

263 In the Name of God Amen William Benson being  
long sick in body but of perfect sense and sound memory Do make and  
Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament first & principally I commit  
my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it and secondly my  
Body to the Ground whence it was taken to be decently Buried by my  
Elder who is hereafter Mentioned, And for what worldly Goods it hath  
hast Almighty to dispose me with I dispose of in manner following (to wit)

I give & bequeath to my son Samuel Benson One Cow & piggs

I give & Bequeath to my son Bryant Benson all the Land that I now am  
possessed of for ever & my horses Bridle & Saddle & two Barrells of Indian  
corn and all my household Goods whatsoever

I give to my son Benj<sup>n</sup> Benson One Cow & piggs

I give to my Daughter Bessieba Benson One Cow & piggs

I give to my young Friend John Phillips all the Crops that is now growing  
on my Plantation of what sort soever, except the two barrells of Corn I  
leave to my son Bryant.

My Will & Desir is that after my Debts & Legefes is paid that the re-  
mainder of my Estates shall be wholly my son Bryant let it be of what  
sort soever and Lastly I do Appoint my son Bryant Benson my  
whole & Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament making all other  
Wills Null & Void heretofore made Witnes<sup>d</sup> my hand this thirtieth day of

August 1739

William Benson

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John Phillips & I pray  
w<sup>m</sup>

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County  
September the 24, 1739 —

The last Will & Testament of William Benson was presented in Court by  
Bryant Benson the taker therein named who made oath thereto Reciting  
the same and being proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto is Admited  
to Record

J<sup>r</sup> James Baker Esq<sup>r</sup>

Vera Record Sub S<sup>t</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Baker Esq<sup>r</sup> —