

In the Name of God Amen I Francis Benston of Accomack County in Virginia
 Sick & weak in body but sound & in perfect Memory & knowing w^{ch} Certainty of Death
 that all flesh must yeeld thereunto when it shall please God to call doe think fitt
 make this my last will & Testament as followeth First I Give my Soul unto God
 almighty my Creator Hoping through the Meritt of my onely Saviour Iesus Chrst
 to Obtaine pardon & forgiveness for all my sinns my body too I Give from when
 it was taken to be decently & Christianly Buried at w^{ch} Discretion of my Executors
 Hereafter named as for my worldly Estate that it hath pleased God to bestow
 on mee I Dispose & order as followeth first I make w^{ch} I will all former wills
 by mee made & Ordaine this my last will & Testament

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Son Joseph Benston a piece of Land lying in Virginia
 Between the Slack & the head line of my Land & about my Plantation

Item I Give & Bequeath a parcel of Land lying in Somerset County in Maryland Beginning
 on y^e West Side of my plantation on the Division line at a small white oake th^{at}
 = had on both sides with two Natches running west & be North with a line of Mar
 = trees already marked to J. Dames & all my Land lying in Maryland on y^e E
 = tern Side of that line unto my Son Joseph Benston & his heirs for Ever & if
 Son Joseph should dye without Issue then y^e above mentioned Land lying in Mary
 = land I Give & bequeath unto my Son Joseph & his heirs for Ever

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Benston all my Land lying in Virginia th^{at}
 is not already Given of y^e East Side of y^e Running Branch w^{ch} my now dwelling
 plantation is Also Give unto my Son Jonathan a small parcel of Land lying in
 Maryland beginning at y^e East Side of Running Branch to my Son Joseph first
 = Bounder to him my Son Jonathan Benston & his heirs for Ever & if my
 Son Jonathan should dye without lawfull Issue then my will is that y^e above
 = mentioned Land lying in Virginia to fall & be my Son Joseph & his heirs for Ever &
 all in Maryland to Joseph & his heirs for Ever

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Son Joseph Benston all y^e Rest of my Land both
 in Virginia & in Maryland that is not already Given unto him & his heirs for

Item I Give & bequeath to my Son Joseph a Gun that he doth commonly use & a
 Barbers Stone — Item I Give my Son Jonathan y^e Long Barrell of a Gun

Item I Give all the Rest of my per sonall Estate what soe ever both with in Doors an
 = with out unto my loving wife Edith to be hers & at her Disposal for her
 = Reliefe & maintenance during her widowhood & my will is that if my
 = wife Edith should marry then what Estate of mine th^{at} is left shall be
 = Equally divided between my wife & Children — Item my will is that my wife
 = Edith should have all y^e Benefit & privilege of her widowhood in my now dwel
 = ling plantation with privilege to make use of any Timber or other matters for
 = plantations Servis & there on to live during her widowhood w^{ch} out any
 = disturbance or molestation what soe ever Expence what is here after Men
 = tioned — Item my will is & desire is I doe Give unto my Son Joseph Benston one

Quarter of y^e Ridor that shall be made out of my Orchard he helping to
 = beat y^e same & manure & send y^e said Orchard for the term & time of
 = five year after my decease — Item I Give my Son Jonathan Benston

His share of one Quarter part of y^e Ridor that shall be made of my
 = Orchard he helping to beat y^e same & land & manure the the Ridor Orchard

Item my will is that my Son Jonathan may seat on any part of y^e Ridor land
 = I have Given him he not in y^e least to disturb or Inquiet his mother of any
 = Right or privilege in y^e Ridor plantation during her widowhood w^{ch} I have already
 = Given — Lastly I Ordaine & Ordaine my loving wife Edith

Benston Executrix & my Son Joseph Benston Executor to be jointly
 = Executors of this my last will & Testament in Confirmation that
 = this is my last will Testament I have hereunto sett my hand &

Witness this 17th of October 1722

Francis F. Benston

Sealed Signed & acknowledged to be his last will Testament

Before us
 Dan^l Welburne
 William Benston
 Dennis Blake
 Joseph Blake

The within last will & Testament of Francis Benston dec^d was proved in open Court of Accomack County by the oaths of William Benston Dennis Blake & Joseph Blake three of the witnesses to the same March 25th 1722: w^{ch} w^{ch} Court admitted w^{ch} will to Record Teste Chas. Incead (Clerk) } Chas. Incead (Clerk)

Recorded March 25th 1723