

**Will, NC, Edgecombe, Thomas Bryan 1785**

In the name of God Amen.

I **THOMAS BRYAN** of the county of Edgecombe and state of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of the human life do make and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and as follows, that is to say,

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN BRYAN** 100 acres of land where on he formerly lived forever and I also give to my son **JOHN BRYAN** one negro man slave called LEWIS.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **EVAN BRYAN** 100 acres of land where on he now lives I also give my son **EVAN BRYAN** one negro man slaved called ABRAM.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM BRYAN** one negro girl slave called ESTHER also one negro boy called BEN.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **HUDSON BRYAN** 200 acres of land where an I now live also one negro man called CHARLES and also one negro woman called GENNY. After the death or marriage of my wife and not before I also give my son **HUDSON BRYAN** thirty head of hogs also one feather bed and furniture and one sorrell Colt.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH [BRYAN] COFIELD** one negro woman called PENNY and one negro boy called BEN.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **DELILAH C [BRYAN]** one negro boy called JOE and one feather bed and furniture.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **ANN BRYAN** one negro boy called STEPHEN.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well-beloved wife **FAITHFUL BRYAN** eighteen head of hogs, six head of sheep, and three head of cattle and all the geese that I am possessed of and one feather bed and furniture to her own proper use and I also lend her the dwelling house, kitchen and other outhouses together with one third part of the two hundred acres of land before mentioned to my son **HUDSON [BRYAN]** I lend the same third part to my wife during her natural life and all the rest of my estate that I have not already given away I lend to my wife during her natural life, or widowhood, and then to be equally divided amongst all my children.

I do hereby nominate and appoint **JOHN DOLVIN, THOMAS COFIELD** and **WILLIAM BELL**, son of **JOSHUA BELL**, executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of February Anno Domini 1785.

**THOMAS BRYAN** {seal}

Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of us

**THOMAS FOXHALL**  
**JOHN FOXHALL**  
**JOHN LAKEY**

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Edgecombe County

May Court 1785

The within will was produced in court proved by the oath of the executors were at the same time qualified and the will ordered to be recorded.

Test **EDWARD HALL, CC**

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