

## "Hannah Barnard" Probate

Here are two sets of probate records related to Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, 'Hannah Barnard's Cupboard,' The Age of Homespun: Objects and Stories in the Creation of An American Myth (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2001), Chapter 3.

I. The first inventory is for John Wescar (Wascar, Westcarr), first husband of Hannah Barnard, the paternal aunt of the Hannah Barnard whose name is on the cupboard. This is the Hannah Barnard Westcarr Beamon discussed on pages 124-129 of The Age of Homespun.

### **Inventory of John Westcarr**

Verbatim transcript Hampshire County Probate Book 1, p. 177

Mrs Hanah Wascarr Presented to ye Corte at Northampton march 19th 1676 the testimony of Doctor Wm Locke & Sarrah Barnard, testifying yt Mr John Wwascarr sayd upon his Death Bed yt he would Leave all his Estate to his Wife & yt it was not his minde to take away One Penny of it from her, The sayd Hanah did likewise Present ye Inventory of her late Husbands Deceased Esate which with ye Testemonys aofresayd are upon ffile with the Recordes of this Corte to which she made Oath yt it was a true Inventory of her husbands Estate & if more appeare to make Discovery of ye same; Mr Wm Locke Sarah Barnard tooke there Oathes in Corte to there testemonyes Respecting ys Will of Mr John Wascarr Deceased abovesayd.

Here followeth a Cobby of ye Inventory of ye Estate of Mr John Wascarr Deceased taken march 25th 1675 by ffrances Barnard & Joseph Kellogg

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to Purss & Apparrell at 019 - 09 - 06  
to Sheetes & table Linning 009 - 07-00  
to a Chest Drawers & Cubbird 007 - 00 -- 00  
to a Box wth yt in it at 013 - 06 - 03  
to Brass with other things 004 - 12 - 00  
to things in ye new Roome at 008 - 09 - 00  
to a Chest with small things 004 - 08 - 00  
to in Books 007 - 16 - 06  
to Carpets & Quishons at 002 = 07 = 08  
to yarn & fflax at 002 = 17 = 00  
to Bolting Cloath, gloves, 002 - 19 = 06  
to a Box with instruments in it 014 - 16 --03  
to 1 horse & two coves at 010-00-00  
to Debts due to ye Estate 098 - 16 - 00  
To desprete Debtes due at 028 - 19 - 00  
subtotal 234- 14 - 07

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to 1 Bed with ffurniture at 018 - 09 - 00

to horse & Armour 004 - 09 - 00  
to a featherbed with furniture 006 - 00 - 00  
to everll things in ye Roome 013 - 01 - 00  
to Bedding & other things at 007 - 06 - 00  
to Chenney ware & Dishes at 001 - 15 - 00  
to Porke Beefe tallow etc 016 - 05 - 00  
to Dowlce & Hollond at 004 - 13 --  
to Mooskins & other things at 001 - 15 - 00  
to Copper & small things at 002 - 0 - 00  
to Cobirons & other things 002 - 01 - 06  
to English goods at Hartford 059 - 14 - 00  
to Houseing & Land at 100 - 00 - 00  
to Bible wiges, Sacks at 001 - 06 = 00  
to Bookes & tin ware at 001 - 00 - 00  
The Sum totall of ye abovesayd Inventory is  
474 - 18 - 01  
Debts due from ye Estate 043 - 09 - 08  
Remines of ye Estate 431 - 08 - 05

II. These are the Probate Records of John Marsh, who married Hannah Barnard. See The Age of Homespun, Chapter Three.

### **John Marsh, 1725**

#### **Transcription by Laurel Ulrich from microfilm of Hampshire County Probate Records, Vol. IV, pp. 134, 137, 138-140**

Hampshire County Probate Records, V. 4 (1708-1780), Microfilmed by Reproduction Systems for the Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, Filmed at Northampton 15 Nov 1971, Film Number 0879184

