

Will, SC, Charleston, James Bryan, 1781

In the name of God Amen.

Hi **JAMES BRYAN** of Charleston in the province of for said, Mariner, being very sick and weak and body perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian Burial, at the discretion of my executrix, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the Same Again by The Mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly as state wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.

I give and bequeath to **MARY BRYAN** my dearly beloved wife, whom I constitute, make & ordain the sole executrix of this my last will and testament, all and singular my lands, messuages and tenements by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed, after all my just in lawful debts are paid.

And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments will legacies bequests and executors by me in any way before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1781.

JAMES BRYAN {seal}

Signed Sealed published and declared by said **JAMES BRYAN** as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

JOHN EGAN
JOHN MCCOUNBRIDGE
RICHARD SAVAGE

By virtue of a dedimus from The Honorable **WILLIAM BULL**, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and ordinary of his Majesty's province of South Carolina, proved before The Honorable **THOMAS SKOTTOWE** this 8th day of September 1781. At the same time qualified **MARY BRYAN** executrix.

Recorded an original will book 1780-1783, page 153

[Not the same James Bryan from York SC]

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