

Will, NC, Halifax, Needham Bryan 1785

In the name of God Amen.

I [**ARTHUR**] **NEEDHAM BRYANT** of Halifax County North Carolina being infirm of body and knowing that I must ere long depart this life do there for a while in my proper senses and memory make ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner.

IMPRIMIS I give my soul into the hands of almighty God who made it and my mortal body to be committed to the grave at the discretion of my executor Hereafter mentioned.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my loving wife **MIMA BRYANT** [**JEMIMA DAFFIN BRYANT**] my Sorrel mare which I bought at **JAMES BRYANT**'s sale as her own property for ever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my two children **NANCY BRYANT** and **NICHOLAS BRYANT** the remaining part of my estate which must be equally divided between them both and my desire is that you would purchase one negro man for them with the money that is owing to me.

LASTLY I constitute and appoint my friend **WILLIAM VAUGHAN**, **HENRY DAFFIN** and **ELIJAH DIXON** joint executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here on to set my hand and affixed my seal the eleventh day of February 1785.

NEEDHAM BRYANT {seal, his mark}

Witness
DREW SMITH
ELISHA DIXON

[**ARTHUR NEEDHAM BRYAN**]
[**JEMIMA DAFFIN**]

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Then the foregoing will was exhibited in open court in order for probate and the witnesses sworn and interrogated who on their own said that they saw the testator sign this instrument of writing as his last will and testament and that at the time of signing the same to the best of their knowledge and belief he was of infirm mind and memory whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded.

Test

WILLIAM WOOTEN, Clerk of Court

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