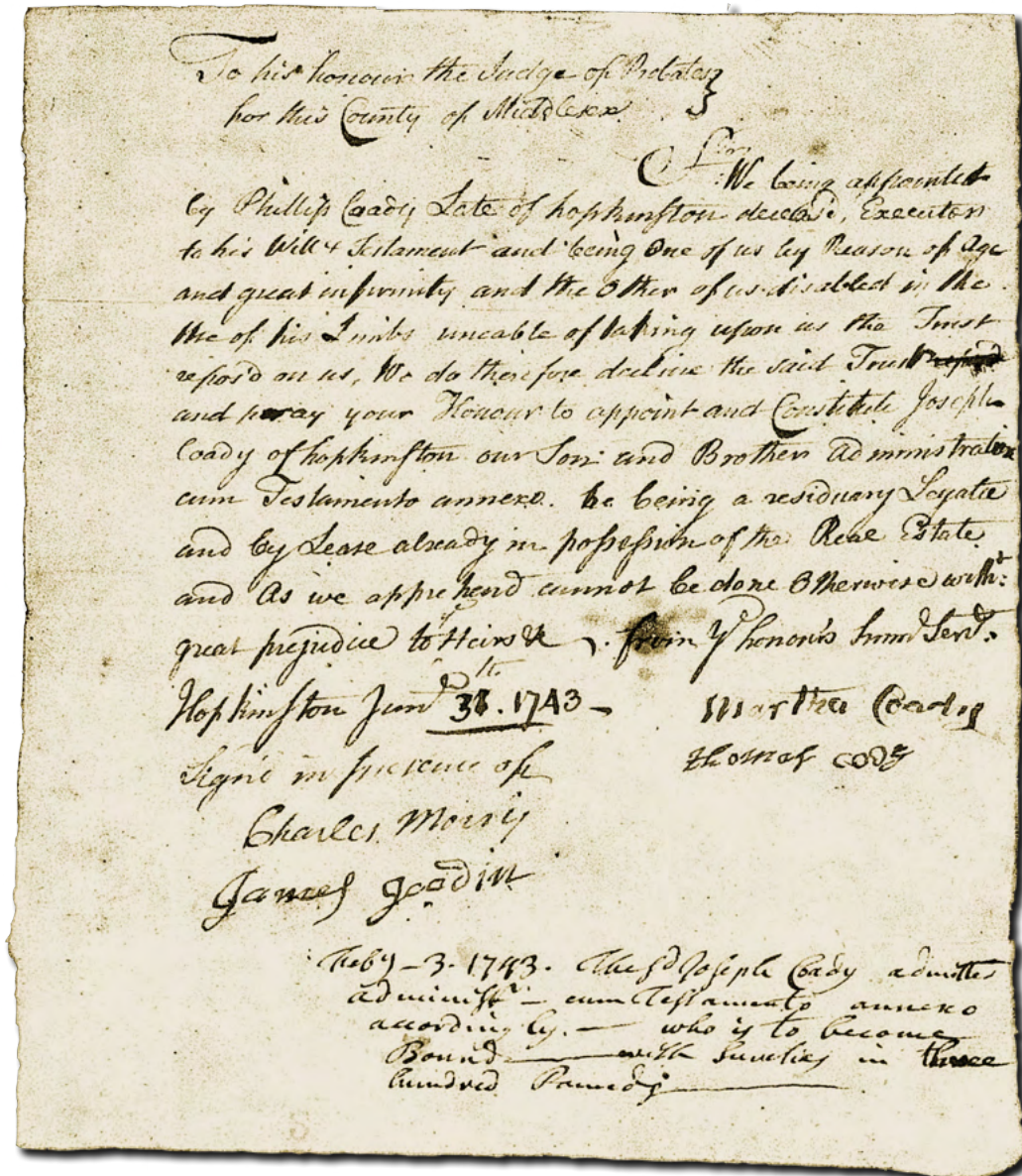
Now that Judge Remington had widow Martha's and son Thomas 6's sworn affidavit, he knew brother Joseph 3 was already operating the farm. The will said that brother John 2 would get 20 shillings from his mother and that son Isaac 5 was deceased, so he accepted the Executor's resignation.

Son Abraham 4 and daughter Mary 7 were not named as heirs in the will, so the Judge could believe that once his decision was made, it would be uncontested. Remington then added his own 5 lines to the Executor's return;

Feb^y - 3 · 1743 · The sd Joseph Coady admitted
adminis cum testamento annexo
accordingly - who is to become
Bound _____ with Sureties in three
hundred Pounds

This document is where we find one example of widow Martha's and son Thomas' own signatures.

Executor's Return in the Probate of the Estate of Phillip Coady, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate Records First Series 1648-1871, [Beginning No. 4717](#)



Probate of Philip 1's Estate ...*(continued)*

The Inventory, Summons and Affidavit, along with at least 2 appearances at the Probate Court in Cambridge, settlement of Philip's estate incurred some expenses which tell us much about the entire proceedings.

