

Will, VA, Botetourt, WILLIAM BRYAN, 1805

Botetourt County, Va.
Will Book B, p 128,

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM BRYAN** of Roanoke in the County of Botetourt make this my last Will and Testament.

I resign my soul to its creator in all humble hopes of its future happiness as in the disposal of a Being infinitely Merciful as to my body my will is that it be buried near the graves of my parents.

I hereby make and appoint my son **JAMES BRYAN** executor of this my last Will and Testament.

IMPRIMIS, To my wife **ELIZABETH [BRYAN]** I give and bequeath my bed and bedding and all the furniture that we have used in common, likewise the sorrel mare that has the young colt, and it is my will that, if she chooses to remain a widow and live with my executor, that she be supported and treated with the sincerest kindness and respect.

ITEM. To my son **WILLIAM BRYAN** I give and bequeath one dollar, to my daughter **CATHRINE [BRYAN COLE]** and her husband **JOHN COLE** I give and bequeath the 1/2 of the land on the Brushey Mountain now in dispute if my right is good and to my grandson **WILLIAM COLE** I give and bequeath the young colt of the mare left to my wife to be delivered to him when six months old.

ITEM. To my son **JAMES BRYAN** I give and bequeath all my land and tenements, goods and chattles and household furniture of every kind and description to him and his heirs forever except what is already excepted.

ITEM. To my son **JOHN BRYAN** I give and bequeath the 1/3 part of my right to 1400 acres of land in Kentucky on the waters of Licking for which my son **JAMES** and me paid the purchase as by record at Richmond and Office at Kentucky may appear, By my right I mean what the law allows to those who pay the whole purchase money. I likewise give and bequeath my son **JOHN** all my wearing apparel of every description except my hat which I give my son-in-law **JOHN COLE** and likewise 1/3 to my son **JAMES** of the land on Licking, if recovered, they each paying their equal proportion of costs and 1/3 of the said land to my grandson **WILLIAM COLE**.

This is my last will and Testament written with my own hand and sealed with my seal this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our lord 1805.

N. B. That the first part of this will was rote the day that it bears date but being disappointed of witnesses it has been delayed until the present day. I now confirm the within Will in every particular.

And it is my will and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son **JAMES BRYAN** to be heir and executor of this my last Will and Testament confirming the whole right and title of all he has now in his possession to him and his heirs forever, except what is excepted, and do ratify and confirm this to be my last Will and Testament given under my hand and seal this second day of duly 1806.

WILLIAM BRYAN {seal}

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Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and Testament in the presence of us.

JOHN PHILLIPS
JEREMIAH EARLY
ROBERT WALKER

At Botetourt October Court 1805 *

This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **WILLIAM BRYAN** dec'd was proven in court by the oaths of **JOHN PHILLIPS, JEREMIAH EARLY** and **ROBERT WALKER** witnesses thereto subscribed and is ordered to be recorded and on motion of **JAMES BRYANT** the exor.

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