WILL

In the Name of God Amen The twenty fifth Day of June 1725, I John Marsh, of Hadley in the County of Hampshire in His Majests Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England, Husbandman, being very Sick & weak of body but of perfect mind & memory T hanks be given unto God Therefore calling unto mind ye Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament yt is to say Principally & first of all I give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it & my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the Genll Resurrection I shall receive the same again by ye mighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of ye same in the following manner & form Impr: I Give & bequeath to my dear & loving Wife to be at her own dispose forever All the Estate she brought with her & One third part of my Personal Estate so long as she is my Widow and if she be disatisfied with what I have given her My Will & desire is yt her Dower may be settled upon her according to law if She Insist to have it so or as the Executors shall Agree. Itm I Give & bequeath to my only son John Marsh all my Real Estate to him & to his heirs for Ever. Itm. I Give & bequeath to my daughter Abigail Marsh six score Pounds to be paid her in what was her own Mothers by a Just apprizement those that were her Mothers Wearing Cloaths not to be prized but to be given her free & as to sd Estate their is to be seen an Inventory of it in my box & if sd Estate come not to Sixscore Pounds upon Apprizement then to be made up to her out of my Personal Estate to be paid her by my Executors or my son John they not being obliged to pay her any more than was her own Mothers till ten Years be Expired after she com to be of Age and if Said Estate yt was her own Mothers be more than Six Score pounds I Will & bequeath it all to her Itm, I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Martha Marsh One Hundred Pounds I Give & bequeath to my daughter Anne Marsh One Hundred Pound Itm. I give & b equeath to my daughter Judith Marsh One Hundred pounds. Further it is my Will & plasure yt if either of my daughters to Wit Martha Anne & Judith be not paid their portions till four Years after my son John be of Age Except that by marrying or Settling themselves they should want it before if so then Each of them to be paid fifty Pounds upon their Marriage the other fifty A piece nto to be paid till the time before mentioned be Expired further I will & desire yt my Executors hereafter named do Improve ye Estate forementioned according as they shall think best for the Benefit Maintenance of my Children till they shall come of Age Item I do make & ordain my Wel b eloved friend Mr John Nash & my loving brother Job Marsh with my Dear & loving Wife to be my Sole Executors of this my Last Will & Testament In Confirmation of all which ye aforesd premises Thereunto Do set my hand & affix my seal this 30 Day of June in the Eleaventh Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &d, Anno Dmini 1725 Signed & Sealed In presence & Witness of us Ebenzr Marsh Job Marsh Wilmm Marsh.

John Marsh

Mr Ebenar Marsh Job Marsh & Willm Marsh ding & subscribing & were Witness to this Last Will & Testmane to fjno Marsh of Hadley Deceased Appeared afore me Samll Partridge Judge of Probate this 3d Day of September 1725 And all of them made oath that they were Prssent and did see the said John Marsh in his life time sign & seal this Instrument to be his Last Will & Testament and that he was in their Judgment of Sound mind & memory when he made & signed the Instrument &c and therefore I hereby Approve & allow of Said Instrument to be Confirmed as Aforesd.

Attst Samll partridge Judge of Probate

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Hadley, Sept. ? 1725. A True Inventory taken of the Estate of Mr. John Marsh of Hadley both Real and Personal By Deacon John Smith Mr. Samll Moodey and Eleazer Porter sworn Apprizer By the Judge of Probate,

