

The following is a copy of this instrument :—

In the name of God, amen. This fifteenth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, I, James Jerauld, of Medfield, in the county of Suffolk, in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, physician, being in perfect health of body, and of sound mind and memory, thanks be given to God, but calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament: That is to say, principally, and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who made it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian manner, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of it in the following manner and form :—

*Imprimis*, I give and bequeath unto Martha, my dearly beloved wife, the improvement of one third part of my real estate so long as she remains my widow, and also the east end of my dwelling house I now live in, and one third part of my cellar under the west end of my dwelling house, and one third part of all my other buildings to her, so long as she remains my widow. Then I also give and demise unto my dearly beloved wife my house that stands near the meeting house in Medfield, and one acre of land, be it more or less, adjoining to said house, to be at her disposal forever, and also I give to her, my wife, all my debts and all my movable effects, both within and without doors, of every sort, and also all my negroes, to be at her disposal forever; only I will that my negro Cesar be not sold or disposed of out of my family, that is to say, be sold to any excepting to some of my children, and theirs, during his life.

*Item*, I give to James Jerauld, and Dutee Jerauld, my beloved son James' two youngest sons, after my debts and funeral charges are paid, the one fourth part of what shall remain of my estate, if any there be, after the rest of my children have had what I hereafter give to them, to make their portion equal to that which I have given to my said son James already, which was eighty pounds.

*Item*, I give to my well beloved son, Gamaliel Jerauld, besides what I have given him already, which is to the value of fifty-three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, twenty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, after my debts and funeral charges are paid; also one fourth part of what shall remain of my estate, if any there be, after the rest of my children have had what I hereafter give unto them.

*Item*, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son, Stephen Jerauld, besides what I have already given to him, which is to the value of forty pounds, forty pounds more, after my debts and funeral charges are paid; also the one fourth part of my estate, if any there be, after the rest of my children have had what I hereafter give unto them.