

# WILL OF BENJAMIN HARRISON, OF SURRY COUNTY.\*

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Harrison of Surry County Knowing y<sup>e</sup> Uncertainty of mans Life & how unfitt we are when pains & sickness comes upon us to settle our worldly

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affairs I Do therefore with Due Consideration make & Ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament hereby revoaking making void & null all other former Wills by me made; First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God that gave it me steadfastly believing through y<sup>e</sup> meritts of my Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ I shall receive full & Absolute Pardon for all my sins my body I Comitt to y<sup>e</sup> Earth from whence it was taken to be Decently buried at y<sup>e</sup> DiscreSSION of my Executor & for y<sup>e</sup> worldly Estate that God of his mercy & Goodness he has bestowed upon me, I Dispose of that in manner following. I give unto my son Nathaniel One hundred Acres of Land whereon his Mill Now stands half an acre of Land in y<sup>e</sup> Town at Flowrerdy hundred & all my Land in Martins brandon in Prince George County all which parcells of Land I give to my said son & to his Heirs for ever. I give unto my son Henry y<sup>e</sup> Plantation whereon I now live with y<sup>e</sup> remaining part of y<sup>e</sup> Land I bought of John Barker which is not already Conveyed to him I do also give him four hundred & fifty Acres of Land in one Pattent & one hundred & fifteen Acres of Land in one other Pattent & all my Land at Cabbin Point all Joyning to my Plantation Land which severall parcells or tracts of Land I give unto my said son & to his Heirs for Ever: I also give to my said son all y<sup>e</sup> negroes & other slaves that shall belong to my Plantation at y<sup>e</sup> time of my Death & all y<sup>e</sup> slaves that live at Cabbin point I also give him all my Cattell Horses mares sheep & hogs that belong to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> two Plantation I also Give him all my Plate & household Goods as furniture Linen Woolen Pewter Brass Iron &c: with all my beding and all my Books I also give him my new sloop Henry with all my Boates & y<sup>e</sup> sailes & what Else I have sent for, for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> said sloop if it please God it Coms safe in, but my will is that in Case my son Henry should Dey without an Heir of his body Lawfully begotten; then my will is that all y<sup>e</sup> Real Estate that I have Given to my son Henry should Goe to my son Nathaniell & to his heirs for Ever he paying my Grandson Benjamin Harrison one hundred pounds Current mony out of y<sup>e</sup> said Estate.

I give unto William Stringor my three hundred & fifty Acres of Land on y<sup>e</sup> south side of Blackwater swamp where my Quarter now is to him & to y<sup>e</sup> Lawful Heirs male of his body for Ever but for want of such Heir or in Case he remove out of the County then my will is that y<sup>e</sup> said Land Do go unto my son Henry & to



y<sup>e</sup> Lawfull Heirs of his body for Ever, & for want of such Heir I give it to my son Nathaniell & to his Heirs for Ever I also Give unto y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Stringor One male Negro not under fifteen nor above thirty Years of Age & two Cowes & Calves.

I give unto Joel Barker that part of my Land at y<sup>e</sup> wild Catt that Lyes on y<sup>e</sup> south side y<sup>e</sup> branch whereon he now Lives to him & to his Heirs for Ever.

I give twenty pounds sterling to buy Ornaments for y<sup>e</sup> Chappell & that my Execut<sup>r</sup>. take Care to provide them so soon as may be after y<sup>e</sup> new Chappell is built & my will is that five acres of my Land be Laid out where y<sup>e</sup> old Chappell now stands & that it be held for that use for ever.

I give unto my Daughter Sarah four hundred pounds Current mony or sterling.

I give unto my Daughter Hannah four hundred pounds Currant mony or sterling.

I give unto my Grandson Benjamin Harrison four hundred pounds Currant mony or sterling to be paid to him when he Comes to age.

I give to Every one of my Grand Children one hundred pounds Currant mony or sterling apiece to be paid to Each of them as they come of age or Marry which shall first happen my Grandson Benjamin Harrison only accepted he being already provided for. My will is that after my Just Debts & Legacys above mentioned with my funerall Charges be fully satisfyed then I give all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Estate unto my son Nathaniell whom I Do appoint my full & Sole Executor; wheather mony in England or Barbados: Debts here in y<sup>e</sup> Country Goods in y<sup>e</sup> store or what Else sower it be of what Kind or Quallity soever that is not already Given by this my Will In Witness thereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seales this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1711:

Signed & sealed in  
y<sup>e</sup> presence of  
Thomas Cocke  
William Short  
George Rochill  
John Tyus

Benjamin Harrison Sealed  
with a wafer

I give to my son Henry besides what is above Exprest these following Debts viz<sup>t</sup>. John Simons his Debt Richard Hamlin



His Debts John Vaughon his Debts Cap<sup>t</sup>. Clements his Debts y<sup>e</sup>  
Debt Due from William Hunts Estate & all my Crops.

Att a Court held at Southwark for the County of Surry February y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1712. The above mentioned Will of Benjamin Harrison Esq: was presented in Court by Nathaniell Harrison Ex-  
ecut<sup>r</sup>: thereof who made Oath thereto & being proved by the  
Oaths of Thomas Cocke William Short & John Tyus Witnesses  
thereto the same is ordered to be Recorded & is Recorded by

A Copy. Teste:

Jno. Allen Cl Cur<sup>a</sup>:  
A. S. Edwards, Clerk.