## **Lyddington Manor History Society**

# Thomas Bryan the Elder, Grazier of Stoke Dry

### Will proved 1784

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1 IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN	1	IN	THE	NAI	MF.	OF	GOD	AME
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- 2 I Thomas Bryan the Elder of Stoke Dry in the County
- 3 of Rutland Grasier (being thanks be to God) of sound and
- 4 disposing mind memory and understanding but considering
- 5 the certainty of Death as well as the uncertainty of the
- 6 time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly
- 7 affairs while I have Strength and capacity to make
- 8 Publish and Declare this my last Will and Testament in
- 9 Manner and form following (that is to say) First I give
- and devise all my Lands Tenements and Hereditaments
- with their and every of their Appurtenances at Gretton
- in the County of Northampton unto my Nephew Thomas
- 13 Bryan his heirs and Assigns for ever I also give and
- devise all and every of my Messuages Cottages Closes
- 15 Lands Tenements with their and every of their
- 16 Appurtenances at Liddington Caldecot or Thorpe by
- 17 Water in the said County of Rutland any or either of
- them unto my said Nephew Thomas Bryan his Heirs
- and Assigns for ever I also give and devise unto my
- 20 said Nephew the said Thomas Bryan all
- 21 my Messuages Cottages Closes Lands and Tenements with
- 22 their respective Hereditaments and Appurtenances situate
- 23 at Great Bowden in the County of Leicester To hold all
- the same Estate at Great Bowden to him my said Nephew
- 25 Thomas Bryan his Heirs and Assigns for ever But subject
- as to the said Estate at Great Bowden only to and
- 27 charged with and I do hereby give and bequeath one
- 28 Annuity or Yearly Sum of Ten Pounds unto Ann Peach

- 29 of Stoke Dry aforesaid Singlewoman for and during the
- 30 Term of her Natural Life to be paid to her by even half
- 31 Yearly Payments on the Feast of the Annunciation of
- 32 the Blessed Virgin Mary and saint Michael the Archangel
- 33 the first Payment thereof to begin and be made on the
- 34 first of those Feasts that shall happen next after my Death
- and up to the Day of her Death with such powers of
- 36 Entry and distress for nonpayment thereof as are usual
- in cases of Rent Charges I also give and bequeath unto
- Thomas Peach (son of the said Ann Peach) the sum of
- 39 two hundred Pounds but if my Personal Estate shall
- 40 not be sufficient for the Payment thereof then I do
- 41 hereby charge all my said Estate at Great Bowden
- with the payment thereof and to be paid to him at
- 43 his age of twenty four years and without any deduction
- whatsoever with Interest from the day of my Death
- after the rate of four pounds for each Hundred Pounds
- 46 for a year till his age of twenty four years such
- 47 Interest tobe paid to his Mother or Guardian till he
- 48 is Twenty one years old then to be paid to him till
- 49 twenty four years old but if the said Thomas Peach dies
- 50 before the said age of twenty four years then the said
- 51 Legacy of two hundred Pounds not to be paid I also
- 52 give and bequeath unto John Inchley Thomas Inchley
- and Susanna Inchley the two sons and daughter of my
- 54 late Sister Susannah Inchley the sum of Fifty Pounds
- each to be paid to them at the end of twelve Months
- next after my Decease I also give and bequeath unto my
- 57 Niece Catherine Bryan the sum of one hundred Pounds
- to be paid to her at the end of twelve Months next
- 59 after my Decease I also give and bequeath unto my
- 60 Nephews and Nieces Ann Sewell Elizabeth Rowlett Ann
- 61 Bryan Elizabeth Bryan John Bryan William Bryan
- and Henry Bryan the sum of fifty Pounds each to be
- Paid to them respectively at the End of twelve Months

- 64 next after my Decease Also all the rest residue and
- 65 remainder of my real and Personal Estate whatsoever
- or wheresoever or of what nature or kind soever after
- 67 Payment of all my just Debts Funeral Expenses and the
- above Legacies and the Charges of Proving and Executing
- 69 this my Will I give devise and bequeath all the same
- and every Part thereof unto my said Nephew Thomas
- 71 Bryan his Heirs Executors and Administrators for ever
- And I do hereby make constitute and appoint my said
- 73 Nephew Thomas Bryan full and sole Executor of this
- my Will hereby revoking and making void all former
- and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made In
- 76 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
- 77 Seal this fifth day of November in the Year of Our Lord
- 78 One thousand seven hundred and eighty one Thomas Bryan
- 79 (SS) Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said
- 80 Testator Thomas Bryan as and for his last Will and
- 81 Testament in the Presence of us who in his presence
- at his request and in the presence of each other have
- 83 Subscribed our names as witnesses thereto Jona*than* Bramston
- 84 John Marriott Elizabeth Gamble X her Mark

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- 86 THIS WILL was proved at London the second
- 87 day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand
- seven hundred and eighty four before the Right
- 89 Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper
- or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
- 91 lawfully constituted by the Oath of Thomas Bryan the
- 92 Nephew of the deceased and Sole Executor named in
- 93 the said Will to whom Administration was granted of
- all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said
- 95 deceased having been first sworn by Commission
- 96 duly to administer

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