

EXACT COPY OF  
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PHILIP COADY OF  
HOPKINTON, MASSACHUSETTS, DATED AUGUST 19TH, 1739.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Philip Coady of Hopkintown, in the County of Middlesex, in His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in the New England States, husbandman, being aged and weak in body, but sound in mind and memory, thanks be to God therefor, and calling to mind my mortality, and not knowing how soon I may die, do this day, being the tenth of August in the year of our Redemption seventeen hundred and thirty nine, make this my last will and testament.

"First, commending my soul unto the hand of a merciful God, hoping for salvation through the merits of my blessed Savior, and my body to the ground to be buried in a decent and Christian manner, according to the direction of my executors hereafter named, hoping to be received into the general resurrection of the righteous and for such worldly estates as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give, bequeathe and bestow in the manner following, viz:

"I give and bequeathe to my beloved wife, Martha, my farm in Hopkinton, containing 100 acres during her natural life, but in no part to be alienated, I also give to her all my personal estate of whatever kind, nature and quality whatsoever (after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses) to her own use and improvement and support for and during the time of her natural life to dispose of as she shall think proper.

"I give and bequeathe to my son John, the sum of twenty shillings to be paid in two months after my decease, by my beloved wife Martha.

"I give and bequeathe to my son Joseph and his heirs thirty three acres and one third of an acre of my farm in Hopkinton aforesaid to be possessed by him or his heirs after his mother's decease, the bounds and limits of the said thirty three acres and one third of one acre, as follows: the line to begin at the road and run between the two dwelling houses until it comes to the middle of the barn, and then to pass through the barn so as to divide the barn and then the line to continue until it meets a line of a thirty three acres and one third of an acre hereafter mentioned given to my two grandsons Samuel and Joseph Coady, and then westerly bounded on the said thirty three acres and one third of one acre, northerly on the land now in possession of Jason Walker, easterly on a road, together with the house, half the barn and appurtenances thereto belonging to or in any way appertaining.

"I give and bequeathe to my son Thomas Coady and his heirs thirty three acres and one third of an acre of my farm in Hopkinton aforesaid to be possessed by him or his heirs after his mother's death, the bounds and limits of this tract of land as follows: The northerly line to begin at the road and run between the dwelling house until it comes to the middle of the barn, then to pass through the barn so as to divide the barn and then the line to continue until it meets line of thirty three acres and one third of one acre hereafter mentioned given to my two grandsons Samuel and Joseph Coady, and then westerly bounded on the said tract of thirty three acres and one third of one acre, southerly on the land now in the possession of Charles Morris and easterly on a common road, together with the dwelling house, half the barn and all other appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way appertaining.

"I give and bequeathe to my two grandsons Samuel and Joseph Coady, being the sons of my son Isaac, and to their heirs if either arrives at 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 until after their grandmother's decease) thirty three acres and one third of one acre on the westerly part of my farm in an oblong form, the whole width of my farm aforesaid and the northerly and southerly bounds to be equal. But the said tract to remain in the use of my executors hereafter named, until they shall respectively come of age, and provided they die in their minority, then I give and bequeathe the said tract to my sons Joseph and Thomas Coady and their heirs in equal share and division, that is to say, the southerly half part thereof to my son Thomas Coady and his heirs to be possessed by them in manner aforesaid after the decease of their mother.

"And reposing special trust in and fidelity in my beloved wife Martha and my son Thomas, I do hereby make them executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day of the year above written and now subjoined.

"Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared, August the tenth seventeen hundred and thirty nine."

(Signed) Philip (his x mark) Coady

Witnesses: Charles Morris.  
George Barrett  
Mary Morris.

(Note: This will was presented for probate the third day of February 1743)