

**Will, DE, Sussex, Bennett Bryan 1787**

In the name of God, Amen.

The 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1787, I **BENNETT BRYAN** of Cedar Creek Hundred, Sussex County in the Delaware State, being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for his mercies, and calling to mind the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make ordain, nominate, constitute and appoint this and no other to be my last will and testament.

IMPRIMIS I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and as to my body I leave it to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, but I shall receive the same at the general resurrection by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly goods & estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and bequeath and dispose of the same after the following manner and form, viz.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife **RACHEL BRYAN**, one third part of all my land, freely to be possessed & enjoyed by her during her widowhood as also one third part of all my personal estate to be fully at her disposal.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **JAMES BRYAN** the before mention one third part mentioned one third part of my land which I have left to my wife during her widowhood after her right ceases to the same, to him, my said son, his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved **SHEPHERD BRYAN** one third part of my land, to him my said son and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved **JONATHAN BRYAN** one third part of my land, to him my said son and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **CHARITY BRYAN** ten pounds in principle only without any interest.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my other six daughters, viz., **COMFORT [BRYAN CORDREY] CONDERY, ELIZABETH BRYAN, MARY BRYAN, RACHEL BRYAN, SARAH BRYAN** and **REBEKAH BRYAN** twenty pounds to each only principle without interest, all which sums amongst my said seven daughters amounting to one hundred and thirty pounds, I order and appoint to be paid by my before mentioned sons, **SHEPHERD, JAMES & JONATHAN BRYAN** to whom I have left my land with this proviso that my two sons **SHEPHERD** and **JONATHAN BRYAN** shall have two years to pay off their shares of the above legacies which shall be forty five pounds a piece for each of my two sons **SHEPHERD** and **JONATHAN** to pay, and my son **JAMES BRYAN** shall pay my two youngest heirs after they are of age, their legacies which is twenty pounds a piece, forty in all, which shall be my son **JAMES'** part to pay. All the residue and remainder of my estate that I have not mentioned I leave after the payment of my lawful debts to be equally divided among my children.

I do hereby nominate & appoint my above named son **SHEPHERD BRYAN** to be sole executor of this my last will & testament and I do hereby disanull, revoke and disallow all former wills & testaments, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

**BENET BRYAN** {seal}

In the presence of

**JOHN JESTER**

**DANIEL STURGIS**

**WILLIAM POYNTER** [POINTER]

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State of Delaware  
Sussex County

MEMORANDUM the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1787, before me **KELLOCK PHILLIPS** register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration for the county aforesaid appeared **JOHN JESTER** and **WILLIAM POYNTER** two of the witnesses to this within will, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God did depose and say that in their sight, presence and hearing the Testator **BENNET BRYAN** did sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament, and that at the doing thereof he was of sound and perfect mind, memory and judgment and that they and each of them together with **DANIEL STURGIS** subscribed the same as witness in presence of the testator & at his request.

**PHILLIPS KELLOCK**, register.

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