

Bryan, Robert 1764

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Robt. Bryan Dec

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In the Name of god Amen I Robert Bryan of
the County of Newcastle on Delaware Yeoman being sick and weak
in Body but sound & perfect in mind & memory Shant be to
Almighty God for it do make ordain constitute & appoint this to
be my last will & Testament. hereby Revoking & disanulling all
other former Will or Testaments being heretofore by me made
allowing this & only this to be my Last Will & Testament which is in
manner and form following (Viz) First I Recommend my Soul into
the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping in him alone to
find Acceptance thro the Merits Mediation & intercession of the
Lord Jesus Christ & secondly I do Commit my Body to the Earth
to be Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named &
ask what Worldly Estate & Goods it hath pleased God to Bless me
with I do Give & Dispose of as followeth —

Item That after the Payment of my funeral Charges & all my just
Debts I do give & Bequeath unto my Beloved ^{wife} Hannah the Rent
Issue & profits of the one third part of my Real Estate during her
Natural life. I also give & Bequeath unto her my said wife Hannah
all the Household goods and furniture which she brought with
her at the Time of our marriage, and also the same Horse which
was formerly hers — I also Give & Bequeath unto her my said wife
Hannah the Sum of One Hundred pounds to be paid to her by
my Executors hereafter named for her part of my Estate —
it is also my will that my said wife Hannah shall have the
Possession use & profits my Negro woman Named Cito untill
my son Robert be of the Age of Twenty one, at which Time it
is my will that the said Negro Cito if then living be Returned unto
my children

Item Whereas it is Visable that my wife Hannah is now pregnant
and by all appearance far gone with Child it is my will That
if she should be delivered of a male Child I do hereby Give and

Bequeath unto that Child the Interest of Two Hundred pounds to be paid yearly
Towards the raising and Educating such Child And the Principal sum to be repaid
and paid to the said Child when it arrives at the age of Twenty one years
and if the said Child should be a female
it is my will that it shall have One Hundred and Fifty pounds to be
applied as aforesaid and if the said Child should die before it comes of
age it is my will that the fortune shall Descend to my son Robert

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Brother Nathaniel my Blue Suit of
Cloaths to hold to him my said Brother for his part of my Estate

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Brother Charles my Brown Suit of
Cloaths to hold to him my said Brother for his part of my Estate

Item I give devise and Bequeath unto my son Robert Bryan all the Rest
of my Estate both Real and personal to hold to him my said son Robert
his Heirs and Assigns forever, and it is also my will that if either of my
said Children should die before they come of age or without Issue that the
Survivor of my said Children shall Enjoy the whole of my Estate both Real
& personal to hold to such surviving Child its Heirs and Assigns for ever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Brother Charles son Robert the sum
of Ten pounds to be paid to him by my Heirs or Executors when he arrives at the
age of Twenty one years

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Cousin Robert Bryan the son
of my Brother James Decd. the sum of Ten pounds to be paid to him by my
Executors hereafter named

Item it is also my will that if both my Children before mentioned
should die without Issue that the whole of my Estate both Real and
personal should Descend as followeth Viz) The one fifth part to my Brother
William and his Heirs. One fifth part to my Brother Nathaniel and
his Heirs. One fifth part to my Brother Charles and his Heirs. One
Fifth part to the Heirs of my Brother Andrew. & One Fifth part to
the Heirs of my Brother James to be Equally divided Amongst them
And Lastly I do hereby Nominate constitute and Ordain my Brother
Nathaniel Bryan and Charles Bryan to be my whole and sole

Executors of this my Last will and Testament to see the same
executed according to the true Intent and meaning thereof. And
I do further nominate and Appoint my Cousins Alexander
Porter and David Porter to be as Guardians to my afo. Children.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
Twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord one
Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty four 1764

Signed sealed published and
Declared in presence of us

Wm Turner

Thos Rees

Wm Clark

Wm Turner 12 Oct 1764

Whereas by my Testament & Will bearing date the
twenty first Day of September in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, among
other things I Willed that I should be buried at the
Discretion of my Executors, My further Will is, and
I do hereby give & bequeath thirty Pounds to my
Executors Nathaniel Bayan & Charles Bayan there
in named to be applied in purchasing a Tomb Stone
and erecting the same in my Grave and if any thing
remains to be applied in building a Wall round
Pidgeon Run Goose Yard.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Brother Natham^{ch}
the Sum of twenty Pounds.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and
Seal this fifth Day of October in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred & sixty four.
Signed sealed published & declared in presence of the

Signed sealed & published
and declared in presence of us

Robt Ogden

Martha ^{for} Clark ^{provid}

mark

Mary Moore ^{provid}

Sworn 12 Oct 1764

Alex Porter & qum.

James Patterson }
Robt Dunn }
Geo. Moore }
copyd

Personally appeared before me Peter Turner and Wm Clark two of the subscribing
Evidences to the within Will and Martha Clark and Mary Moore two of the
Evidences to the within Codicil & being duly sworn do declare that
they did see and ^{publish} ^{proounce}
and declare the within ^{testimony} ^{as his last Will and}
Testament that ^{say} ^{he was to the}
best of their ^{own} ^{mind and Memory}
that they did sign ^{at his Request and in his}
presence that ^{Thomas Moore did see}
the Codicil to the within Will ^{at the same time}
Porter sign and ^{at Newcastle this}
Testimony where ^{Twelfth Day of}
Twelfth Day of ¹⁷⁶⁴

Thomas Maurice Esq.

Signed sealed & published :
and declared in presence of Us }

Robert Owen

Martha & Clark

mark

Mary Moor

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Sworn 12 Oct. 1764

Alex Porter & Co.

John Patterson
The. Dunn
Geo. Moore
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Personally appeared before me Peter Turner and Wm. Clark two of the subscribing
Evidences to the within Will and Martha Clark and Mary Moore two of the
Evidences to the within Codicil & being duly sworn do declare that
they did see and hear the said Thomas Rees sign and publish his last Will and
and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that he was of sound mind and
best of their knowledge and understanding at his Requiem and in his
presence, that Peter Turner and Wm. Clark did see and hear the said Thomas Rees sign as one
of the Evidences to the said Will and that Mary Moore did see Alexander
Porter sign as one of the Evidences to the said Codicil at the same time. In
Testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my hand and seal at Newcastle this
Twelfth Day of April 1844.

Thomas Rees
Alexander Porter
Martha Clark
Mary Moore
Peter Turner
Wm. Clark