

having no other business, to know whether it was their mind that hee should thus wronge us in our trade; who returned answer they sent him not hether, and therefore Mr Howland tould him that hee should not now suffer him ther to ride. John Hocking demanded what he would doe, whether he would shout; Mr Howland answered no, but he would put him from thence. John Hocking said and swore he would not shoot, but swore iff we came aboard him he would send us — Thus passing by him we came to an anker sumthing nere his barke. Mr Howland bid three of his men goe cutt his cable whose names weare John Frish, Thomas Savory and William Rennoles, who presently cut one, but were put by the other by the strength of the streame. Mr Howland seeing they could not well bring the cannow to the other cable, caled him a bord, and bed Moses Talbott goe with them, who accordingly went very reddyly and brough the canow to Hockings cable. He being on deck came with a carbine and a pistole in his hand and presently presented his peece at Thomas Savory; but the canow with the tide was put nere the bow of the bark, wch Hocking seeing presently put his peece almost to Moyse Talbotts head, wch Mr Howland seeing caled to him desiering him not to shut his man, but to take himselfe for his mark; saying his men did but that which he commaunded them, and therefore desiered him not to hurt any of them. If any wrong was don it was himselfe that did it, and therefore caled again to him to take him for his marke, saying he stod very fayer; but Hocking would nut hear nor looke towards owr barke, but presently shooteth Moyse in the head, and presently took up his pistell in his hand, but the Lord stayed him from doing any further hurt, by a shot from owr barke, himself was presently shoote dead, being shott neere the same place in the head wher he had murderously shot Moyse.

He lived at what was called Rocky Nook. He died 23, 2, 1672, O. S. (1673, N. S.) The following is a verbatim copy of his will, which was exhibited to the court held at Plymouth, March 5th, 1673, and copied from the Old Colony records by the writer.

WILL OF JOHN HOWLAND.

The Last Will and testament of Mr John Howland of Plymouth, late deceased, exhibited to the Court held att Plymouth the fifth day of March Anno: Dom 1672 on the oath of Mr Samuel Fuller and Mr William Crow as followith:

Know all men to whom these presents shall Come that I, John Howland sen'r, of the town of New Plymouth, in the Colony of New Plymouth in New England in America, this twenty ninth day of May one thousand six hundred seventy and two being of whole mind and in Good and Perfect Memory and Remembrance praised be God; being now Grown aged; haueing many infirmities of body vpon mee; and not knowing how soon God will call mee out of this world, doe make and ordaine these presents to be my testament containing heerein my last Will in manor and forme following:

Imp I will and bequeath my body to the dust, and my soule to God that gaue it, in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection vnto glory; and as concerning my temporall estate, I dispose thereof as followeth

Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto John Howland my eldest sonne besides what lands I haue alreddy giuen him, all my Right and interest to that one hundred acres of land granted mee by the Court, lying on the eastern side of Taunton River, between Titicut and Taunton, bounds and all the appurtenances and priuiledges therevnto belonging, to belonge to him and his heires and assignes forever; And if that tract should faile, then to haue all my Right, title and Interest by and in that Last Court graunt to mee, in any other place, to belonge to him his heires and assigns forever;

Item I giue and bequeath vnto my son, Jabez Howland, all those my vpland and Meadows that I now posesse att Satuckett and Paomett, and places adjacent, with all the appurtenances and priuiledges, belonging therevnto, and all my right title and interest therein, to belonge to him, his heires and assignes forever,

Item I giue and bequeath vnto my son, Jabez Howland all that my one peece of land that I haue lying on the southsyde of the Mill: brook, in the towne of Plymouth, aforesaid; be it more or lesse, and is on the northsyde of a tract that is now Gyles Richards, sen., to belonge to the said Jabez his heires and assignes forever,

