

In the name of God Amen. This 2nd Day of the 11th month in the year 1684 I **Bryan Omealy** of Myles River in Talburt County being sick in body but of sound & perfect memory do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testam^t in manner and forme following – First I comitt my soul into y^e hands of y^e Lord that gave y^t and my body to be buried according to y^e order of truth. It is my Will that all my just debts be satisfied by my Exec^s hereafter nominated. Item. I give and bequeath unto **Mary my wife** one paceing horse wth said saddle & furniture and also one silver tankard and one bed w^{ch} I call my bed wth a great rug, & curtains & one p^f of blankets. Also I give unto my loving wife this plantation of this side y^e creek & of y^e other side of y^e creek till his **son Bryan Omealy** comes to be one & twenty years of age and then he to have one halfe of y^e dwelling house and all y^e Land of y^e other side of y^e creek, and after her decease all y^e said Lands Joining together unto my son Bryan and his heires forev^t. Item. I give unto my **Daughter Susanna** y^e next best bed wth a great redd rugg wth curtains and vallens also one diaper table cloth and Eleven Napkins marked B.O. and one dutch chest and one grey mare marked O.B. with her increase and also six pewter plates & one silv^f spoone marked B.O. Item. I give unto my **daughter Isabella** one feather bed with dark Curtains of Purpeterany & rugg & blanketts belonging to y^e same and one sett of table Linnen to be made for her out of a piece of Diap now in y^e house also one colt with Susanna's mare & one chest w^{ch} she calls her chest one Silv^f spoone and Six pewt^f plates marked B.O. Item. I give unto my **daughter Mary** one feather bed rug and blankets & pillows, one sett of table Linnen of Hug=
=aback & a foale my white mare now goes with & in case she does not bring forth y^e foal to good, my will is y^t she may have a foale out of y^e gangue of horses at y^e bay side. I give unto her one Silv^f Spooone marked B. I give unto my **daughter Sarah** the remaind^t of y^e piece of Diaper after Isabella's sett be first made. It. It is also my Will y^t one bed with furniture be purchased out of my Estate for her use, also I give y^e Silv^f Spooones marked B.. Item. I give unto my loving

wife one pcell of Land in y^e woods containing one hundred acres called Poplar Well being between Galloway and y^e Court House in y^e rode to enjoy & possess during her natural life. Item. I give unto my daught^r Susanna one pcell of Land containing five hundred Acres called Batchell^{rs} Range Addition. Item. I give unto my Daughter Isabella my Plantacon called **Galloway** & **Batchell^{rs} Range** Joining to the same. Item. I give unto my daughter Sarah one hundred acres of Land called **Poplars Levell** after her mother's decease to her & her heirs for ev^t. I give unto **Abraham Morgain** one feather bed wth rugg and blanketts being y^e bed formerly belonging to his mother and also one grey mare at y^e bay side & a chest and also one negro named **Tonni** & one English boy named **Benjamin Waters** & also three breeding Sows & one cow he taking of them off my plantacon. Item I give unto Mary A?nly one hundred acres of land lying near to **John Gilberts** being p^t of **Omalis Range**. Item I give unto **William Mountaine** One heiff^e wth her first calf & twelve hundred pounds of Tobacco to be paid in one year after my decease & one suite of Serge clothes I now wear and do acquit exonerate and discharge y^e s^d Mountaine from all debts dues & demands now due to me from him he behaving himselfe as becomes an honest man after my decease. I give unto **Andrew Towtailes** twelve hundred pounds of tobacco to be paid in one year after my decease. I give unto **Margarett Willcocks** twelve hundred pounds of tobacco to be paid in one year after my decease. I give unto y^e Stock for y^e poor amongst the Lords people called Quakers three thousand pounds of tobacco. Also my will is that if my son Bryan should dye before he comes to age of one & twenty & y^t after y^e decease of my wife y^t then all y^e land that belonged to him y^t Mary & Sarah is to have all the land & houses of this side y^e Creek and branch to be equally divided betweene them, and y^e Land of y^e other side y^e creek and branch to be equally divided between Susanna & Isabella. I give unto my wife and my three children y^t I have by her three negroes called **Jack** & **Jinn** and **Henerecko**, and their increase to her & her three children y^t she had by one. I give unto my daughter Susanna one negro man called **Mingo** and to my daughter Isabella one negro woman called **Betty**. Item my will is y^t halfe of the plantacon at y^e bay side y^t was my wives I give unto my **brother Ralph Fishburne** and his heires for in Consideration y^e he is to give assurance of a pcell of Land called **Doggwood Neck** being p^t of a tract of land called **Nomminy** in Estimacon three hundred and fifty acres w^{ch} assurance is to be given to my daughter Mary Omaly and her heires for ev^t. My Will is y^t Abraham Morgaine should have four hundred acres of Land called **Boheme**. I give unto him and his heires or ev^t. My Will is y^t all other lands to be equally divided amongst my children and all y^e rest & residue & y^e remaind^e of all my goods chattels moveables & imoveables bills bonds book debts charter ptes & all & whatsoev^r is due owing belonging or in anywise apptaining to me either in Maryland or any land or any other Country after my Just debts, legacies & funeral expences first paid shall be equally divided amongst my wife and children. My Wife is y^e Exec^x here= after named may take Invent^y of my Estate wth all convenient speede after my decease. & y^t my Exec^x may be allowed for all charges trouble & expences w^{ch} may happen unto in y^e management or pform^e of this my last Will and testam^t & may no wayes suffer. do hereby nominate conclude ordaine & appoint my dear and beloved wife Mary Omealy Ralph Fishborne Abraham Morgaine **Jn^o Edmondson** **William Dixson** **William Sharp** of Talbort County my Exec^x and Exec^s hoping and desiring y^t they will faithfully & truly pforme & discharge y^e trust reposed in them according to y^e true intent and meaning of this my last Will and Testam^t

