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Translation of the Dutch text of the will of Roeloff Swartwout, made on March 30, 1714.

In the name of the Lord, amen. (*In den namen des Heeren, amen.*) Be it known to every one by these presents that I, Roeloff Swartwout, being in the eightieth year of my age (*Kennelijk sij en jeder bij desen dat ik, Roeloff Swartwout, sijnde in de taghentigste jaar mijns onderdom*), sick and weak, but in full use and possession of my memory and mind. (praised be the Lord for his grace,) considering that it has been ordained for all flesh to die and that the time when we shall depart is uncertain, make this my last will and testament in the following manner, revoking, annulling, declaring null and void by these presents all such will or wills, testament or testaments, heretofore by me made or executed, either by word of mouth or in writing, and this alone to be taken for my last testament, and no other.

For first, and above all, I commend my soul to God Almighty, from whom I hope for forgiveness for my sins, to be obtained solely through the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and my body to be returned to the ground in a Christian manner.

Then second, concerning such worldly estate of lands, houses, goods, horses, cattle, silver, gold, coined or uncoined, and what further belongs to my estate, I give, dispose, and devise as follows :

Third. It is my will and wish that all my honest debts shall be paid in due time.

Fourth. I give to my eldest son, Thomas, his order or heirs, £25 current money of New York for his right as first born, and he shall not claim anything more on that account.

Fifth. I give to my said son Thomas and to my son Bernardus my entire real and immovable estate, belonging to me in the county of Ulster, to them, their order or heirs, to be equally divided between them, on condition that they together turn over and pay to my other heirs, named below, the sum of £325, current money of New York, within two years after my death, provided, however, that if my said sons are not able to pay the before-named sum within the said time of two years, then they shall have four years' time in which to pay it, giving five *per centum* interest to my other heirs.

Sixth. I give to my daughter Hendrickje, wife of Hubert Lambertsen, or to her or her heirs, the sum of £65, to be paid to her as above said.

Seventh. I give to the children of my son Anthony, their order or their heirs, the sum of £65, current money of New York, to be paid to them by my two sons as described above.

Eighth. I give to the children of my daughter Cornelia, deceased, the sum of £65, current money of New York, to be equally divided among them, and to be paid as aforesaid.

Ninth. I give to my daughter Ragel [Rachel], wife of Jacob Kip, the sum of £65, current money of New York, to be paid to her as above.

Tenth. I give to my daughter Eva, wife of Jacob Dingman, her order or her heirs, the sum of £65, current money of New York, to be paid to her as described above.

Eleventh. It is my will and wish that my entire personal estate or movable goods shall be equally divided among all my aforesaid heirs.

Twelfth. All my clothing for my body is given to my sons Thomas and Bernardus, to be equally divided between them.

Thirteenth. I appoint as executors of this my last will and testament my sons Thomas Swartwout, Bernardus Swartwout, and Jacob Kip, demanding that this my last will and testament shall be obeyed and carried out.

Thus done this thirtieth of March, in the year of the Lord, 1714.

ROELOFF SWARTWOUT.

Proved, May 14, 1715.

Recorded in the book of deeds, B. B., in the office of the clerk of Ulster County, New York, at Kingston, pp. 414-416.