

11 York County. Higginson Wade of Warwick County Planter maketh Oath -
Brookes son his will - that being with William Brookes on the 5th day of this Instant January the
said Brookes lying sick of the Small Pox this Deponent asked him if he had
made his Will Brookes answered no, upon which this Deponent replied that
no doubt but you had rather some should have what you leave in case you
should dye than otherwise Brookes answered that my desire is that you
meaning this Deponent (there being no other Person present) and John Harris
should have what I have after my Debts are paid and he desired then that
this Deponent would write down what Debts were then due to him and write
down the things he had left at M^r. Fountains which this Deponent did
accordingly.

York County, to wit Higginson Wade made Oath before me that this
Writing is as near as he can remember the Conversation that passed between
him and the deceased William Brookes Given under my hand this 14th day
of January 1747/8.

Thos. Reynolds.

At a Court held for York County the 18th Day of January 1747.

This Nuncupative Will was produced in Court by Higginson Wade who
made Oath thereto according to Law And on his Motion the said Will was
Ordered to be Recorded and Certificate granted him for obtaining Letters of
Administration of the Estate of the said William Brookes dec^d with the said
Will annexed Giving Security Whereupon he together with Thomas Willis
his Security entered into and Acknowledged Bond in the Penalty of Two
hundred Pounds for his the said Wades due Admon of the said Estate and
performance of the said Will.

Exam^d

Teste

Thos. Everard Jst. Cl^{rk}.

In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Baptist Widow and Relict
of Edward Baptist dec^d being very Sick and Weak of Body yet thanks be to God
I am of sound and perfect Memory I do make and Ordain this my last Will and
Testament. I bequeath my Soul to God my Creator and my body
I commend to the Earth in hopes of a joyfull resurrection through the Merits of
my blessed Redeemer but as touching such Worldly Goods it hath pleased
Almighty God to bestow on me in this life I give and bequeath in manner and
form following Viz^t:

I Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Harrisford the sum of
ten Pounds in the hands of M^r. Thomas Smith with the Interest due on the said
Money by Bond to her and her Heirs.

Item I Give to my Son ^{dece} Harris the sum of ten Pounds Current Money to him and his Heirs.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Baptist the sum of ten Pounds Current Money to her and her Heirs.

Item I Give five Pounds Current Money towards the bringing up my Daughter Catherine Baptist and I give fifteen Pounds more to be paid the said Catherine when she shall come of Lawful Age or upon the Day of her Marriage.

Item my Will and desire is that one hoghead of Syder which I have now in the House may be sold and the Money to be laid out towards Cloathing my young Children.

Item I Give to my Son Edward Baptist one Gold Seal Ring and one Silver Neck Buckle and one pair of Silver Shoe Buckles to him and his Heirs.

Item my Will and desire is that if my Daughter Catherine should go away from the Family that somewhat Provision may be taken out the family allvances as may serve her the next Year.

Item my Will and Desire is that all my Estate Real & Personal that I have not already disposed of may be equally divided between my Daughter Elizabeth Wagstaff and my Daughter Ann Baptist and my Son Edward Baptist to them and their Heirs and if either of them should dye in their Minority or without Lawful Heirs then the whole to the survivors.

Item my Will and desire is that none of the above Legacies (except that to Elizabeth Hanford) may be paid in less than two Years & until the Estate may be sold to the best advantage for more than one Year Credit.

Item I Constitute and Appoint my Son in Law John Baptist whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 16th day of December 1747.

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in the Presence of
Mary ^{mark} M. Ginn
John Harris.

Elizabeth ^{her} Baptist (d. d.)
^{mark}

At a Court held for York County the 15th Day of February 1747.

This Will was proved by the Oaths of Mary Ginn and John Harris the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded And on the Motion of John Baptist the Executor therein named who made Oath according to a Law Certificate was granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving Security On which he together with Edward Potter and Thomas Smith his Securities entered into and Acknowledged

Bond in the Penalty of One thousand Pounds for his the said John Baptiste due and faithful Admon of the Estate of the said Decedent and performance of her Will.

Exam.

Teste Tho: Everard & C: Cur:

Bryan & wife.

In the Name of God Amen I John Bryan being sick and weak in Body but of perfect Sense and Memory do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Mann Bryan my Negro Man named Dick and six head of Cattle and six head of Sheep to him and his Heirs forever. Item I Give and bequeath to Martha Bryan Wife of my son Mann Bryan my young grey riding Mare.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Jude Wife of George Jude my Negro Man named Will to her and her Heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Bryan my Negro Wench named Moll and her Increase and my Negro Man named Sam after my Wifes Death to her and her Heirs forever. Item I Give and bequeath to my said Daughter Mary after my Wifes decease a Bed and furniture and six large and six small Silver Spoons.

Item I Give and bequeath to my son John Bryan my Negro Man named London to him and his Heirs forever. Item I Give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary Bryan Daughter of my son Mann Bryan my Negro boy named Darby to her and her Heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath to my loving Wife my Plantation lying in York County and the remainder of my Stock and my Negroes Sam, Dawsey, Tommy and Phillis and her future Increase during her life and after her Decease then I Give the same to my son Frederick Bryan to him and his Heirs forever.

Item all the rest of my Estate both real and Personal I Give to my loving Wife during her Life and after her death I Give the same to my son Frederick Bryan to him and his Heirs forever. Lastly I appoint my loving Wife Martha Bryan and my Brother Benjamin Bryan Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Affixed my Seal this twenty seventh Day of December 1767.

Signed Sealed Published and Declared to be his last Will and Testament in Presence of us (the Words to her and her Heirs forever being first interlined in the twelfth line).

George Nicholas
John Coke
Sim: Bryan.

John Bryan. (d. s.)