In the name of God Amen.

November 21st 1760.

I, **ALEXANDER BRYAN** of St. George hundred and County of New Castle in Delaware, Turner, being very sick and weak in body but have perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, to make & ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say:

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST of all I recommend my soul unto the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the Same Again by The Mighty power of God.

AND as touching my worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the manner and form following:

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my well-beloved brother **JAMES BRYAN** all my right and title to the sawmill, mill damn, and streams with 3 acres of land, convenient to the same, belong to my part of the land not including any buildings together with all my tools belonging to the shop and the half of the timber wheels to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my beloved **CATHERINE** [**BRYAN BOICE**] 20 Shillings to be equally divided among them except a black mare to which it is my will should be given to my beloved sister **MARY BRYAN** beside her part.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well-beloved brothers **JOHN BRYAN** and **ANDREW BRYAN** and to my beloved sisters **MARY BRYAN** and **AGNES BRYAN** my whole & sole personal estate to be equally divided among them, except a black mare which it is my will should be given to my beloved sister **MARY BRYAN** beside her part.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well-beloved brothers **JOHN BRYAN** and **ANDREW BRYAN** my whole real estate willed to by my father with all the messuage and tenements thereunto belonging equally to be divided between them to be possessed and enjoyed to them and their heirs forever.

And I do constitute, make, ordained, and appoint my beloved brothers **JOHN BRYAN** and **ANDREW BRYAN** my whole hand sole executors of this my last will and testament to discharge and to pay my legal debts.

And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disanull all and every other former Testaments, Wills, legacies and bequests and executors by me in anyways before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and 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 in your above written.

ALEXANDER BRYAN {seal}

Will, DE, New Castle, ALEXANDER BRYAN 1760

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said **ALEXANDER BRYAN** as his last will and testament in presence of us, the subscribers:

JAMES MOORE JAMES BRYAN WILLIAM KERR

Proved the above oath of WILLIAM KERR according to law December 15th 1760 before me WILLIAM TILL

Last Will & Testament of ALEXANDER BRYAN Proved December 15, 1760 Recorded & Copied The account of **JOHN BRYAN** and **ANDREW BRYAN** executors of the testament & last will of **ALEXANDER BRYAN**, late of New Castle County, yeoman, deceased, as well of and for such and same of the goods & chattles of the said testator as come to his hands as of for his payments and disbursements out of the same.

Robert Ackman John Anderson Edward Armstrong Margaret Baxter Duncan Beard William Bird Charles Bowman Boaz Boyce Francis Boyce Timothy Brannon John Brock AGNES BRYAN ALEXANDER BRYAN ANDREW BRYAN JAMES BRYAN MARY BRYAN NATHANIEL BRYAN David Burchard William Campbell Alexander Clark John Cooper Archibald Douglass Patrick Early William Glenn James Gordon Franklin Hall Sarah Hambly Richard Houghton

John Jones John Jones, Esq. William Kerr John Lee Hugh Mathews [Matthews] Sarah McConnel for Daniel McConnel Robert Moldrum Francis Moore Jacob Peterson John Peterson James Piper Nathaniel Pringle James Shaw John Slaught William Smith William Smith Isaac Starr Alexander Stuart Lawrence Summers Thomas Sutton Thomas Telfor John Veal Robert Watt William Whittel David Witherspoon Thomas Witherspoon for David Witherspoon Thomas Witherspoon

JOHN COOPER

JOHN BYRAN, ANDREW BRYAN executors

To a balance in the executors hands to be disposed of according to the will of the testator $\pounds768.11.09$ October 18, 1763

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