

Wm. Bedford county and Colony of Virginia Being weak in Body but
of perfect mind and Memory and Knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to Die I Do Here by Ordain this as my
Last will and Testament and first of all I Recommend my
Soul to god who gave it and my Body to the Earth Hoping at
the General Day to Receive the same again as Touching such
Worldly Estate as it Hath Pleased god to Bestow on me
this world I Dispose of in the manner following to wit
In the first place it is my Desire that my Body may be
interred in a Christian and Decent manner
Item, I Bequeath to William James Jr my Dish and Watch
and in case of his Death before Margaret James his Spouse to
Her and her Executors Item I Bequeath to the said William
James Jr a certain Shovel of Sand containing of one Pound

and in favor of his Death before the said William James Jr my Brother and Watch
See and in Witness Whereof I have signed these presents with my own hand and
James Jr about a Tract of Land containing of or near thereunto
and fifty acres more or less being called by the Name of the late lying
in the County of Baltimore and Province of Maryland But in the
Power of Mr Thomas Franklin to Recover Sale in the person
of John Welch purchased by me from Moses Rawlings with the
Reverts & profits arising from the same since purchased and
every other Appurtenance thereunto Belonging to the said William
James & his heirs forever Also I hereby Bequeath to the said
William James Jr and his heirs all my Books and Book Binds
with full Power to Dispose of them as he thinks proper
and every other thing Belonging to me at my Death
Further I hereby Bequeath and Demand all other debts and

Testaments heretofore by me made and I hereby nominate
and appoint the said William James Jr. sole heir and
Executor of this my Last will and Testament as witness
my Hand and seal this second day of December one thou
sand seven Hundred and sixty nine

Signed sealed & acknowledged }
In presence of }
Sam^l Mearns Jr. Hamilton John Groe Tho James

At a Court Held for Bedford County ^{6th} July 27th 1770
The within Last will & Testament of William Bodcher
Died was Exhibited in Court and proved by the Oaths of
Samuel Mearns & John Groe & ordered to be Recorded
Teste Ben Howard C^lck