

in the second syllable (as we make nowadays). The surname is in one of the ancestral forms common in England and used sometimes by William of Duxbury. Pronounced crisply, it no doubt gave the impression of *Pebody* to Mr. Capen and others, which they expressed by using *e* and *ea* in the first syllable, giving it the sound of *ea* in *head*.

The Last Will & Testament of Lieut: Francis Pebody of Topsfield in y<sup>e</sup> county of Es[sex] [in] Newe England: I Francis Pebody taking into consideration the uncertainty of my life and certainty of my death being of perfect understanding & memory have seen good to m[ake] such a disposall of the temporall estate which God of his grace hath given me in this w[orld] as followeth, —

Impr. I committ my immortall soul into the hands of God & my body to a decent buriall [when] God shall take me out of this world

Secundo I give to my son John Pebody & Joseph Pebody all that tract of Land which I bought of marchant Joseph Juett of Rowly which Land lyeth in Boxford, I give to my son J. . . . two thirds of y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid tract of Land & to my son Joseph y<sup>e</sup> other third which I give to them & to their Heirs for ever & moreover I do give to them both in c[ountry] pay (not mony) five pounds to each of them, y<sup>t</sup> is five pounds apiece, besides what I have already given them

Item, I do give to my son William Pebody all that Land which I bought of John Tod Sen<sup>r</sup> [of] Rowly & of John Perley (excepting one hundred acres) which land I do give to him & his Heirs for ever, more. over I do give to him five pounds besides what he hath [. . .] me already, which I do the rather on consideration of his being (by y<sup>e</sup> providence of God) deprived of y<sup>e</sup> use of one of his arms, w<sup>ch</sup> five pounds is to be paid as is above specified

Item I do give to my son in Law Daniell Wood That hundred acres of Land which is above excepted to my son William & is already in part possessed by my son in [law] Daniel Wood which said Land I do give to him & to his Heirs for ever it be[ing] in consideration of what I was oblided to do for him when come to age & pro[vided] y<sup>t</sup> he shall be satisfyed therewith on y<sup>t</sup> account & give a discharge thereof to such [. . .] shall concern Which Land I have already promised & do purpose forthwith to [give] him a deed of in a way of firm conveyance in which deed I shall bound. . . . Limit y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid hundred acres accordingly

Item I do give to my son Isaac Pebody all the land y<sup>t</sup> I do now live upon which I bou[ght] of Mr. Simons & my will is y<sup>t</sup> my son Isaac shall have all y<sup>e</sup> said Land which lyeth on [ye] south side of y<sup>e</sup>

brook running through the said farm both upland & meadow so bo[unded] I give to my son Isaac Pebody together w<sup>t</sup> my dwelling house & housing, orchard, mill millyard w<sup>t</sup> all y<sup>t</sup> I bought of William Evans & moreover I give to my son Isaac from [the] bridge all y<sup>e</sup> meadow downward on y<sup>e</sup> north east side of y<sup>e</sup> brook w<sup>ch</sup> runneth through . . . Tho: Dormans meadow: as also I do give to my son Isaac a Rod & half of upland . . . to y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid meadow all along for y<sup>e</sup> bringing of his hay from time to time w<sup>ch</sup> afore [named] Land I do give to my son Isaac & to his Heirs forever, together w<sup>t</sup> seventy acres of Land . . . y<sup>e</sup> south side if y<sup>e</sup> River, neer to y<sup>e</sup> dwelling of Joseph Town Jun, Also I give to my son [Isaac] that bed with the furniture thereunto belonging which he now hath y<sup>e</sup> improvement [of] & this I would have noted, That I have given y<sup>e</sup> more to my son Isaac on consideration [of] y<sup>e</sup> providence of God disinabling him by y<sup>e</sup> loss of one of his Leggs

