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ALBANY, N. Y.  
JOEL MUNSELL'S SONS, 82 STATE ST.  
1884.

Allso to my son John Bidwell I give foure acres of my meadow pasture on the south ende of it to begin his measure at the old ditch that parts Barthleme Barnards land from say<sup>d</sup> pasture & so to goe eastward as far as s<sup>d</sup> pasture reaches that way & from the south ende thereof northwards till foure acres be accomplished to him & his heirs forever, onely my wife shall have the use of halfe the s<sup>d</sup> foure acres during her naturall life & provided also that my say<sup>d</sup> son doe pay Twenty-one pounds in currant country pay for the same that is to say Twenty shillings to the reverend Mr. John Whiting of Hartford which I bequeath to him & Twenty pounds to my son Joseph Bidwell or his heires, halfe of it at my decease & the other halfe at decease of my wife. Twenty pounds I doe bequeath to my son Joseph besides what is given him before in my will. Allso my will is that whereas I have before given Twenty pounds apiece to my daughter Sarah House & Hanah Waddoms my will is that my daughter House shall have Thirty pounds & my daughter Waddoms Ten pounds of the say<sup>d</sup> Forty pounds in regard of what I have already given my daughter Waddoms more than her sister & this Codicill I doe desire to be a true part & member of my last will to all intents & that nothing in the former will or part of my will shall any wayes weaken or make voyd the same. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale this 22<sup>d</sup> day of August, 1683.

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JOHN ( BIDWELL & a seale.

Signed sealed & declared by John Bidwell as a true part of his last Will before us WILLIAM PITKIN, JOHN MAKIN.

An Inventory of the Estate of John Bidwell sen<sup>r</sup> of Hartford, deceased taken the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 1687, by us whose names are under written.

Imp <sup>n</sup> his weareing apparell	5	11	00
5 Payre of sheets 4 00 00. 2 Chests & 1 Box	00	18	00
1 Bedstead & Cord 1 00 00. 4 Chaires	00	6	00
1 Warming pan	00	04	00
10 napkins 15. 4 pillow been 12. 3 Table cloathes	10	01	17
2 Towells 3. 1 Brass Kettle 16. 1 Brasse Kettle	14	01	13
1 Kettle 2 Skilletts 16. 2 Iron Potts	10	02	06

Tonges Three Tyred Iron Spit fire Iron	00 17 00
Morter & pestle. 5 Pewter 2 13 0	02 18 00
Wheat. churn. Payles. Tubbs & woodenware 20.	
Table 3	01 03 00
ride 3. Kneeding Trough 2 6. Fry pan 3 6. Chese pry 2 6	00 11 06
2 Bârells 4. 2 Tramells 10. Trowell 1. Cupboard 5	01 00 00
Tin ware, hower glass, wine glass botles	00 12 00
Earthenware 6. Bookes 10. Beding 40	02 16 00
Woole 15. Wheat 28. Indian 30	03 13 00
2 Oxen 12. 3 Cowes 12. 2 Steares 3 years old 6.	
11 y. 1 5	31 05 00
1 Mare 4 1 Mare 1. 1 Hors Coalt 2 years old 1 10	06 10 00
10 Sheep 5 & 4 Lambes 20	06 00 00
6 Swine 3	03 00 00
Cart 3. 5 Yoak Collo <sup>e</sup> Traces 1 chaine 15. Plowe 12	05 12 00
Axes & Hewes 10 & Roap 8	00 18 00
The Homestead Ten acres of upland in fence 70	
Dwelling house 30. Barn 15. out land 10. wast land 15. all	140 00 00
In house lott in the swamp	25 00 00
In the Midle lot about 8 acres	80 00 00
The upper lott in the swamp about 4 acres	40 00 00
The pasture about 7 acres	50 00 00
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	419 10 06

By a gun & some yarn & some other small  
things come to hand since the Inventory  
was taken Thirty Shillings.

WILLIAM PITKIN,  
JOSEPH OLMSTEAD.

3 HANNAH BIDWELL, b. 22 Oct., 1644; d. 7 Oct., 1679; m.,  
18 Aug., 1648, *James Eno*, d. 11 June, 1682. They lived at  
Windsor; he settled there in 1646. She was b. at Windsor, Conn.

