

## **Will of Benjamin Chaplin: summary**

Chaplin's will consists of 41 items, summarized below. Names mentioned in the will are then listed, with relationship to Chaplin and the page number(s) at which they appear.

### **Items:**

1. Funeral
2. Debts paid
3. Widows thirds personal estate
4. Land described for her dower &c
5. Widdow third of the fruit in the young orchard
6. Schooling Benjamin
7. Jonathan a college education
8. Executor to have the same power of educating children the widdow has
9. Funds for Jonathan
10. Re. lands should his widow pass before Benjamin reaches 21 years of age
11. Lands and buildings for support of Jonathan should his widow pass before he reaches 21
- 12-13. Items left to grandson Benjamin
14. Profits remaining after covering grandsons' education to be divided equally among 5 daughters/heirs
- 15-16. Estate to be split among daughters/heirs if grandsons die childless
- 17-19. Bequests for grandchildren Timothy and Mahetabel (children of his deceased so, Benjamin)
20. Preference regarding land use
21. Support for regular preaching (Congregational Church)
22. If preaching not regular, then support to go to his heirs
23. Receipt of costs charged to estate
24. Forfeiture if will disputed
25. Regarding land bought from Dr. Lathrop
26. Winter preaching in Mansfield
27. Directions for excess funds left over from above item, # 26
28. Support for a local minister
29. re. Ebenezer Ross (son-in-law)
30. re. daughters Mary Perkins, Jamesin Perkins, Hannah Avery, Sarah Howard, Eunice Tracey
31. Computation of sums, etc.
- 32-33. More re. daughters' portions
34. re. litigation and losses associated with lands
35. re. execution of provisions in will
36. Land not to be inventoried
37. Improvement of lands for grandsons Benjamin and Jonathan
38. Division of those lands (in above item, # 37)
39. No lapse legacy in will
40. Who will serve as executrix/executor
41. That person (above, item # 40), not to bear bad debts associated

### **People:**

- Mary Chaplin (wife, see also p. 20), p. 1
- Daniel Lathrop (land, see also p. 12)
- Uriel Moseley (land), p. 2
- Solomon Robens (land)
- Nath(an?) Moseley (land)

- Benjamin Chaplin (late son)
- Daniel Preston (land), p. 3
- Benjamin Chaplin (grandson, see also p. 19)
- Jonathan Edwards Chaplin (grandson, see also p. 19), p. 4
- Jonathan's mother (not named)
- Benjamin Chaplin (father), p. 7
- Timothy Edwards Chaplin (grandson), p. 8
- Mahetabel Chaplin (granddaughter)
- Ebenezer Ross (son-in-law), p. 14
- Mary Perkins (daughter), p. 14
- Jamesin Perkins (daughter)
- Isaac Perkins (huband of Jamesin)
- Hannah Avery (daughter), p. 15
- Sarah Howard (daughter)
- Eunice Tracey (daughter)
- Ebeneezor Lathrop (witness), p. 22
- Jonathan Cary (witness)
- Urriah Palmer (witness)