Item my will and desire is and I do hereby order & direct that my sons Samuel Young and John Young when they respectively Arrive to the age of Sixteen Years shall be my said Wife or their Guardian or Guardians as the case may be bound out apprentices to such Trade or Occupation as they respectively shall themselves choose Untill they shall respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years and that my daughters shall remain in the care of my said Wife untill they shall be of age.

Lastly I do hereby Constitute nominate and appoint my Well beloved Wife Mary Young Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and desire that in matters where she is doubtfull or at a Loss how to act, she may Consult my friend James Benson whom I Earnestly request to assist her with her advice In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this twenty Seventh day of November Anno Domini 1771.

John Young (Seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and at his request & in the presence of each other.

John Skinner
Richard Start
Archibald his ✗ mark McInnis

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

Talbot County Court January 3. 1775 } Then came Mary Young and made Oath on the holy Evangels that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of John Young late of Talbot County deceased that hath come to her hands a possession and that she doth not know of any other

Certified by. John Bracco Dorsey Comy of Talbot County.

Talbot County to Wit January 3. 1775 } Then came John Skinner Richard Start and Archibald McInnis the three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of John Young late of Talbot County deceased and severally made Oath on the holy Evangels that they did see the Testator therein named sign, seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare it to be his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Certified by John Bracco Dorsey Comy of Talbot County

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In the name of God amen. I Nicholas Benson of Talbot County in the province of Maryland Planter being in perfect sound mind (and)

and memory, thanks be given to God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my Body, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say first Recommending my Soul to god, who gave it and my Body to the Earth from whence it Came, I give and dispose of my goods as follows——

First I give and bequeath to my Well beloved Wife Rachell, all and singular my Lands and Tenements to be by her fully and freely held Occupied and injoyed in as absolute and free a manner as I at present Injoy the same during her Natural Life.

Item I give and bequeath to my Eldest son Perry Benson after his mothers decease my now dwelling plantation, contained with these lines begin at a Cedar post fixed in the Ground, at the head of a Cove between my now dwelling plantation and where my Son Nicholas now lives, and runs thence South Eighty Six degrees West one hundred and fifteen perches to a marked Red Oak in a Swamp at the corner of Thomas Dodson's Land now John Shanahas and in or near north East Line of Bogholo then North Seven degrees and a half West one hundred and fourty five perches to a Bounded black Gum in a Swamp, then north thirteen degrees, East twenty five perches to a Cedar post at the South Corner of the Sold by me to Abraham Bromwell, then north East thirty two perches to Benson's Cove, then down and with the Cove, and up and with the River and harbourous Creek to the first Boundary containing one hundred and twenty Acres of Lands be it more or less Viz. of Benson's choice Eighty four Acres: the Tract Originaly laid out for ninety Acres, one Acre whereof I sold to Abraham Bromwell, and five Acres washed into the River, so that the remainder is Eighty four Acres, of Boggs hole fifteen Acres, and of Benson's Enlargement twenty one Acres, which Lands I give him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Nicholas Benson that plantation that he my Son Nicholas now lives on, beginning at a locust post, standing at the head of a Marsh, near the house where Nathaniel Grace now dwells which post was formerly set down for the beginning of that part of Benson's Enlargement, sold by me to John Bartlett Shipwright, and by his Son John, to Samuell Chamberlaine Esq.— and runs thence West one hundred and twenty Six perches to Bogholo then south West Sixteen perches then North West fifty perches to the North East Line of Bogholo, then north East Eighty and perches to a marked Red Oak at the Easternmost Corner of Thomas Dodson's Land then from the said Red Oak North Eighty Six degrees East with the Land left to my Son Perry Benson one hundred and fifteen perches to a post set in the Ground at the beginning of Perry's Land, then with the same course to the Cove, then down the Cove and up and with Harbour Creek to the first named post containing Eighty Acres be it more or less being all the Land to the Southward of Perry's line, as which Lands I give and bequeath to my Son Nicholas Benson and his heirs forever.

And as to any part of my personal Estate which shall or may Remain after my just debts are paid I Leave them to the Use of my Well beloved Wife Rachell Benson, and my Will is that my daughter Rebecca shall have the one half of my Personall Estate at her Mothers death besides a Bed and one pair of Silver Buckles which was her Brother Edmond Benson's and which he Verbally Left her, and desire that the remainder thereof shall be Equally divided among my other Children——

Lastly I hereby appoint my loving Wife Rachell Benson my Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament hereby all or any other former Will, or Wills is made null and Void In Testemony whereof I hereunto sett my hand and fixed my Seal this Nineteenth day of November 1770.

N Benson (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published in presence of us.

James Benson
Rebecca Benson
Elizabeth Benson
Perry Benson

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

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