

Will, VA, Nansemond, Richard Bennett 1674

I, **RICHARD BENNETT**, of Nansemond River in Virginia, being sick in body but in perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament as following, viz.

IMPRIMIS I give my body to the earth and my spirit to God that gave it.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto the Parish where I now live and so long loved all that parcel of land being three hundred acres, more or less, which **THOMAS BOLTON** holdeth by lease and on which he now "holds" the rents and profits thereof to be "renewed" yearly by "the ????" guardend of this parish and by them disposed of towards the ... aged or impotent persons whom they "inder" to stand in most need of help ... and be done forever as long as the land continued.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto **RICHARD BENETON** son of **THOMAS BENETON** the rents and profits of that parcel of land on which **EDMOND BOLSON** now liveth, to him and his heirs forever. The same to be paid unto him when ye shall come to be twenty years of age, but if he ??? not to that time or afterwards die without issue then the said lands and the rents thereof to be and continue to be paid as now if so.

ITEM I give unto my daughter **ANN** fifty poidns sterline besides her debts which she now oweth me.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my grand children **ELIZABETH, ANNE** and **BENNETT SCARBURGH** or any other of my daughter **SCARBURGH**'s children wheich shall be born hereafter all that parcel of land lying in Pocomoke River on the eastern shore in Maryland being two thousand eight hundred acrees by patent to them and either of them, there or either of their heirs forever, and also two thousand five hundred acres by patent lying in Wicomico River on the eastern shore of Maryland.

ITEM I give unto my cousin **SILVESTER** the wife of Major **NICHOLAS HILL** twelve thousand pounds of tobacco.

ITEM I give to my cousin **MARY** wife of **LUKE CROPLEY** of London, twenty pounds sterling.

ITEM I give unto **RICHARD HUBARD** of Pigg Point one thousand pounds of tobacco.

ITEM I give unto **MICHAEL WARD** and the widow of **JOHN LEWIS** for each of them one thousand pound of tobacco.

ITEM I give to the widow **PRINCE** one thousand pounds of tobacco.

ITEM I give uno **CHARLES HOWARD** and **RICHARD HIGGENS** one thousand pounds of tobacco and more to **CHARLES HOWARD** the land which he lived off for "eleven" years.

ITEM I give to **JOHN Chilcote** and **THOMAS GARRATT** to each of them two thousand pounds of tobacco.

ITEM I give unto **WILLIAM KITCHEN** and **JOHN BLYE** to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco.

ITEM I give unto **PATRICK EDMONDSTON** and the widow **RIDDICK** to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco.

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ITEM I give unto **JOHN WOSTER** who married the relict of **JOHN SALSURY** one thousand pounds of tobacco.

ITEM I give unto **WILLIAM YEARRAT** of Pagan Creek and to the wife of Mr. **THOMAS TABERER** to each of them two thousand pounds of tobacco.

ITEM I give unto **ELIZABETH OUTLAND** of Chuckatuck Creek and **THOMAS JORDAN** of the same place to each of them two thousand pounds of tobacco.

ITEM I give unto **JAMES DAY** twelve thousand pounds of tobacco and if Mr. Taberer see cause, he may add three thousand more to it.

ITEM I give to all my servants that now liveth with me, both Christians and Negroes, to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco, only the two hirelings excepted viz. **RICHARD HIGGINS & JOHN TURNER**.

The rest of my personal and real estate, and all lands and stock of what nature or kind so ever, it be to go to my grandchild **RICHARD BENNETT**, to him and his heirs forever; my said grandchild now residing in Bristol; and in default of such heirs then to come to the children of **THEODORICK BLAND & CHARLES SCARBURGH**.

LASTLY, I do hereby declare and ordain and appoint **JAMES JOFEY**, Mr. **THOMAS HODGES**, and **EDMOND BELSON** or any two of them also **ROBERT PEALLE** to be overseers of this my last will and testament, allowing & approving for good and effectual, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, my said executors or any two of them shall do or cause to be done concerning the estate from time to time in relation to the estate.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of March 1674

RI BENNETT {seal}

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of us

JOHN SPEIRS
ENO EARLE
CHARLES HOWARD
GEORGE DAVIS

Proved in Nansemond Court the 12th of April 1675 by the oaths of Mr. **ENO EARLE**, **CHARLES HOWARD**, & **GEORGE DAVIS** to be the last will & testament of Major General **R. BENNETT**.

Teste:

JNO LEAR Cler. Cur.

Proved 3rd August 1676.

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