

Moses Leavitt was one of the most prominent citizens of Exeter, and, perhaps I might say, of New Hampshire. He was often one of the selectmen, moderator of town meetings, representative to the Provincial Assembly, etc. He was a member of the first church organized, his pew being second only to Judge Kinsley Hall, and he had extensive grants of land from the town for his useful services. He died in 1730-1, aged 82.

WILL OF THE FIRST MOSES LEAVITT.

Moses Leavitt, first of this Christian name in Exeter, made his will Dec. 31, 1730, which was proved June 16, 1731. He appointed his two sons John and Dudley, his executors. The witnesses were Jeremiah Calfe, James Young and Benjamin Smith.

He says he is very aged and feeble.

"I have formerly given to my eldest son Moses, fifty acres lying in Exeter, near the Great Hill, adjoining the land of Samuel Stevens; also forty-five pounds in money. I now bequeath to my said son Moses, 36 acres of my part and proportion of the Common land allowed me by the committee of the town of Exeter, which I design to be his portion of my estate. I give to my son Timothy, 50 acres where his house now stands, upon a part it joins the land of Justice Thing. My son Timothy shall have the full half of that 100 acres I have there be it more or less. I also give to my son Timothy forty acres of land being part of one hundred acres of land joining upon the Robinson's land my son Timothy's part shall lie next to Robinson's land. My sons Timothy, Stephen, Joseph, John and Dudley.

I give to my son Stephen the one half of four score acres of land on that side where his house now stands be it more or less, lying upon Deer Hill Plain, also the one-half of my 100 acres joining to the land I gave to my son Timothy on that side joining the Little River. I give to my son Joseph 50 acres of land lying near the Great Hill between the land of Theophilus Hardy and the land of Jonathan Smith, also 20 acres of land lying upon the south side of the land I gave to my son Dudley, between my son Dudley's and the land of Justice Thing.

I give to my son John, to whom I have given heretofore half of one hundred acres of land be it more or less, bounding upon the land of Capt. Theophilus Smith and the land of William Sanborn, deceased; and so the cove and bounding on the cove. My said son John shall have the whole of said 100 acres, provided he pay or

NOTE. This will, being made by an expert surveyor, is of great value in a topographical point of view, as well as genealogically,