Item I do give to my Grand child Jacob Pebody (y<sup>e</sup> son of my son Jacob Pebody deceased) y<sup>e</sup> h[ouse] which his father dwelt in together with all y<sup>e</sup> upland on y<sup>e</sup> side of y<sup>e</sup> brook y<sup>t</sup> is on . . . North side of y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid brook, as also all y<sup>e</sup> meadow on y<sup>e</sup> same side of y<sup>e</sup> brook . . . y<sup>e</sup> bridge & so upward, my will is y<sup>t</sup> in case my said Grandchild Jacob Pebody do [live] to y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty one years y<sup>t</sup> then he shall have as is above said to injoy himselfe . . . his Heirs for ever, But in Case y<sup>e</sup> said Jacob live not to y<sup>t</sup> age y<sup>t</sup> then any of my other [. . .] shall have liberty to have y<sup>e</sup> land & house abovesaid provided y<sup>t</sup> he or they shall [. . .] to my grandchildren Kezia & Mercy Pebody y<sup>e</sup> children of my son Jacob Pebody deceased an hundred and twenty pounds in common currant pay (not silver) notwithstanding . . . is abovesaid in case y<sup>e</sup> said Jacob should have issue before he should arrive at y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid age y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said Land shall be at y<sup>e</sup> disposall of y<sup>e</sup> abovesaid Jacob Pebody together [. . .] aforesaid. Also I do give to my grandchildren Kezia & Mercy Pebody y<sup>e</sup> children of [my] son Jacob deceased I do give to each of them Thirty acres of Land apiece, provided th[at] [they] shall live to y<sup>e</sup> age of eighteen years, which Threescore acres of Land Lyeth on y<sup>e</sup> south s[ide] of y<sup>e</sup> River in y<sup>e</sup> south-west Division beyond m<sup>r</sup> Endicotts farm in y<sup>e</sup> place called y<sup>e</sup> stick[y] meadow which Land abovesaid I bought part of Deacon Tho Perkins about thirty [acres] & about thirty more which I bought of Daniell Dorman, but in Case of neither of y<sup>e</sup> chi[ldren] Kezia or Mercy shall live to y<sup>e</sup> age of eighteen y<sup>t</sup> then y<sup>e</sup> abovesaid Thirty acres apiece shall return to my next & immediate children to be equally divided amongst them [but] in Case one of y<sup>e</sup> said grandchildren live to y<sup>t</sup> age & not y<sup>e</sup>

other that then y<sup>e</sup> whole Threescore acres shall fall to y<sup>e</sup> survivor of them

Item I give to my son Nathaniell Pebody together with my Grand-child Samson How a[ll] that four hundred acres which I bought of m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Sewall Lying in Rowly village called Boxford which land lyeth near Bradford & was formerly m<sup>r</sup> Nelsons of Rowly. My will is y<sup>t</sup> my son Nathaniell shall have three hundred & Samson How y<sup>e</sup> other hundred acres which for quantity and quality y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Samson How shall have y<sup>e</sup> said Hundred acres provided y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said Samson How shall be at my despose till y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty[one] years But in Case my son Nathaniell shall dye without Lawfull Issue that then y<sup>e</sup> above said three hundred acres shall fall to my other children by equall devison, his widdow notwithstanding injoying y<sup>e</sup> benefit thereof during life & as to his moveable estate which he is already in possession of I leave it all to be at his y<sup>t</sup> is my son Nathaniells despose here is to be understood y<sup>t</sup> what shall be left undesposed of by my son Nathaniell at his death of his three hundred acres shall be for y<sup>e</sup> use of his widdow during her life as abovesaid y<sup>t</sup> is y<sup>e</sup> life of her widdowhood.

