

Will, NC, Craven, John Council Bryan, 1806

In the name of God Amen.

I **JOHN COUNCIL BRYAN** of New Bern to make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

FIRST I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **MARY BRYAN** during her natural life the house and lot where on I now live and all the land adjoining the same which lies between Trent and Neuse Road as far up as a ditch which is cut across from one road to the other. Also the right or privilege of cutting firewood for her own use in timber for fencing sea land above-mentioned from off any of my lands between the roads Trent and Neuse.

SECOND I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife **MARY BRYAN** one negro man named **DAVID** and one negro woman named **NANNY**, being negroes she bought with her own money, to her her heirs and a signs forever.

THIRD I give and bequeath my said dearly beloved wife \$160 being in return for same sum borrowed by me from her.

FOURTH I give and bequeath to my beloved son **HARDY BRYAN** all the place or parcel of land on the south side of Trent Road on which the great Grist Mill stands being about 250 acres bounded by lands owned by **SPAIGHT**, **LEECH**, and **LANE** to him the said **HARDY BRYAN** his heirs and assigns forever. I also give my said son **HARDY** \$100 in cash to be paid in him as soon as convenient.

FIFTH I give and bequeath to my beloved son **THOMAS BRYAN** the plantation on which he now lives called Chelsea being about 350 acres to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give my said son **THOMAS** \$100 in cash to be paid him as soon as convenient.

SIXTH I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter **ANN MARIA BRYAN** to lots on the North side of Pollock Street in New Bern one at the corner of Metcalf and Pollock streets and the other adjoining the same at present occupied by **THOMAS MASTERS** to her her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my said beloved daughter **ANN MARIA** a piece of land containing about 110 acres adjoining lands owned by **WEST**, **SMITH**, and **MAHEW** to her her heirs and a signs forever.

SEVENTH I give and bequeath to my said beloved daughter **ANN MARIA** one thousand dollars in cash, which is now in my house, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

EIGHTH I give and bequeath to my beloved grandchildren, **BETSY TISDALE** and **MARIA TISDALE**, the half lot and appurtenances, at present occupied by their father, to them their heirs and assigns forever provided however and it is my will and desire that if either the said **BETSY** or **MARIA** should die without issue in the lifetime of the other than the whole said half lot and appurtenances shall go to the survivor of them, her heirs and assigns forever.

NINTH I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter **ANN MARIA** 1/7 part of all my personal estate not here in particularly and otherwise appropriated to her her heirs and assigns forever.

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TENTH all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal it is my wish and desire should be equally divided between my dearly beloved wife, **MARY BRYAN**, and my beloved children **BETSY BRYAN, ANN REBECCA BRYAN, SALLY BRYAN, ALICE BRYAN** and **MARY BRYAN**, share and share alike which I give and bequeath to them separately and to their separate heirs and assigns forever.

ELEVENTH it is my wish and desire that the proper authority for doing maybe applied to and appoint commissioner for dividing the residue of my estate alluded to in the fifth clause as well as setting apart the share given to **ANN MARIE** in the ninth clause that **ANN MARIE** sure be said apart for her as soon as conveniently can be done but this share of the children who are minors I wish to remain in common stock until one arrives of age than their share to be said apart and so on as they respectively arrived at age. it is also my wish and desire that the shares of the children who are minors may remain in my beloved wife's hands for their education and support until they respectively arrived at age. and i do hereby appoint my beloved wife to be their guardian.

TWELFTH I do hereby appoint my dearly beloved wife **MARY BRYAN** executrix to this my last will and testament here by revoking all former Wills or Wills by me made.

And testimony whereof I have hereunto said my hand and seal at New Bern this 11th day of February 1806.

JOHN C. BRYAN {seal}

Signed, Sealed, published, and delivered declared by the above named **J. C. BRYAN** as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses there into

MARY SANDY
FRANCIS HAWKS

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State of North Carolina
Craven County

Court of pleas and quarter sessions June term A. D. 1807

... last will & testament of **JOHN COUNCIL BRYAN**, deceased, presented in court and prove by the oath of **FRANCIS HAWKS** one of the subscribing witness is thereto and ordered to be registered, at which time **MARY BRYAN** appeared and qualified as executrix to said last will and testament. Ordered that letters testamentary issue.

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J. G. STANLEY CC

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