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Executorship accordingly

Examined 6/2 sides

before Ph. Gafsaway Reg. Wills A.A.Co.

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Benson of Anne-Arundel County considering the uncertainty of this Mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory Blessed be Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say 1. first I Give and bequeath unto my eldest Son Richard Benson the sum of five shillings. I Also give and bequeath unto my second Son Thomas Benson my Gun to him and his heirs forever. I Also give and bequeath unto my third son John Benson the sum of five shillings. I Also Give and bequeath unto my fourth Son William Benson one half of my Estate to him and his heirs forever I also give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Elizabeth Chaney the sum of five shillings. I also give and bequeath unto my second daughter Sarah Danielson the sum of five shillings I also give and bequeath unto my Son in law John Miller formerly Husband to my third daughter Comfort the sum of five shillings I also give and bequeath unto my fourth Daughter Rachel Chaney the other half of my Estate to her and her heirs forever. and it is my Will and desire that she and her husband John Chaney shall take care of William my fourth Son that is they shall have in their hands his Estate to for his maintainance and if the aforesaid shall marry then he shall have his Estate to himself and if he shall die without lawfull heir of his body then his half of my Estate to my daughter Rachels aforesaid and her heirs forever I Also give and bequeath unto my fifth Daughter Ann Warfield the sum of five shillings and I do hereby Appoint John Chaney my Son in law sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty fifth day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

Signd Seald published and declared by the above named Thomas Benson to be his last Will and Testament in the presents of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presents of the Testator

Thomas his + mark Benson (seal)

Richard Jones

Rich. Waters

Richard Jones Junr.

On the back of the aforegoing Will are the following Probates Viz.t

Anne Arundel County sc. } Then came John Chaney the
the 6th day of March 1795 } Executor Appointed in the within
in Will — and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Al-
mighty God that this Instrument of Writing is the true whole
and last Will and Testament of Thomas Benson late of Anne
Arundel County deceased that came to his hands and pos-
session and that he doth not know of any other

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Anne Arundel County sc. } Then came Richard Waters one of
the 19th day of March 1795 } the subscribing Witnesses to the within
last Will and Testament of Thomas Benson late of Anne Arun-
del County deceased and made Oath on the holy Evangels of
Almighty God that he did see the Testator thereon named Sign
and Seal this Will and that he heard him publish pronounce
and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at
the time of his so doing he was to the best of his Apprehension of
a sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that
he together with Richard Jones and Richard Jones Junr. re-
spectively subscribed their Names as Witnesses to this Will in the
presence and at the request of the Testator and all in the presence
of each other

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Anne Arundel County sc. } Then came Richard Jones one of the
the 24th day of March 1795 } subscribing Witnesses to the within
last Will and Testament of Thomas Benson late of Anne Arun-
del County deceased and made Oath on the holy Evangels
of Almighty God that he did see the Testator thereon named
Sign and Seal this Will and that he heard him publish pro-
nounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testa-
ment that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his
Apprehension of a sound disposing mind memory and under-
standing and that he together with Richard Waters and
Richard Jones Junr. respectively subscribed their names as
Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of
the Testator and all in the presence of each other