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BENJAMIN BRYAN

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In the name of God Amen.

I **BENJAMIN BRYAN** of Northampton County in North Carolina being in health of body and of sound memory calling to mind that it is appointed for man once to die and willing to make this my last will and testament in manner following viz.

FIRST and principally I recommend my soul to almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter mentioned and as touching my worldly estate my just debts and funeral charges first paid I give devise and bequeath as follows:

IMPRIMIS I lend to my loving wife **SARAH BRYAN** for the payment of my debts and support and education of my children the use of all my state both real and personal, except she marry, until my eldest son come to lawful age for marriage. But if my said wife should marry, then in that case I lend to her the use of my manner Plantation the working tools and horses, thereunto belonging, two feather beds and furniture, one walnut table and chest, my kitchen furniture, one riding chair and harness, my Negroes called CHARITY, SELAH, BOB, NATHAN, PRIMERS, LIAR, BRIDGIT, BETT, GABRIEL and ALLEN and increase during her natural life.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my son **JOHN BRYAN** the land and Plantation where an I now live the land adjoining called Guy's also the land called Cary's place, if recovered of **THOMAS BRYAN**'s executors, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my son **DAVIS BRYAN** the lot where on set Smith keeps store the land and Plantation formerly possessed by **THOMAS BRYAN**, deceased, called Crossroads, if recovered of his executors, to him his heirs or assigns forever.

ITEM it is my will that my Cider still still be sold towards paying my debts.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath my lands and the Occoneechee Neck to be equally divided between my two sons **JOHN** and **DAVIS BRYAN** when the eldest arrives to lawful age or marriage to them their heirs or assigns forever.

ITEM it is my will that all my Negroes and other estate not otherwise disposed of be equally divided between or amongst all my children living with my eldest son arrives to lawful age or marriage to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath Unto **JOHN KNOX** 100 acres of land in the fork of Uehara & Quarter Swamp, if recovered from **THOMAS BRYAN**'s executors, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

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LASTLY I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my loving wife **SARAH BRYAN** and **JOHN KNOX** whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking disallowing and making void all other and former Wills by me heretofore made, this I own to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of January 1796.

BENJAMIN BRYAN {seal}

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator to be his last will and testament.

SAMUEL PARKER jurat

JOHN SCOTT

WILLIAM WATSON jurat

Executor qualified