

From "Genealogical Gleanings in England", page 780ff:

Here follow some other wills of Halls connected with New England.

SAMUEL HALL of Langford, Essex, gent, 13 November 1679, proved 25 January 1680. To my wife Sarah the whole profits and rents fo my dwelling house and lands in Langford and all the rents and profits of my land in Bentley in the Co. of York during her natural life. I give her all my goods and movables and all debts owing to me in New England or upon any bonds or mortgages whatsoever. I give the five acres of meadow in Bentley, York, which I purchased of Roger Perkins of Doncaster, apothecary, (by deed of 1 Feb. 1676) to the use of the poor of that parish forever, and have settled by a deed to feoffees in Trust, bearing date 10 January 1677 to the use of the poor of Bentley cum Arksay and Stockbridge.

I give unto John Hall of Islington in the County of Middx, gent, and to his heirs forever all my messuage and land &c, in Langford Essex that I purchased from John Ponder gent deceased upon condition that within one year after my wife's decease shall make sale of the messuage and lands that I have devised and given to him and his heirs, to pay all the legacies that I have bequeathed in this will &c within one year after my wife's decease.

To my cousin Daniel Hall of Doncaster and his two sons Thomas (sic) thirty pounds equally to be divided amongst them. To Daniel Hall's wife five pounds to buy her a gown. To Daniel Hall's brother's wife and her children thirty pounds equally to be divided amongst them. To my wife's sister Beatrice Graves fifteen pounds. To her two daughters, Halvester's wife and Henrietta, ten pounds each. To her son Francis Graves and to her youngest son five pounds each. To her son Ralph Graves one shilling if it be demanded. To my cousin John Hall of Stockbridge five pounds in full satisfaction of all his right, title, interest and demand whatsoever which he may challenge or demand out of all or any part of my lands, goods, credits and debts whatsoever. To three of his sisters ten pounds equally to be divided amongst them. To my cousin Richard Nicholson twenty shillings to buy him a ring. To his two daughters ten pounds equally to be divided amongst them. To my cousin Mary and my brother Richard Hall's and her children fifteen pounds to be equally divided amongst them.

To Samuel Cocking, son of Joseph Cocking deceased, my wife's brother, fifteen pounds. To John Ellis his children ten pounds equally to be divided &c. To my cousin Nathaniel Revell twenty shillings to buy him a ring and my best wearing suit. To my cousin Thomas Bradford of Doncaster twenty shillings if he be living when my other legacies are paid. To my adopted cousin Mr. John Hall of Islington twenty pounds and to his daughter Elizabeth twenty pounds to be paid to her upon the sale of my land and to be improved by her father for her sole use until she shall marry.

To twenty silenced ministers ten pounds. To my cousin Hall's wife one great silver spoon and ten shillings to buy her a mourning ring. To my cousin Richard Hall of Bentley and his eldest daughter and Robert Hall, his brother, each of them twenty shillings. To Mrs. Robinson ten shillings to buy her a mourning ring. To her daughter Mrs. Hickford ten shillings to buy her a mourning ring. To my friends Mr. John and Mr. Thomas Freshwater each ten shillings to buy mourning rings.

I give out of my estate unto Boston in New England and other towns in that Colony that hath most suffered by the wars and by that late great happening

in Boston one hundred pounds, fifty pounds to Boston and the other fifty pounds to the poorest that suffered by the wars, to be sent over for those uses at the will and discretion of my executor, as money can be raised out of my estate. To Elizabeth Thompson, Joseph Peachey and John Thompson, each half a crown to buy their gloves. To John Bearblock ten shillings to buy him a ring. To the poor of Great Totham, Little Totham, Heybridge and Wickham Bishop, each parish, twenty shillings, to be given to their most aged poor by their officers. To the poor of Malden twenty shillings. To the poor of Langford four pounds, the said four pounds to be laid out in cloth for them. I make my wife and Mr. John Hall of Islington joint executors.

Commissary of London,
Essex, Herts. Book Heydon, L. 375

["1682 Mr. Samuel Hall, some time a resident in Massachusetts, had died at Langford near Malden, Essex County, England. He bequeathed £100 to those, who lost by the great fire in Boston and by Indian wars in this Colony. Mr. John Hall of Islington, near London, was his executor, who sent an order to his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Symonds of Ipswich, to dispose of the bequest. She gave to individuals who had suffered by Indians, as follows: £8 to Martha Graves; £10 to Moses, of Newichiwanaack, son of the Rev. William Worcester; £5 to Frances Graves of Ipswich; £3 to Martha Coy, fled to Boston, widow of John Coy of Brookfield, slain; 3s. to Susannah, widow of Thomas Ayres, also slain." --- (Felt's History of Ipswich, p. 62.)

