

Will, NC, Craven, Anne Bryan 1773

In the name of God Amen.

The 25th day of October 1767 I **ANNE BRYAN** of Craven County and province of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but if perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God there for calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die do make and ordained this my last will and testament that is to say.

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST OF ALL I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent christian-like burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **WILLIAM BRYAN** one negro woman named VENUS, one horse called bull, one large Looking Glass, one silver spoon, one large oval table and safe, the half of my cattle on Hatterass Banks to him and his heirs.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **JOHN BRYAN** one Negro man named KENT, one piece of land laying on the north side of Neuse River and west side of Island Creek containing 40 acres, be the same more or less, which I bought from **JOHN STARKEY** known by the name of Fort Neck, one mare bonney, one cow and calf, spice mortar and pestle, silver tablespoon and the half of my cattle on the Hatteras banks and the labor of one free born Negro boy named ASA, until his indentured shall be expired, to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **JESSE BRYAN** one piece of land containing 150 acres I bought of **THOMAS CARRAWAY** laying on the north side of Neuse River and east side of Smith Creek, 100 acres which I bought of **SAMUEL [EASLICK]** and **ISAAC EASLICK** on the north side of Neuse River and head of Orchard Creek, one Negro man named CESAR, one boy named WILL to Negro woman named ROSE and JANE, and the labor of two free born Negro boys till their indenture is expired named AARON and DAVID, and two horses called Frolick and Poilet to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter **MARY [BRYAN] COOK** one shilling sterling to her & her heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter **ELIZABETH [BRYAN] DAWSON** one shilling sterling to her & her heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my well beloved grandson **JOSEPH STOCKLEY** one shilling sterling to her & her heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my well beloved grandson **JOHN DAWSON** one shilling sterling to her & her heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **JESSE BRYAN** all the remainder part of my estate to him and his heirs forever.

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I likewise constitute, make & ordain my loving sons **WILLIAM BRYAN, JOHN BRYAN & JESSE BRYAN** executors of this my Last Will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow of and revoke and disannul all former wills by me made, confirming this and no other to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above written.

**ANNE BRYAN** {seal}

Signed Sealed published pronounced and delivered by the said **ANNE BRYAN** and as her last will and testament in the presence of us the subscriber's

**JAMES CARRAWAY**

**ANN CARAWAY**

**ELIES JUSTES** [Elias Justice]

**GIDEON CARRAWAY**

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The above last will and testament of **ANNE BRYAN** was proved before me this 9th day of March 1773 by the oath of **GIDEON CARRAWAY** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who swore that he saw the testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be her last will and testament, and that at the time thereof she was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

And **JOHN BRYAN** one of the executors therein named having taken oath appointed for his qualification this ordered that letters testamentary issued thereon.

**JO. MARTIN**

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