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Johnston County]
North Carolina]

In the name of God [----] of Johnston county in the state of North Carolina being sick and weak in body [----] mind and memory blessed be God, do this twelfth day of January in the year of [----] hundred and eighty make and publish this my last will and testament [----] following:

1st I give and beq [----] one feather bed and furniture, bedstead and cord & my wearing watch to ha [----] forever.

2nd I give and bequ [----] **BRYAN** one negro man named DAVEY to him, his heirs and assigns forever [----] disposition hereafter made.

3rd I give and b [----] **ELIZABETH SASSER** twenty five pounds current money of the state of North [----] forever.

4th I give and bequ [----] **BRYAN** one hundred and twelve acres of land on the south side of Middle Creek [----] to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

5th I give and bequea [----] **ESTHER SMITH** one negro boy named SAMSON to her and her heirs forever.

6th I give and beque [----] **KE BRYAN** two hundred Acres of land [----] thereon known by the na [----] also one plantation and tract of land [----] side of Black Creek, con [----] d acres, also part of a tract of land for [----] acres laying on both sides [----] creek, to include all that part of said tract lying on the south side of Swifts and [----] Five hundred and forty acres of land lying on the south side if Middle Creek [----] of land in the fork of Swifts and Middle Creek joining my own and **JOHN G** [----] man named ABE, one negro woman named NAN & one negro girl na [----] se called Volture, six cows and and calves, one bed and furniture, bedst [----] and hooks, one lot in the town of [----] No. 1[----]

7th I give and beq [----] **ANNAH BURK** one negro man called GREAT BOB & one lot in the town of Smi [----] and her heirs forever.

8th I give and bequea [----] ryan the land and plantation whereon I now live together three hundred a [----] granted me by **JOHN SMITH** Senr. Also three hundred & three acres of land lying on [----] Creek granted to me by patent bearing date the 18th of July, 1766, also one hun [----] of land granted to me by patent bearing date of the 25th of March, 1763 [----] ifts Creek, to include all that tract of [----] lies on the north side of [----] hundred and fifty acres of land joining my own, Col. **JOHN SMITH**'s and [----] ines, also six hundred and forty acres of land lying on moth sides the gr[----] ew Entry / one lot in the town of Smithfield No. 57 also the following Neg[----] tle BOB, CHESSER, BUCK SQUIRE, CHERRY, AMY & PAPPY also my still, this [----] cooking glass, two black walnut tables, eight cows with calves, one Roan [----] end Peggy Ganus and her Colt, and a black horse colt now called his, [----] bedsteads and cords, my large Church Bibles Sacred Lecture, my couch,

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two pair [----] tongs and shovel, two iron pots and hooks, one grindstone and six E[----] heirs forever, this legacy to be subject, nevertheless to the dispositions and provisions [----] be mentioned.

9th I give and bequeath unto my [----] **ELIZABETH BRYAN** the following Negroes, to wit: EBE, TOBY, GEORGE and xxx xxx xther R [----] Bedsteads and cords, two riding horses, Stewart / Jerry and bowfit furniture, on[----] called Blaze and her colt, one black walnut table, one loom and geers, one [----] one pair of smoothing irons, one pair of fine dogs and shovel, six cow[----] breeding ewes, and all my wearing apparel except my silver shoe knee and stoc[----] leave to my son **JOHN** to her and her heirs forever.

10th I also lend unto my beloved wife the us[----] dwelling house and other out houses, the plantation, tools for cropping, a grind stone [----] and cyder casques and kitchen furniture, three work horses and [----] and **DAVEY** to work on the plantation with the hands given to my son [----] she marries or until my son **JOHN** arrives to the age of twenty yea [----] of these circumstances shall first happen, and the profits ar[----] the said hands with the profits of the orchard, and plantation, [----] y expenses that may be xxx and for the use of my wife and son **JOHN** [----] the carrying on the business of the plantation to be equally divided be[----] **JOHN**, and of my wife be unmarried at the time my son John come[----] or married, I then lend her the use of two rooms in my dwelling h[----]ging Room and the back room adjoining to it with a sufficient part of [----] egroes to work on, and as sufficient part of the kitchen furniture for [----] same to be covered and allowed of if requisite by my executors her[----] also one third part of my Orchard to be enjoyed by her during her widowhood a[----]

11th And it is my will and desire that im[----] eath or marriage of my wife [----] as my son **JOHN** arrives to the age [----] shall belong to my son **ARTHUR** circumstances shall first happen, that th[----] the negro fellow **TIM** shall immediately belong to my son **HARDY**[----] heirs & assigns forever.

12th It is further my will and desire that[----] rland County as soon as it conveniently can after my decease be sol[----]ton, and the money arising from the sale thereof be paid out[----] children, and that the said money and inter[----] the said children and paid to them as they come of a proper age [----]

13th It is my will that my executor as soo[----] after my decease, sell such of my stock and other part of my E[----] y given away, and out of the money arising from the sale thereof with the [----] all my just debts & funeral expenses and legacies that are to be pai[----]at the overplus of said money be equally divided between my son **ART**[----] & my daughter **ESTHER SMITH** [----] **SANNAH BUSH**.

[----] it is also my will that if any of my[----] before they come of age or marry that the estate of such child [----] shall be equally divided between my surviving children, except[----]**TH SASSER** who I do not mean or intend shall share in any p[----] ld or children's estate.

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15th And I hereby make and ordain[----] an & **HARDY BRYAN** executors of this my last Will and Te[----]thereof I the said **WILLIAM BRYAN** have to this my last W[----] my hand & seal the Day and Year above written.

WILLIAM BRYAN {seal}

Signed, sealed, published, declared and pronounced
by the said **WILLIAM BRYAN**, the testator, as his
last Will and Testament in the presence of us
who are present at the signing and sealing there[----]

HARDY BRYAN
BLAKE BRYAN
WILLIAM WARD