Rev. Dr. Felt probably compiled this account from papers now in the American Antiquarian Society's Library, the substance of which is given by Mr. Abraham Hammatt in his *Early Inhabitants of Ipswich*, pp. 130.

Samuel Hall, the testator, came to New England about 1633. In that year he, with John Oldham and another person, set out on an exploring expedition and went as far as the Connecticut River. They returned January 20, 1633-4, having endured much misery. Mr. Savage thinks he may have returned to England and have come back in the Spring of 1635, aged 25, in the Elizabeth and Ann. He was at Ipswich in 1635, and his name with that of John Hall is on the original list of townsmen of Salisbury, 1660. He was a member of the Artillery Company, 1638. The date of his return to England I do not find. (See Savage's Dictionary, vol. 2, p. 337; Rev. David B. Hall's 'Halls of New England', pp. 720-1; Hammatt's 'Early Inhabitants of Ipswich', pp. 129-31; Winthrop's 'New England', vol. 1, p. 123 (146 new ed.); Hutchinson's 'Massachusetts', vol. 1, p.43, first ed., p.46, third ed.; Hubbard's 'New England', pp. 169-70).

The will of John Hall of Islington, the executor of Samuel Hall, and some facts concerning him, will be found in these 'Gleanings', ante pp. 683-4. His pedigree is printed, ante p.687.

The will which follows is that of the testator's widow. ---- Editor.]

SARAH HALL of Langford, Essex, widow, 8 November 1680, proved at Chelmsford 25 January 1680. My body I bequeath to the Earth until the General resurrection at the last day to be decently buried by my loving and much respected friend Mr. Henry Robinson, minister of the parish of Langford, at his discretion, in the parish church of Langford in linen. I give up and resign all my right, title &c. in my deed of gift which my late husband Mr. Samuel Hall sealed unto me of the house and land &c. in Langford called Custaynes and Springers (containing twenty two acres more or less) to pay off my husband's legacies. If not enough then it shall be made good out of my own personal estate. I give five and twenty pounds to be expended about my

funeral. To my friend Mr. Henry Robinson, minister of Langford twenty pounds. To Samuel Cockin, my brother Joseph's son, and his two children (now dwelling in Hull) forty pounds and two silver spoons, i.e. twenty to him and ten to each of his children and one of the spoons to each of the children. To Mrs. Mundaye's daughter of Bareham(Boreham?), Essex, spinster, ten pounds and unto Mrs. Mundaye, her mother, forty shillings. Gifts to Mr. Heckford of Langford, to Mr. Thomas Freshwater of Heybridge, to twenty nonconformist ministers or their widows, now living in Essex, the latter (ten pounds) to be paid into the hands of Mr. Martyne Carter the elder of Maldon, hoyman, to be by him disposed of (in sums of ten shillings apiece). To the poor of certain parishes. I give my customary cottage in Langford called Foster's Garden to the parish of Langford for the use of the poor of the parish. To Mrs. Robinson of Langford my thumbring &c. To Daniel Hall of Doncaster forty shillings to buy him four rings, one for him, one for each of his two sons and one for his son's wife. To my brother in law William Graves of Bentley ten pounds. To twenty of the poor nonconformist ministers, or their widows, in or about the City of London. To John Hall of Bentley, my late husband's kinsman in Yorkshire, five pounds. To Henrietta Graves, my kinswoman, of London, twenty shillings.

And lastly I do constitute and appoint my loving friends Mr. Thomas Glover, a New England merchant, living in St. Clement's Lane near Lumbard Street London and Mr. John Hall of Illington (Islington?) to be joint executors. Item, my further mind and will is that after my debts and legacies are paid and all other charges defrayed I do give the overplus of my estate to be left in the said Mr. Thomas Glover's hands, to be laid out in cloth for the use of the poor of Newbury, Hampton and Amesbury in New England to be equally divided amongst them, part and part alike.

Memorandum before the sealing and delivery hereof. I do give to Mrs. Robinson my silver tankard and I do give a small trunk of linen to be sent to my sister Beatrice Graves at Bentley in Yorkshire for her use.

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for Essex and Herts.

[Thomas Glover, a New England merchant mentioned in this will, was, I presume, Thomas, son of John Glover of Dorchester, Mass., who at the age of three years was brought to New England by his father. He returned to England, and died in the parish of St. John, Hackney, London, Oct. 6, 1707, aged 80yrs. and 9mo. (See Miss Anna Glover's Glover Memorial, pp. 81-95). His will is printed on pp. 90-4 of that work. ---- Editor.]