

**Will, NC, Edgecombe, William Bryan 1797**

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM BRYAN** of County of Edgecombe being sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this 12th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1797 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say:

FIRST I lend to my wife **LEZANAR BRYAN** the plantation where an I now live during her natural life to raise my children up on and after her death I Item give and bequeath the plantation where an I now live to my two sons Turner Bryan and bath Brian forever

ITEM I lend my personal estate to my beloved wife **LEZANAR BRYAN** and during her natural life to raise my children up on and after her death to be sold and equally divided between my four daughters to it **PATTY BRYAN, POLLY BRYAN, CANYADAH BRYAN, BARBARY BRYAN.**

And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife **LEZANAR BRYAN** executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I, the said **WILLIAM BRYAN**, have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

**WILLIAM BRYAN** {seal, his X mark}

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said **WILLIAM BRYAN**, the testator, as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were at the time of signing and Sealing together.

Test

**JOHN BATTS**  
**WILKINSON MAYBREY**  
**BENJAMIN HART** {his X mark}

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Edgecombe County

August Court 1797

The within will of **WILLIAM BRYAN**, deceased, was produced in open court and proved by the oath of **JOHN BATTS**, **WILKINSON MABREY** and **BENJAMIN HART**, subscribing witnesses thereto, and **LEZANAR BRYAN** the executrix therein named, at the same time qualified thereto. Ordered that the same be certified and the will recorded.

Test

**EDWARD HALL**, Clerk

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