

[Editor's note: underlines mean that this text could not be translated. A word in parentheses is an attempt at a possible translation.]

Josiah Rootes

26 June 1683

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In the name of God, Amen. I Josiah Rootes of the towne of Beverly in the county of Essex in New England, being though weak in body yett of ___ fact mind & memorye: doe this fifteenth daye of may in the yeare of our Lord, one thousand six hundred eighty three, make and or constitute & appoynt, this my last will & testament, in manner & forme as followeth,

___ I bequeath my soul unto God who gave it hoping through the death & meritts of my savior: Jesus Christ to Inherritt everlasting life & glory and my body to the earth to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executrix heereafter named,

Item I will that my death, & funerall charges be paid & discharged.

Item I give unto my loveing wife Susanna the use & improvement of all my small estate, what ever untill such time, as my son Jonathan cometh to the age, of one & twenty years, or till such time as thee marry or be marryed, againe, that is provided thee marry before he come to age.

Item I give and bequeath to my loveing son Jonathan Rootes, all my whole estate whatever, after the (lega _is)_____, heereafter, mentioned are duly paid out of the estate, provided that my said sonn Jonathan shall carefully & honorably & sutably maintaine his mother, during, the journe of her widdowhood & if shee remains a widdow during the journe of her naturall life,: but provided he & shee doe differ, about her maintenance, then thee shall pay unto her, his said mother eight pounds, (ayeaere?)_____ yearly duerring the terme of her widdowhood, or her natural life, & let her have the use of the west end of my now dwellinghouse, & of a bed & beding & her firewood brought to the doare duering the terme afore said.

It I give unto my daughter, Bethiah Lovett, ten shillings to be paid her after her mother decease.

It I give unto my son John Rootes, twenty shillings,
I give unto my son Thomas Rootes, twenty shillings

I doe make my loveing wife Susana executrix of this my last will and testament, and define my loveing frein'ds, John Hill, & Nehemiah Gooveray overseers heard of, to see what in them lyeth, that all things heerein contained. be duly ___ formed, & doe heereby disanull & mak voyde, all former & other wills & testaments, by me heeretofore made, and Rattifie & confirme this my last will & testament, In witnes whereof I have sett to my hand & seale the daye & yeare abovesaid.

The mark  of Josiah Rootes

Signed & sealed in the (presense of ___ ?)_____ & aseale

William Dody: Samuel Hardy William Dodgesen: & Samuell Hardie, made oath in court at Salem, 27 June of 1683. That they will present when the (within?)_____ Josia G. Rootes, sealed, signed & deceased (the ___ thin?)_____ written to be his last will & testament & that they signed to it as witnesses & that hereas then of good understanding, & there is noe later will of his that thee know of atestes Hilliard Deven clericus.

In Inventory, of the land & estate of Josiah Rootes of Beverly was deceased on the 30 day of June 1683: as aprized by ___ under named

___: 1 covered: 10δ: & 1 bed ticking. (15δ?) coverlid: (): 7 yds red cloth,	__03 09
# 7 yds. linen cloath, 28δ 4 yeds dowles 8δ: 4 yds. 1/2 _____ 31δ: 6p	__03 07
# in New England money 70:8δ ed England money 16δ	__08 04
#2 yEds of Broad cloath, 22δ; 1 yEd 1/2 broad cloath, 18δ	__02 00
#2 yds 1/7 red cloth, 15δ: 1 carpett: 10δ. 11y___se__g_: 20:4δ	__02 14
#7 yrds __ cotton: 14δ: 1 chest. 2δ: wearing cloathes:505δ: ___ weaving linen 30δ	__07 11
#6 yEds ca__sey__θ:16δ 4 yEds 1/7 ca__ey 31δ:6δ:3 yEd linen cloth:5δ a hat +	__03 10
#8 ___ sheets for beding:4l:1 bed & its belongings:4l:10δ	__08 10
#1 bed with 2 bedsheets with other furniture, 5. 1 bed with its furniture & posts & lumber	__08 00
#3 chests, 22δ: a table & 3 joyned stooles: 1 table 8δ: 3 cushions 6δ alibaster:4δ	__02 10
#2 chaires:3δ in pewter 40δ: (___ss) ___ & Iron:33δ	__03 16
#1 cart, & wheeler, plower & plow tackle 70:a sled: & ___: axe:6δ 3 hoes 3δ	__04 09
# in barrells, tubs & other lumber, 12δ: 3 tubbs 2δ:2 spades:5δ	__00 19
# a horse, 50δ: a __ell of shengles:10:5δ: 10 thousand shingle nails: 30δ	__05 05
# 2 oxen: 7l:4 cowes: 120:2: steeres:40 10δ: 19 sheep pla___ 30 19δ	__27 09
# __ house land & oarchard, 260_: 6: acres meddow: 30l. 5 swine 10δ __:50δ	__292 10
Samuell Corning	Totali -- __384 19
Andrew Elliott	

July the 3d 1683:

We undernamed being desired to take surveye of the estate within Inventoryed, & doe find the _____ to be still in the same condition, they were left by those that apprized the estate as within expressed (except) that there in wanting of __ money: 56δ in linen 5δ: in shingle nails: 18δ
 __03 19

(Wee?)___ say found soe to the acceptance of the administratorr to the estate, viz (Seargt?)___ John Hill, & Nehemiah Grover but the quantity of land & condition of the stock wee took from the report of Jonathan Roote.

Paul Shonedik
 Roger Hoskins

The 6 July: 1683:

The above written being the refund made by the administratorr of the said Josiah Rootes deceased __ estate viz John Hill & Nehemiah Grover? ____, &, made oath thereto before, the worshipfull, ___: Browne & Bartholemew Gedney? Esqrs? ___: & that the within invintory containes all the estate, that they know of & as more comes to light afterwards, to ad to it, and did find the 3l:1gδ: wanting when they come (as by the Cort order to reveiw the estate: atestes Hilliard Deven ? cler.

Questions: What does this symbol mean: δ ? Shillings? Pence?

What does this symbol mean: l ? Pounds?

Was 384 19 a lot of money?