

# Probate Papers of Ebenezer Moody

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MOODY, EBENEZER

BELCHERTOWN

1789

In the Name of God Amen. I Ebenezer Moody of Belcherstown  
in the County of Hampshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
being advanced in years, but through the goodness of God of perfect  
sound disposing Minds and memory, calling to mind the frailty of  
life & my liability to Death, have thought it my duty to set my  
House in Order by making and Ordaining my last Will & Testament  
which I now do in the following Manner.

First of all I give my self wholly to God my Creator Redeemer and  
Sanctifier to be redeemed sanctified & saved by him in the Way he hath  
proposed in the Gospel. my Body I Order to be buried in a decent  
Christian Manner by the care of the Person hereafter to be appointed Executor  
of this my last Will & Testament hoping by the Power & goodness of God to receive  
the same again at the Resurrection of the just gloriously rejoined and filled for  
Celestial Mansions, & then to live forever with my Body with the Saints

With Regards to the outward Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless  
me I give & bequeath & dispose of the same in the following Manner.

In the first Place my just Debt such as Debts & funeral Charges must be  
paid out of my Estate

Item my will is that my son Ebenezer should have the Taxm where and  
how long in Belcherstown he paying Debt & Charges

Item I give to my grand son Elijah Moody sixty two Pounds Lawful Money partly to enable  
him to pay his Brother's Debt, partly as his Portion of my Estate & partly as a  
compensation for his living here, to be an Interest from the time of my decease  
and to be paid in real Estate or land at the appraisement of indifferent men, viz.  
half the said sum to be paid in one year after my decease, the other half in  
one year after that - But if his wife's Decease should be the Debt of Elijah Moody  
decease the father of the above mentioned Elijah or any Child of them, what he do  
pay to be deducted from the said sum of sixty two Pounds

Item I will & bequeath to my grand son Ebenezer Moody twenty Pounds, lawful money  
partly as his Portion of my Estate & partly as a compensation for his living with  
me, an Interest from my decease to be paid in Cattle or land half in one year  
after my decease the other half one year after that - If he shall then be of the age  
of twenty one year - otherwise when he arrives at that age

Item I will & bequeath to my grand son Ezra Moody six Pounds lawful Money to be  
an Interest from my decease to be paid in Cattle or land when he arrives at twenty  
one year of Age, or sooner if my Executor shall think fit to be secured  
Item I will & bequeath to my grand son Viler Moody six Pounds lawful Money an  
Interest from my decease to be paid in like manner as to Ezra  
Item to my grand son Benjamin Moody six Pounds lawful Money to be an Interest  
from my decease to be paid in like manner as to Ezra

Item my will is that my Household Furniture be divided one third Part to my  
son Ebenezer, All the other thirds to my daughter Joanna the wife of David  
Wariner, the other third to my five grand son, before named, and my  
grand son, Elijah Moody to take the said third Part if his Brothers  
& should be under age at my decease to divide with them or pay them their  
equal proportion when they respectively come of Age

Item my will respecting Anna my true & lawful wife is as follows viz in as  
much as we made an Agreement before our Marriage whereby I had none  
of her Estate, which Agreement was acknowledged by her, both in a written  
Instrument of the same date as this will, well considering that she has a  
considerable Estate of her own & seeing things in my mind, my will is  
that if the Income of her own Estate together with her own Industry  
does not afford her a comfortable support, my Executor pay her annually four  
Spanish hind Dollars worth of grain so long as she continues my widow.

Item the Remainder of my Estate Real & Personal I give to my son Ebenezer  
to enable him to pay my Debt & except a young receipt of two  
years to my grand son Elijah

And I hereby ~~mean~~ mean that if either of the Persons before named or any of them  
is by me called or bequeathed should decease before me or should have a receipt  
of 1/2 to his other share.

and I hereby nominate constitute & appoint my son Ebenezer Moody  
Executor of this my last Will & Testament - In Confirmation whereof  
and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament I have here  
unto set my Hand & Seal this twenty fourth Day of June anno Domini  
one thousand seven hundred & eighty five - Signed sealed declared and  
pronounced in presence of us

Witness }  
X Justus Forward  
X William Town  
her  
Sarah D. Sampson  
mark

Ebenezer Moody

HAMPSHIRE, ss.

At a Court of Probate holden at Haslebury within and for the  
County of Hampshire, on the first Thursday of May being the  
11th Day of said Month, in the Year of our Lord 1789  
The foregoing was presented as the last Will and Testament of Ebenezer Moody  
late of Belbuxton in the County of Hampshire, deceased, by the

Executor therein named for Probate; and Justus Forward

William Town

two of the subscribing Witnesses to the

same appearing, made Oath that they saw Ebenezer Moody the  
Testator Sign and Seal, and heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his  
last Will and Testament,--that he was of sound Mind and disposing Memory  
when he did it; that they together with Sarah Sampson  
all signed as Witnesses to the same, at the same Time, in the Presence of the  
said Testator and of each other. Whereupon it is considered, that the same be  
and hereby is proved, approved, ratified and confirmed, as the last Will and  
Testament of said deceased.

