

Jonathan Stratton Will

The following pages show the probate records resulting from the death of Jonathan Stratton in Shaftsbury, VT. The last two pages show a transcription of his will. His only son Jefferson acted as executor. The will was presented in court by Jefferson in August of 1827 after Jonathan had died, and it was accepted as being valid. It mentions his wife Eunice, but it does not mention her family name of Cutler.

The will does however list the names of the couple's ten daughters with the names of the husbands of each of those daughters:

Hannah – John Allan
Amanda – John Moore
Olive – Simeon Watson
Eunice – Ezra Wood
Matilda – Lyman Galusha
Louisa – Abel Smith
Philinda – Aaron Gunn
Venlora – Lemuel Leach
Triphena – Waterman Leach
Rebeccah – John Morse

All of the children were presumably living at the time the will was written on December 15, 1823.

William V. Gehrlein
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Lewes, DE

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July 4, 1827.

Josiah Wright.

And now comes Josiah Wright, Executor of Josiah Wright late of Pownal, deceased, and prays that further time may be granted him for rendering the account of his Executorship, whereupon, said rendition is postponed to the last Wednesday of this month.

Jonathan Stratton.

And now comes ^{Stratton} Jefferson, and presents an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jonathan Stratton, late of Shaftsbury, deceased, and prays that the same may be probated. — Whereupon, It is ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Vermont Gazette, notifying all persons concerned to appear before the Probate Court, at a session to be holden at Bennington, in the first Wednesday of August, A.D. 1827, and show cause if any they have, against the probate of said will.

Attest Wm Haswell, Register.

Isaac Robinson, junr

And now comes Mary Robinson, administratrix of Isaac Robinson, junr. late of Stamford, deceased, and prays that the commissioners of claims may be allowed till the last Wednesday of August next for receiving claims against said estate and making their returns, and her prayer was granted.

Elihu Cross.

The time allowed for settling the estate of Elihu Cross, late of Shaftsbury deceased, is lengthened Six Months

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August 1, 1827.

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And now comes Jefferson Stratton, of Shaftsbury, in said district, and presents to said Court a writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Jonathan Stratton, late of Shaftsbury aforesaid, deceased, with a request to have the same allowed and approved, and the Probate thereof granted, and public notice having been given under an order of this Court, in the Vermont Gazette printed at Burlington to all concerned, agreeable to law, to appear in this Court on this day, and contest the Probate, filing and recording of said will, and now Abice Henry, Abi Henry & Wm. Henry, the subscribing witnesses to said will, personally appeared in and before said court, and being duly sworn made solemn oath that the said will was signed and sealed by the said Jonathan Stratton, and that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence, and in presence of each other, and that the said Jonathan Stratton at the time of executing the same was of sound and perfect mind and memory, and did then and there declare and publish the same as his last will and testament, whereupon the said will is accepted by the Court, allowed, proved and ordered to be recorded, and is as follows, viz.

In the name of God Amen. Jonathan Stratton of Shaftsbury in the County of Burlington and State of Vermont being weak in body but of a sound perfect and disposing mind and memory and calling to mind that man is dust and unto dust he shall return I do therefore make ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) I give and bequeath my spirit to

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God that gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came nothing doubting but God is able to raise it a spiritual body - and as it respects my worldly interest after all my just debts and funeral charges are paid.

I firstly give and bequeath to my beloved wife Eunice Stratton one third of the rents and profits of all the real estate I may die possessed of for and during her natural life if she should outlive me and also one third part of all the personal property I may die possessed of comprehending in said third part all the household furniture which said furniture if I should outlive my said wife I give and bequeath to my ten daughters hereafter named to be equally divided among them.

And secondly I give and bequeath to my son Jefferson Stratton his heirs and assigns the farm on which I now live lying and being in Shaftsbury aforesaid and bounded south of Bennington line east on lands owned by Samuel Blackmer, David Matteson Artemas Matteson Josiah Matteson and also Matteson north by Lathrop Colwell and Simeon Watson and west by Simeon Watson and Samuel Blackmer supposed to contain about seventy seven acres - also one wood lot lying in Bennington which I give and bequeath to my said son Jefferson his heirs and assigns bounded north and west by lands owned by Samuel Blackmer south by Thomas Matteson jun. and east by Lucius H. Gibbs suppose to be about twenty five acres And also all my farming tools and stock with all my other property of whatever name or nature not otherwise disposed of.