Item I giue and bequeath vnto Isack Howland my youngest sonne all those my vplands and meddowes devided and undiuided with all the appurtenances and priuiledges vnto them belonging lying and being in the towne of Middlebery, and in a tract of Land called the Majors purchase, neare Namassakett Ponds; which I haue bought and purchased of William White, of Marshfield, in the collonie of New Plymouth; which may or shall appeer by any deed or writing that is Giuen vnder the said White's hand all such deeds or writings together with the aforementioned peticular & to belonge to the said Isack, his heires and assignes forever,

Item I giue and bequeath vnto my said son, Isack Howland, the one half of my twelve acree lott of Meddow that I now haue att Winnetussett River within the towne of Plymouth, aforesaid to belonge to him the said Isack Howland his heires and assigns forever,

Item I Will and bequeath vnto my deare and louing wif Elizabeth Howland the vse and benifitt of my now dwelling house in Rockey Nook in the township of Plymouth aforesaid, with the outhousing lands, that is vplands and meddow lands, and all appurtenances and priuiledges therevnto belonging in the towne of Plymouth and all other lands housings and meddows that I haue in said towne of Plymouth, excepting what meddow and vpland I haue before given to my sonnes Jabez and Isack Howland during her naturall life, to injoy make vse of and improve for her benifitt and comfort;

Item I giue and bequeath to my son, Joseph Howland after the decase of my louing wife Elizabeth Howland my aforesaid dwelling house at Rocky nook together with all the out housing vplands and meddowes appurtenances and priuiledges belonging thervnto; and all other housing vplands and meddowes that I haue within the aforesaid towne of New Plymouth excepting what lands and meddowes I haue before Given to my two sonnes, Jabez and Isack to belonge to him the said Joseph Howland to him and his heires and assignes forever;

Item I giue and bequeath vnto my daughter, Desire Gorham, twenty shillings.

Item I giue and bequeath vnto my daughter, Hope Chipman, twenty shillings.

Item I giue and bequeath vnto my daughter Elizabeth Dickenson, twenty shillings.

Item I giue and bequeath vnto my daughter, Lydia Brown, twenty shillings.
 Item I giue and bequeath to my daughter, Hannah Bosworth, twenty shillings.
 Item I giue and bequeath vnto my daughter, Ruth Cushman, twenty shillings.
 Item I giue to my grandchild Elizabeth Howland the daughter of my son John Howland twenty shillings.

Item my will is that these legacies Giuen to my daughters, be payd by my executrix in such space as shee thinketh meet.

Item I will and bequeath vnto my louing wife Elizabeth Howland, my debts and legacys being first payd, my whole estate, viz: lands, houses goods, chattels, or any thinge else that belongeth or appertaineth vnto mee, undisposed of be it either in Plymouth, Duxburrow, Middlebery or any other place whatsoever, I do freely and absolutely giue and bequeath to my deare and louing wife Elizabeth Howland whom I do by these presents, make ordaine and constitute to be the sole executrix of this my Last will and Testament to see the same truly and faithfully pformed according to the tenour therof; In witness wherof I the said John Howland, senior, haue heervnto sett my hand and seale the aforesaid twenty ninth day of May, one thousand six hundred seventy and two 1672.

JOHN HOWLAND

Signed and sealed

And a [seale]

in the presence of

SAMUEL FULLER,

WILLIAM CROW.

The house now standing in Plymouth most nearly associated with the pilgrims, is what is known as "the Carver house," on Sandwich street. It was originally a six or eight feet post house, but the old rafters indicate that the roof has been raised three times, and it is now quite modern in appearance. The house was erected by Jacob Mitchell, probably between 1665 and 1670, as he married in 1666 and bought the lot in 1667. He sold it to Jabez² Howland, undoubtedly before his father's death, and it is not too much to believe that the aged pilgrims, John¹ and his wife, were entertained beneath its roof. The main room of the old house remains in nearly its original condition, and if its walls could speak they could repeat the words of John¹ and Elizabeth.

It is not known where in Plymouth John was buried, as no stone marked the spot. The earliest burials were on Cole's Hill, but they were discontinued there and commenced on Burial Hill a long time before John died. His immediate descendants were buried here, and the presump-