

Will of John Goddard  
Dated June 13, 1785  
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Newport Probate Records

Be it remembered, that I John Goddard of Newport in the County of Newport and State of Rhode Island, &c. Joiner, being indisposed in body, but through divine Aid am favoured with the eye of my natural Faculties, think fit this thirteenth day of the sixth month called June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, to make this my last will and Testament in manner following, for disposing of that temporal Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, in order to prevent as much as possible all controversies that might arise otherwise concerning the same.

Imprimus, My will is that my just Debts and funeral charges be well and truly paid in a convenient Time after my decease.

Item, My will further is that my Dwelling house and Lot of land whereon it stands with the stable in Newport aforesaid, shall be and remain to and for the use and benefit of my beloved wife during the time she shall remain my widow, and a Home for my Children that is now at home with me, and I earnestly recommend to them, that they live together in one Family, in love and harmony. I also give to my said wife all my stock of Mahogany and other stuff to be worked up for the support and benefit of my said wife and children which is at home with me.

Item, I give and bequeath to my two Sons Stephen and Thomas Goddard all my tools of every kind which I used to work with in carrying on by business, I also give to my said two Sons Stephen and Thomas the use and benefit of my shop, where I used to work, so long as their mother shall live in consideration of their working up the Stock of Mahogany &c. for their mother in such Furniture as will be most profitable and when worked up, to be appropriated as aforesaid.

Item, My will is that my wife and children keep and preserve the Books which I bought of the Widow Fryers of Isaac Pennington's works, as Family Books, which I recommend to their reading.

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife and my nine Children, vis. Townsend, Job, Henry, Stephen, Thomas, Benjamin, Mary and Rebeccah Goddard and Catharine Weaver all the rest and residue of my estate of every nature or kind whatever, that is not heretofore given away, both real and personal to them, their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, excepting the privilege of my wife in my dwelling house, and the use of my Shop to my Sons Stephen and Thomas as aforesaid and the account I have against my Daughter Catharine Weaver of household Furniture etc. is to be deducted out of her share or part of my Estate. The reason that my son Daniel Goddard is not included with my other Children is that what I have heretofore done for him at divers times may be equal to his share of my Estate, which I desire he may be satisfied and contented with.

And lastly, I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my Son Townsend Goddard, my Executor of this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other Will and Wills, Legacies, Bequests and Executors by me at any time heretofore named, willed or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto let my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

John Goddard

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above name John Goddard as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us,

Thomas Robinson,  
Joseph Warrin,  
Philip Tratfarn

At a Court held at Newport the fifteenth day of August A. D. 1785 before George Sears, Esq., Judge for the probate of Wills and granting Administration on intestate Estates within the City aforesaid.

Inventory (1785)

An Inventory of the personal Estate of John Goddard late of Newport, deced, showed us by Townsend Goddard, this first day of the eighth month called August 1785

|                   |   |               |
|-------------------|---|---------------|
| In the Shop       | 5 Benches & Joiners Tools                         | £18-0-0       |
|                   | Stock of Mahogany & other stuff                   | 13-10-0       |
| Stable            | 3 Tons of hay £9- 2 Cows £9-                      | 18-0-0        |
|                   | 2 hogs 24/ 1 old horse 60/ Boat & Oars 90/        | 8-14-0        |
|                   | 2 Iron Shovels, 1 hoe, 2 pitchforks(old)          | -8-           |
|                   | Sundry old Casks 6/ Corn 18/ Cart Body 18/        | 2-2-          |
| In the Great Room | 1 Clock £9- 3 Mahogany Tables £6-                 | 15--          |
|                   | 8 Mahogany Chairs £6- Desk & Bookcase 70/         | 9-10-         |
|                   | 1 looking Glass                                   | 1-16-         |
| Keeping Room,     | 3 old Tables 18/ 5 Chairs 15/ pipe Box 1/         | 1-14-         |
|                   | Shaving Box, Razor, hone & Small Glass            | -8-           |
|                   | Desk & paper case old 20/,                        |               |
|                   | Bed, Bedstead & Bedding old, 60/                  |               |
|                   | Sundry Books 60/                                  | 7- -          |
|                   | Tea Table Furniture in Beaufet                    | -6-           |
|                   | 11 Silver Spoons, 2 Teaspoons, Tea Tongs          | 5-10-         |
| Bedroom,          | 2 Beds, Bedsteads & Bedding, Small & old          | 4-4-          |
|                   | 1 Case with Bottles 6/ wearing Apparel 90/        | 4-16-         |
| Kitchen,          | 3 old Tables, old Meal Chest 12/ 6 old chairs 12/ | 1-4-          |
|                   | 1 Stand. 1 pr Bellows, 2 pr handirons,            |               |
|                   | 2 pr Tongs & Shovels                              |               |
|                   | 9 Candlesticks & Lamp                             | 1-11-         |
|                   | 1 Gridiron, 1 Toaster, 3 Trammels, 3 Flat         |               |
|                   | Irons, 1 pr Stedyards and Candle Box              | -12-          |
|                   | 1 Lanthorn, 1 Jack, Dripping Pan, 2 Spits         | 1 - -         |
|                   | a Horse to dry Clothes & Canister                 | -3-           |
| Closet            | 24 Pewter plates, 4 platters, 1 Basen,            |               |
|                   | 3 porringers 1 Coffee pot                         | -12-          |
|                   | 14 earthen plates, 3 Mild pans, 3 earthen dishes  | -6-           |
|                   | 3 Bowls, 1 Funnel, 1 Mug, 1 Sauce Pan             |               |
|                   | Table Knives & Forks, Warming Pan, Some           |               |
|                   | Old earthen and tin ware                          | -6-           |
|                   | Brought over                                      | <hr/> £116-18 |
|                   | Potts, Kittles, frying pan, pails, Bread          |               |

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|                       | Trough, Churn &c. in the Sink room             | 2-10-   |
| Storeroom,            | Safe and Some old Lumber                       | -6-     |
| Cellar,               | Some old Cask                                  | -5-     |
| Great Chamber,        | 1 Bed, Beadstead & Bedding                     | 4-10-   |
|                       | 2 Tables 30/ Case drawers 40/, 6 old Chairs 9/ | 4-7 -   |
|                       | 1 look Glass                                   | 1 - -   |
| South Chamber,        | Bed, Beadstead & Bedding, old                  | 2-0-    |
| Keeping Room Chamber, |  |         |
|                       | Bed, Beadstead & Bedding 48/                   |         |
|                       | Old Case Drawers 30/ 2 old Chairs 4/           | 4-2-    |
|                       | 1 old Chest, 1 old Case Drawers                | -15-    |
|                       | Some old Lumber in the Garret                  | -16-    |
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|                       | Table Cloths & Towels, old                     | -12-    |
|                       | Sundry Notes of Hand                           | 62-7    |
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|                       |  | £200-16 |

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Edmund Townsend

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