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The Will of William Bevan of Maês y Garnedd, written 28 Dec 1767, proved 23 Oct 1777.

I **William Bevan** of Maês y Garnedd in the Parish of Llanbeder County of Merioneth and Diocese of Bangor being of perfect Health and of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make publish and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following (that is to say)...

First. I Give and bequeath unto **Catherine William my eldest Daughter** the Sum of Fifteen Pounds of Good and lawfull Money of Great Britain and to **her now only Daughter Margaret Edward** I give and bequeath the Wainscoat Chest and the few Plates belonging to my first Wife her Grandmother and I do further give and bequeath to and among as many of the Children of my said Daughter Catherine William as shall be living at the Time of my Decease the Sum of Twenty Pounds of like lawfull British Money to be equally divided between them share and share alike .

Also. I Give and bequeath unto **my second Daughter Elizabeth William** the Sum of Fifteen Pounds of like Good and lawfull Money of Great Britain and to and among as many of her Children as shall be living at the Time of my Decease I do hereby Give and bequeath the like Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawfull British Money to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

Also. I give and bequeath unto **my third daughter Margaret William** the Sum of Fifteen Pounds of like Good and lawfull Money of Great Britain and to and among as many of her Children as shall be living at the Time of my Decease I do hereby Give and bequeath the like Sum of Twenty Pounds to be equally divided between them share and share alike, and I do further Give and bequeath unto **my Grand Daughter Margaret Morris eldest Daughter of my said third Daughter Margaret William** my Feather Bed and Boulster.

Also. To **my fourth and youngest Daughter Ann William** I do hereby Give and bequeath the like Sum of Fifteen Pounds of like Good and lawfull Money of Great Britain and to and among as many of her Children as shall be living at the Time of my Decease I do hereby Give and bequeath the like Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawfull British Money to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

All which said Bequests and Legacies herein before mentioned I do hereby will direct and appoint to be paid to the several persons to whom the same are hereby bequeathed, by my Executor herein after named within one Year next after my Decease, and the several Legacies hereby bequeathed unto my respective Grand children to be then laid out at Interest for their respective Use and Benefit.

And lastly. All the Rest Residue and Remainder of all and Singular my personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever after payment of all my just Debts funeral Expences and Legacies above mentioned, I do hereby give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto **my only Son Evan William** whom I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. And I

do hereby earnestly request **my Nephew Robert Jones of Ffridd brŷn côch** in the Parish of Trawsfynŷdd and County aforesaid ⁵ and **my Brother-in-Law Richard John of Llanddwŷwey** in the said County to be Trustees for my said Grand children and to be aiding and assisting in the performance of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke disannull and make void all former and other Wills by me heretofore made and executed and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament in Writing.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand and Seal this twenty eighth Day of December in the eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the Third over Great Britain and so forth And in the Year of our Lord 1767.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator William Bevan as and for his last Will and Testament in Writing in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his earnest Desire and Request have hereto subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereunto.

The Mark of William ab Evan

Hugh Evans of Hendrewaelod.

William Evans of Rhiwgoch.

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[Codicil 1 - abridged due to fading]

In the Name of God Amen.

Whereas I William Bevan of Maês y Garnedd have in my last Will & Testament bearing Date & attested therein specifying bequeathed diverse Legacies among my Children & grand Children I, the said Testator for important Reasons & ...Considerations... do [make] this Codicil to my said last Will and Testament... I [Gave] & bequeathed to my several Daughters married & unmarried the Sum of Fifteen Pounds... now my Will is that the said... Legacies be augmented to the several Sums of Twenty Pounds, namely that such of Them shall be entitled to the additional Sum of Five Pounds... And whereas I have bequeathed a Wainscoat Chest to my Grand Daughter Margaret Edward I do hereby revoke the said Legacy, & also, do Give and bequeath the said Wainscoat Chest now lodged ... at the dwelling House of Edmund Lloyd called Caenêst between **my Grand Sons Evan Lloyd & William Lloyd, Infant Sons of the aforesaid Edmund Lloyd by my Daughter Elizabeth his Wife**, to be their ... Property after my Decease...

... instead of the therein mentioned Robert Jones & Richard John, I do hereby request Evan William of... and William Parry of... to undertake the Office or Offices of Trustees... as specified in my said Will as was therein appointed and Ordained to the aforesaid Robert Jones & Richard John.

And this said Codicil I do hereby ... make a Part & Share of my said last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my Hand and Seal this third day of February 1770....

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Codicil 2 is illegible in parts due to fading. Names his eldest daughter Catherine Williams and the bequests he made to her children; names **his grand-son William Bevan the infant son of Evan William**; names his grand-daughter Margaret Maurice. Dated the twentieth Day of November 1773.

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Codicil 3 is illegible in parts due to fading. Names **his grand-daughter Margaret Morris, his grand-son William Bevan the infant son of Evan William, his nephew William Prichard, and Margaret John of Llanbedr daughter of John William Parry and Jane his wife.**

Dated the 22d Day of April 1775.

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October 23d, 1777.

On which day the within written Will and the three Codicils added to it were insinuated proved approved and decreed valid in common Form of Law and Administration of the Goods Chattels and Credits of the within named Testator granted to the Executor within named He being first sworn as the Law directs (every person's right being saved and reserved), before me, Hugh Pryse, Surrogate.