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WILL OF JOHN GREENE, SURGEON.

(A true copy, compared with the original, July 10, 1838, by Gen. G. S. Greene.)

Bee it known unto all men by these presents, that I John Greene Sen. of the Towne of Warwicke in the Nanhiganset Bay in New England, doe make this my last will and testament, as followeth. First I give to my beloved wife Phillip Greene that part of building being all new erected, and containe a large hall and a chimney, with a little chamber joyninge to the hall, as also a large chamber with a little chamber within that, with a large garret, with a little dairy room which butts against the ould house; to enjoy duringe her life.

Also I give unto her half [of the] orchard.

Also I give unto her my lott next to the orchard together with the swamp, which the Towne granted me.

Also I give unto her fower kine at her own choice.

Also I give unto my sayd wife, two two yeares old heifers.

Also I give unto my sonne John Greene that necke of land called Occupesuatuxet together with all the meddowe that belongs thereto,¹ with a little Island adjoyninge, to the necke, all which upland and meddowe I bought of Miantonomu.

Also I [give] him my right that belongs to mee of land in the purchase of Providence plantation. Furthermore, I give to my sonne Peter Greene that other house adjoyninge unto the house aforesayd which I gave my wife.

Also I give unto him after the disease of my aforesayd wife, the other house that I gave unto my wyfe, and the lott belonginge thereto, upon this konsideration, that hee

¹ On the margin, "Memorandum, that my sayd wife is to make use of all the said meddowe of Occupesuatuxet during her life."

shall give or cause to bee payed within one whole yeare ten pounds starling to my sonne John Greene for the use of his children.

Also I give unto my sonne Peter a yoake of Steers, together with half the orchard upon this consideration, that hee shall provide my sayd wife with thirty load of wood in a year and bring it in seasonably during her life. Item, I give unto my sonne James Greene my six acre lott in the necke called Warwicke necke, or Mishaomet, together with my great lott and all my other right in the sayd necke yet undivided either upland or meddowe.

Also; I give unto my sonne Thomas Greene that parcel of meddowe land formerly layd out unto me in the sayd Warwick necke layinge on the west side towards the farr end according as it is bounded.

Also I give unto him my six aker lott lying neare Mr. Bradleys new dwellinge.

Also I give unto my fower sonnes aforesayd, All that land that is due to me as I am a Purchaser of the Towne of Warwick, layinge beyond the Townshipp to be equally divided betwixt them fower.

Also I give unto my fower sonnes aforesayd together with my daughter Mary Sweete what money can be gotten by lawe or otherwise from William Arnold, in the case dependinge betwixt mee and him, after my sonne John hath received the one half of it to himself for his proper use accordinge to my former promise. Also I give unto my aforesayd daughter two kine and one yearlinge heifer. Also I give unto my grandchild Ann Hade, one two yeare ould heifer and one yearlinge calfe to bee disposed of by her uncle James Greene for her profit as hee shall see best.

Also I give unto my sonne Peter Greene twenty pound in peage, white at six p. d. or black at three p. d. upon consideration of a former promise of repairinge the aforesayd house which I have given him. Also I give unto my beloved friend Mr. Samuel Gorton Forty shillings.

Also I give unto my beloved wife Phillip Greene aforesayd, all my furniture undesposed of exceptinge one bedd and bedstead together with its furniture, which at the writinge hereofe belongeth thereto, which I give unto my aforesayd sonne Peter Greene.

Also I make my aforesayd wife my sole executrix in all matters exceptinge all differences betwixt William Arnold of Patuxet and myself wherein I doe state my sonne John Greene to prosecute as hee shall see cause, but otherwise my sayd wife is to fulfil my will and testament.

In wisse whereofe, I have hereunto set my hand, this twenty-eight of December 1658.

Memorandum, that the use of the meddowe of Occupesuatuxet duringe my wifes life in the Margeant and half the orchard unto my sonne Peter was Interlined before the sighninge hereofe as also Greene in one place and John in another.

By me JOHN GREENE Senr.

Sighed in presence of

JOHN WICKES

ANTHONY LOE

A true copie as atteste

JOHN GREENE *Towne Clerke.*

The will of Mr John Greene late deceased being proved to be a true will according to law before me this seven of the eleventh month '58 in approbation hereof I set my hand and seal unto this coppie:
per me

EZEKIEL HOLLYMAN

Deputy.

[This date O. S., or January 7, 1658-9.]