

"Will of Richard Bennett of Nansemond River in Virginia 15 March, 1674; proved 3 August, 1676: To the parish where I now live and have so long lived 300 acres which Thomas Bolton holdeth by lease, and on which he now lives; the rent to be received yearly by the church wardens of the parish and disposed towards the relief of four poor persons and this to be done forever as long as the land continues. To Richard, son of Thomas Buxton, the rents and profits of that parcel of land on which Edmond Belson now lives, the same to be paid unto him when he shall come to be twenty years of age. To my daughter Anne fifty pounds sterling besides her debts which she now oweth me. To my grandchildren Elizabeth, Anne and Bennett Scarburgh, or any other of my daughter Scarburgh's children which shall be born

hereafter, all that parcel of land lying on Pocomoke River on the Eastern shore of Maryland, besides 2800 acres by patent, and also 2500 acres by patent lying in Wiccomoco River in the Eastern shore in Maryland. To my cousin Silvester, wife of Major Nicholas Hill, twelve thousand pounds of tobacco. To my cousin Mary, the wife of Mr. Luke Cropley of London, twenty pounds sterling. To Michael Ward and the widow of John Lewis, to each of them one thousand lbs. of tobacco. To Richard Hubbard of Pigg Point one thousand lbs. of tobacco. To Charles Howard and Richard Higgins, to each of them one thousand lbs. of tobacco, and more to Charles Howard the land which he lives on for eleven years. To John Chilcotes and Thomas Garrett, to each of them two thousand pounds of tobacco. To William Kitchen and John Blye, to each of them one thousand lbs. of tobacco. To Patrick Edmonston and the widow Reddick, to each of them one thousands lbs. of tobacco. To John Worter who married the relict of John Salsbury, one thousand lbs. of tobacco. To William Yarrett of Pagan Creek and to the wife of Thomas Taberer, to each of them two thousand lbs. of tobacco. To Elizabet Outland of Chuckatuck Creek and Thomas Jordan of the same place to each of them two thousand lbs. of tobacco. To James Day twelve thousand lbs. of tobacco and if Mr. Taberer sees fit he can add three thousand more to it.

I give to all my servants that now liveth with me both christians and negroes, to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco, only two hirelings excepted, viz., Richard Higgins and John Turner. The rest of my personal estate and all lands, stock, of what ever nature and kind, to go to my grandchild Richard Bennett now residing in Bristol, and default of his heirs then to come to the children of Theodrick Bland and Charles

Scarburgh. Lastly, I do declare and appoint James Josey, Thomas Hodges and Edmond Bellson, or any two of them, also Robert Peelee to be overseers. Teste: John Spiere, Eno. Tarte, Charles Howard, George Davis. Proved in Nansemond Court, 12th of April, 1675, by the oaths of the above witnesses to be the last will and testament of Major General Richard Bennett. Teste John Lear, Clerk of Court.”