

### Estate Of Ruloof Dutchers.

Att a Court of Probate held in Woodbury, June gth, 1737, Mr. Christopher Dutchers of Weataug come and appeared in Court and Exhibited ye Last Will or Testament of Mr. Ruloof Dutchers late of Weataug (who deceased about ye 1gth of January last past) in order to its approbation; we matter was weighed by ye Court and sd Will was allowed and approved and ordered to be Recorded and is as followeth:

And whereas the Testator in said Testament appointed his beloved wife Jonyche and his eldest son Christopher Executrix and Executor of sd Testament, on ye date above sd Christopher Dutchers before ye Court declared his acceptance of sd care and himself bound to Joseph Minor, Esqr. Judge of ye Probate in Woodbury & his Lawful successors in a Recognizance of five Hundred pounds Current money of New England that he will be faithful unto ye above Trust.

Attest

Anthony Stoddard, Clerk.

### THE WILL.

In the Name of God, Amen, the Seventeenth day of January A. D. 1736-7, I Ruloof Dutchers of Weataug in Connecticut, Husbandman, being infirm & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory, Thanks be given to God; Therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that the Grave is the house appointed for all Living, and yt by ye Statute of Heaven it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I Give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian buriall, at ye discretion of my Executors, Nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by ye mighty power of God; and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of ye same in the following manner:

Imprimis. I Give and Bequeath to Jonyche my dearly beloved wife the whole of my estate, real and personal, during her life, Excepting a negro girl whose name is Sarah, which girl I give to Catreene my Daughter.

Item. I give to my well beloved son Christopher, twelve shillings.

Item. I give to Criteene, my well beloved Daughter, One Hundred Pounds in Money to be paid out of my Estate in four years after the death of me and my wife.

Item. I give to my well beloved son, Gabriel, my Mansion House and Barn & Orchard and the whole of my house lot, 'he paying thirty pounds to his brothers and sisters, or to my estate, within six years after my decease.

Item. I give to my well beloved Sons and Daughters, (viz.) Christopher, Johannis, Cornelius, Ruloof, Gabriel, & Margeret & Catreene, the whole of my Estate, Real and personal, (excepting what I have given to my sons Christopher and Gabriel and daughters Christeene) to be divided to them in Equal proportions after the decease of me and my Wife.

Moreover I Give my Wearing Cloaths, and all my Instruments for ye carrying on of Husbandry to my sons to be divided equally among them, and my Wive's Wearing Cloaths together with my beds and bedding to my two daughters Margerett & Catreene to be equall divided between them, and as to my household stuff, or the furniture of my house, it is to be equally divided among them, Christeene ex- cepted, and Gabriel shall have my best handirons; and my stock, Horses and Cattle, etc., It shall be divided equally among my children, Christeene excepted.

And I give my children my Estate in manner & form aforesd with this Limitation, or upon this Condition, that if any one or more of them be reduced to poverty and be obliged to sell their part or parts, that the rest of my children shall have it, if they will give as much as a Stranger. And if my Estate be in debt, then I Will and appoint that ye debts be paid out of my whole Estate, each Child to pay an equal part, Criteene excepted, who is to pay nothing.

Moreover, I give my Negros, Men, Women, and Children (excepting Sarah we I gave to Catreene) to my children, to be divided equally among them, Christeen excepted, And I do make, constitute & ordain my well beloved Wife & my Son Christopher Executors of this my last will and Testament; and I do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke and Disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, & Bequests and Executors by me in any way before named, Willed & bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, the day and year above written.

Ruloof Dutchers. (I.s.)

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his mark

Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced & declared by the sd Ruloof Dutchers as his last Will and Testament in presence of us ye subscribers.

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Jacob IP Plough  
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Godfrey VD Vandarser

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Jonathan Hubbard.

Octbr. 24th, 1737, ye Executor of ye above Will, viz. Christopher Dutchers came and took ye Will and ye business out of this Office, his Counsel leading him so to do, apprehending it not well consisting with Law to settle ye Estate in and by this Probate.