

Will, PA, Cumberland, Alexander Bryan 1778

In the name of God Amen.

I am **ALEXANDER BRYAN** of the township of Hopewell and County of Cumberland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being very weak and body but of sound, disposing mind and memory, and calling to mines mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men wants to to die to make this 9th day of May in the year of Our Lord 1778 make & ordain this my last will and testament in form and manner following, that is to say after paying all my lawful debts and funeral charges ...

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my three sons **CHARLES [BRYAN]**, **ALEXANDER [BRYAN]** and **RICHARD BRYAN** all my wearing a equally to be divided between them to be either a phrase or sold but given them by my executors.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my eight children all of my books equally to be divided amongst them and not to be either appraised or sold but given them by my executors.

ITEM and all the rest of my estate both real and personal that I am possessed of now or shall be possessed of in the time of my decease, I allow and it is my will that my executor is hereafter to be named shall sell at public venue or otherwise as they may think best for the advantage of my children and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst my eight children, viz. **MARGARET [BRYAN]**, **MAREY [MARY BRYAN]**, **CHARLES [BRYAN]**, **ELEANOR [BRYAN]**, **AGNESS [AGNES BRYAN]**, **ALEXANDER [BRYAN]**, **RICHARD [BRYAN]** and **MARTHA BRYAN**.

ITEM but and if any of my above-named children should die before they are married or arrived to the age of 21 then and in that case I allow and it is my will that their portion be equally divided between their surviving brothers and sisters.

ITEM I allow and it is my will that my Negro wench called CHLOE shall be free in nine years from this date and to stay along with my youngest children at my executors discretion

ITEM and I do hereby empower my executor has to make and execute good and sufficient conveniences of my real estate to such person or persons has shall or may purchase the same.

ITEM and I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my two loving friends **JAMES MCCUNE** and **ALEXANDER LAUGHLIN** my whole executors of this my last will and testament, here by revoking all former wills and testaments by me made and declare this to be my last.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

ALEXANDER BRYAN {seal}

Signed, Sealed, published, and declared in the presence of us

JOHN MOORHEAD {his mark}
JAMES JOHNSTON
WILLIAM NOBEL

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Before me **JOHN CREIGH** register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration in and for the county of for said personally came **JOHN MOREHEAD, JAMES JOHNSON,** and **WILLIAM NOBEL** the three subscribing witnesses to the within instrument of writing who being duly sworn according to law to posed and said that **ALEXANDER BRYAN,** the testator there in name, and their presents did sign and seal the same and that at the same time they were personally present and heard the said testator publish and declare the said instrument of writing as and for his last will and testament that after doing their of he was of sound and disposing mind and memory that they subscribe their names the first time making his mark to the same as witnesses in the presence of the said testator at his request and in his presence of each other in the same room where he then was.

JOHN MOORHEAD

JAMES JOHNSTON {his I mark}

WILLIAM NOBEL

Cumberland County

Be it remembered that on the 8th day of June Anno Domini 1778 the within instrument of writing was legally proved to be the Testament and last will of **ALEXANDER BRYAN,** deceased, of which the foregoing record is a true copy and letters testamentary issued and common form to **JAMES MCCUNE** and **ALEXANDER LAUGHLIN.**

Inventory and account to be exhibited in the time appointed by law.

Witness my hand

JOHN CREIGH register

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