To A Homestead with ye Building and Orchard yet was  
 Mr. Ezekl Porter at . . . . . 255/ /  
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 To A Lot in ye Great Meadow at ye Rear of ye homelot  
 on ye North side of the Meadw a Acre & 1/4 at 10. . . . .22/10/  
 To A lot in ye Meadow on the plain yt was Mr. Ezel Porters  
 & Danl Warners abt ? 1/4 Acres at. . . . . 77/ /  
 To a Lot in sd Meadow down the plain hill that was his fathersa bout  
 1 1/4 Acres at . . . . . 18/  
 To A Lot in sd Meadow called the long lot 4 1/2 Acres at . . . . .67/10/  
 To A lot in sd Meadow in the Grass hollow 1 k3/4 Acres at . . . . . 31/ /  
 To A Lot in fort Meadow that was Thoms Dickensons at 1/4 Acres at . . . 18/ /  
 To A Lot in Hawkanum that was Mr. lewises 4 1/2 Acres at. . . . . 54/ /  
 To a third part of A lot at ye lower end of sd Meadw yt was Exl Porters part  
 Uplan d & part in the Swamp about 8 Acres at. . . . . 84/ /  
 To the fifth part (or his Rite) in little parsel lot yet was his fathers at . 30/ /  
 To his Right of Woodland on ye South side of Jount Holyoke part laid  
 out & part not ye whole. . . . . 24/10  
 To his Right of Outlands in the \_\_\_\_\_(blank in original) Divisions East  
 of ye Town the whole at . . . . . 13/ /  
 To about 80 Acres Called fort River pasture . . . . .8/ /  
 To his right in the skirts of fort Meadow & Hawkanum. . . . . 1/ /  
 Indian Boy Sippey about 14 Years Old . . . . .50/ /  
 Swine to Six swine at 6 pr 1/16. . . . . 7/16  
**Horse kine** To a large pacing Mare at. . . . . 13/ /  
 To A large horse about a Year old at . . . . .10/ /  
 To A black Mare 3 Year Old 8/ & A sorril Dito 6/. . . . . 18/ /  
 To A Small Brown White face Mare at . . . . . 14/ /  
 To A Grey horse Colt most a Year old at . . . . . 5/ /  
 To A Grey mare at . . . . . 5/ /  
**Neat kine** To a Yoke of Oxen 11/ And old brown Cow 3/10 at . . . . . 14/10/  
 To a Pide Cow 4/ A black Dito 5/5/ at. . . . .7/5/  
 To A Brindle Cow 2/15 & A brown heifer 9/ at. . . . . .5/15/  
 To A Black Pyde steer 4 Years Old Coming at . . . . . 4/ /  
 To A Black steer most three Year Old at. . . . . 2/15/  
 To A Brindle steer most 2 Year old at . . . . . 2//  
 To A Red heifer a Year old or more 2/10 & A Steer Calf 15/at . . . . . 3/5//  
 To 2 small heifers Year Old past 30/ . . . . . .3/  
 To A yoke of Steer about 5? Year old (let out) at. . . . . .9//  
 To 2 Yoke of fat Oxen at . . . . . 36//  
**Apperrell** To A Great Coat 10/ & Kersey Coat & Wastcoat 30/ at. . . . . 2//  
 To A plain Cloth Coat 20/ & Grey broad Cloth Coat & Wastcoat 16/. . . . . 1/16/  
 To A brown broad Cloth Coat Wastcoat & breeches at. . . . . 3/10/  
 To A pair of leather breeches 8/ one ticken Wastcoat & 3 pr  
 breeches 13/ at. . . . . 1/1/0  
 To a hat 20/ & One Dito 4/ & a Cap 9/ & 3 Muslin Neckcloths 6/. . . . . 2/ /  
 To 3 shirts 35/ & 10 Gloves 3/ & 4 pr fine stockens / & several Dito 5/. . . . . 3/3/  
 To pr shoe buckles 14/ & pr shoes [ ] & [r Dito 5/ & pr Boots 20/. . . . . 2/2/  
 To 10 Spurs 4/ & Raper & 2 belts 12/ at . . . . . /16/  
**Pewter** 10 lb pewter 3/ pr 3 per 1/6 & 6 plates ?? &  
 & Porrhingers 21 pr at . . . . . 4/6/3  
 To 7 lb Pewter 17/ & 6 Plates 11s pr & Quart port 3/6 &  
 Chamber pot 5/. . . . . 1/16/  
 To 5 old Pewter Vessels 8/6 & 6 Spoons 8d per 4/. . . . . /12/6  
**Earthen** To Earthen Vessels 7/ & 3 Coffee dishes 18 & 3 basons 3/  
 & 3 platters ?/ at. . . . . /17.6