Clay Porter J. Prob.

Eben<sup>r</sup>. Moody's  
Mill & Bond  
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KNOW all Men by these Presents,  
THAT WE *Ebenezer Moody Daniel Moody Justice*  
*Forward, Clerk of Belchertown in 11 County*  
and all

within the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the Hon. *Ebenezer Porter* Esq; Judge of the Probate of Wills, and granting Administrations within the County of *Hampshire*, in the full Sum of *Three hundred* Pounds, in Lawful Money of said Commonwealth, to be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Porter* his Successors in the said Office, or Assigns: To the true payment whereof, we do bind ourselves, 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 *fifth* Day of *May*  
*Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty nine*

The Condition of this present Obligation is such, That if the above bounden *Ebenezer Moody who has this Day taken upon himself the Office of Executor of the last Will of Mr. Ebenezer Moody late of Belchertown*

*Do*  
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 *Ebenezer* 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 said County of *Hampshire* at or before the *fourth* Day of *August* 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 Hand and Possession of the said *Ebenezer* 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 Account of *his* said Administration upon Oath, at or before the *fourth* Day of *May* which will be in the Year of our Lord *One Thousand Seven Hundred and ninety* and all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods Chattels, Rights and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administration Account (the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the Time being of Probate of Wills and granting Administrations with in the County of *Hampshire* aforesaid) and *he* 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 Hampshire, making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly; if the said~~ *within bounded, being thereunto required, 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.*

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
in presence of  
*William Town*  
*Jacob Gray*

*Ebenezer Moody*  
*Daniel Moody*  
*Justice Forward*

Edw. Moody Jr.  
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An inventory and appraisal of the estate of  
 Ebenezer Moody jun late of South Hadley died seized.

One Horse at \$50 one yearling Heifer at \$3 =	70	0
Some Sheep =	50	
Horseman's cap at \$4 Sword and Belt at \$3.75 =	12	
Pistols and holsters at \$1 Cartouch box at \$0.50 =	7	75
Girt and breastplate & Valise Bridle & saddle & bits =	11	50
Military coat waist coat and pantaloons =	5	25
Three coats at \$12 Surtout and great coat at \$7 =	7	75
Five pair of pantaloons at \$6.50 one Hat at \$3 =	19	
Three vests at \$2.50 six pair of stockings at \$2.50 =	8	50
Two shirts at \$1. pair of boots at \$2 =	5	
Fifteen pounds of sheeps wool =	3	
Packet book & whip at \$0.75 umbrella at \$0.25 =	5	25
One calf =	1	
Six chairs =	6	
One chest =	1	50
		<u>\$147 30</u>
One Bureau \$16 sixteen chairs at \$13 three tables at \$7.50 =	13	50
Wooden ware at \$2.50 two looking glasses at \$13 =	5	50
Iron ware at \$3 tin ware at \$1. dogs & flats at \$1.50 =	3	25
Four candlesticks at \$1.50 two servers at \$1.75 =	11	75
Crochery ware at \$4 Glass ware at \$1.25 China \$6.50 =	8	30
Tea spoons sugar tongs and table spoons =	59	
Two beds & bedding and furniture =	58	50
Liners \$37 chest and trunk \$4.50 Coat \$17 =	6	5
Four sheep at \$6.30 slic and tongs at \$0.75 =	1	50
Knives and forks =		<u>\$323 15</u>

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Hezekiah Moody

Dan<sup>d</sup> Moody  
 Ebenezer  
 Elizabeth Moody

An inventory and appraisal of the estate of  
Ebenzer Moody jun late of South Hadley died seized.

One Horse at \$50 one yearling Heifer at \$3 =	75
Some Sheep =	12
Horseman's cap at \$4 Sword and Belt at \$3.75 =	7 75
Pistols and holsters at \$1. Cartouch box at \$0.50 =	1 50
Girt and breastplate & Valise Bridle & saddle cloth =	5 25
Military Coat waist coat and pantaloons =	7 75
Three coats at \$12 Surtout and great coat at \$7 =	19
Five pair of pantaloons at \$0.50 one Hat at \$3 =	8 50
Three vests at \$2.50 six pair of stockings at \$2.50 =	5
Two shirts at \$1. pair of boots at \$2 =	3
Fifteen rounds of sheeps wool =	3 25
Packet book & whip at \$0.75 umbrella at \$0.25 =	1
One calf =	1
Six chairs =	6
One chest =	1 50
	<u>\$147 30</u>
One Bureau & 16 sixteen chairs at \$13, three tables at \$13 =	36 50
Wooden ware at \$2.50 two looking glasses at \$13 =	15 50
Iron ware at \$3. tin ware at \$1. dogs & flats at \$1.50 =	5 50
Four candlesticks at \$1.50 two servers at \$1.75 =	3 25
Crockery ware at \$4. Glass ware at \$1.25 China \$6.50 =	11 75
Tea spoons sugar tongs and table spoons =	8 30
Two beds & bedding and furniture =	5 9
Linen \$37. chest and trunk \$4.50 Cow \$17 =	58 50
Four sheep at \$5.30 slice and long at \$0.75 =	6 5
Knives and forks =	1 50
	<u>\$323 15</u>

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Dan. Moody

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HAMPSHIRE, 1 March 22 1813 -  
I, Dan. Moody, do hereby certify on the estate of Ebenzer Moody  
late of South Hadley in said county, deceased, presenting the foregoing, makes oath that the  
same is a just and perfect Inventory of all the real and personal estate of said deceased, so far as has come to  
my knowledge, and that any more shall hereafter appear she will make due return thereof  
to the Probate Office for said County. before Joseph Lyman Judge of Probate.

