

Will, NC, Craven, JOHN BRYAN, 1741

CRAVEN COUNTY

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North Carolina
Craven County

The Nuncupative will of **JOHN BRYAN** Deceased

WHEREAS **JOHN BRYAN** of Beard Creek late of the county & province being taken for Death the day & year hereafter mentioned & having nobody Convenient to write his last Will & testament and he the said **JOHN BRYAN** being in his proper & right senses and of sound & perfect mind & memory did seriously Request & Desire that this following Nuncupative Will Should be his last Will & Testament leaving no other Wills or Testaments by him made or being by him therefore left & bequeathed his affairs movables & Estate as follows:

IMPRIMIS that all his just Debts Should be paid.

SECONDLY he did give & bequeath to his son **LEWIS BRYAN** the Plantation whereon he the Deceased did live Lying on Beard's Creek to him the said **LEWIS** & his heirs for ever.

THIRDLY he the said deceased viz. **JOHN BRYAN** as above said did give & bequeath to his daughter **SARAH BRYAN** three Negroes viz. two fellows & one wench the fellows named **ROBIN** & **LUDGROW** the Wenches name **BESS** with all the stock of horses, mares Cattle Sheep Hogs & of every part & parcel of all his personal estate with all his movables whatsoever which he the said **JOHN BRYAN** was possessed with in his lifetime he did give & bequeath the above said Negroes & said Personal Estate to his said daughter **SARAH BRYAN** to her her heirs & assigns for ever.

FOURTHLY He the said **JOHN BRYAN** notwithstanding did ordain & appoint that as he the said **JOHN** did in the third articles of his will as above said give & bequeath to his above said daughter **SARAH** three Negroes and all his personal estate as above said that She the said **SARAH** should educate & bring up his small children being three in Number till such times as they arrive to the age of maturity

November the first 1741

The above will was proved before me, one of his Majesties Justices for the Peace of the County, upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God by the Solemn affidavit of **JOHN JACOB HOVER** & **WILLIAM BEDSCOT** who both heard the said Deceased Earnestly Desire & Express that the above will now committed to writing Should stand Valid & be his will & testament therefor as above the said will was proved before me as the law directs such wills should be proved & within the term of time prescribed by law of his the said Deceased Death.

DANIEL SHINE, J.P.

N.B. The evidences likewise declare upon oath that the said Deceased departed this life the 31st day of October 1741 & did appoint his daughter **SARAH BRYAN** his whole & sole Executrix of this his last will & Testament.

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