I do reserve for Mary my wife y<sup>e</sup> South End of my house for her Use to live in as also y<sup>e</sup> New Cellar as also y<sup>e</sup> Use of two milch Cows which she shall choose out of my milch kine, Also my will is y<sup>t</sup> my son Isaac shall pay to my wife Mary yearly twenty bushells of Indian Corne, four bushells of wheat, four of rye & six of malt, also y<sup>t</sup> my wife have liberty to keep two or three swine, as also yearly half a dozen pounds of wool, also my will is y<sup>t</sup> my wife shall have pasture for her cowes with my son Isaacs as also y<sup>t</sup> my son Isaac shall provide fodder for them in y<sup>e</sup> winter. As also my wife shall have Liberty for an horse to ride on as she shall have occasion. Also my will is y<sup>t</sup> in Case my wife shall marry again y<sup>t</sup> then all y<sup>e</sup> priviledges abovesaid shall cease, but during her widowhood she shall also have (as benefit by my orchard) yearly a barrell of Cidar as also som apples as her occasions either in the summer or winter shall require, Moreover my wife shall have y<sup>e</sup> use & despose of two beds together with needful firewood provided for her for which end she shall have y<sup>e</sup> use of such of my oxen as shall be needfull. Also I do order y<sup>t</sup> Samson How shall live with my wife till he shall come to y<sup>e</sup> age of twenty one years & be at her Command to be helpfull to her on all accounts as she shall have occasion & in case Samson How shall be taken away by his father before he shall have served as abovesaid y<sup>t</sup> then my wife shall have that hundred acres of land abovesaid (given Conditionally to y<sup>e</sup> said Samson) to provide for

herself such help as shall be necessary. & in Case my wife shall dy before y<sup>e</sup> said Samson How shall arrive at y<sup>t</sup> aforesaid term of years y<sup>t</sup> then he shall be at my wives despose to whom she shall see good & in case y<sup>t</sup> said Samson will not comply with such despose y<sup>t</sup> then y<sup>e</sup> said hundred acres of land intended for him shall be at my wives despose

Item I give to my daughter Lydia Perley five pounds besides what she hath already had of me

I do give to my daughter Mary Death five pounds besides what she hath had already

I do give to my daughter Sarah How five pounds besides what she hath had already

I do give to my daughter Hephzibah Ray five pounds besides what she hath had already all which Legacies ordered to my Children I do appoint to be paid in common currant pay as is before specified to others of my children

Note y<sup>t</sup> what Legacies I do here give in my will shall be paid by my executors out of my estate which I do leave in my son Isaac hands & to my wives, as corn or Cattell &c my debts & funerall expences being discharged.

And finally. I do appoint, Constitute & ordain my wife Mary to be an executrix together with my son John Pebody & Isaac Pebody as executors of this my last will & testament & in Case after Legacies paid there be any estate left to be devided y<sup>t</sup> it shall be desposed of in a way of devision as my executrix together w<sup>t</sup> executors shall see good.

That what is here above written is y<sup>e</sup> last will & Testament of y<sup>e</sup> abovesaid Francis Pebody appears by his own hand & seal y<sup>e</sup> day & Date here mentioned as also by y<sup>e</sup> testimony of y<sup>e</sup> witnesses hereunto subscribed

The above said premises were signed & sealed & declared to be y<sup>e</sup> last will & Testament of y<sup>e</sup> said Francis Pebody y<sup>e</sup> twentieth day of January in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Ninety & five or six, in presence of us

Joseph Capen  
Thomas Baker

It is to be noted y<sup>t</sup> notwithstanding what is abovesaid concerning my son Nathaniells three hundred acres returning to his brethren in Case of his dying w<sup>t</sup>out lawfull Issue, It is to be understood by y<sup>e</sup> three hundred acres what he shall not see Cause to despose of before his death I hereby notwithstanding what hath been said giving him full power in Case he see good to despose of it either in part or whole not knowing but divine provi-

Ephraim Dorman Sen<sup>r</sup>      dence may necessitate him thereunto,  
 otherwise what is above written to be  
 of full force as is expressed.

ffrancis Pabody

This will was proved August 7, 1698; in due time the following Inventory was made and filed:

The Inventory of y<sup>e</sup> estate of ffrancis Pebody  
 made this 20th May — 1698 —