Children:

14 Sarah, b. 15 June, 1649.

15 James, b. 30 Oct., 1651.

16 John, b. 2 Dec., 1654.

4 JOSEPH BIDWELL, d. 1672; m., 28 Oct., 1636, widow *Rachel Deane*, b. 1605. They lived at Marshfield, Plymouth Co., Mass. She was 31 yrs. old when they were married. She came over in the Planter in 1635. He was a freeman there in 1643. For further particulars see Plymouth Colony Records from vol. 1 to 12 inclusive. He was at Duxbury in July, 1635, and bought land at Island Creek, of Isaac Robinson. In 1640, he was fined 20 shillings "for suffering men to drink drunken at his house." From History of Duxbury by Winsor, page 217: In 1641, he was a surveyor of highways at Duxbury, or Marshfield. Page 21. He enlisted to serve against the Pequin Indians. Page 297. Thomas Bidle bought land at Island Creek. Date of will 17 April, 1671, and date of inventory 26 Sept., 1672, amount £221. 7s. 10d. He gave to Rev. Mr. Samuel Arnold, to the towns poor, to Edward Bumpas, Sen., to Jacob Bumpas his late servant, to his wife Rachel and her dau. Martha Deane, etc.

Martha, dau. of Mrs. Deane Bidwell, married 28 Dec., 1674, James Clement and for her 2d husband, James Powell.

No children:

5 SAMUEL BIDWELL, m., 2 Feb., 1653, *Mary Hodgkinson*. They were married at Boston, by Mr. Wm. Hibbins. See pages 323 and 434 of Register of births, marriages and deaths at Boston. The name was spelled Bedwell.

Children:

17 Mary, b. 3 Oct., 1661.

6 RICHARD BIDWELL, m.

Child:

18 ——— b. 17 Aug., 1677.

The following is from the Church Records of Windsor, 17 Aug., 1677: Richard Bidwell had one child born in Windsor, before he moved from there.



## THIRD GENERATION.

7 JOHN BIDWELL, d. 3 July, 1692; m., 7 Nov., 1678, *Sarah Weller*, b. 1659; d. 1708. She was a dau. of Mr. Thomas and g. dau. of Gov. Welles, and mentioned in his will.

## Children:

- 19 John, b. 1 Sept., 1679; d. 3 Sept., 1751.
- 20 Hannah, b. 31 Aug., 1680; d. 1707.
- 21 Sarah, b. 19 Aug., 1681.
- 22 Thomas, b. 27 Dec., 1682; d. 1716.
- 23 Jonathan, b. 5 March, 1684.
- 24 David, b. 1687; d. 24 June, 1758.
- 25 James, b. 1691; d. 7 May, 1718.

Glastenbury for 200 years by Chapin, page 129: John Bidwell, Jr., has the 1st Saw Mill at Glastenbury, 1667. He lived at Hartford, as his father willed him all his lands and buildings west of the Connecticut river. He had at Hartford, a saw, grist and fulling mill; *six* saw or grist mills, three at Hartford, and one each at East Hartford, Wethersfield and Middletown, he was an engineer and was selected by the town of Hartford, to deepen the channel in the Connecticut river between Hartford and Wethersfield. (Town Records of Hartford, 1686. The town by their vote made choice of major Talcott, Ensign Nathaniel Stanley, Mr. Cyprian Nichols and John Bidwell to consider the best way to make a channel in the river between this town and Wethersfield). He is buried at East Hartford and left an estate of £1081. His widow Sarah, in March, 1704, gave to her son John land on the east side of the Connecticut river and her son Thomas witnessed the deed. He and his wife Sarah were admitted to full communion at the 2d or Centre St. Church, Hartford, 21 Feb., 1685. Vol. 5, page 45 Hartford Co. Probate Records: "Mrs. Sarah (Wells) Bidwell was administrator of John Bidwell (her husband) deceased and Daniel Bidwell (her brother-in-law) was appointed by the court to oversee the children as they were all young."

*Third Generation.*

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An Inventory of the Estate of John Bidwell who deceased the 3<sup>d</sup> of Jull, 1692, taken by us whose names are under written.

