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HISTORY AND GENEALOGY  
OF THE  
**CONANT FAMILY**  
IN  
ENGLAND AND AMERICA,  
THIRTEEN GENERATIONS, 1520-1897.  
CONTAINING ALSO SOME  
GENEALOGICAL NOTES ON THE  
**GONNET, GONNETT AND GONNIT FAMILIES.**

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ly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life, I give, Demise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item. I Give to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my indoor moveables, viz. Corn of all sorts: and wool and flax and Cider as well as other household goods to use and dispose off as she shall think most convenient and I give her the improvement and benefit of one third part of my Real Estate both buildings and lands as fully as she could have it if I made no will. and give sd. wife the use and profit of one third part of my live stock which shall be Left after my Debts and funeral charges shall be paid. During her natural Life and she is to have her firewood brought to the door and cut fit for the fire one half thereof by my son Joshua and the other half by my son William so long as she shall remain my widow, and my said sons Joshua and William are to find a horse for my said wife to ride to meeting on and other where as she shall have occasion so long as she shall continue my widow. furthermore I give to my said wife all my money or bills of Public credit that be left at my Decease for her own use.

Item. I give to my son Jonathan all my buildings and Lands in Beverly and all my interest in Land Lying in Marblehead.

Item. I give to my son Joseph one hundred pounds in old Tenor bills of Credit or so much in money or bills of Public Credit as to be equal thereto and to be paid by my son Joshua within five years after my Decease.

Item. I give to my son Joshua one half of all my Lands and meadow lying in Ipswich and Topsfield both for Quantity and Quality with half of the buildings thereon and half of my utensils of husbandry only reserving liberty in my now Dwelling house as may hereafter be mentioned for my daughter Elizabeth.

Item. I give to my son Samuel one hundred pounds in old Tenor bills of Credit or such money or other bills on Credit as to be equal to said hundred pounds to be paid by my son William within five years after my Decease.

Item. I give to my son William one half of all my Lands and meadow lying in Ipswich and Topsfield with half the buildings thereupon reserving liberty in my now Dwelling house as may hereafter be mentioned for my daughter Elizabeth and I give to my son William half of my Utensils of Husbandry and all Sheep that shall be left at my Decease.

Item. I give to my daughter Abigail Thorncliffe twenty pounds in old Tenor bills of Credit or so much money or other bills of Public Credit as to be equal in value to the said Twenty pounds (besides what she has already had) and to be paid by my son Jonathan within two years after my Decease.

Item. I give to my daughter Ruth Woodbury (besides what she hath already had) twenty pounds in old Tenor bills of public Credit or so much money or other bills of Credit as to be equal in value to the said Twenty pounds and to be paid by my son Joshua within two years after my Decease.

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Item. I give to my Daughter Johannah Hutchinson (besides what she hath already had) Twenty pounds in old Tenor bills of Public Credit or so much money or other bills of Credit as to be equal in Value to said twenty pounds and to be paid by my son William within two years after my Decease.

Item. I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Seventy pounds in old Tenor bills of Public Credit or so much money or other bills of Credit as to be Equal in Value to said Seventy pounds and to be paid by my two sons Joshua and William within three years after my Decease and my sd Daughter shall have Liberty to live in my now Dwelling house so long as she continue a single Woman and in case my said Daughter shall stand in need of some further help to support her besides her portion then my son Jonathan shall pay three pounds in old Tenor bills of public Credit or so much money or other bills as to be equal in Value to said three pounds, and to be paid yearly and every year to my son Joshua or my son William for or towards the support of my said Daughter so long as she shall stand in need of help from others to support her: and farther if my sd Daughter shall not be able to maintain herself after her mothers Decease that then my two sons Joshua and William shall take care of her and provide all things needful for her according as her circumstances shall require as long as she shall remain a single woman.

Item. I Give to my three Grandchildren hereafter named Twenty pounds in old Tenor bills or so much money or other bills of Credit as to be equal in Value to said Twenty pounds viz. to Abigail Thorncliffe six pounds, To William Oler six pounds and to Johannah Oler Eight pounds, and to be paid by my son Jonathan within three years after my Decease.

And my will is that my Executors hereafter named shall sell so much of my Stock of Cattle or horses as to pay my Just Debts and funeral Charges.

And also I Give to my two sons Joshua and William all the rest of my Live Stock to be Equally divided between them two thirds thereof as soon as the aforesaid Debts and charges are paid and the other third at my wifes Decease.

And I Do hereby Constitute make and ordain my well beloved Wife Elizabeth and my son Jonathan Conant to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. Ratifying and Confirming this to be my Last Will and Testament and none other. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed, Promounced and Declared by the said Lot Conant to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us witnesses.

JOHN DAVIS  
ANDREW BRADSTREET  
JACOB PEARSON

*Lot Conant* (seal)

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He left a will which was proved 10 Jan., 1744-5; it runs as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen. the Thirtieth Day of January Anno Domini 1744 I Lot Conant of Ipswich in ye county of Essex, New England being weakly in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die. Do make my last will and testament viz. Principally and first of all I give and bequeath my Soule unto ye hands of God who first gave it being and my body I recommend to be buried in Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my executors nothing doubting but that I shall Receive the same again at the General Resurrection by the mighty power of God. and as for such world-