Reserving out of the said real and personal estate now bequeathed to my said son Jefferson all the aforesaid dower given to my beloved wife Eunice if she should outlive me - and also reserving the aforesaid wood lot lying in Bennington for the security of the payment of the legacies hereafter mentioned that is to say Ten dollars to my daughter Hannah wife of John

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Allen, and Ten dollars to my daughter Aminda wife of John Moore, and Ten dollars to my daughter (live wife of Simon Watson, and Ten dollars to my daughter Eunice wife of Ezra Wood, and Ten dollars to my daughter Matilda wife of Lyman Galusha, and Ten dollars to my daughter Louisa wife of Abel Smith, and Ten dollars to my daughter Philinda wife of Aaron Sumner and Ten dollars to my daughter Verilora wife of Samuel Leach and Ten dollars to my daughter Trishena wife of Waterman Leach and Ten dollars to my daughter Rebecca wife of John Horse and that if my said son Jefferson should neglect or refuse to pay said legacies for the space of two years after my decease then the said legacies shall have a right to divide the afore said wood lot equally among themselves for their use forever - and lastly I appoint my said son Jefferson Stratton my sole executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of December in the year of our Lord 1823.

Signed, sealed published and declared by the above named Jonathan Stratton to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Alice Henry

Abi Henry

Wm Henry

Jonathan Stratton (LS)

A true record

Attest Wm Haswell, Register

Dorcas Brownell

License is granted to Thomas Brownell, administrator of Dorcas Brownell, to sell the personal estate for payment of debts

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David Fay.

Truman Squier, Uriah Edgerton & Wm. Haswell were appointed commissioners of appraisal, Inventory to be returned on or before 1st Wednesday of October next. - One year allowed for settling said estate. - Mary Fay, the Executrix named in the will of said David Fay, deceased, executed a bond in the sum of \$2000, signed by herself as principal, and John S. Robinson as surety, and Samuel Fay the Executor named in said will, executed a bond for the sum of \$2000, signed by himself as principal, and Benjamin F. Fay, as surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties as Executors. - And the said Executor having represented said estate insolvent, Orsamus C. Merrill, Jonathan C. Robinson and James Hubbel were appointed commissioners of claims. Six months was allowed the creditors for exhibiting their claims.

Jonathan Stratton.

Jefferson Stratton, the Executor named in the will of Jonathan Stratton, late of Shaftsbury, deceased, appeared in Court, and executed a bond in the sum of \$1500, himself as principal and Green Blackmer as surety, and the said estate being represented insolvent, Darius Clark, Jeremiah Matteson, and Russell Fisk were appointed committee of appraisal and also commissioners of claims. -

One month is allowed for return of Inventory.
Six months allowed creditors for exhibiting claims.
One year allowed for settling said estate.

Attest, Wm. Haswell Register

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Sept. 5, 1827.

Jonathan Stratton.

The committee of appraisal on the estate of Jonathan Stratton, made the following return.

An Inventory of the estate of Jonathan Stratton late of Shaftsbury in the County of Bennington deceased, appraised on oath, by us the subscribers, duly appointed to that service by the Hon. the Probate Court for the district of Bennington viz.

Real Estate, The homestead of the said deceased, situated in Shaftsbury, containing 73 acres of land with the buildings and appurtenances thereof at 15 dollars per acre,

1095 00

One wood lot being part of Right of Land No. 62 supposed to contain 25 acres at 18 dollars per acre,

450 00

Personal Estate

Two 2 year old colts at \$25 each	50 00
3 cows two at \$16 each one at \$14	46 —
6 sheep at \$1 per head	6 —
1 wagon \$15, 2 short chains \$2, 9 harrow teeth \$2, 50	19 50
1 iron bar \$2, 1 sleigh \$8, 1 wood sleigh \$1, 50	11 50
5 hogshhead \$5, 1 double harness \$5, 1 plough \$6	
1 plough at \$1, 6 tons of hay at \$5 per ton \$30	47 00
15 bushels of rye at 50 cts. per bushel \$7, 50	17 50
4 shoats at \$1, 50, 6, 00, 3 hogs at \$4 each \$12	18 00
1 old saw \$1, 1 broad axe \$1, 50, 1 one 5 pail kettle \$3	5 50
1 two pail kettle \$1, 50, 1 spider and bake pan \$1, 75	3 25
1 clock \$5, 1 chest 50 cts. 1 do with drawers \$1	6 50
5 dining chairs \$3, 5 kitchen chairs \$1, 67	4 67
1 cherry table \$1, 50, 1 arm chair 75 cts	2 25
1 feather bed with bedding, bedstead and curtains	30 —
bed \$5, 1 bedstead \$1, 50, 1 do \$0, 50	7 —
5 knives and forks \$0, 75, 1 small pot \$1, 1 frying pan 50 cts	2 25
1 tea kettle \$1, shovel and tongs \$1, 50, 1 large wheel \$1, 50	4 00
small wheel \$0, 1 reel 75 cts, 1 pair bellows 25 cts	4 00
1 great coat \$3, 1 overcoat \$1, 10, 1 striped body coat \$2, 25	23 —

