

Transcription of Adam Brouwer's Will

In the Name of God Amen

Whereas Adam Brower Berkhoven inhabitant of ye town of Bruckland being at present sick a bedd but fully having his knowledge and understanding and considering ye fragility and mortality of mens life and ye uncertaine houre there of. So it is that ye said Adam Brouwer before his departure out of this world is willing to dispose of his estate and goods to be left by decease in ye presence of ye undermentioned witnesses viz Henry Sleght, Cornelis Sebring and John Fredericks from ye said testator have unto required. So it is that ye testator Adam Brower makes his whole estate moveable and immoveable to wife Magdalena Brewer, and my utmost will and desire is that none of my children shall trouble or move their mother during her life. And further ye testator Adam Brower makes to his eldest son Peter Brewer three shillings for reasons that he was disobedient to his father and also Jacob Brewer and Aelte Brewer were also for reasons of their disobedience shall not receive a penny from their father Adam Brouwer, but ye testator bequeath ye same from ye three disobedient children viz Peter Brewer ye eldest, Jacob Brewer and Aeltie Brewer upon their children ye portion of Peter upon his children and ye portion of Jacob Brewer upon his children and ye portion of Aeltie Brewer upon her children and further is ye desire of ye testator that ye other children as Mathys, William, Adam, Abraham, Nicholas, ye daughters Mary, Feyte, Helena, Anna, Sara, Rachel, these above children shall have equal portions amongst these and also ye children of ye disobedient children above named they shall also with ye other eleven children equally divide and further bequeath ye testator to Adolphus son of William Brewer before out for a gift of three pieces of eight, and Mathys his daughter Magdalena one piece of eight and Mary her daughter Magdalena one piece of eight, Peter Brewer his daughter Magdalena one piece of eight and his daughter Vrutie one piece of eight, with Fytie daughter Magdalena one piece of eight.

This is that w (?) ye testator Adam Brewer Last will, and hath signed and sealed ye same with his own hand, with Henry Sleght, Cornelis Sibring and John Fredrix, and are hereby aforementioned testaments made word and will acted ye 22nd of January 1693(?)

This his mark of Adam Brewer

Witnesses: Henry Sleght, Cornelis Sebring, this is ye mark of John Fredericks, signed and sealed in the presence of ye three witnesses.

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The day underwritten Adam Brewer at present sick hath desired in ye presence of the underwritten witnesses Henry Sleght and Cornelis Sebring that he appointed as executors Barent van Tilburg and William Nazareth who shall take care for ye estate which they by inheritance after grant father Adam Brewer is bequeathed in his last will made the 22nd January 1692 that ye executors shall take care for their inheritance that they shall not be wronged when they are at age viz the children of Peter Brewer, ye children of Jacob Brewer, ye children of Aeltie Brewer done also without fraude(?), day and date as above.

Signed

This ye mark AB of Adam Brower

Witnesses: Henry Sleght, Cornelis Sebring, this ye mark of John Fredriks

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