

At a Court held in Accomack County June the first 1703
by her Majesties Justices of the peace for the said County

Present. *Just.* *Wm. Eastis*
St. Jell. Edm. Scarborough
Wm. Baily
Edm. Bennett Scarborough
M. Robt. Hutchinson

M. Edw. Moore
M. John Watts
M. Edm. Baily

Wm. Baily
St. Jell. Edm. Scarborough

Inne by the grace of God Queen of England Scotland
Ireland & Ireland Defend. of the faith &c. *St. Richard*
Drummond Gent. Granting We do hereby Commissionate
authorize & appoint you to be Sheriff of Accomack
County During our pleasure and that you be accord-
ingly sworn as sworn as conveniently can be and before
you be admitted to the Office of Sheriff of the said County
of Accomack You enter into bond before our Justices of
the peace of the said County with good and sufficient
Security in the penal sum of One Hundred thousand
pounds of Scots law to us our heirs and Successors to render
unto us our heirs or such other as shall be appointed
by us to receive the sum & a particular perfect and full
account of all our Revenues and dues in the same County
during the time of your Sheriffalty And also that you
shall due payment make of all such Publick dues
be Levied in the aforesd County of Accomack into the
several persons that shall be appointed to receive the
same with full performance make of all things belonging
to the Office of Sheriff of the aforesd County. And we
do hereby Commissionate all our Officers both civil and military
and all other our Subjects that are inhabiting the said
County and other Subjects there to be aiding & assisting
to you the said *Richard Drummond* as Sheriff in all
things relating to the Office of Sheriff of the aforesd
County. Witness our trusty and wellbeloved *Francis*
Nicholson Esq. our Lt. and Govern. generall of our Colon
and Dominion of Virginia at the City of Williamsburgh
under the Seal of our Colony the 24. Day of August
1703 in the second Year of your Majesties

Commission for *Richard Drummond* Gent.
to be Sheriff of Accomack County

H. Nicholson

E. Thacker

Wm. Baily
St. Jell. Edm. Scarborough
Wm. Baily
Edm. Bennett Scarborough
M. Robt. Hutchinson

In the name of God Amen These presents Witnesseth
that *Robert Walden* Esq. of Occohanock in the County of
Accomack being weak of body but in perfect sense and
memory make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament
in form and manner following.

First I bequeath my Soul unto Almighty God who formed
it trusting that through the merits of my blessed Saviour
Christ Jesus to enjoy over lasting life with him in his heavenly

And I do hereby bequeath my body to the earth to be decently buried, and
I do hereby nominate hereafter executrix and for the world of estate that I
shall please the Lord to endue me with I give and bequeath in manner
and form following.

Impor. I give and bequeath unto my Son Robert halfe this Dividend of Land being
four hundred Acres the part that I now live upon with all Orchards
houesing and fencing thereunto belonging to him and his heirs for ever.

St. I give unto my Son David the other halfe of the same dividend with all
the Orchards houesing and fencing thereunto belonging to him and his
heirs for ever.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Son in Law Samuel Benston and Joanna
his Wife two hundred Acres of Land lying on the other side of the Goff
branch or pratts branch commonly so called to them and their heirs
for ever.

St. I give unto my Grandson John Benston one hundred Acres of Land
belonging unto the dividend given unto his father Samuel Benston
and mother Joana to him and his heirs for ever.

St. I give my Mill and what belongs to it to my Son Robert and my Son
David equally to be Divided between them.

St. I give and bequeath all my tooles to be equally divided between my
Son Robert and my Son David.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Son Robert one pair of Silver Buckles
and one pair of Gold Buttons the Buckles marked with JE the Buttons
marked with IC.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Son Robert my black coat.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Son David my new Mill horse and and
Iron work thereunto belonging.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Son David one paire of Ice buckles and a pair
of Silver Buttons.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Son David the gun that he now hath
in possession.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Benston the gun that was called his fathers
gun the gun that was called his fathers

St. I give and bequeath unto my Son in Law Samuel Benston one brace
of the gun that I have left except one fixed gun and one brace of
gun and Samuel Benston a paire of silver shoes and buckles.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Benston my new
ice holsters and back brace.

St. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joanna my new black dress.

St. I give and bequeath unto my Son David and my brother Peter all
my wearing cloaths equally to be divided betwixt them.

St. All the rest of my Estate I give and bequeath unto my wife
during her life and after her dease to be equally divided
amongst my four daughters viz Mary Hugh and Susanna
Holt Sarah Kellam and Joanna Benston except my feather
bed and furniture which I bequeath unto my Son David.

St. My will and desire is that my Son in Law Henry Holt should have
my Negro Peter in his Trade.

St. I nominate institute and appoynt my Lawfull wife to be widow
and sole executrix of this my last will Testament.

St. My desire is that my Son Robert shall do to the performance of
this my last will and Testament.

St. My desire is that immediately after my dease my Son Robert
shall cause an inventory to be taken of my Estate.

And in performance of this my last will and Testament I have
hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this twenty fourth day
of July One thousand seven hundred and two.

Testes John Watson
the Clerk of
the Peace
for the County of
Dorset
In Proctor

Robert Watson

Francis Darbie and John Watson saith that being at the
plantation of Robert Watson deceased were called into
his house and the said Watson could us he had us called
to be witness to his will, y^e said Darbie made answer I can
neither writ nor read the said Watson answered answer I can
neither writ nor read but will be the last will that I shall make
whereupon I did set my mark to it, I John Watson did write
my name, we both having heard the will read, but did
neither see it sealed nor signed by the said Robert Watson
and the said Darbie and Watson asked whether the will
to the best of their knowledge they saw noe seal on it, but did
when we had witnessed it the said Watson gave the will to
his wife saying their Susan Lay it up for I think this will
be the last will that I shall make.

Francis Darbie
John Watson.

These Depositions Sworn in open Court of Accomack
County June 4th 1703 by the Subscribers
Jes^{ts} M^{rs} Washburne & Co^{rs} (in Accomack)

The within written last will and Testament of Robert
Watson Sen^r deceased presented to the Court by David Watson
youngest Son of the said Robert June 6th 1703 and
the Evidence produced to prove the same viz^t John
Watson and Francis Darbie two of the witnesses to the
same, bearing June 4th 1703 given in their depositions
being by the said persons sworn to in open Court the Court
have ordered that the said will together with the said
depositions be put to record and annexed to the said

in Washburne & Co^{rs}
Revised June 19th 1703 In Washburne & Co^{rs} (in Accomack)

To all Christian people to whom this present
writing shall come I Heris Baggale of
Accomack County in Virginia Gunsmith do hereby
good witness and consideration me thereunto in good
but more especially for the sum of Ten pound Sterling
money to me in hand paid by Nehemiah Jones of the
Kingdom of England the receipt whereof I do hereby
acknowledge and do acquit and discharge him and
his heirs &c. for the same have given granted sold
and conveyed unto the said Nehemiah Jones and to
his heirs and assigns for ever, one Lot or half Acre
of Land Situate siting and being in Tearbegh part Towne
at Onancock in Accomack County bounding North West
on the Market place and running from thence by two
paralell lines drawne South East Six degrees Easterly
between poles and bounded on the South West by West Street
and running from thence by two paralell lines drawne
North East three degrees of forty five minits Eight poles
to have and to hold the said one half Acre of Land
according to the words and bounds expressed and set downe
and one dwelling house and one small house formerly a
drinking house now standing on the said half Acre of Land
together with all other profits or Immunities properly belonging
to the said half Acre of Land to him the said Nehemiah Jones
his heirs executors and assigns for ever Soe that I the said
Heris Baggale and my heirs and all manner of persons
claiming by them or under us or them shall be for ever
excluded and debarred and that the said Nehemiah Jones and
his heirs and assigns shall for ever have hold and peaceably
enjoy the said Land and Immunities according to the true intent
and meaning of One of the Deeds of Sale under the hand and
Seals of Peter John West and Es^{rs} William Eustis Es^{rs} & the
in trust for the Towne Land in Accomack County devided 15th
of March 1697 as acknowledged in open Court of the said