

Will & Probate, DE, Newcastle, ANDREW BRYAN 1777

In the name of God Amen.

This 26th day of August 1777.

I **ANDREW BRYAN** of the county of Newcastle on Delaware calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to make and order this my last will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY and first of all I give my soul unto God who gave it and my body I to be buried in a Christian like and decent matter at the discretion of my executors Hereafter named.

AND AS TOUCHING my worldly a state I dispose of it in a manner and form following it is my desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and discharged.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son's **NATHANIEL [BRYAN]** and **ANDREW [BRYAN]** and to their heirs and assigns my whole real estate, viz: land, houses, tenements with all and singular the improvements, Privileges, and appurtenances of whatsoever they're on to properly belonging or in any wise at pertaining to be equitably divided between them so as they both may have an equal share in the lands that were? My father and likewise in the land I bought from **SAMUEL BURTHARD**.

IT IS MY WILL that if either of my son's **NATHANIEL** or **ANDREW** should die before they arise to the age of 21 or for want of Errors lawfully begotten by them that they're part of my real estate shall descend to the surviving brother.

IT IS MY WILL and desire that no more of any lands shall be cleared and no ways made of the Timber waste made of the Timber but what will be of real benefit to keep the plantation in proper order and good repair.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughters Mary, Rebecca, Lydia and Agnes all and singularly my personal estate to be equitably divided between them.

IT IS MY WILL if any one or two of my daughters died before they arrived to age or lawful issue of their body that their part shall be equitably divided between the surviving sisters.

IT IS MY WILL that my son **ANDREW B** kept at school until he is master of the languages and made a complete scholar if the rent due from his part of my real estate will do it.

LASTLY it is my will and pleasure that **JOHN CRAWFORD** and my son **NATHANIEL BRYAN** whom I nominate, constitute, and appoint whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament to see it performed and kept according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

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In testimony thereof I have hereunto interchangeably set my hand and seal this 26th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1777.

ANDREW BRYAN {seal}

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

JAMES MOODY [MOODEY]
ISAAC MOODY [MOODEY]
THOMAS WOOD
JACOB HARMON

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Newcastle County

This day appeared **JAMES MOODY** aged about 38 years before me the subscriber and being duly sworn at the request of **JOHN CRAWFORD** and **NATHANIEL BRYAN** deposeth and saith that he seen the will annexed to this deposition signed, sealed, and acknowledged by **ANDREW BRYAN**, since deceased, to be his last will and testament and that he was in reason at the time and that he seen **ISAAC MOODY**, **JACOB HARMON**, sign as evidence to said will and he signed as evidence at the same time and he thinks **THOMAS WOOD** signed as evidence at the same time and further this deponent sayeth not.

JAMES MOODY

Sworn before me December 7th 1777

JOHN JONES

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Newcastle County

This day appeared **ISAAC MOODY** aged about 33 years before me the subscriber and being duly sworn at the request of **JOHN CRAWFORD** and **NATHANIEL BRYAN** deposeth and sayeth that he seen the will annexed to this deposition signed, sealed, and acknowledged by **ANDREW BRYAN**, since deceased, to be his last will and testament and that he was in his perfect reason at the time and that he seen **JAMES MOODY** and **JACOB HARMON** sign as evidence at the same time and he signed as witness also and he thinks he seen **THOMAS WOOD** sign as evidence and further this deponent sayeth not.

ISAAC MOODY

Sworn before me on the 7th of December 1777

JOHN JONES

There being a necessity for the estate being appraised and the commissary not caring to do business at this time I have taken the Liberty to nominate **CORNELIUS CARTY** and **BENJAMIN STOGDENT** to appraise the estate of **ANDREW BRYAN**, deceased.

Newcastle County

CORNELIUS CARTY and **BENJAMIN STOGDEN** appeared before me and were duly sworn to appraise all the goods and chattels of **ANDREW BRYAN** deceased that the that should be produced them by **JOHN CRAWFORD** and **NATHANIEL BRYAN** who are the executor is nominated in the will of the deceased.

CORNELIUS CARTY
BENJAMIN STOCKTON

December 19th 1777

JOHN JONES

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A list of the outstanding debts belonging to the estate of **ANDREW BRYAN** deceased sperate and desperate.