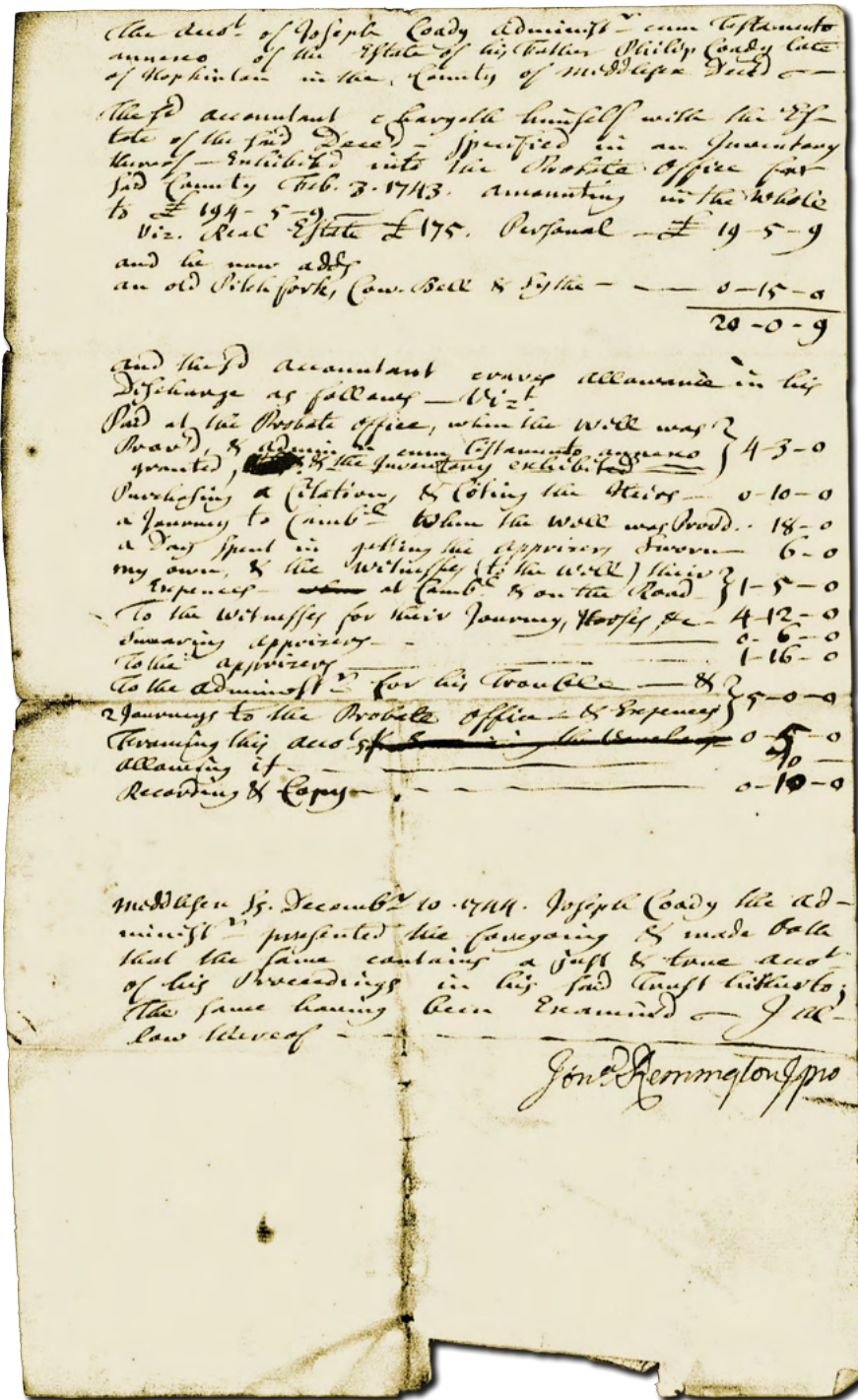
On his first journey to Cambridge on February 3, son Joseph 3 paid 4 pounds 3 shillings to enter the will and be named Administrator, replacing Philip's chosen Executors, widow Martha and son Thomas 6. He later budgets 5 pounds for two of the will's witnesses, the neighbors Charles and Mary Morris, to testify on that occasion. They traveled on horseback as evidenced by the report of their expenses.

Additionally, Joseph budgets 19 shillings for the Citation summoning Martha and Thomas to Cambridge for testimony. They returned the Citation by Affidavit, thereby saving them the trip.

The Appraisers were paid for their estimates and Joseph himself was compensated for his work.

Fortunately, Judge Remington took a favorable view of these proceedings and accepted the expense report as is. Nothing is mentioned of the 300 pound bond, but we surmise it was lifted and the case was closed.

Administrator's Expenses in the Probate of the Estate of Phillip Coady, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate Records First Series 1648-1871, **Beginning No. 4717**



The Acco^t of Joseph Coady Adminis^t cum Testamento annexo of the Estate of his Father Philip Coady late of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex Deced' —

The Sd accountant chargeth himself with the Estate of the Said Deced' - Specified in an Inventory thereof - Exhibited into the Probate Office for Said County Feb · 3 · 1743 amounting in the Whole to £ 194-5-9 —

Viz. Real Estate £ 175 Personal — £ 19-5-9
and he now adds
an old Pitchfork, Cow Bell & Sythe — — — 0-15-0
20-0-9

and the Sd Accountant Allowance in his Discharge as follows - Viz.
Paid at the Probate Office, when the will was Prov'd & Admin cum Testamento annexo granted, & the Inventory exhibited } 4-3-0
Purchasing a Citation, & Cosing the Heirs } 0-10-0
a Journey to Camb^e When the Will was Prov'd } 18-0
a Day spent in getting the appraisers Sworn } 6-0
My own & the Witnesses (to the Will) their Expenses when at Camb^e & on the Road } 1-5-0
To the Witnesses for their Journey, Horses & c } 4-12-0
Swearing Appraisers } 0-6-0
To the Appraisers } 1-16-0
to the Administr for his Trouble - & }
2 Journeys to the Probate Office & Expenses } 5-0-0
Framing this Acco's } 0-5-0
Allowing it — — — 10 -
Recording & Copy — — — 0-10-0

Middlesex Ss. Decemb^r 10 · 1744 · Joseph Coady the Administ^t presented the foregoing & made Oath that the same contains a just & true acco^t of his Proceedings in his Said Trust bills us to The Same having been Examined — I allow thereof — — — — —

Jon^r Remington JPro