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**B B BRYAN** ]  
deed to ]  
**M G BRYAN** ]  
trustee for graveyard ] scale 20 poles per inch

Whereas I, **B B BRYAN**, have heretofore enclosed a certain spot of land containing 1/10 of an acre with a substantial stone wall to be used for interment of my own family and for that of certain other families namely that of **E D HICKS**, **A N BRYAN**, **M L STEADMAN**, **T HARDIN** and **C W BONNER**.

That portion allotted or **E D HICKS** family live the west side of said enclosure and embraces a strip 4 rods long and 20 links wide including its walls that touch in the measurement the strip allotted and **A N BRYAN** family lies also on the west side and east of said **HICKS** strip which it joins and is 4 poles long and 15 links wide. The strip allotted to **M L STEADMAN**, **T HARDIN** and **C W BONNER** lies on its east side of said enclosure and is 4 poles long and 17 links wide also including its walls and its measurement.

The remaining interment space lying within said enclosure is reserved for my own family and whereas, by the said **B B BRYAN** and his wife **MARY BRYAN** are desirous of donating 9/10 of an acre in addition to the foregoing for a public burying ground making one acre in its whole, for the interment of white persons only. Now therefore we the said **B B BRYAN** and wife **MARY BRYAN** do give grant and convey a certain lot of land in trust to **M G BRYAN** to be held by him and his heirs and assigns for the before mentioned trustee and for no other purpose whatever.

Said lot of land is situated in Civil District number 1 of Lincoln County Tennessee and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a rock and **E D HICKS**'s north boundary line 8 links north of a black walnut pointer and running thence North 5 East 12 8/10 poles to a rock with Elm pointer fence south 85 east 13 4/10 holes to a rock thence south 7 west 12 8/10 poles to a rock and said **HICKS**'s line thence north 80 West 12 8/10 poles to the beginning.

The whole containing 1 acre be the same more or less that part and close in the stone wall contains 1/10 of an acre and that surrounding it contains 9/10 of an acre to have and to hold the same to the said **M G BRYAN** entrust with entailment forever in testimony where of we the said **B B BRYAN** and **MARY B BRYAN** do hereby subscribe our names and a fix our seals on this 16th of July 1891 **E D HICKS**, **L L C NEECE**, **B B BRYAN**, **M B BRYAN**

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to **J W RAWLS**, Esquire you are hereby authorized and empowered to take into examination of Mrs. **MARY B BRYAN** privately and apart from her husband relative to the free section of the foregoing instrument and the same as taken to certify under your hand and seal. Witness **E S WILSON** clerk of said court at office this 7th day of April 1891.

**E S WILSON** clerk

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Mrs. **MARY B BRYAN** wife of **B B BRYAN** has personally appeared before me and having by virtue of the authority in me vested been examined privately and apart from her husband and she having acknowledged to due questions of the foregoing instrument by her freely voluntarily and understandingly without compulsion or constraint by her said husband and for the purposes therein expressed the same as there for certified witness my hand and seal this 16th day of July 1891.

**J W RAWLS** justice of the peace

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Personally appeared before me **J POINDEXTER** clerk of the County Court of said county and state **E D HICKS** and **L L C NEECE** subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument with whom I am personally acquainted we being first duly sworn depose and say that they are personally acquainted with **B B BRYAN** the gardeners and that he acknowledged the same in his presence to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained witness my hand at office in Fayetteville this the 24th day of September 1894.

**J POINDEXTER** clerk

Recorded March 6th 1895 at 2 o'clock p.m. and registered March 7th 1895.

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