and wth y^e advice & assistance of two or four friends made choice of by y^e mens meeting of friends called Quakers. If any thing in this Will should be dubious so as there might any difference arise betwixt any Exec^x and Exec^s for the better managem^t & pformance my Will & mind is y^t y^e the same be laid before y^e mens meeting aforesaid & their Judgements & determinacon therein shall end shall end y^e controv^tsy and be as authentick as if determined by y^e law or as if my selfe had been psonally p^rsent to do it giving my full pow^r to my said Exec^x and Exec^s she and they acting in all matt^{rs} relating to y^e pformance of this my last Will by & with y^e advise & assistance of y^e aforesaid mens meeting of friends called Quak^{rs} unto whom I give my full pow^r in case of y^e unlawfulness of my Exec^x or Exec^s or of any made choice of as assistance to put out such as shall be so found & to put in such as they may judge to be more faithfull and further 'tis my Will that my legacies my wife my children & any other y^t may be concerned in this my last Will and Testam^t do rest satisfied stand to & abide by y^e determinacon & Judgem^t of my Exec^x and Exec^s with y^e assistance and friends made choice of by the mens meeting of friends call Quakers. But in case it should so happen y^t any concerned in & by this my last Will & testam^t should not rest satisfied stand to & abide by y^e Judgem^t & determinacon as aforesaid he or she shall loose their benefit of this my last Will and Testament & y^t his her or their p^r or porcon shall go to and be for y^e prop use & behoofe of him her or them y^t do rest satisfied with stand to & abide y^e Judgem^t determinacon as afores^d to be equally divided amongst them still ratifieing & confirming all and w^tsoev^r my s^d Exec^x and Exec^s shall do & act by & with y^e assistance as before menconed & wth y^e approbacon of y^e Mens Meeting as before menconed & w^t they do & act in pformance of this my last Will & Testament shall be held a deemed Judged as authentick as if the Law had determined it or y^t my selfe had bin psonally p^rsent to do it y^t no vexations Suites in Law may pass upon my said Estate And it is my Will & y^t y^e Judge for probate of Wills in this province do accept of this my into his office by y^e testimony of y^e Witness As Witness my hand & seale y^e 2^d day of this 11th month called Jan^ry 1684.
Signed Sealed & delivered in the p^rsence of us /

James Benson

Thomas Platry

his
Jn^o X Fryer
m^rk

Owen Jones. /

Bryan Omealy [seal]

his B m^rkOn y^e back side was thus written.

James Benson John Fryer and Owen Jones made oath upon the Holy Evangelys y^t they did Signe as Witnesses to this annexed Will & also did see y^t said Bryan Omealy Signe Seale and deliv^r y^e same to be his last Will & testament before me

This 24th day of March Ano. Dom. 1684/5

Jurat Coram me

16½ Sd^s

James Murphey

Some of the contractions used in this will:

Exec ^x	executrix
Exec ^s	executors
Jan ^r y	January
Judgem ^t	judgement
m ^r k	mark
pcell	parcel
pform ^e	performance
p ^t	part
w ^{ch}	which
w ^t	what
w th	with
y ^e	the
y ^t	that

The last two contractions appear to begin with the letter 'y', however it was actually a form of the Anglo-Saxon letter *thorn* (written 'þ') which in Modern English has been completely replaced by 'th'. Contrary to popular belief, it was not pronounced like our modern day letter 'y'.