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Sept. 3, 1827

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1 vest \$1.75, 1 pair pantaloons 50 cts, 1 Do towel 50 cts, handkerchiefs	3 50
1 vest 50 cts, 2 shirts \$1.50, 1/2 doz dining plates 60 cts	2 60
1/2 doz breakfast plates 30 cts 1/2 doz Do. pie plates 24 cts	60
1 lex pot 50 cts, 2 quart bowls 10, 9 tea cups and saucers 50 cts	1 10
1 coverlet \$6, 1 bed quilt \$2, 1 Do \$1, 1 check blanket \$1	10 00
1 new woollen sheet \$2.25, 2 Do cotton and wool \$1.00	3 25
2 linen sheets \$2.50, 4 cotton sheets \$4	6 50
7 pair of pillow cases \$3.50, 1 looking glass 75 cts	4 25
12 yds. table linen \$4. 9 1/2 yds. red flannel \$4.75	8 75
15 lbs wool \$3.75, 1 old saddle \$5	8 75
	\$1902.22

Sherburne Sept. 4, 1827.

Darius Clark }
Jeremiah Matteson } Committee

to true record

Attest, Wm. Hamrell, Register

Timothy Manson

The committee of appraisal on the estate of Timothy Manson, made the following return,

An inventory of the estate of Timothy Manson, late of Pomfret in the County of Bennington deceased, appraised on oath by us the subscribers duly appointed to that service by the Hon. the Court of Probate for the District of Bennington viz.

Personal Estate

1 brass clock & case appraised at	\$18 00
1 old chest of drawers	1 00
2 ironed chairs	1 00
3 Windsor "	1 00
1 reel	25
1 old saddle	1 00
1 variety of old articles	1 00
1 table	75
1 old feather bed and tick	3 00
1 straw bed tick	1 00
2 bedsteads and 1 cord	2 00

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Feb 6, 1828.

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Return of Commissioners accepted by the Court
to the Hon. the Probate Court for the District of
Bennington —

We the subscribers commissioners appointed
to receive examine and adjust all claims and
demands of all persons against the estate of Jonathan
Stratton late of Shaftsbury in said district
deceased; and all claims and demands exhibited
in offset thereto having been duly sworn to the faith-
ful discharge of the trust reposed in us, and having
given public notice of the times and places when
and where we would attend to the business of our
appointment by advertising the same three week
successively in the Vermont Gazette printed at
Bennington in said district and by posting up
notifications thereof in the following places viz
at the Inns of Henry Huntington and Jonathan
Draper in Shaftsbury and at the Inns of Uel M.
Robinson and Charles Cushman in Benning-
ton, as in the warrant of our appointment we
were directed have attended to the service assign-
us, and report the following as the list of
claims which have been presented for allow-
ance against said estate, the sums allowed
and disallowed on each claim, the several off-
sets and the balances found in favor of and
against said estate.

Names of Claimants.	Claims Allowed	Disallowed	Offset	Balance in favor of	Balance against
Lyman Patchin	acct 1 16				1 16
Herman Cole	acct 4 17		3 05		1 12
William Henry	" 2 56				2 56
Thomas Matheron jun.	" 3 00	3 35			3 00
Thomas Matheron	" 3 66				3 66
Isaiah & Herman Swift	" 3 04				3 04
Isaiah Swift	note 3 12				3 12
Samlr & Hiram Barton	acct 3 13				3 13

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Names of Claimants	Claims	Allowed	Disallowed	Offset	Balance in favor of estate	Balance against estate
Gardner Barton	Rate	189				189
Jonathan Draper	acct	613				613
Darius Clark		670				670
Russell Fisk		300				300
Jeremiah Matheron		175				175
		4026	385	305		\$4026

Dated at Bennington this 31st day of January A.D. 1823

Darius Clark
Jeremiah Matheron
Russell Fisk

Commissioners

A record whereof is ordered to be made

Samuel Barber

State of Vermont, Bennington, January 22, 1823

County of Bennington, ss. Then Isaac Kimbell, administrator of the estate of Samuel Barber, late of Pownal in said County deceased, personally appeared and made solemn oath, that in disposing of the estate of the said Samuel Barber deceased, or such parts thereof as he has license to sell, he will use his best judgment in fixing on the time and place of sale, and will exert his utmost endeavors that the same shall be sold in such manner as will be for the greatest advantage to all interested therein and that without any sinister or selfish views whatever.

Before me O. C. Merrill, Justice of Peace, this 22nd day of January 1823

To the Probate Court, for the Probate District of Bennington. - The following is the account of sales under the authority of the within licence, viz.

