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**Subject:** [MABARNST] FISH, Nathaniel's Will (1688-1774)

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In my digging today I've located & transcribed the will of Nathaniel Fish (B. Abt Jun 1688- D. Bef 12 Mar 1774, husband of Dorothy Ellis & Abigail (--?--). This is from Barnstable Co. Probate Court's Wills of 1789, 17:186-7. Any questions or comments... let me know.

Cheers,  
Bobbie

In the name of God Amen I Nathaniel Fish of Sandwich in the County of Barnstable in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Gentleman being advanced in years & under Decay of Body but through divine goodness of sound & disposing mind & memory do make this my Last Will & Testament And first I Commend my soul to the Mercy of God through Jesus Christ and my Body to a decent Burial at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as to my Worldly Estate I [illegible] & dispose as follows (viz.)

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Abigail instead of her dower or Power of thirds in my Estate, yearly & every year during her life thirty pounds of flax from the [illegible] and one third of the wool produced by my sheep and the use of the southerly front room in my dwelling house and the use of all my household furniture and a Comfortable Support in Sickness and health out of my Estate and as I have above given my wife one third of the wool produced by my sheep my will is that she have thirty pounds of wool yearly and no more all the above to be provided by my son Simeon.

I gife & bequeath to my Daughter Abigail Fish as long as she continues single the Priviledge of Living in the room with her mother and of the Chamber over it where her loom stands to weave there and the use of the bedroom where her bed now is and after her mothers decease the use of the room above given to my wife while my said Daughter lives single and also during said term her Victuals and after my wifes decease ten pounds of wool & ten pounds of Flax yearly so long as she lives single and also after my wifes Decease I give her so much of my household goods as shall be equal in value to what I have given to either of my Daughters Content Hamblen or Lydia Backhouse at their Marriage or since and if my household Goods be not sufficient I then give her so much money as added to my household goods shall make her euqal to Content or Lydia provided that

while my said  
Daughter Abigail Lives Single she Live with & take care of my wife Abigail  
during the Life  
of my said Wife

I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Abigail Howland one bed being that which was  
her mothers  
to take it after the decease of my Wife

I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Content Hamblen one Dollar  
I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Lydia BACKhouse one Dollar  
I give & Bequeath to my son Stephen Fish if he be Living one Dollar  
I give & Bequeath to my son Thomas Fish if he b Living one Dollar  
I give & Bequeath to my granddaughters Content Fish & Lucretia Fish the  
Children of my son  
Thomas Fish to each of them one Dollar  
I give & Bequeath to my two sons Nathaniel Fische & Jonathan Fish besides what  
I have  
already given them to each one Dollar  
My Will is that if any of my household Goods remain after my Daughter Abigail  
Fish hath  
taken as above is given her the said remainder be equally divided between my  
three  
Daughters Content Hamblin Lydia Backhouse & the said Abigail Fish

I give devise[?] & bequeath to my son Simeon Fish his Heirs & assigns for ever  
all my land  
Buildings & Real Estate whatever & wherever it be and all my Livestock & all  
other  
personal Estate not herin otherwise Disposed of provided he pay my just Debts  
& funeral  
Charges and provide & do for my wife & Daughter Abigail Fish as above  
mentioned & pay all  
the Legacies above Bequeathed

Finaly I Constitue & appoint my son Simeon Fish sole Executor of this my Last  
Will &  
Testament In consideration whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
fourteenth  
Day of July AD one thousand seven hundred & seventy two

Signed sealed published & Declared by the said Nathaniel Fish as & for his  
last will &  
Testament in presence of

John Parsevell  
John EwerNathaniel Fish (his seal)  
Abraham Williams