

**Will, NC, Northampton, William Bryant 1785**

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM BRYANT** of Northampton County in the state of North Carolina being sick and weak and body but thanks be to God of sound mind and memory to make ordain constitute and appoint this my last will and testament in Manner and form following that is to say:

FIRST and PRINCIPALLY I commit my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor is hereinafter mentioned and as touching my worldly Goods my just debts and funeral expenses first paid I give devise and bequeath as follows viz:

IMPRIMIS I lend the use of all my estate I am now possessed with of what kind so ever to my beloved wife during her natural life and at her deathd to be equally divided between her children **JOSEPH PINNER, JOHN PINNER, and SARAH PINNER** Orphans of **JOHN PINNER** deceased to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath the land and Plantation where on my mother **JANE BRYANT** now lives after her to decease to be equally divided between my beloved wife **CLARKE BRYANT** and my two sisters **PATTY BRYANT** and **ABITHA BRYANT** to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

LASTLY I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife **CLARKE BRYANT** and **JOHN KNOX** whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking disannulling and making void all other Wheels by me heretofore made and this I own to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here on to set my hand and seal this 28th day of February 1785.

**WILLIAM BRYANT** {his w mark, seal}

Signed Sealed pronounced by the testator to be his last will and testament in presence of

**ELIAS LAWRENCE**

**JOHN KNOX**

**JAMES LASSITER** {his x mark}

**Will, NC, Northampton, William Bryant 1785**

**WILLIAM BRYANT** recorded

**Will, NC, Northampton, William Bryant 1785**

Northampton County

Session June Court 1785

This will was proved by the oath of **ELIAS LAWRENCE** and **JAMES LASSITER** subscribing Witnesses at the same time **JOHN KNOX** qualified as an executor there are two ordered to be certified and recorded.

Teste

**E. HAYNES** District Court Clerk