

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Walking Tour # 5

Lot Number: 300 Space: G 59

Find A Grave # 11900271

Name: **Benson, Capt. Thomas**

Birth date: September 18, 1723 Death date: September 13, 1748 Burial Date: Age: 24-25

Birth: Whitehaven, England

Spouse: Molly Fox Benson

Children:

Parents:

Siblings: John Benson, 4 sisters, including Dorothy

Nephews: Thomas Benson, Christopher Benson

Residence: From Whitehaven, England

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: See next page

Service/occupation information: Sea captain

Officiate:

Lot Owner:

Marker: Embedded in cedar tree; Oldest recorded and marked grave in this cemetery

Inscription:

Capt. Thomas Benson
From Whitehaven: Died
Sept 13th 1748 Aged 25 Yrs.



DIMENSIONS: H 21" x W 36" x D 4"

STYLE: headstone made of brownstone

Repairs needed: Cleaning

Walking Tour marker

Pall bearers:

Samuel Bowman

Philip Walker

John Benson

James Fox

Thomas Harrison

Capt. Joh Wyly



Inventory date: August 12, 2019 Recorder: Ted George

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Benson Mercant being weak & indisposed in Body & Health, but strong in Mind: do make and ordain my last Will & Testament thereby revoking all other Wills & Testaments by me at any Time made.

In the first place I bequeath my Soul into Gods Hands & my Body to be committed to the ground & to be buried wth my Parents & 2^{ly} I give & bequeath unto my Dearly Beloved Father & Mother all my Real & Personal Estate or anything what shall be hereafter acquired & 3^{ly} I give & bequeath unto my Dearly Beloved Mrs. Mully Foxe of Copps gill, Ten Pounds to be disposed of as she shall think proper for mourning in May or by December for her own private use, which cash is in the Hands of M^r. William Gale Merch^t in Whitehaven & 4th I give unto my dearly beloved Brother John Benson this Coat which now I wear here along with the Black & Blue one which is at Whitehaven together wth this Wadswort I now wear here together wth the Black & Velvet Wadswort & 5th I bequeath wth are not made up at Whitehaven I likewise give unto my well Beloved Brother Wm Foxe all my other wearing Apparel whatsoever; I beg & request of my dear ly Beloved Father that he will bestow upon my three Sisters at Home each a mourning; but further request of him that he will bestow upon the two Orphans of Robert the pherson at Whitehaven each one half Guinea; but further request that my Linon Apparel & Lick be divided equally amongst my own four Sisters. My Hat & Wigs if any to be found upon Arrival of the Ship at Whitehaven together with two Wiggs one at John Jacksons the other at Richard Woods, be equally divided amongst my Brothers John Benson & William Foxe, I likewise give to my Nephew Thomas Benson Ten shillings & to his Brother Christophers five shillings I likewise give & bequeath to the eldest Son of my Brother Foxe seven shillings & six pence to buy him a Hat, to his eldest Daughter five shillings and to all the rest of his Children each half a Crown a few white Leggases are paid & my lawfull Debt which I hope are but few; I request my Dearly beloved Father and Mother that they will take unto themselves what remains of all my real and personal Estate whatsoever and whosoever my funeral Expenses being first deducted; I likewise give & bequeath to all my good Friends at Coppsend at Copps gill at Saint Bess at Whitehaven especially M^r. William Gale M^r. Corbet & riding M^r. John Fisher M^r. Robert Fearon M^r. Elizabeth Froughers & their good Families I bequeath my Best Watch also to M^r. Robert Piton Gentleman at Coppsend M^r. John Fearon & M^r. Thomas Atkinson to M^r. John Atkinsons Family to the Reverend Joseph Piton of Cockerthouth & to the Reverend Thomas Jemison of Bock her want to my Aunt at Gosforth my Uncle and Aunt at Saint Bess & to all other Friends & Relations whatsoever I bequeath pieces. The most material part of my real & Personal Estate which lays not undivided consists in Cash due this Voyage and Two & thirty part of the Brigantine Tannery at Whitehaven Captain White consider & a Post and Bill due from the Custom House at Whitehaven a Watch and a Deck on board the John and Bolla some small pieces of Wallnut on board the John & Bolla which I request of M^r. William Gale to give these to my Father as I intended them for my own use; Thus my little Affairs being settled in the best manner I am able; I leave the World in Charity and Peace wth all Men for I brought nothing into the World & it is certain I can carry nothing out I do request M^r. Samuel Bowman M^r. Philip White M^r. John Benson M^r. James Foxe M^r. Thomas Harrison & Captain John Wylly to bear me to the Church at Dover where I desire a Sermon may be preached by the Pastor of the said Church or any other M^r. Bowman shall think proper to appoint to every one of which I do appoint Whitehallband & Gloves, to M^r. Joseph White & Captain John Thompson I do appoint Gloves only; if they are at the Funerall I bequeath unto M^r. Robinsons Watch in part for her Trouble & wine my Sickness here; all my Linon which I shall have here. I shall receive wth the Care wth I trouble of the above to my Friend Samuel Bowman and I desire that good Order may be kept and that no Liquor whatsoever be Drunk nigh the Church and that things be ordered here with Decency and no body want. My Black Shoe Buckles & White Buckles I leave to my Nephew Tho^s. Benson the Buttons which I am wear at my hands I bequeath to my Sister Dorothy My Quadrants scales & some of my good Relations should be brought up to see they may do them

240 The same Service if carefully used. A Set of Spectators I leave to my Brother
 John and all Books & Papers or Histories whatsoever excepting what shall be
 accepted to my Dear Miss Mally from the Books w^{ch} are in her Possession & the
 Papers w^{ch} are in the Tell & Drawer in the middle of the Desk the Key of w^{ch} is the
 smallest thereunto belonging w^{ch}. I recommend to the Care of my good Friend John
 Benson to whose Care I do recommend the Ship Jn: & Bella as Master in my Place
 & James Free to succeed him if not who the said John Benson and M^r. Sam^l Bowman
 shall see fit. I Bequeath unto my Friend George Wilson a pair of Gloves I also
 request my Friend Samuel Bowman to take upon him the Trouble of defraying
 my Trunkall Expences & all other just Debts due from me to any Person w^{ch} soever
 & that he will also collect all such as are due to me from any Person whatsoever
 I doubt not but that he will return a just Ballance M^r. Benson with his help will
 be able to make a just Ballance on the Ship's Account my Trunk I Bequeath to
 Thomas Benson Jun^r at Egremont — I Bequeath the Parson a Hatband & Gloves &
 a pair of Gloves to the Clerk I conclude the End of this World wth a Prayer to the Most
 Highest that I may dye in Charity with all Men