

Probate, DE, Newcastle, Robert Bryan 1786

Be it remembered that I **ROBERT BRYAN** of the hundred and County of New Castle Delaware being in perfect health and a sound disposing mind and memory do this 6th day of October in the year of Our Lord 1784 make this my last will and testament and manner following.

FIRST it is my will and I hereby bequeath to my wife **REBECCA [BRYAN]** £100 worth of my personal property which she may choose to be taken at appraisement it is further my will that my executors hereafter named to sell all that my lot of marsh at Bossman's Creek containing about 7¼ acres and also that piece or parcel of Woodland lying at the head of Mr. **JACOB COLEBERRY** clear land from a known deed Corner Black Oak of Fern Hook estate to the next corner of the lands late of **JOHN [EVES]**, deceased now of Mr. **JAMES MCCULLOUGH** and I do declare them fully empowered to convey the same agreeable to the law of the state of Delaware.

I do further give and bequeath to my two daughters **MARTHA [BRYAN]** and **REBECCA [BRYAN]** three hundred pounds each to be paid them by my sons **JOHN [BRYAN]** and **JAMES [BRYAN]** to whom I give, devise and bequeath all the residue of my estate both real and personal to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, to hold to them and their heirs and assigns provided that if either of my son's should die before he comes of age his estate shall descend to his surviving brother in fee to such surviving brother and his heirs.

And further it is my will that if either of my daughters should die during their minority that the daughter's estate shall descend to her surviving sister.

And it is further my will that my negro man SAM, in consideration of his honest and faithful service, shall be manumised and set free when my son **JOHN** arrives at the age of 21.

And lastly I do hereby constitute my worthy friend **JAMES BOOTH** and my wife **REBECCA** and my son **JOHN** to be whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills, devises and bequests confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

ROBERT BRYAN

Declared by the testator to be his will in the presence of

[No names listed]

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Personally appeared before me **GUNNING BEDFORD** Esquire register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration in and for the county of Newcastle, **JACOB COLEBERRY** and **THOMAS CLARK** to being sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God depose and say that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of **ROBERT BRYAN**, Esquire, deceased, and further say that the foregoing instrument of writing, they believed to be all of his own handwriting and signed by the said **ROBERT BRYAN**, deceased. And further these deponents say not.

Sworn before **GUNNING BEDFORD**, register
January 20th 1786

JACOB COLEBERRY
THOMAS CLARK

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Will of

ROBERT BRYAN, Esquire

deceased

Recorded in book M page "178"

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An inventory of all and singular the goods & chattles of the estate of **ROBERT BRYAN**, Esquire., deceased, as appraised by us the subscribers this twentieth day of December 1785.

[INVENTORY LIST]

Negro woman SUSANNA & two children

Negro girl PHILLIS

Negro boy name JERRY

Negro woman RACHEL & children

Negro man SAM

JACOB COLESBERRY] appraisers qualified before
MORTON MORTON]

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The account of **REBECCA BRYAN**, widow, and **JOHN BRYAN** executors of the testament and last will of **ROBERT BRYAN**, late of New Castle county, Esquire, deceased, as well of and for such and so much of the goods and chattles, rights and credits of the said deceased as came to their hands to be as of and for their payments and disbursements out of the same, to wit.

DANIEL J. ADAMS
DR. ALEXANDER
JOHN BARBUR
SAMUEL BARR
GUNNING BEDFORD, ESQ.
JOHN BRISON
DR. CAIRNES
JOHN CARR [CAN]
DAVID CLARK
JAME DELAPLAIN
THOMAS DENNISTON
JAMES DEVILIN
MARY DULANY
ALEXANDER DUNCAN
JOHN FERISS
ROBERT FURNISS
WILLIAM HAZLET
JESSE HIGGINS
PHILIP JANVICE
MR. JOHNS
THOMAS KEAN, ESQ.
JAMES KIDDLE
JACOB A. KILLEN
ANDREW KING
GEORGE KING
EDWARD KOCKE
JAMES LELAPLAINS
JUSTIN LINDEY
JOHN LYON
ESTER MACKKEY
DANIEL MCLOREN
THOMAS MOORE
MATTHEW TATE
HUGH THOMPSON
JAMES "TOREY"
CATHERINE VAN LEUVENIGH
JOHN WEBSTER

Errors excepted
REBECCA BRYAN
JOHN BRYAN

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