

Will, NC, Craven, Anne Bryan 1760

**ANN BRYAN**

Will

Proved December court 1769

North Carolina  
Craven County

In the name of God Amen.

I, **ANN BRYAN**, of the county and Province aforesaid, Widow, being mindful of my mortality and knowing that it is appointed for all flesh once to die, do make this my last will and testament.

Concerning the real and personal estate thereof I am anyways seized or possessed or which I have power to dispose of as follows.

FIRST my will and desire is that my executor, hereafter named, pay off or discharge all of my just debts and my funeral expenses.

IMPRIMIS I give and leave to my son **JOHN BRYAN** [six Negroes, viz.] one negro man called **WILL**, one negro man called **JACK**, one negro man called **FRANK**, one negro man called **JIM**, one negro boy called **QUASH**, one negro boy called **LONDON** and all my stock of cattle, sheep, horses, and hogs to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I given leave to my daughter **MARY [BRYAN] CASTELO** my best feather bed and furniture and one pound six shillings and eight pence to buy her a ring.

ITEM are given leave to my son **JOHN BRYAN**, in trust for his children, one negro woman called **DINAH** and one negro girl called **MOLL** and all their future increase from this time forward. And my will and desire is that the said Negroes shall not be immediately divided but that when my grandson, **EDWARD BRYAN**, the son of my son **JOHN BRYAN**, shall arrive at the age of 21 years that then the said Negroes and their increase be equally divided between all the surviving children of my son **JOHN** and my grandson **EDWARD** shall have and receive his or one equal share or part of the said Negroes and in the same manner they shall be divided when each of my grandchildren be children of my son **JOHN BRYAN** shall arrive to the age of 21 years and my will and desire that when those of my said grandchildren shall have received his or her share or part of the said Negroes that they shall not have any share or right to the remaining slaves or their further increase.

ITEM I give and leave to my daughter **PENELOPE [BRYAN] LANE**, in trust for her children, one negro woman **FRANKEY**, one negro girl **SYLLA**, and one negro girl **FRANKEY** and my will and desire is that the said Negroes which I leave to my daughter **PENELOPE**, entrust her not immediately divided but that they be divided amongst all of my grandchildren the children of my daughter **PENELOPE LANE** in the same manner as I have in this will divided sundry Negroes to be divided between the children of my son **JOHN BRYAN**.

ITEM I given leave to my son **JOHN BRYAN**, my daughter **PENELOPE LANE**, all the remainder of my estate which is not mentioned and this will to be equally divided amongst them.

And I do nominate and appoint my son **JOHN BRYAN** and my trusty friend **WILLIAM BRYAN** to be my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and a fixed my seal this 24th day of October in the year of Our Lord 1760.

**ANN BRYAN** {seal her + mark}

Signed sealed and published in the presence of

**WILLIAM BRYAN**  
**LEWIS BRYAN**  
**JOSEPH FURMAN**

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December term  
Inferior Court 1769

Present his Majesty's Justice in the within last will and testament of an **ANNE BRYAN**, deceased, was duly approved by the oath of **WILLIAM BRYAN**, **LEWIS BRYAN**, and **JOSEPH FURMAN** the subscribing evidences there too. At the same time **JOHN** and **WILLIAM BRYAN**, executors there in named, qualified as such agreeable to law.

Ordered that the mister secretary have notice thereof that letters testamentary issue there on accordingly.

Test

**CHRISTOPHER NEAL**, CJC

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