

**Will, NC, Northampton, Lewis Bryan 1848**

In the name of God Amen.

I **LEWIS BRYAN** of the county of Northampton and state of North Carolina being at this time in a state of health that renders me unfit to do any kind of Labor or to attend to my farming business, but still remaining in my proper mind and memory and at this time having my right reason and the rational powers of my mind as much so as ever and having now in my possession some small amount of this world's Goods consisting of a stock of cattle and Hogs farming utensils & c., also money in hand and money due me by the death of my brother **WILLIAM M. BRYAN**, late of the Parish of West Feliciana and state of Louisiana together with my growing crop of corn and corn on hand and bacon on hand, all of the foregoing named estate I do hereby disposed of in the following Manner and form, viz:

After my just debts are paid and funeral and burial expenses discharged out of the residue of my estate I direct that **NANCY ROWE** (the woman now living with me) be allowed annually a necessary support during her life. First to be allowed by my executor one years support out of my crop and stock on hand and thence annually such portion of my estate as shall be deemed necessary for her maintenance during her life, and after the death of the said **NANCY ROWE** should there be any part of my estate remaining either in money or perishable estate the whole of the same I do hereby give and bequeath to my neighbor and friend **SAMUEL STORY** to him and his heirs forever.

I further direct that it shall be left to the choice of my executor to sell such articles of my perishable estate and in such manner as he may think best.

And lastly I appoint and ordained my friend **JOEL CONNER** to be my executor of this my last will and testament disannulling all other Wills by me heretofore made, made, done and acknowledged to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses hereunto subscribed this 26th day of June A. D. 1848.

**LEWIS BRYAN** {seal, his x mark}

**JOEL CONNER**  
**WILLIE BRYAN**