

History of Jonathan Arnold

Jonathan Arnold was born at Haddam Connecticut in 1679 and died at Haddam, Connecticut on 6 January 1728 or 1729. He married, on 14 August 1699, Elizabeth Smith, who was born 1682. She is the daughter of Simon Smith and sister of Susannah Smith who married her husband's brother Joseph. Jonathan Arnold's will was dated 24 December 1728 and inventoried 22 January 1728 or 1729 by Joseph Arnold, Calib Cone and Josiah Arnold. The colonial records of Connecticut mentions Jonathan Arnold as being, in August 1711 and May 1712, as a supplier of goods and the labor of his servant and status that in 1725 he was confirmed by the General Court as Lieutenant of the Company or Train-band in "Haddam West".

Will of Jonathan Arnold

24 December 1728

I, Jonathan Arnold of Haddam, cordwainer, do make this my last will and testament: I give to Elizabeth my wife all my household goods; all except the two least featherbeds and their bedding, a chest of drawers, a table, four chairs two plain chests, and a box; and also I give her two cows and my black pacing mare, to be at her own use and dispose forever, and the use of one-half of my dwelling house so long as she shall remain my widow. I give to my son Jonathan Arnold 2 acres of land of the south end of my four-acre lott, which, with the expense of his education, I count a large double portion. Item. To my well beloved son Samuel Arnold I give my dwelling house and homesstead, two small lotts in the meadow, the remainder of my four-acre lott, all my lands on Long Hill (both on the east and west side), and all my rights in the undivided

land; and also I give him my barn, a yoke of oxen, a cow, a bay mare, and all my husbandry tackling and implements; all which I give him on condition that he provides suitably for his mother's subsistence while she shall be my widow. Item. To William Brainard, my well-beloved son-in-law; I give 5 pds and the charges of settling my estate. Item. The remainder of my household goods, chattells, personal estate and debts (after my debts are paid and the charges of my funeral are discharged) I give to my five daughters, Elizabeth, Ether, Abigail, Mary and Huldah, to be equally divided between them. And I hereby impower and authorize my executor to make sale of all the remainder of my lands not above disposed of, and my will is that the produce be divided in equal proportion to my five daughters above sd., excepting to Esther, who shall be accountable for 40 pds I have already given her. I ordain my son-in-law William Brainard sole executor.

Witness: Phineas Fiske, Joh: Fiske, Benjamin SMith, Jr.

Estate valued at 551 pds 3 s.