

twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and two.

For my soul I commend it into the hand of my God, in whom I have believed, whom I have loved, which he hath promised to receive in Jesus Christ, my Redeemer and Savior, with whom I desire ever to be, leaving this testimony behind me, for the use and example of my posterity, and any other upon whom it may work, that I have hated and do hate every false way in religion, not only the old idolatry and superstition of Popery, which is wearing away, but much more (as being much worse), the new heresies, blasphemies and errors of late sprung up in our native country of England, and secretly received and fostered more than I wish they were, here.

For my body, I desire to be buried near the grave of my first wife, if my present wife be living at my death. For my temporal estate, I intend to dispose of it, as justly and equally as I can contrive it between the posterity of my children by my first wife and my children by my last wife, accounting Thomas Dudley and John Dudley, my grandchildren (whom I have brought up) in some sort, as my immediate children. First, therefore, I will that what I covenanted at my marriage with my present wife, to give to her, and such children as I should have by her, be made good unto them, with this condition and explanation, that all my lands in Roxbury, being duly valued by my executors hereafter named, together with all my goods, debts, plate, household stuff and books, being inventoried, speedily after my decease, be summed up, and then my will is, that my son, Joseph Dudley, should have a double portion, and Paul Dudley and Deborah Dudley, each of them, a single portion, the land being to go to Joseph according to my forementioned [covenant] and the goods and debts to Paul and Deborah, and if the land amount to more than a double portion then to take out of the same from Joseph, and give it to Paul and Deborah, and if the land will not make a double portion for Joseph, then to take so much out of the goods from Paul and Deborah, and give to Joseph, and if any of these, my three children, die before they receive their portions, my will is that the survivors or survivor shall have the same equally divided between them, if two survive or all, if one only survive what the others should have had if they had lived, and my will and desire is that as any amount or payments shall come to my executors' hands, that they would make new bargains for the same such as I was wont to make, for the benefit of my children and increase of their parents, and to take good securities for the same; so that my present wife and my three children are to have all my lands, goods and debts, except what I