

In the name of God Amen.

William Bush of the County of Jones & State of N. Carolina,
being sick, weak in Body, but of sound mind & disposing Memory
do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in Witness and
form following, viz. First I recommend my soul to God that
gave it, & my Body to the Dust from whence it was taken until the
Resurrection, when I hope to receive it again, fashion'd anew
no more to see Corruption, through the merits of a Redeemer
Jesus Christ the Righteous.
Items I give & bequeath to my dear Wife Penelope Bush all my ready
Money, for all the Cash that I have by me, I also give to my said
Wife, Negroes old Jim, man Dick, Boy George Romanstone, ditto
Lotty, Girl call'd Little Phillis, to her & her Heirs for ever.
I also give to my said Wife her Choice of one of my Horses, except
that Bay Filly, & a Horse call'd Legins Waves I leave in the care of
my Wife Penelope, for her Use & the Use of the Family, all my Stock of
Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs & Stock of every kind, whatever to be under
the Direction of my Executors & Executors hereinafter named, as fund
for the Support of the Family & the boarding, cloathing & schooling all
my Children & every Expense necessary so long as my said Wife shall
live, or until she shall marry, which ever shall first happen, that if
my said Wife shall marry, then my Will is, my Executors is directed
to set off to her my said Wife Penelope Sons of my Horses, the best for
Work use & Saddle, also four Cows & Calves, or Yearlings as the case may
be, also two Cows & Lambs, six Sows & twenty head of other Hogs
the most suitable to fatten for Slaughter, One Yoke of Oxen, six
Yokes & Chain, the Yoke of Oxen that she shall make choice of, also
two Feather Beds, & Furniture complete, also one half Dozen Silver
Table Spoons the old Set, also all my Crockery Ware, Silver Tea
Spoons &c. my riding Chair or Sulkies, with a set of new Harness to be
furnished, also two dining Tables or Mahogany & Walnut, also one
half part of all my Kitchen Furniture & one half part of all my
Plantation Tools & Utensils of Husbandry, all of which said & enumerated
Articles so set off by my Executors, I give & bequeath to my said Wife
Penelope upon her marriage as above to her & her Heirs for ever.
I also lend to my loving Wife Penelope the Use of my Plantation where
on I now live together with the Use of all the land that I own in Jones
County, during her natural Life, also I lend her my said Wife pos-
sing her Life all my Household Furniture not otherwise given in
this Will, & at the Death of my said Wife Penelope, my Executors is
lawfully directed & empowered to sell & make Conveyances by executing
good & sufficient Deed or Deeds to the Purchasers all my Lands that
he holds in Jones County with the Plantation whereon I now live & that
my said Wife shall have in Charge or more parcels as they may
be to the Advantage of my said Wife & her Heirs.

Item I give to my dear Wife Penelope Bush one Negro Boy call'd
Charles, also one large bay Horse, one small Saddle now in use,
that my Executors furnish him when he shall come of age or marry
with one other Saddle of the Value of the one given in this Will to his
Brother William L. Bush which is my riding Saddle.
Items I give to my Son Hardy Bush One Negro Boy call'd David.
Item I give to my Son Lewis Bryan Bush one Negro Boy call'd
Emanuel, I also give to each of my said Sons Hardy & Lewis B. Bush
One likely young Horse to be furnish'd out of my Stock of Horses upon
their coming of lawful Age or marriage, with a good Saddle
Bridle to, each to be furnish'd out of my Estate.
Item I give to my Daughter Penelope Bush one Negro Girl
call'd Sally, also one half Dozen Silver Table Spoons now new.
Item I give to my Daughter Mary Bush one Negro Girl
call'd Bet, also one half Dozen Spoons of the Value of them given
her Sister, to be furnish'd out of the proceeds of my Estate.
Item I give to each of my two Daughters Penelope & Mary to
be furnish'd at such time as my Executors & Executors shall
think most proper one good riding Horse, each to be furnish'd
out of my Stock, also one good Saddle & Bridle each, also one
good Feather Bed & Bedstead & Furniture complete, and my
Will is, that if any of the Negroes mention'd as Special Legacies by
name to any of my Children shall die before such Child or Children
shall take such Negro in his possession, then that my Executors &
Executors shall lot off to such Child or Children out of my other
goods left or to be left in common Stock, such'd so many Negroes
as shall be equal in Value to such as may have died & such Negroes
so set off to such Child or Children shall remain in their hands
if such Child or Children shall not receive
for the Value of such Negro or Negroes in the general Division.
Item I give all my Lands in the State of Tennessee on the Southern
Frontier & River which was granted by Patent to me for 2000 Acres
in the State of Georgia on the Ogeechee River, for
the same to be divided among all my Sons, to them & their Heirs for ever
if they shall die before they arrive.