By 1 Clock 50. 1 searg coat 50 one Broad Cloth coat 30	06 10 00
By 1 searg wascoat 20 2 payre Breeches 10 2 payre lining Breeches 15	02 05 00
By 1 Doz neck cloths 24 7 shirts 35 6 payre of stockings 12	03 11 00
By Gloves 4 shoes 8 Hatts 20 Handkerchief 12 a staffe 6	02 10 00
By cash 9 8 More 18 in all	10 06 00
In the Parler By one feather Bed, Bed sted & furniture	10 00 00
By one Trundle Bed Bed sted & furniture	02 10 00
By one cupboard & cloath & cushione 4 10 one. great chest 20	05 10 00
By one small chest 10 3 Boxes 10 one small trunk & Desk 7	01 07 00
By one small table 2 wicker baskets 10 a looking glass 10 2 Inck horne 1	01 09 00
By 1 Brush 1 1 Trundle Bed sted 5 5 yds $\frac{1}{2}$ druket 26	01 18 00
By 3 Holland sheets 4 2 payr sheets. dowlass 4 3 sheets 50 all	10 10 00
By 3 payre of cotton sheets & one a small 6 3 payre of lining sheets 4 all	10 00 00
By 3 Holland seamin Pillow been 30, 1 payre dowles Semin Pillow Been 12	02 02 00
By 3 Holland Pillow Been 12 3 Holland Towels 10	01 02 00
By 1 Doz napkins 18 1 Doz Halfe of striped coten & Lining Napkins 42	03 00 00
By 1 Doz napkins 24 a wrought cupboard cloth 7, 3 Table clothe 30	03 01 00
By 2 Doz & halfe of lining napkins 75 a payr of cotton Linen Pillow Been 10	04 05 00
By 2 Payr of Pillow Been 14 3 Thousand pins 6 fine thread 20 all	02 00 00
In the Parler chamber one Bed sted feather Bed & furniture	09 00 00
By one feather Bed & 2 pillows five pounds one bed two cloth ticken 12	05 12 00

By one Coverlet 20 2 new home made coverleds 30	02 10 00
By one red covered & a White Blanket 25	01 05 00
By one cupboard & cloeth 3 one chest 20 2 chests 16	04 16 00
By one chest 2 2 payre of new Tow sheets 50 5 payre Tow sheets 5 all	08 10 00
By 3 Pillowbeen 10 6 table cloathes 18 12 Towells 15	02 03 00
By 10 cushions 16 11½ lb. Woollenyarne 40 15 lb. Woollenyarne 45	05 01 00
By 16 lb. of cotton yarne 72 by 20 lining yarne 60 by 100 lining yarne 12 10	19 02 00
By 55 lb. of fine Tow yarne 74 by 40 of Tow yarne 40	
By 30 lining yarne 60 all	08 14 00
By 20 lb. Woollen yarne 40 by 7 lb. Tow yarn 10 By 5 lb. Worsted Yarn 40 all	04 10 00
By 3 old Tow sheets 18 By 5 chayres 10 by 9 chayres 15 a great table & forme 30	03 13 00
By 2 Brass candlesticks & cuffindish 20 by 12 pewter platters 70	04 10 00
By 4 Pewter Bauns 15 affagon 8 2 Tanckards 8 5 Pots 14 all	02 05 00
By 10 Porringers 12 2 plates 1 salt sellar 1 sucking Botle 6	00 18 00
By earthen ware 12 glasses 4 1 payre stilliards 9 Bookes 50	03 15 00
By 2 Belts & swords 25 a pike 8 powder & lead 5	01 18 00
By 3 joynt stooles 6 a cradle 3 2 wheels and a reake 5	00 14 00
By a slico & fire pan 5 2 pieces Timber chayrs 12	00 17 00
By 2 Great Brass Kittles 30 3 more 60 3 Iron Potts 50	08 10 00
By 4 Brass Skiletts 30 a small Brass pan 3 3 Payles 4 2 milk Keelers 2	01 09 00
By Wooden ware 10 2 Box Iron & Heaters 8 Bellows 4	01 02 00
By a Grid iron 4 an Iron Pan 5 an old brass Kitle 5 Need Troffs 4	00 18 00
By a warming Pan & frying Pan 12 a Brassweight 1 1 doz spoons 6	00 19 00
By a chest 7 a hold fast 2 4 corn Baskets 4 a candle mold 2	00 15 00
By 2 halfe Bushells 2 Lumber 5 earthen ware 2 a Bush- ell 2	00 11 00