**Iron** To pr hand Irons 3/ & a fire peal & tongs 120/  
 & trammel 5/ at. . . . . 2/5//  
 To A light hoe 3/ & Iron kettle 8/6 & port 5/ & frying pan 5. . . . . 1/1/6  
**Brass** To Warming Pan 18/ & A brass pan 15/ & Kittle 8/ & Skillet 8/ at. 3/7//  
**Tinn** To a brass skimer ? & tin pan 18 & tin still 15/ at. . . . . /19/6  
**Bedding** To A feather bed bolsters & pillow 6/ & Dito Bed & bolster 4/ 10/ /  
 To 5 Under beds 1/ 7 & pr Curtains Beds 7/6 & pr Dito 6/ at. . . . . 3/ /6  
 To A Suit of Curtains & Vallens 1/5 & Suit Ditto 1/ & Ditto 18. . . . . 5/3/  
 To A bedstead & Cord 10/ & Dito 5/ & bedstead 4 & a Dito 18/10. . . . . 1/2/  
 To A Shagg Rugg 40/ & 3 Coverlids 20/ pr & 1 Ditto 30 & blanket 15/. . . . . 7/5/  
 To 2 blankets 12/16 & 1 Dito & Ditto 8 at. . . . . 2/1/  
**Linnen** To 7 Sheets 15 10 & 6 Ditto 12 pr & 5 Dito per dk? & 1 Dito 4/ at. . 8/16/  
 To 3 table Cloths 14/ & 3 Dito 12 pr & 1 Dito 3/ & 4 Pillow beers 7/ at. . . . 1/7/  
 To 3 Pillow beeres 3/ & 4 Dito & fine 14 & fine table Cloth 12/  
 & fine towel 3/ . . . . . 1/12/  
 To pr Window Curtains 15/ & 6 Baggs 3/9 pr and 8 ditto 16 at. . . . . 1/13/6  
**Woolen** To 3 yds plain Cloth ?/6 & 10 of Coverlid Yarn 10/ at. . . . . 1/13/6  
 To 2 1/2 Cotten Wool 8/ & 30 Run linnen yarn 10/ pr at. . . . . 1/11/  
**Books** to 1 History books 10/ & law book 5/ & psalm book 5/ at. . . . . 1/6/  
 To 3 old Bibles 4/6 and A Dictionary 5/6 & 9 books 12/ & 4 Dito 8/ at. . . . 1/8/  
**Wooden Ware** To A Carved work Chest 30/ & 1 Chest dito 15/  
 & 1 Dito with A Drawer . . . . . 10/2/15/  
 To a Trunk 7/ & A Box 4/ Corn fan 8/ & 7 Chairs 18d pr at. . . . . 1/9/6  
 To Several Old Casks 3/ & Several Barks 4/ & Churn 8/ at. . . . . /13/  
 To A Keeler 3/6 Cheese Tub 3/ & Cheese press 4/ & wash tub 7/ at. . . . . /11/6  
 To 2 tubs with Covers 3/ & Salt box 1/ & 2 small Runlets 3/ at. . . . . /7/  
 To A half hogshead 1/ & a half Bushel 1/ & bread Keeler 1/ at. . . . . /6/  
 To 5 Old Barrells 7/ & large meal Chest 3/ & 2 Milk bowls 1d at. . . . . /12/  
 To a Great Wheel 8/ & 1 Ditto Small 5/ & A Real 3/ & beer funnel 1/ at. . . /17/  
 To 2 Great Chairs 5/ & A Childs Chair 1/6 at. . . . . /7/6  
**Wooden Ware** To 3 pails 4/6 & Beer Barrel 18d & 3 powdering  
 tubs 4/6 & a Sieve at. . . . . /12/6  
 To A wooden Platter 1d & 12 trenchers 8d & A box with money scales 1/ at /3/5  
 To A Lawn Seive 3/ & 1 Dito 1/ at. . . . . /4/  
**Tools** To A broad Ax 5/ & handsaw 6/ & Dito 18d & 10/  
 plane Irons & Woods 12/. . . . . 1/4/6  
 To 4 plaining Irons 1/6 & 11 Chisels & A Gouge 12/ & Mallat 7/ at. . . . . /15/6  
 To 2 shaves 3d & A Square 4/6 & 10d Compasses 9d & Chalk line  
 & a Gimblet 12d at. . . . . /9/3  
 To 5 Augers 9/ & 1 /creast bit & A hammer 18d & a sickles 3/  
 & hatchel 10/. . . . . 1/4/2  
 To 2 forks 3/ & an old Ax 18d & 2 broadhoes 5/ & brush hoe 6d a. . . . . /?/  
 T?/Tackling To a Cart & Wheels 40/ & Cart Rope 1/6 & plow  
 with Irons 14/. . . . . 3/6/  
 To an Ox Yoke 5/ & Dito 2/6 & Ox bell 8/ & plow chain 10/ at. . . . . 1/3/6  
 To a pr horse chain 16/ & Scale hooks & Collar & timber Chains 10/. . . . 1/17/  
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 To half a Seed harrow 10/ & half a Weed harrow 9/ at. . . . . /19/  
**Horse tackle** To A Saddle & furniture 1/5 & Old Saddle 3/  
 & Port Manta 4/. . . . . .2/12/  
**Fire Arms** To A Gun 30d/ & horns & Powder & bullet moulds 7/6 at. . . . 1/17/6  
**Odd ??** To A Tenant Saw 3 & a bedline 3/6 & Silver dram Cups 19. . . . . 1/5/6  
 To 1 1/2 Bushl Salt 7/6 //113 & a Tennant Saw 15. . . . . 1/6/3  
 To a printed Counter 14/ & an Odds 1/ A narrow Ax 18d. . . . . 1/7/5  
 To A sithe & tackling 9/ & pr small stillyards 6/. . . . . /15/  
 To 14 Run linnen & tow Yarn 12/5 at. . . . . /12/5

