

In the Name of God Amen the third day of May Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and fifty one I **Perry Benson** of Talbot County in the province of Maryland being Sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given to God for the Same do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my **Daughter Rebecca** five hundred pounds of Tobacco to be layed out by my **Son James** in Cloathing for her in full of her part of my Estate Item I give and Bequeath to my **Daughter Margaret** five pounds current Money (to be discounted out of the Balance of her husbands Obligation to me) in full of her part of my Estate. Item I give and bequeath to my **Daughter Ann** all my Right Title Claim and Interest to that tract or parcel of Land that I hold by a Mortgage made me by Frances Elbert called **Grantom** to her and her heirs and Assigns forever but if the said Frances or any under or from her should red= =eem the Same Lands then I give all the Redeem the Same Lands then I give all the Redemption Money and Tobacco to my said Daughter Ann and I also give my said Daughter Ann two Negros Viz^t **Titus** and **Stepney** two feather beds and furniture the new Cave of Drawers the Walnut Table and Tea Table one Dozen of Chairs half of the Silver Spoons Tea Ware Earthen Ware Pewter and Iron pots tenn head of Cattle and teen head of Sheep sutable to the rest of the Stock five pounds Current money and one thousand pounds of Tobacco and if any Accident should happen to her Riding horse or he should be worn out while she Remains unmarried then to be Supplied with a Sutable horse out of the Stock left her Brother. I likewise leave her the use of one Room in my dwelling

house as long as she lives a Single Life to live in her Self but not to lett it to Another also pastarige for her horse and Wood for fiering Item for preventing any disputes that may hereafter arise about my fathers Lands my will is that my **Brother Nicholas Benson** and his heirs and Assigns do hold and Enjoy their parts of them Lands to themselves or to those Conveyed to by him in as full and Ample Manner as if Conveyed by me and also that all my Sisters do hold and Enjoy their parts of their Lands Conveyed to them by Brother Nicholas or Otherways hold to themselves their heirs or Assigns for Ever without any Claim from my heirs or their Assigns for Ever Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son James all the Remaining part of my Estate Real and personal that I have in the World to him and his heirs and Assigns for Ever Item I do Order my Son James to take Care of the Lands now under my Care Viz^t William Davis and William Start that he keep them at Scool until they Read well and write a fair hand and Cypher as far as the Rule of three and that he takes Care that William Davis has his filial portions well payd him both that of his father and of his Mother when he Comes to age or Chooses a Guardian and if they should stay with him to take a particular care to bring them up in the fear of God Item my Will is that all Accompts depending between Brother Nicholas Benson Ephraim Start and me be acquitted and Stand Discharged Item my Desire is that my Son James may be mind to his Sister Rebecca and give her from time to time such Necessary Cloathing as her need may Require or as he may be able to bestow upon her Lastly I Apoint my Son James to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament Ratifieing and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and Year before Written

Signed Sealed pronounced and }
 declared by Perry Benson as his }
 last Will and Testament in the }
 Presence of ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ }

P. Benson [seal]

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 William H Hews

Item it is not intended by me that my daughter

^{mark}
 Jonat Harrison

Ann shall have any part or shear of any of the

^{his}
 John + Matthis

Stock or housil goods know possessed by my Son

^{mark}
 James but to have what I have left her in Stock and housil Goods from where I know live. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and fixt my Seal this 4 Day of May 1751

Signed Sealed and declared by P.
 Benson as his last Will before

P. Benson [seal]

Jonathⁿ Harrison

^{his}
 John + Matthis

^{mark}

On the Back of the foregoing Will was thus Written ss^t
Talbot County } William Hews Jonathan Harrison and John Matthews the
to wit } Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and Solemn
ly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God depose and Say that the saw the Testator
Berry Benson sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declare the
Same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his So doing he was to
the best of their Apprehension of Sound and disposing mind and memory and that
they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence
of the said Testator and at his Request Sworn this 10th of October 1751 before me

Jere Nichols D Comry
of Talbot County

Talbot County } Jonathan Harrison and John Matthews the Subscribing Witness
to wit } es to the Codicil subsequent to the foregoing Will being duly and
Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God depose and Say that they
saw the Testator Perry Benson sign the sd Codicil to the foregoing Will and
Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension
of Sound and disposing mind and Memory Sworn this 19th of October 1751
before me

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Jere Nichols D Comry
of Talbot County