

AAFA Wills

WILL OF BENEDICTUS ALVARD

I Benedictus Alvard of Windsor do make this my last Will & Testament: After my Just Debts are payd, my wife during her Widowhood shall have the Proffitt, Use & Benefit of my Estate for her Comfortable Livelyhood; but if she marryes, to have L30 of what Estate she shall see Cause to take, to be to her own free Dispose. To my son Jonathan I give 20 shillings besides what formerly I have given him. To Josias Alvard, my 2nd son, L40 and the Farme that was given me by the Country. To my daughter Elizabeth Drake L5 besides what she hath already received; and a Sheep apeice to each of the Children. To my son Jeremy, after the decease of my wife, all my Houseing and Land in Windsor, together with all other my Moveable Estate in Windsor, and all other Estate that is and shall appear to be due unto me on Books, he paying out of it those Legacies as are before expressed. Also my Will is that my son Jeremy shall be Executor. Further, that my loving wife shall live with my son Jeremy, and that he shall have the Improvement and Management of it, allowing his Mother comfortable mayntenance out of it as long as she lives in this World.

BENEDICTUS X ALVARD

Witnesses: Benjamin Newbery

Daniel Clarke Sen.

Court Record, page 72--6 September, 1683: Will proven.

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