I sold to Lideon and Noble Myers	pine lot	for	\$100.00
Do to Christopher Maron	share lot	for	52.50
Do Do Do	Marsh lot	Do	45.00
Do to Elijah Barber	Pond lot	Do	400.00
Do Do Do	home farm	Do	450.00

Isaac Kimbell Administrator

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**THE GENEALOGY OF
THE STRATTON FAMILY**

by

MARION STRATTON ROGERS FULLER

and

ROBERT HENRY FULLER

1976

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Shaftsbury. However, before moving to Shaftsbury, Jonathan became a private in the Militia for two days, fighting in the Battle of Bennington. His wages and rations were 1:4; 2:8 and he traveled 32 miles, amount 13:4. The year of his Revolution War service was 1777. It is also noted that in 1775 he reported sick in the hospital.

Jonathan's will is recorded in Bennington, written in Shaftsbury, December 13, 1823 and presented for probate July 4, 1827, and as he had witnessed a deed in March 1827, it would appear he died sometime between March and July 4, 1827 at the age of 71. He and Eunice Cutler Stratton were the parents of eleven children, ten daughters and the youngest child their only son.

- Jonathan's (6) children (catalogue numbers not in proper sequence):
- 527 Hannah (7) born about 1778, married John Allen
 - 524 Amanda (7) married John Moore
 - 522 Olive (7) married Simeon Watson in Shaftsbury December 11, 1800. They moved about 1835 to Machias, Cattaraugus Co., New York
 - 525 Eunice (7) married Ezra Wood in Shaftsbury February 24, 1803
 - 519 Matilda (7) married Layman Galusha
 - 521 Lousina (Lucinda) (7) married Abel Smith
 - 526 Philinda (7) married Aaron Gunn in Shaftsbury, December 13, 1813.
 - 518 Venlora (Venlory) (7) married Lemuel Leach in Bennington December 2, 1818. Called Lora on the marriage record.
 - 520 Triphena (Tryphena) (7) married Waterman Leach in Shaftsbury, January 25, 1820.
 - 523 Rebecca (7) married John Morse, Jr., of Bennington in Shaftsbury, February 2, 1823. She was the only child who remained in Shaftsbury. She died March 26, 1870 and John Morse died March 4, 1885. Gravestones are in the Wait cemetery.
 - 528 Jefferson (7) born January 4, 1801, married Roanna (Rhona or Rhomma) Elwell in Shaftsbury March 22, 1821. Roanna was born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, October 26, 1799, the daughter of Asa Elwell. She died in Leslie, Michigan May 13, 1868.

Jonathan Stratton's will follows:

AUGUST 1827 JONATHAN STRATTON (1756-1827)

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And secondly I give and bequeath to my son Jefferson Stratton his heirs and assigns the farm on which I now live, lying and being in Shaftsbury aforesaid and bounded south of Bennington line east on lands owned by Samuel Blackman, David Matteson, Artemas Matteson, Isaiah Matteson and Asa Matteson, north by Lathrop Elwell and Simeon Watson and west by Simeon Watson and Samuel Blackman, supposed to contain about seventy seven acres — Also one wood lot lying in Bennington which I give and bequeath to my said son Jefferson his heirs and assigns bounded north and west by lands owned by Samuel Blackman south by Thomas Matteson jun. and east by Lucius H. Gibbs suppose to be about twenty five acres—And also all my farming tools and stock with all my other property of whatever name or nature not otherwise disposed of.—

Reserving out of the said real and personal estate now bequeathed to my said son Jefferson all the aforesaid dower given to my beloved wife Eunice if she should outlive me— And also reserving the aforesaid woodlot lying in Bennington for the security of the payment of the legacies hereafter mentioned that is to say Ten dollars to my daughter Hannah wife of John Allan, and Ten dollars to my daughter Amanda wife of John Moore, and Ten dollars to my daughter Olive wife of Simeon Watson, and Ten dollars to my daughter Eunice wife of Ezra Wood, and Ten dollars to my daughter Matilda wife of Lyman Galusha, and Ten dollars to my daughter Lousina wife of Abel Smith, and Ten dollars to my daughter Philanda wife of Aaron Gunn, and Ten dollars to my daughter Venlora wife of Lemuel Leach, and Ten dollars to my daughter Triphena wife of Waterman Leach, and Ten dollars to my daughter Rebecca wife of John Morse and that if my said son Jefferson should neglect or refuse to pay said legacies for the space of two years after my decease then these said legatees shall have a right to divide the aforesaid wood lot equally among themselves for their use forever—and lastly I appoint my said son Jefferson Stratton my sole executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of December in the year of our Lord 1823.

Signed, sealed published and declared by the above named Jonathan Stratton to be his last Will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.—

Jonathan Stratton (LS)