

here vndisposed of. As for those in New England, they are by bookes left there, best discovered, & both are fetly discovered by my alphabetical booke here in England, though I doubt in some points, imperfectly, through hast.

To Deere & worthily honored wife the entire pitt of all my lands vppon Dorchester neck (being about 50 acres all in tilth) during life; & furthermore a third of the clear pitts raised or raisable of all my other lands or mills, wth the buildings & psnt stock — during life & single estate; also one third of all my moovable goods; free habitation & vse (wth the children) of house in Dorchester towne, wth the garden, orchard & yard roome, being about two acres of land. Lastly, my wearing ring, all my plate, best downe bed, & her tapestry, coverlett, with all the best furniture thereto belonging; stooles, chaires, curteines, cupboards, Andyrons, &c. And one ffetherbed more. . . . & I only begg of her not to weep for mee, as one of those wthout hope. If I now dye, what love she owed vnto to mee, that it may be bestowed (after mee) vppon o^r poore deare children for my sake.

For my children, I will them to the government & ordering power of my s^d Deere wife, during their minority. Eldest sonne Israel a double portion, unless he prove himself unworthily; in such case, his double portion to goe to William; if William prove himself unworthily, then the same to be given to the next sonne, John. Or if yet there be another, him to be judged of as aboue; provided if the difference in matter of grace and vertue appeare not very euident, or the eldest his vice not very euident, then let the double portion remaine his absolute due.

And for the way of accounting the Double portion, I will it thus. In case my number be seven (as I hope) Israel is to have two pts of the seaven; then the remaining five pts to be cast againe into seaven pts, if I had seven children all, or six parts if six all, or fve parts if fve all, and one pt of the s^d seven, six or fve to be equally distributed amongst my other sonns. Remainder of estate to be equally divided by even portions to the sonnes & Daughters alike.