

**Guardian, NC, Rowan, James Bryan Orphans**

North Carolina  
Rowan County

February sessions 1808

To the worshipful the justices of the county court of the pleas and quarter sessions for the county of aforesaid, the petition of **JOHN** and **JESSE BRYAN**, infant children of **JAMES BRYAN**, deceased, by their Guardian **JOHN LITTLE JR.** humbly complaining shew unto your worships that their father **JAMES BRYAN** departed this life sometime in the year 1798 or 1799 leaving your petitioners & xxx his only male children. That xxx is since dead without issue. Your petitioners further shew that **JOHN BRYAN** died in the year 1800 leaving by will 200 acres of land to **JAMES BRYAN**'s male heirs (the the father of your petitioners) and directing it to be sold for the use of the said male heirs and appointed **JOSEPH ORTON & WILLIAM LARD** executors of his will, who qualified and sold said tract of land for £287. **JOSEPH ORTON**, in the year 1805, was appointed guardian to your petitioners and took into his possession, as guardian, the money for which said land was sold, or bonds securing the payment of the same. **JOSEPH ORTON** died in the year 1807 and made a will and thereof appointed **JAMES** and **JOHNSY ORTON** his sons executors, who have proven the same in this court, and have qualified and took upon themselves the burthen and execution thereof. Your petitioners charged that the said sum of £287 and interest, or good bonds for the securing the payment thereof, came to the hands of the said executive of **JOSEPH ORTON**, deceased who refused to pay or deliver the same to your petitioners guardian **JOHN LITTLE JR.**, who was appointed to that trust by the county court at August Session 1807. Your petitioner by their said Guardian pray that the principal some with the interest accruing thereon may pass into the hands of the guardian and that your worship's will do what, upon the hearing of this petition, may seem just and right. May it please your worship to Grant your writ of summons directed to **JAMES & JOHNSEY ORTON**.

**A. HENDERSON**  
For petitioners

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**JOHN** and **JESSIE BRYAN's** Guardian  
vs  
**JOSEPH ORTON** executors  
petition to February 1808

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State of North Carolina

Know all men by these presents that **JOHN JOHNSTON, MATTHEW BRANDON, and JOHN LOCKE** are held and firmly bound unto **GEORGE MUMFORD** and **JOHN MUNROE** Esquires, and the rest of the justice is assigned to keep the peace for Rowan County, in the just and full sum of £1000, current money of the said state, to be paid to the said **MUMFORD** and **MONROE** or their successors: to the which payment well and truly be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 9 day of May anno domini 1810.

Whereas the above founded **JOHN JOHNSTON** have been this day by the worshipful Court of said County, appointed Guardian to **JOHN BRYAN** orphan of **JAMES BRYAN** deceased: now the condition of the above obligation as such, that if the said **JOHN JOHNSTON**, Guardian as aforesaid, so well and truly discharge is said guardianship, by taking care of and improving all the estate belonging to the said orphan; and shall also settle his guardianship account with the court of said County, as is required by law; that he will deliver up to the said **JOHN BRYAN**, orphan as aforesaid, when he shall attain lawful age, all such a estate as he ought of right to be possessed of, or sooner if required, agreeable to the true intent and meaning of the act of the general assembly in such case made and provided; then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of  
**M. GILES**

**JOHN JOHNSTON**  
**MATT BRANDON**  
**JOHN LOCKE**

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**JOHN JOHNSTON**  
Guardian Bond  
May 1810

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Know all men by these presents that **JOHN LITTLE JR., JOHN LITTLE SR., JOHN BOON** and **ZADOCK LEACH** are held and firmly bound unto **JOHN STEELE** Esquire and the rest of the justices assigned to keep the peace for Rowan County, in the just and full sum of £500, current money of the said state, to be paid to the said **JOHN STEELE**, or their successors to the which payment well and truly be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, and executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 4 day of August anno domini 1807.

Whereas the above bounded **JOHN LITTLE JR.** have been this day by the worshipful Court of said County appointed the guardian to **JOHN BRYAN** orphan of **JAMES BRYAN** deceased. Now the condition of the above obligation as such that if the said **JOHN LITTLE JR.**, guardian as aforesaid, shall well and truly discharge his said guardianship by taking care of and improving all the estate belonging to the said orphan and said also settle his guardianship accounts with the court of the said County as is required by law and that he will deliver up to the said **JOHN BRYAN**, orphan as aforesaid, when he shall attain lawful age all such a estate as he ought of right to be possessed of, or sooner if required, agreeable to the true intent and meaning of the act of the general assembly in such case made and provided than this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of **JOHN LITTLE JR.**

**JOHN LITTLE SR.**

**JOHN BOON**

**ZADOCK LEACH**

**M. OSBORN**

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**JOHN LITTLE SR.**  
**JOHN BOON**  
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Guardian Bond  
August 1807