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Estate & further that my said Executrix & Executor shall have
full power & is hereby directed to do the same Justice to the said
or Children that my dear Wife may be now be pregnant with, as is
done my other Children, such Child or Children coming to
lawful Age or Marriage, to share if any Sons or Sons, with my
other Sons; & if a Daughter or Daughters to share with my other
Daughters in every Respect as if they were now in life, And my
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all the Estate which I have given such Child or Children
so dying as aforesaid I give to the Survivors of my Children
to be equally divided to & among them, except the Case of the
Son or Sons dying as mentioned in the Division of the Lands.
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Age or Marriage shall be furnished with One Good Feather
Bed, Bedstead & Furniture complete out of the Income of my
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Item, I give to all my Children the Remainder & Residue of
my Estate not mentioned in this Will; & also all that remains
of the Funds appropriated for the raising, boarding, & schooling
all my Children; if any there shall remain more than sufficient
for that Purpose to be equally divided to & among them.
My Will is, that my just Debts & Funeral Expenses be paid before
any Division takes place.
And lastly, I do nominate & appoint my dear Wife
Penelope Bush Executrix & my Brother in Law Edwin Lane & my friend
John Thomas Bryan Executors to this my last Will & Testament. &
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made by me, & acknowledge this & this only which is written on this sheet
of Paper, & numbered from One to Twelve both inclusive to be my last
Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
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Signed, sealed, acknowledged & declared
In presence of Nathan Bryan
John Stanly
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State of North Carolina
 Jones County Court February Term 1779
 There was the within & foregoing last Will & Testament of John Bryan deceased duly proved in open Court by the Oath of John R. Gentry Esquire & others. Two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto & added to be recorded. At the same time Priscilla Bruch, Levin Lane & Jno. T. Bryan the Grand Jury herein qualified as such a grand jury. Orderd that letters Testamentary issue accordingly. Test J. T. Bryan Clk.

In the name of God, Amen. I Robert Orme being of sound Mind & Memory, am willing to settle my worldly substance, which it has pleased God to bless me in a ^{with} Manner following, viz.
 1st I desire that my Body may be buried by the side of my Wife in the Church Yard of New Britain in a decent private Manner.
 2^{dly} I desire that all my just Debts be paid out of my personally held, not herein after particularly devised & specified, & if that should not be found sufficient; I desire that the Remainder be paid out of the Legacies bequeath'd to my son William herein after mentioned.
 3^d I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret Wood a Negro Coach named Betty, & the Bed & Furniture which I lent her, to her & her Heirs for ever.
 4th I give & bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Betsy Wickliffe a ^{negro} Girl & a Negro Boy named Isaac to be deliver'd to her when she arrives at the Age of Twenty One Years or intermarries which ever shall first happen, & the Wages of the Labour of the said Negroes I will Isaac shall go to my Three Daughters Jane, Deborah & Lettice, or whomsoever of them that shall remain single & if they should all intermarry before said time, then in that case my Will is, that my Daughter Lettice have the Labour of the Negroes I will & my Daughter Deborah have the Labour of the Boy Isaac to their own proper Use & Homage until they the said Negroes are to be deliver'd unto my Grand Daughter Betsy Wickliffe. And further it is my Will & pleasure that in case the said Betsy Wickliffe should happen to die before she arrives at the Age of Twenty One Years, that then & in that case the before mentioned Negroes I will, shall go & belong to my Daughter Lettice and her Heirs for ever. The Negro Boy Isaac shall go & belong to my Daughter Jane & her Heirs for ever: any thing herein mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

5. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Jane Orme a Negroe ^{maid} named Sabina & her Children named Ned, Bilia & Friday, also a Woolen Wheel, a Silver Table Spoon & a large Silver Teaspoon & Two Silver Teaspoons to her & her Heirs & assigns for ever.
 6. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Deborah ^{Orme} a Negroe Fellow named leary, Three Negroe Boys named Ben, Jerry & Bill, Four Cows & Hens which are in her Mark, with their Increase, the Plantation which I bought of Christopher Shilling on Mill Creek, a Feather Bed, Bedstead Furniture, that is to say, a Boudoir, Blanket Bed Quilt, a dinner & Woolen Whals, her riding Saddle & Bridle, also Two Silver Table Spoons to her & her Heirs for ever.
 7. I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Lettice a Negroe Fellow named Tony, a Negroe Kitch named Jude & her Two Children named Sam & Hannah, my Plantation on Mill Creek which I bought of John Granada & the Stocks of Cattle I bought therewith with their Increase, the Black Mare call'd her Mary, a Feather Bed, Bedstead, Boudoir, Blanket, Bed Quilt & Sheets, her Choice of all that are in the House, a dinner Whal & but cotton Whal, her Mother's Gold Ring, Three Silver Table Spoons, Three Silver Teaspoons, a Silver Tea Songs, my Tea Chest, the Looking Glass that stands in my own Room together with the One half of what China Ware shall belong to me at my Death, to her & her Heirs & assigns for ever.
 8. I give & bequeath to my son William Orme the Plantation whereon I now live, except as herein after excepted, my Land on Island Creek, the Slave of Negroe Sarah & her Child, together with the Remainder of my Estate both Real & personal both in America & Ireland, all my just Debts & Funeral Expenses being first paid thereout by my Executors hereafter nam'd to him, his Heirs & assigns for ever.
 9. I give & bequeath to my Friend Thomas Wibber my Watch, Chain & Signs to him, his Heirs & assigns.
 10. Lastly, I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my Friends Thomas Wibber, Andrew Blanchard & Thomas McInnis to be the Executors of this my last Will & Testament. Acknowledg'd & confirm'd under my Hand & Seal this Fifteenth Day of September 1779. Sixty Eight.
 Signed, sealed & acknowledged by me the said Robert Orme in presence of us
 Robert Orme
 John Morrey
 Thomas Fay
 And further I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my son William to be one of the Executors of this my Will with equal power with my other Executors before nam'd
 Note. See the Codicil to this Will & the probate thereof on