To A bedstead 8/ & Cord at /6 . . . . . /10/6  
To almost 24 Ounces Silver at 4 per at. . . . . 16/14/  
**3d Wives Goods Plate** To A Silver tankard 19 lb & 4 Silver spoons 4 lb/ 23/7  
To 16lb Pewter at 3/wt & 8lb Dito a/6 & 8 lb Dito old 13/4 at. . . . . 4/1/  
To 10 plates 21 & 6 Pint basons 12d & A quarter bason 3/4. . . . . 1/6/10  
To an old flaggon 5/ & old bason 4/6 & a porringer 18d per at. . . . . 12/6  
To A small Cup 18d & A candlestick 1/6 & Butter Saucer 10d at. . . . . 4/10  
**Brass** To a brass kettle 3 & skillet 15 & Dito & 12 & Dito 3/6 & a pan 2/ at 5/2/6  
**Irons** To an Iron pot 8/ & kettle 8/ And A tramel 6/ & fire  
Peal & Tongs 5/ at. . . . . 1/5/  
To Box Iron & heaters 7/6 & frying pan 4/ & a Candlestick 1d  
Case knives & forks 5/ /18/6  
To pr hand Irons 20/ & A pannell 30/ at 2/10/  
**Earthen** To 10 Earthen Vessels 7/6 & 7 Coffee dishes 3/6 & A psalter  
& 4 plates 8/ at /17/  
**Wooden** To a Case of drawers 4lb & Red Chest 8/ & Oval table 18 s/  
& 7 Chairs 1/18 at 8/14/  
**Beding** To A feather bed 3/15 & Turkey Work Coverlid 4/  
& Suit of Curtains 8/ at 15/15/  
To A Coverlid 15/ & A Rugg ;8/ & A Teaster naper 1/6 at 1/5/6  
**Linnen** To 13 sheets 12/ & Ditto 15/ & 1 ditto 10/; & 4 Table Clothes 28 at 11/4/6  
To 24 Napkins 20d pr & 4 dito 12d pr & 2 pillow beers 7/ & 3 towels 5/6 at 2/16/6  
**Odd pticulars** To A Chest 3/ & a box 4/ & spitt 12d at /8/  
**2d Wives Goods Plate** To A Silver Cup 6L/ & 3 spoons 42/ & A Ring  
for A Muff 5/ at 8/7/  
To Silver Money at 30/ & chainto pr seivers? 8/ at 1/18/  
To A brass kettle/ & Ditto 22/ & skillet 12/ & Ditto 8/ & Mortar 8/ at 8/10/  
To A Warming Pan 22/ & pewter Candlesticks 1/ & Salt Sellers 1/ at 1/5/  
To 67 lb 1/2 Pewter 3/ per & 18 Plates 1/ per & 12 Porringers 1; pr  
& 5 Ditto 8/ 13/13/6  
To ATankard 9/ & Quart Cup 5/ & bason 4/ & Dito 2/6 & Dito 3/  
& beaker 10d 1/5/1  
**Irons** To pr hand Irons 10/ Dito part brass 10/ \*& pot 18/ & tramel 5/ at 3/3/  
To Box Iron & heaters 7/ & fire peal & tongs 12/ & frying pan 9/ at 1/8/  
To A Candlestick 1/ & flesh fork 19d & trevit & skimer 3/6 at /5/6  
