

BINS "when he deceased in 1668." The inventory of the estate of DEACON EDWARD STEBBINS was taken August 10, 1668.

WILL OF DEACON EDWARD STEBBINS.

"Hartford August the 24th 1663"

"In the name & Feare of God I Edward Stebbins being weake in body but haveing my understanding & memory remayninge wth me (through ye mercy of God) yet not knowing the day of my death doe here make my Last will & testamt. And I shall here speake only to ye things of this life, weh ye Lord hath bestowed upon mee: First I give & bequeath unto my welbeloved wife ffrancis, my howsing & Lands in Hartford (except such Lands as are hereafter mentioned as appoynted to be sold) weh Shee is to enjoy for terme of her naturall life as also ye two best Cowes: & three of the best swine: as also ye use of the household stuffe or soe much of it as shee shall see need to make use of: also in ye end of her naturall life shee shall have liberty to dispose of Forty pounds accordeinge as shee shall thinke fitt:

Item I give & bequeath unto our beloved son [son-in-law] Mr. John Chester the summe of forty pounds of my estate here: to be paid wth in two yeeres after my decease my debts beinge paid: to be paid also in this Countrey to him if he come over at his arrivall or to his assignes

Also I give & bequeath after my wives decease my housing & my Lands (vizt such of my Lands as shall not be sold to pay my engagemts) I say I give them to Edward Cadwell my son Cadwells ehild & John Wilson & in ease John Wilson should dy before he attayne ye age of 21 yeeres yn the half of ye said house & Lands I give to Samuell Wilson at ye age of 21 yeeres & if Edward Cadwell dy before he attayne ye like age then that halfe shall pas to ye rest of my Daughter Cadwells Children & if John & Samll Wilson should both dy before such age as aforesaid then the whole shall pass to my Daughter Cadwells children the one half to be equally devided amongst them: Also I give to my son & Daughter Cadwell for ye use & benefitt of their children ye sum of twenty pounds to be paid in a feather bed & furniture & such other household stuffe or goods as shall seeme meet to my executors hereafter mentioned: to be paid within one yeere after my decease: Also I give unto John Wilson a feather bed & furniture & such things as belong to my shop & trade. Also I give & bequeath to Samuell Wilson the summe of thirty pounds to be paid that mare yt is in William Phelps his hands weh is to be prized quickly after my decease & the rest to be paid out of other estate as the executors see good: this estate to be paid to him at 21 yeeres of age together with the profitt yt shall come of ye mare in such regard he is to stand to ye venture of the mare: Also I give & bequeath unto the 4 children of my Deare Sister Holyoke 40/8 a yeere to be paid within one yeere after my decease excepting Johns part weh is to be paid wñ he shall attayne ye age of 21 yeeres: Also I give to my son Gaylers children Joseph & Benjamin & Joanna 8 pounds apeece to be paid into ye fathers hands for ye use wth in two yeeres after my decease & if cyther of his said children shall dy before they come to age vizt the sons to 21 yeeres & ye Daughter to 18 that part or parts shall pass unto the rest to be devided