

Will, NC, Northampton, Blake Bryan 1847

In the name of God Amen.

Know all men by these presents that I **BLAKE BRYAN** of the county of Northampton and state of North Carolina being the sick of body but of sound mind and reason to make and ordained this to be my last will and testament in the manner and form as follows.

1ST I give and bequeath to my son **MARMADUKE BRYAN** the tract of land where on he now lives including all buildings improvements and see. Commencing halfway on the road Timmer meeting house between the North corner of the Guston field and the Avenue no running up to the house where my said son now lives (right side of the road) and running nearly a self direction to a deep hole in Forked Branch, this line to strike a ditch in the same direction, thence up the side branch **CAPEHART's** line, this line to embrace all the land north and east of my other land.

2ND I give and bequeath to my son **WILEY BRYAN** all the land lying between the above named line and another line to commence out the above line on Forked Branch and run as the fence now lain from said Branch to another Branch in nearly a Southwest Direction the latter branch lying between my land and **WILLIAM A. BRYAN**, this to embrace all the land south and east of the line herein described last and not given to my son **MARMADUKE** as above named.

3RD I give and bequeath to my daughters **BARSHEBA OUTLAND** and **ELIZABETH BRYAN** to be equally divided between them all the balance of my home tract of land subject to the following conditions that said land be equally divided estimating all buildings improvements and c. and then that a dower be allotted out of both parts including my homestead for my beloved wife **ELIZABETH BRYAN** to be held by her her lifetime after which said division as above to take full effect between the parties.

4TH I lend to **JERRE CARTER** my former son-in-law the tract of land where on he now lives called the Borson tract until his oldest son **JAMES**, my grandson, becomes of age then I give said tract of land to be equally divided between my three grandchildren, said Carter's children, viz: **JAMES**, as above, **BARSHEBA** and **MARY CARTER**.

5TH I give and bequeath to my daughter **BARSHEBA OUTLAND** and **ELIZABETH BRYAN** the tract of land lying on DAUGHTRY Branch adjoining **JOHN BROWN** and others to be equally divided between them.

6TH I give to my grand-daughter **SARAH CARTER** three hundred dollars in cash out of my estate.

7TH I lend to my beloved wife **ELIZABETH BRYAN** her lifetime the following property to wit. Negro Woman **OLIVE** and man **DANIEL**, mare and gig, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs one, cart and wheels, one choice of bed and furniture, and a plentiful provision of corn, pork and c. to be given for one year and after her death the said property to be equally divided between all of my four children above named.

8TH I leave to **JERRE CARTER** a note which I hold by him for about sixteen

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dollars.

9TH I give and bequeath to my four children **MARMADUKE, WILEY, ELIZABETH BRYAN** and **BARSHEBA OUTLAND** all of my Negroes not above named to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

10TH I desire that all of my family stay together as at present constituted hand all of my property of every description until after the present crop is housed and then for my executor to sell all the property not named and after paying my just debts all the remainder together with all other monies to be equally divided between my four children as above named.

11TH and lastly I make and appoint my son **WILEY Bryan** and my friend **JOEL CONNER** the executor of this my last will and testament. All given under my hand and seal this 27th day of August 1847.

BLAKE BRYAN seal his mark

Witness
W. S. COPELAND
SAMUEL STORY

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The foregoing last will and testament of **BLAKE BRYAN** deceased was exhibited in open court, proved in due form of law by the oaths of **W. S. COPELAND** and **SAMUEL STORY** The subscribing witnesses there too and ordered to be certified and recorded, whereupon **WILIE BRYAN** and **JOEL CONNER** the executors named in said will came into open court and qualified as such according to law.

Test **JOHN B. ODOM**, CCC