

Will, NC, Nash, WILLIAM BRYANT 1826

In the name of God Amen.

I, **WILLIAM BRYANT** Sr. of the county of Nash and state of North Carolina, being in low state of health but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do this 26th day of august in the year of our lord 1826, make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit:

FIRST I lend to my beloved wife **POLLY BRYANT** during her natural life the following Negroes: one negro man named JACOB and one named BEN and two women named PATIENCE and one named EASTER and a boy named TOM. Also two head of horses, six cows and calves, one yoke of oxen and cart, twenty five shotes, six sows and pigs, twelve head of sheep, all her own choice, and all the stock of geese and one riding chair and gear, one womans saddle, one still and all of my brandy and cider cask, and all necessary working tools sufficient for her use, to be judged of my executors. Also I lend to my wife **POLLY BRYANT** in her lifetime, one feather bed and furniture of her own choice, and all the rest of my household and kitchen Furniture of every description except my bed. Also I allot to my beloved wife one yheirs provisions for herself, and family, out of my estate to be laid out by my executors and the sum of \$100 to be paid her by my executors in money.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **PATSEY [BRYANT] RICE** the following Negroes to wit: One negro woman named SILVY one named CHARLOT [CHARLOTTE] one girl named VILET [VIOLET] one woman named DORCAS [DORCUS DARCAS], one girl named ANCKY, one named CHARITY, and six boys one named JOE, JACOB, ANTHONY, ISAAC, and SOLOMON and LEWIS and other girl named HASTY all the stock and other property which I lend to my said daughter **PATSEY RICE** that is now in her possession I give to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter **SALLY [BRYANT] STRICKLAND** the following Negroes, to wit: one negro woman named VILET [VIOLET], one named PHILLIS, one named WATY, one named MILLY and a boy named STEPHEN also all the stock and property which I have lent to my said daughter **SALLY STRICKLAND** that is now in her possession I give to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my beloved son **WILLIAM BRYANT** the following Negroes, to wit: one man named ABRAHAM and one named AMOS, one girl named VILET [VIOLET], one woman named CELIA, one girl named CITHA, also all of my land to be equally divided between my son's **WILLIAM** and **EAVINS BRYANT** as near as can be in quality and value so as for my son **WILLIAM** to have the land she he now lives and the land on Stephanie SOPPONEY swamp also all the stock and other property which I have lent to my son **WILLIAM** that is now in his possession I give to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I lend to my beloved daughter **RHODY BRYANT WILHITE [WILHIGHT] [HENRY WILHIGHT]** during her natural life, and after her death to be equally divided between her heirs, lawfully begotten of her body, if she should have any living at her death and if none to return to be equally divided among the rest of my children the following Negroes to wit: one boy named LITTLE JACOB, HENRY, one woman named HANNA, one girl named WATY, one girl named HIXY, and her increase. I also give to my daughter **RHODY WILHITE** the following property viz: one boy named DENNIS, one two year old filly called the Rix filly, his bridle and saddle, 6 head of sheep and all the rest of the property that she is now in possession of to her and her heirs forever.

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ITEM I lend to my beloved daughter **SUSAN [BRYANT] UPCHURCH [RICHARD UPCHURCH]** during her natural life after her death to be equally divided among her children, lawfully begotten of her body should there be any living at her death, if none to return to my children viz: one woman name LOUIS, one other named NICE, one boy named EPHRAIM one woman named EASTER, one boy named WILL and their increase. I also give to my daughter **SUSAN UPCHURCH** the following property, to wit: one girl named LILY and all the property that she is now in possession of tho her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my beloved grandchildren **JOHN RICE, JINEY RICE, NICHOLSON RICE, BERRY RICE,** and **BOYKIN RICE,** the children of my daughter **ELIZABETH RICE,** now dead, the following Negroes to wit: one named CLARY and child MORNING, LIZA, one named CRESA and one ALSEY a boy named JACKSON and increase which Negroes is to be equally divided between the above-named children as they arrive of lawful age and not to be finely divided at first but to divide them as they come of age each his part in case the above named children shall die without lawful begotten heirs of their bodies than the above-named Negroes will to them to send and to be equally divided unto all of my children. If any of my said grandchildren before named shall die before they arrived of lawful age and the said Negroes will do them to be equally divided amongst the surviving ones,.

ITEM I give to my son-in-law **BENJAMIN RICE** the sum of \$5 to be paid to him in money by my executors.

ITEM I give to my son-in-law **JOSIAH [W.] VICK** the sum of \$5 to be paid to him in money by my executors and all stock another property which I lent him now in his possession.

ITEM my will and desire is that the following Negroes should be sold by my executors on 12 months credit, to wit: DAVE and Little DAVE, JINNY, and her two children LIZA & MENILDY.

ITEM all the rest of my Negroes which I have not named in my well I leave to be equally divided among the following children: **JENCY BRYANT, EAVINS BRYANT,** and **DELANY BRYANT.** also i give and bequeath to my last named children one feather bed and furniture each of the Negroes which i give to my last named children is not to be divided until they become of age or should marry then as they arrive of age or mary to draw his equal part for my executor if any of the said children should die not leaving a lawful forgotten heir of their body then the property should descend and be equally divided among the rest of my children of all my property which i do not dispose of in the will i leave to be sold to my executors and after paying my just debts and satisfying my executors for their trouble the balance of which i leave to be equally divided between my children: **PATSEY RICE, SALLY STRICKLAND, WILLIAM [BRYANT], RHODY [BRYANT], JENCY [BRYANT], SUSAN [BRYANT], EAVINS [BRYANT],** and **DELANY BRYANT.**

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **EAVINS BRYANT** one Sorrel Filly named bounce, saddle and bridle, also the land where I I now live, after the death of my wife, the land where on I now live, after is it divided, her lifetime. If my son **EAVINS** should die without leaving and are lawfully begotten of him than the land which I give him shall descend to my son **WILLIAM BRYANT** and his heirs.

ITEM after the death of my wife **POLLY BRYANT** the property which I lend to her for the term of her life I dispose of in the following manner:

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First I give to my son **WILLIAM BRYANT** one negro man named LEON and JACOB, PATIENCE, EASTER, and TOM and increase to be equally divided between my son **EAVINS** and daughters **DELANY** and **JINCY**.

All the rest of the property which I lend to my beloved wife I leave to be equally divided between my three children: **EAVINS, DELANY** and **JINCY BRYANT**.

I do hereby appoint my friend **GIDEON BASS** and my beloved son **WILLIAM BRYANT** executors to this my last will and testament revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made in witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written.

WILLIAM BRYANT {seal, his X mark}

Acknowledged signed sealed in the presence of

RICHARD DOZIER
JAMES T. DOZIER

William Jr. had son GIDEON ?

Rhoada Bryant Wilhight m. Henry Wilhight 25 Oct 1825

Josia W. Vick & Jincy [Jincey] Bryant Vick Nash NC census 1850,1860,1870

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State of North Carolina
Nash County
November term 1826

The foregoing last will and testament of **WILLIAM BRYANT** was exhibited in open court and Dooley proven by the Oaths of **RICHARD DOZIER** and **JAMES T. DOZIER** subscribing witnesses there too and on motion ordered to be recorded.

A test **H. BLOUNT**, C. C. C.

And is recorded in obedience there too

H. BLOUNT, C. C. C.

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