Edw. Moody Jr.

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Edw. Moody Jr.

HAMPSHIRE, ss.  
In Probate Court at Northampton, within and for the same county of Hamp-  
shire, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1872  
ORDERED, That Huldah Moody adm<sup>or</sup>  
on the Estate of Ebenezer Moody Jr.

late of Southadley deceased, advertise notifications of ~~his~~ being  
appointed adm<sup>or</sup> as aforefaid, by posting the same up in some public  
places at Southadley in said county, and by publishing it in the  
pointed at  
within three months.

GIVEN under my hand, the day and year aforefaid.

Joseph Symon Judge of Probate.

I the subscriber testify and declare, that I have caused notifications  
of my being appointed Adm<sup>or</sup> as aforefaid, to be  
posted at some public places in Southadley aforefaid: And  
also gave further notice thereof, by causing the same to be published in  
within three months from the time of my taking upon my  
self the trust aforefaid, according to order: And the following is a copy of the  
original notifications published as aforefaid.

Huldah Moody

HAMPSHIRE ss.  
At a Probate Court holden at Northampton within the same county  
of Hampshire on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D. 1872  
PERSONALLY appeared Huldah Moody  
afore named, and made solemn oath to the truth of the foregoing affidavit, by her  
subscriber  
Before me Joseph Symon Judge of Probate.

At the same Court, Ordered, that the foregoing affidavit be filed.

Joseph Symon Judge of Probate.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed  
adm<sup>or</sup> on the Estate of Ebenezer  
Moody Jr. late of Southadley in the county of  
Hampshire, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust, by giving  
bonds as the law directs. And all persons having demands upon the estate of the  
said deceased, are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to the  
said estate are called upon to make payment to

Acct. W- 1872 Huldah Moody adm<sup>or</sup>

N. B. This paper is to be returned into the Probate Office within seven months.

Ebenezer Moody Jr.

Pr. ad. receipt.

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Know all Men by these Presents,

THAT WE *Huldah Moody widow & Daniel Moody both of Southwalley and Solomon Hawks of Shelburne in the County of Franklin 2<sup>d</sup> the first are*

in the County of Hampshire, within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the Hon. *Joseph Lyman* Esq. Judge of the Probate of Wills and granting Administrations, within the County of Hampshire, in the full Sum of *one thousand* Dollars, to be paid unto the said *Solomon Hawks* successors in the said office, or Assigns: To the true payment whereof, we do bind ourselves, 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 *Eighteenth* Day of *August* Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and *Twelve*

The Condition of this present Obligation is such, That if the above bounden *Huldah Moody administratrix on the Estate of Eleazer Moody Jr. late of Southwalley aforesaid. 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 *her* the said *Huldah*

or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for *two* and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the said County of Hampshire, at or before the *Eighteenth*

Day of *November* 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 Hand and Possession of the said *Huldah* or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for *her* do well and truly administer according to Law: And further do make or cause to be made, a just and true Account of *her* said Administration upon oath, at or before the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *August*

which will be in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *Twelve* and all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administration

Account (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 Hampshire aforesaid) and *she* 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 Hampshire, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly; if the said *administratrix* 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.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED, }  
IN PRESENCE OF

*Walter Pease*  
*Theodore Lyman*

*Huldah Moody*  
*Dan<sup>l</sup> Moody*  
*Solomon Hawks*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HAMPSHIRE ss. To *Daniel Moody, Elizabeth Moody*  
*both of Southwold and Ebenezer Wash in the*  
*County aforesaid. Executors & all* in the County *of Granby*

GREETING.

YOU are hereby appointed and empowered, on oath, to take an inventory of, and according to your best skill and judgment, truly and justly to apprise, at the present value thereof in Dollars and Cents, all the estate whereof *Ebenezer Moody* *Jnr.* late of *Southwold* — in the aforesaid county, died seized; and you are to make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto *the court.*

to be by *her* returned to the Judge of Probate of Wills, &c. as soon as conveniently may be. Said estate will be shewn you by said *account.*

Given under my hand and seal this

*10* —

day of

*August*

A. D. 1862

*Joseph Lyman*  
Judge of Probate.

Hampshire Is September 7<sup>th</sup> 1812

Then the Daniel Moody Elijah Moody and Eleazer Nash within  
Named made Solemn Oath faithfully to perform the Duties  
of the within Commission

Before me Ruggles Woodbridge Justice of the Peace