

POSTERITY OF JOHN GUILD

OF DEDHAM, MASS.

First Generation.

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JOHN GUILD,¹ supposed to have been born in England about 1616, came to America in the year 1636, with his brother Samuel and sister Ann. He was admitted to the church at Dedham, Mass., July 17, 1640, and bought in this year twelve acres of upland on which he built a house which was occupied by himself and descendants for more than two hundred years. He was made a freeman May 10, 1643, and as one of the original grantees had assigned to him and his heirs forever, three roods and twelve rods, more or less, to which he added by grants and purchases, considerable other real estate in Dedham, Wrentham, Medfield, and Natick. He was thoroughly honest in all his dealings, industrious and frugal, modest in his deportment, and retiring in his habits. He never held any office, and the town records show his attendance at town meeting but once in several years, and then on an occasion of considerable excitement in relation to making alterations and additions to the meeting-house. He married, June 24, 1645, ELIZABETH CROOKE, of Roxbury, who transferred her relation from the church of that place to the church in Dedham, July 4, 1649. She died Aug. 31, 1669. He died Oct. 4, 1682, leaving the following will:—

Know All Men By These Presents, That I, John Guild of Dedham, in the County of Norfolk, in the Massachusetts Colony, in New England, being at present weak in bodye, and in expectation of my departure out of this world, do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form as followeth, viz:—

First, I give unto my three children, Samuel, John and Elizabeth all my wearing apparel, to be equally divided among them, as well linen as woollen. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth, two cows, one of w^{ch} is at present in her hands, and my bed and all belonging thereunto, as also all that is in my chest that is suitable for her use; Further, I give unto my s^d daughter all my land lying near the Falls, in the dividend called Natick Dividend, to her and her use forever, and one booke of Mr. Burroughs, called Gospel Conversation.

I give and bequeath unto my son John Guild, all my land lying in Wrentham, as well upland as meadow, as also my lott near Meadfield, in the dividend called Meadfield Dividend, to him and his heirs forever; also, I give unto my s^d John, my looms and four sleays, which are suitable for present use, as also one wheel wth ye blades, and a booke called Sound Believer. I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Guild, all my house lott with my dwelling house and barne, with my land upon Wigwam Plaine; as also my meadows at Fowle Meadows, and eight acres of land, more or less, at Ragged Plaine, and also all common rights in lands to me in any belonging which are not already mentioned in this my will, and for a full manifestation that this above written is my reall will I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this third day of October in the yeare of our lord one thousand six hundred eighty two

In presence of Nathaniel
Sterns, Thomas Metcalf.

(Sig.)

