

Will, MD, Prince George's, William Bryan 1781

In the name of God, Amen.

I **WILLIAM BRYAN** of Prince Georges county in the state of Maryland being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do & for avoiding controversy, after my decease, make, publish and declare this, my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say):

First I recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executor hereafter named.

And as for and concerning my worldly estate I give, bequeath and dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say):

First I will that all my debts and funeral charges be first paid and discharged.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **GEORGE BRYAN** part of my tract of land (to wit)

Beginning at a marked Hickory on the manner line at the mouth of a lane; from thence to a marked white oak on a knoll near **HENRY WALKER's** line.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my **THOMAS BRYAN** another part of my tract of land (to wit)

Beginning at the white oak on the knoll near **HENRY WALKER's** line where **GEORGE BRYAN's** course ends, running from thence to a marked sweet gum near the Quarter Branch; from thence up a nally to a marked poplar; from thence with a strait line to **EDWARD LANHAM's** line, the land that **LANHAM** bought of **BALL**.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **RICHARD BRYAN** the rest and residue of my land.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my all my movable estate to my children, except half a child's part to **DRISCOTTA CLARVOE** provided she stays till my daughters **AMELIA [BRYAN]** and **RACHEL [BRYAN]** come of age, if she goes away before not to have anything without they please to to give it her, and my son **RICHARD** to keep all my movable estate in his hand till the above mention **AMELIA** and **RACHEL** comes of age and then for it to be equally divided, and for my house to be home for my daughters with my son **RICHARD** during their single life.

And I do hereby nominate my son **RICHARD BRYAN** full, sole executor of my last will & testament.

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Witness whereof to be my said will I have set my hand and seal the second day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

WILLIAM BRYAN {seal, his mark}

Signed, sealed & published in the presence of us to be the last will and testament of the said **WILLIAM BRYAN**.

JOHN LISBY

JOSEPH WILLSON [Wilson] {his mark}

NATHANIEL WILSON, Jurat

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