

Probate, NC, Edgecombe, William Bryant 1761

Edgecombe County

This day came before me **THOMAS FOXHALL** aged thirty seven years old and being first sworn on the holy evangelist saith that on yesterday some few hours before **WILLIAM BRYANT** died he heard him say that he gave to his son **SMITH BRYANT** a piece of land lying on Fishing Creek and below the road that Crosses at his landing.

Beginning at a Mulberry tree just below the landing and running along the road to the back line and down the said line to the creek.

And he gave to his son **ARTHUR BRYANT** a piece of land.

Beginning at the road at the Gallon Hill on the cove and running up the cove to the mouth of the pine Pacosan branch and up said branch to the back line then along that line to the old road then down the said road to the Gallon Hill.

And he gave his son **WILLIAM BRYANT** the plantation whereon he then lived and a part of the land thereunto belonging.

Beginning at the mouth of the crooked swamp and running up the swamp to a spring at the fork then a straight course to the back line at the pine Pacosan then down the Pacosan branch to the cove and down the cove to the said road and down the road to a Mulberry tree at the creek just below the landing,

after the death of his wife, **SARAH BRYANT**.

And he gave to his son **BRITTIAN BRYANT** [Brittain Bryant] a piece of land lying on the upper side of the Crooked swamp.

Beginning at the mouth of a branch opposite to the Briney old field and running a straight course to a parcel of dead pines on the Murtle branch all the land that lies below that line down to the creek and swamp aforesaid.

Also he gave all his land that lies below the Crooked swamp that he had not before disposed of to his son **JOHN BRYANT** – and all his land that lieth above the Crooked swamp above the land he gave to his son **BRITTIAN**, he desire to be sold.

And all the rest of his estate he gave to his wife Sarah Bryant for to raise his children on and further saith not.

Certified aforesaid on this 15th day of May 1761.

BENJAMIN HART

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The written nuncupative will of **WILLIAM BRYANT**, deceased, being proved before **BENJAMIN HART**, Esq., by **THOMAS FOXHALL** was exhibited and **THOMAS FOXHALL** being called & sworn saith that he heard, the same is admitted to have heard, the said **WILLIAM BRYANT** pronounce the said will as is ... on motion of **SARAH BRYANT** ... **JAMES SMITH** for her Security who ... acknowledged for that surveyors certificate is granted her for PP & letters of administration with the will annexed on the estate of said **WILLIAM BRYANT**

Test **JAMES HALL**, D. C. P.