

Will, NC, Bladen, John Bryan, 1774

In the name of God, Amen.

I, **JOHN BRYAN**, of the county of Bladen and province of North Carolina, knowing the uncertainty of this life and finding myself weak in body though sound of mind and memory do make this my last will and testament as followeth.

FIRST I will my soul to God who gave it to me, hoping to find everlasting happiness at the last day.

SECOND I desire that I may be decently buried at the discretion of my executors and that all my lawful debts be paid.

IMPRIMIS then I will and bequeath unto my son **JOHN BRYAN** the plantation I now live on, also a negro boy called WILL to him and his heirs forever.

I will and bequeath to my son **PHILLMORE [PHILEMON] BRYAN** a tract of land lying in the head of the thoroughfare above **DAVID WHITE'S** in the south side of the river and also one still to his and his heirs forever.

IMPRIMIS I will and bequeath to my daughter **ANN BRYAN** one negro girl called PEGG to her and her heirs forever.

IMPRIMIS I will and bequeath unto my son **JAMES BRYAN** one negro girl called PHEBE to him and his heirs forever.

IMPRIMIS I will and bequeath unto my loving wife **JANE BRYAN** all the horses, cattle, hogs, household furniture that I may have at my decease during her widowhood for her and the children's use. I also will unto my said wife a negro wench called HANNA during her life and at her decease the said wench to be the property of my son **PHILLMORE [PHILEMON] BRYAN** and his heirs forever, and the increase of said wench during my wife's life to be equally divided among my children.

I desire that my loving wife **JANE BRYAN** and **THOMAS OWEN** see that this, my last will and testament, be properly executed, revoking and disannulling all former wills whatever.

This 25th of June 1774.

JOHN BRYAN

Witness

JOHN OWEN
WILLIAM BRYAN

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