SPERATE

APRIL HARRIS
FRANCIS MOORE
JAMES MOORE
ISAAC HYATT
JOHN CRAWFORD
RICHARD CURTIS
DAVID BURCHARD

DESPERATE

WILLIAM CRAIG
ALEXANDER CRAIG
DANIEL BURGESS
JAMES XXX

JOHN CRAWFORD
NATHANIEL BRYAN executors

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[INVENTORY LIST]

Newcastle County

This day appeared **JOHN STOCKTON** of Cecil County in Maryland and **ABRAHAM CARTY** of St. George's hundred in Newcastle County before me the subscriber and made oath in due form according to law that the Within appraisement of **ANDREW BRYAN** deceased estate is the handwriting of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased

JOHN STOCKTON
ABRAHAM CARTY

Sworn before me 10th September 1778

JOHN JONES

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For their inventory of the goods and chattels of said **ANDREW BRYAN** deceased omitted the high the appraisement as aforesaid and now added with the value as the same produced in the sale thereof

[INVENTORY LIST]

October 2nd 1778

JOHN CRAWFORD
NATHANIEL BRYAN executors

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Note we do not consider the wheat, rye, and barley in the ground as mentioned on the first page of the foregoing inventory as part of the personal estate or to be accounted for as such supposing the same to be by the devise of the land to this two sons named in the will of the said **ANDREW BRYAN** of which the said appraiser doubted at the time of inventory the same.

JOHN CRAWFORD
NATHANIEL BRYAN executors

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An inventory of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of **ANDREW BRYAN** late of St George's hundred in the county of Newcastle, deceased. Taken the 19th day of December 1777 by us, the subscribers, viz.

[INVENTORY LIST]

Negro wench named CEEL & young child
Negro man named LONDON
Negro boy named ISAAC
Negro boy named JACOB
Negro girl named JEN

We do certify that the foregoing paper contains an inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels which were of **ANDREW BRYAN**, deceased except two axes a grubbing hoe and called the family physician and wheat, rye, oats, flax stack of straw together with the appraisement of the same goods and chattels as made by **CORNELIUS CARTY** and **BENJAMIN STOCKTON** sworn as appraisers thereof as appears by the certificate there Tuesday will annexed that the foregoing inventory and appraisement is all of the hand writing of the same **BENJAMIN STOCKTON**. That the said **CORNELIUS** and **BENJAMIN** are both sense without signing or otherwise completing the same.

Witness our hands 2nd of October 1778

JOHN CRAWFORD
NATHANIEL BRYAN executors

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Newcastle County

To stay up here to **JOHN STOCKTON** of Cecil County in Maryland and **ABRAHAM CARTY** of St George's hundred in Newcastle County before me the subscriber and made a oath in due form according to law that the Within appraisement of **ANDREW BRYAN**, deceased, estate is the handwriting of **BENJAMIN STOCKTON**, deceased.

JOHN STOCKTON
ABRAHAM CARTY

Sworn before me 10th of September 1778

JOHN JONES

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Further inventory of the goods and chattels of the said **ANDREW BRYAN** deceased committed by the appraisers as aforesaid and now added with the value as the same produced on the sales thereof viz.

To be added to the foregoing appraisement

October 2nd 1778

JOHN CRAWFORD
NATHANIEL BRYAN executor

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The account of **JOHN CRAWFORD** and **NATHANIEL BRYAN** executors of the last will and testament of **ANDREW BRYAN**, late, of St George's hundred and County of Newcastle deceased as well and all of and for so much of the goods and chattels of the said testator as came to their hands as, of, and for their payments and disbursements out of the same.

The executors charge themselves with all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said testator as specified in an inventory thereof with appraisement made and returned into register's office amounting to the sum of £2277.10.4½

The said executor spray the cord for the allowance of the following payments made by them, to wit:

ARCHIBALD DUGLASS
BENJAMIN ARMSTRONG
BENJAMIN STOCKTON
CORNELIUS CARLY
GEORGE PARKER
ISAAC MOODY
ISAAC WYATT
JACOB PUGH
JACOB VANHORN
JAMES STEWART
JAMES THOMAS
JAMES VEAL

JOHN GUY
JOHN JONES ESQUIRE
JOHN MARTEEN [MARTIN]
JOHN MCCLURE
JOHN NEIDE
MARY THORNTON
THOMAS MCDONNAUGH
THOMAS READ
THOMAS WITHERSPOON
THOMAS WOOD
DR. JAMES WYNKOOP

To a balance due from the estate of the testator to The Heirs of **JAMES STEWART** as settled by Court amounting to the sum of the above named testator was administered of said **STEWART** his administration account was exhibited by his executor in October 1778.

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