

Will, KY, Fayette, William Bryan 1780

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM BRYAN** of the county of Kentucky being in love state of health but of sound mind and perfect memory (thank God) and calling to mind my mortality, and to prevent disputes that may arise after my death, to dispose of those earthly things with which it has pleased God to bless me do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **MARY BRIAN** one thousand acres land which I purchased of **SARAH BRYAN** lying between Cane Run of North Fork of Elkhorn Creek in Kentucky county, it being part of a settlement and preemption due unto said **SARAH BRYAN** in ... of raising a crop of corn in said county of Kentucky in the year 1776, at the discretion of my said wife to take which part of the land she pleases. I also give unto my said wife three Negroes to wit one woman named **DEBBERY** and two men named **JAMES** and **CASER**. Also four horses, one Sorrel mare called **Blaze**, one roan horse called **Britain**, one Bay Stallion, and one Bay Colt out of a mare called **Blue Streak**, and all the household and kitchen Furniture Plantation utensils and implements of husbandry to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **SAMUEL BRYAN** one negro woman due to me from **JOHN HAWKINS** of the state of North Carolina to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **DANIEL BRYAN** all the rest of my lands not already given and one negro man named **GOEN** in and one Sorrel Stallion and all my smith's and carpenter's tools to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **PHEBE BRYAN** three horse kind now called hers and one negro boy named **GEORGE** and two cows called hers, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **HANNAH BRIAN** one negro girl named **RACHEL** and one bay mare called **Jenas**, two cows now called hers, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **SARAH BRYAN** one negro girl named **JEAN** and one young Sorrel Mare, and one white heifer, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **ELIZABETH BRYAN** one mare colt out of a mare called **Blaze**, and one white heifer, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **MARY BRYAN** one bay mare colt out of a mare called **Jenny** and one white heifer, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

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ITEM all the money due to me from **JOHN HAWKINS** of the state of North Carolina I give and bequeath unto my children **SAMUEL, DANIEL, PHEBE, HANNAH, SARAH, ELIZABETH** and **MARY** share and share alike to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **MARY** all the remainder of my stock of cattle, hogs and sheep to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM all the rest of my estate not already given of what kind so ever I give to all my children, share and share alike, to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly I do appoint my beloved wife **MARY BRYAN** my executor expand my two sons **SAMUEL** and **DANIEL BRYAN** executives to this my last will here by revoke King all former will or wills whatsoever.

In witness whereof the said **WILLIAM BRYAN** hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this 23rd day of May Anno Domini 1780.

**WILLIAM BRYAN** {seal}

In presence of:

**JOSEPH BRYAN**, Jurat  
**WILLIAM GRANT**  
**SAMUEL BOONE**

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