

Will, DE, New Castle, ROBERT Bryan 1784

Be it remembered that I, **ROBERT BRYAN**, of the hundred and County of New Castle on Delaware being in perfect health and of 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 in manner following:

FIRST it is my will and I do 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, do sell all that my lot of marsh at Bossman's Creek containing about 7 Acres and three quarters and also that piece or parcel of Woodland being at the head of Mr. **JACOB COLESBERRY** clear land from a known dead Corner Black Oak of **FEARN HOOK** estate to next corner of the land late of **JOHN EVE's**, deceased, now and Mr. **JAMES MCCULLOUGH** and I do declare them fully to be empowered to convey the same agreeable to the law of the state of Delaware.

I do further give bequeath to my two daughters **MARTHA [BRYAN]** and **REBECCA [BRYAN]** £300 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 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** Esquire and my wife **REBECCA** and my son **JOHN** to be my whole sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking all former Wills, devices, 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 written above.

ROBERT BRYAN {seal}

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

[No names given]

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Personally appeared before me **GUNNING BEDFORD**, Esquire, register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration and for the county of New Castle, **JACOB COLESBERRY** and **THOMAS CLARK** who being sworn on the holy evangelists 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.

JACOB COLESBERRY
THOMAS CLARK

Sworn before **GUNNING BEDFORD** January 28th 1786

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

[INVENTORY LIST]

Negro woman SUSANNA & her two children

Negro woman RACHEL & child

Negro girl PHILLIS

Negro boy JERRY

Negro man SAM

April 30, 1788

JACOB COLESBERRY

MORTON MORTON

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The account of REBECCA BRYAN, widow, an 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
GUNNING BEDFORD, ESQ
JOHN BRISON
DR. CAIRNES
JOHN CAN [CARR]
DAVID CLARK
JAMES DELAPLAIN
JAMES DELAPLAINS
THOMAS DENNISTON [DENNISON]
JAMES DEVELIN
MARY DULANY
ALEXANDER DUNCAN
JOHN FERISS
ROBERT FURNISS
WILLIAM HAZLET
JESSE HIGGINS
PHILIP JANVIER admin. F. FURNISS
SAMUEL KARR [KERR]
THOMAS KEAN, ESQ.
EDWARD KICHE
JAMES KIDDLE
JACOB A. KILLEN
ANDREW KING
GEORGE KING
JAMES LATIMER
JUSTIN LINDEY
JOHN LYON
ESTHER MACKAY
DANIEL MCLAREN
THOMAS MOORE
MATTHEW TATE
HUGH THOMPSON
JAMES TORREY
CATHARINE VANLEUVINIGH
JOHN WEBSTER

October 8, 1788

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Martha M. **BRYAN**

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