

Descendants of Richard Bennett

Generation No. 1

1. RICHARD¹ BENNETT

Notes for RICHARD BENNETT:

Arriving in America on the Seafloure 1620 with brother Reverend William Bennett

Governer of Virginia and later Maryland.

death possible: 12 April 1675 no supporting source material,
one son Richard and 2 daughters Anne and Elizabeth.

Governer Bennett governer of Aa., moved to Maryland, his son died before him left his goods to his daughters and granddaughters, Read the Book Isle of Wight by John Boddie.

Will of Governor Richard Bennett

Extracted from the Principal Registry of the Probate Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice

In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

I, Richard Bennett, of Nansemond River in Virginia being sick in body but in perfect memory doe make and ordain this my last will testament as followith vizt - Imprs I give my body to the earth and my Spirit to God that gave it.

Item. I give and bequeath unto the Parish where I now live and have so long lived all that parcel of land being three hundred acres more or less which Thomas Bolton holdeth by lease and which he now lives. The rents & profits thereof to be received yearly by the Church-wardens of this parish and by them disposed of towards the relief of four poor aged or impotent persons whom they judge to stand in most need of help and this to continue and be done for as ever long as ye land continues.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Richard Buxton, the son of Thomas Buxton, the rents & profits of that parcel of land on which Edmond Belson now liveth to him and his heirs for ever the same to be paid unto him when he shall come to be twenty years of age, but if he lives not to that time or afterward die without issue, then the said land & ye rents thereof to be and continue to be paid as now it is.

Item. I give unto my daughter Ann fifty pounds sterling beside her debts which she now oweth me.

Item. I give an bequeath unto my grandchildren Elizabeth Ann and Bennett Scarburgh or any other of my daughter Scarburgh children which shall be born hereafter all that parcel of land lying in Pocomoke River on the eastern shore in Maryland being two thousand eight hundred acres by patent to them or either of them or either of their heirs for ever and also two thousand five hundred acres by patent lying in Niccomoco River on the eastern shore in Maryland.

Item. I give unto my cousin Silvester, the wife of Major Nicholas Hill, twelve thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give to my cousin Mary, the wife of Mr. Luke Cropley, twenty pounds sterling.

Item. I give unto Richard Hubard of Pigg Point one thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto Michael Ward and the widow of John Lewis, to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto the widow Prince one thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto Charles Howard & Richard Higgens to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco & more to Charles Howard the land which he lives on for eleven years.

Item. I give to Thomas Chilcote & Thomas Garrat to each of them two thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto William Kitchen and John Blye to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto Patrick Edmondston and the widow Riddick to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto John Woster who married the relic of John Salsbury one thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto William Yearrat of Pagan Creek and to the wife of Mr. Thomas Taberer to each of them two thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto Elizabeth Outland of Chucatuke Creek and Thomas Jordan of the same place to each of them two thousand pounds of tobacco.

Item. I give unto James day twelve thousand pounds of tobacco and if Mr. Taberer see cause, he may add three thousand more to it.

Item. 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 the two hirelings excepted viz - Richard Higgins & John Turner. The rest of my personal and real estate and all lands and stock of what nature or kind so ever it be to go to my grandchild Richard Bennett, to him and his heirs forever, my said grandchild now residing in Bristoll, and in default of such heirs then to come to the children of Theodorick Bland & Charles Scarburg. Lastly, I do hereby declare and ordain and appoint James Jofey, Mr. Thomas Hodges, and Edmond Belson or any two of them also Robert Pealle to be overseers of this my last will and testament allowing & approving for good and effectual to all intents and purposes what so ever my said executors or any two of them shall do or cause to be done concerning the estate from time to time in relation to the estate.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of March 1674 - RI BENNETT (LS) -
Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of us - JOHN SPEIRS, ENO EARLE, CHARLES
HOWARD, GEORGE DAVIS.

Proved in Nansemond Court the 12th of April 1675 by the oaths of Mr. Eno Earle, Charles Howard, & George Davis to be the last will & testament of Major General R. Bennett.

Teste: JNO LEAR CHR Cur.
Proved 3rd August 1676.