**Tin** To A tin Pan 2/6 & Candle box 2/ & 2 pepper boxes 8d at /6/2  
**Glasses** To A looking Glass 20 & a Cruets 2/ & 2 drinking Glasses 1/ at 1/4/  
**Earthen** etc/ To 2 Glass poringers 18d & 8 salt sellers 1/  
& 11 Coffee dishes 5/6 & Cups 6d at /9/6  
To 4 small boxes & 2 pin boxes & Needle Case & Grater at /1/6  
**Books** To A Bible 7/ & a Book 1/6 & several Dito 3/ at /12/6  
**Money due** To money due for Sundries in Ensign Moses Cooks hands at 9//  
**Wooden Ware** To 7 Chairs 22/ & A floward Chest 32/ & Dito 10/  
& box 4/ at 3/8/  
To an Oval table 22/ & Dito plain 10/ & 2 trunks & legs 32/at 3/4  
To small Gilded Trunk 4/ & Dito plain 3/6 & A bark 6d at /8/  
**Beding** To A feather bed bolster & 2 Pillows 6lb &  
2 boughten blankets 24/ at 7/4/  
To Curtain Rods & hooks 7/8 & matt? /10/  
To Curtains & Vallens 3/4 & 2 Coverlids 40/? at 4/5/  
**Linnen** To 18 Sheets 10/ pr & 2 Cupboard Cloths 14d/ &  
2 Table Cloths 5/ & 2 Dito8/. 10/11  
To 12 Napkins 20d per & 6t dito 15d pr & 8 pillowbeers 10d per  
& 3 Ditto 3d per 2/4  
To 2 fine Pilow beers 4/ pr & 2 towels 3 pr & 3 Dito 15 pr & 3 Dito 10d pr /16/3  
To **Sundries of Grain** in the straw & hay in the Barn etc

To 45 Bushels of Pease 4 pr & 14 Bushel Wheat 4/8 pr at	14//
To 12 Bushl Meslin 4 pr & 20 Bushels Rye 3/6 pr at	5/18
To 12Bushl Oats 16d pr & 4 Bushels Barley 3/6 pr at	?/10/
To 130 Bushel Indian Corn on the Cob 3 pr at	19/20
To 70lb flax in ye sheaf 6d per at	1/15
To about 12 Load of good Hay	<u>11//</u>
	Total 1255/15/5

The Total of this Estates is	1255.15.5
In Debts due to ye Estates	<u>181.15.3</u>
	1437.10.8
In Debts due from ye Estates	
	<u>210.7.6</u>
Free Estate	1227.3.1

Allowed 15lb to ye Widow for ye first Year after her Husbands Deceased

Sarah ye Widow to John Marsh Deceased Job Marsh & John Nash Executors to his Last will & Testament this 20th Jan 1725/6 Presented ye Afore Written Inventory of his Estate both Real and personal to which they made Oath that it was A true Inventory & if more [did appear] they would discover to the Judge of Probate

Laurel Ulrich, September 16, 1993