	£	s	d
two oxen; at: 7 <i>l</i> three Cowes. at: 9 <i>l</i> -15 <i>s</i> -00: three young cattell at: 6 <i>l</i> . . . . .	23	00	00
sheep. 4 <i>l</i> — one mare and Colt — 1 <i>l</i> -10 — . . . . .	05	10	00
chaines axes wegges — and chisells: and other iron tooles — . . . . .	02	04	00
wearing cloaths, — . . . . .	02	04	00
Beds and beding, 12 <i>l</i> — napkins table cloths and other linnen at 5 <i>l</i> -9 <i>s</i> . . . . .	17	09	00
chests, tables, chaiers, and other lumber — . . . . .	05	15	06
peuter, and brass ware — . . . . .	05	12	00
Iron ware, as pots, kettles, tramells: &c. — . . . . .	02	05	00
New cloth home made . . . . .	02	11	00
ten bus: of malt, 1 <i>l</i> -15 <i>s</i> Indian Corne: eight bus: 1 <i>l</i> -4 <i>s</i> . six bushells barley — 1 <i>l</i> 1 <i>s</i> . . . . .	04	00	00
ffour Swine — . . . . .	02	00	00
Land given to his son John Pebody — . . . . .	200	00	00
Land to Joseph Pebody — . . . . .	100	00	00
Land to William Pebody — . . . . .	100	00	00
Land to Nathaniel Pebody — . . . . .	150	00	00
Land to Samson Howe — . . . . .	050	00	00
Land to Keziah & Marcie Pebody — . . . . .	050	00	00
Land and house to Jacob Pebody — . . . . .	160	00	00
the homestead to Isaac Pebody. as upland, meddow dwelling house and one barne, and mill — . . . . .	400	00	00
Silver mony . . . . .	044	15	00
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total summ:	1327	05	06

William Howlett  
 Daniel Redington  
 Ephraim: Willds

[On the reverse of the foregoing]

Topsfeild y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1698

An adition to the inventory of the estate of ffrancis Pebody as doth apear on the other side of this paper

	£	s	d
tow oxen att — . . . . .	09	00	00
nine books — . . . . .	00	13	00
two Cowes — . . . . .	05	00	00
two oxen . . . . .	08	00	00
two lining spining wheels — . . . . .	00	06	00
two wolen spining wheels — . . . . .	00	06	00
given to y <sup>e</sup> widow two beds with the furniture — . . . . .	19	00	00
eight yards of woll Cloath — . . . . .	01	12	00
six cushens — . . . . .	00	06	00
bed and beding given to Isaac . . . . .	03	10	00

Daniel Redington  
Ephraim Willdes  
Joseph Byxbe

### Children:

- i. Lydia,<sup>3</sup> bapt. Aug. 30, 1640; m. July 8, 1667, Thomas Perley.
4. ii. John, b. about 1642; deposed 29:9:1674, aged about 32.
5. iii. Joseph, b. about 1644; deposed 10(1) 1675, aged about 30.
6. iv. William, b. about 1646.
7. v. Isaac, b. about 1648.
- vi. Sarah, b. about 1650; m. at Ipswich March 26, 1678, Abraham How. Son Samson How mentioned in her father's will.
- vii. Hepsibah, b. about 1652; m. April 10, 1678, Daniel Rea (Ray) of Salem Village (Danvers).
- viii. Mary, b. about 1656; m. (1) John Death, of Framingham; m. (2) Samuel Eames
- ix. Ruth, b. May 22, 1658; not mentioned in her father's will.
- x. Damaris, b. June 21, d. Dec. 19, 1660.
- xi. Samuel, b. June 4, 1662; d. Sept. 13, 1667.
8. xii. Jacob, b. July 28, 1664.
- xiii. Hannah, b. May 8, 1668; m. Daniel Andrews.
- xiv. Nathaniel, b. July 20, 1669; m. Frances —; he d. in 1715, leaving no children. His widow m. (2) May 10, 1716, Samuel Shackford, of Portsmouth, N. H.