

**Will, NC, Beaufort, Thomas Bryan 1789**

In the name of God, Amen.

I **THOMAS BRYAN** of the county of Bertie and state of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory and calling to mind the frailty of all mankind, do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say.

First and immediately I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body after my decease to be buried in a decent Christian like manner as my executors hereinafter name and appointed shall think proper.

My will and desire is that all my just debts may be paid by my executors.

I give and bequeath to my sisters **ANN RYAN, SARAH BAKER, JANNET PUGH & WINIFRED READ** forty shillings each, and to my sisters **MARTHA [MARTHA BRYAN]** and **ELISABETH BRYAN [ELIZABTH BRYAN]** five pounds each to be paid to them by my executors in twelve months after my decease.

I give and bequeath to my brother **EDWARD BRYAN** my land and improvements thereon at Black Walnut point containing one hundred and twenty two acres or thereabouts, also the following Negroes **SAIPIO, BOB, JINNY** and her child **JERRY** with her increase thereafter, with my household goods and kitchen furniture, my plantation utensils of every kind whatsoever and my stock of cattle and all and singular the residue of my estate, after paying my legacies and just debts, to him and his heirs forever.

Lastly I make, ordain, nominate, constitute and appoint my trusty friends **THOMAS WHITMELL PUGH, DANIEL WORLEY** and my brother **EDWARD BRYAN** executors to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and declaring this to be my only will in being ...

In witness whereof I have thereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and eighty eight.

**THOMAS BRYAN** {seal}

Signed, sealed, published pronounced & declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in presence of

**WILLIAM JORDAN**  
**WILLIAM SMITH**  
**THOMAS RYAN**

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State of North Carolina  
Bertie County

February Term 1789

The last will & testament of **THOMAS BRYAN** deceased was proved in due form of law by the oath of **WILLIAM SMITH**, one of the subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

**STEVENS GRAY**, clerk