

**Probate, NC, Northampton, Lawrence Bryan 1848**

State of North Carolina  
Northampton County

Know all men by these presents that we **JOHN B. ODOM, WILLIAM H. HUGHES** and **HEROD FAISON** are held in firmly bound into the state of North Carolina, in the just and full sum of ten thousand dollars current money of the said state, to be paid to the said state of North Carolina to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and every of us, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 8th day of June A. D. 1848

WHEREAS, the above bound and **JOHN B. ODOM** has been this day, by the worshipful Court of Northampton County, appointed Guardian to **HENRY BRYAN** orphan of **LAWRENCE BRYAN** deceased. Now, the condition of the above obligation is such that if the said **JOHN B. ODOM** Guardian as for said shall well and truly discharge is Guardianship, by taking care of and improving all the estate belonging to the said orphan; and shall also settle his guardianship, accounts with court of said County, as required by law, and that he will deliver up to the said **HENRY BRYAN** orphan as aforesaid head when he shall attain lawful age, all such a state as he ought to ought of right to be possessed of, or, sooner if required, agreeable to the true intent and meaning of the act of the general assembly in such case made and provided, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

**JOHN B. ODOM**  
**HEROD FAISON**  
**WILLIAM H. HUGHES**

**JOHN B. ODOM, CCC**

I hereby certify, but **JEREMIAH DREW, HENRY GATLING,** and **NICHOLAS BOON** Esquires, justices, were upon the bench at the time of granting the above guardianship.

Test

**JOHN B. ODOM** Clerk

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**JOHN B. ODOM**, Guardianship

Bond

**HENRY BRYAN**

June Court, 1848

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State of North Carolina  
Northampton County

County Court September session 1848

To the justices of the court aforesaid the petition of **KINCHEN B. PLEDGER** and wife **SARAH**, **JOSEPHUS BRYANT**, **WILLIAM BROWN** and wife **MARY**, **BRIDGERS BRYANT**, **HARRIET BRYANT** an infant by her next friend **KINCHEN B. PLEDGER**, and **HENRY BRYANT** as infant by **JOHN B. ODOM** his guardian.

Humbly complaining show to your worships your petitioners that in the year \_\_\_\_\_ **LAWRENCE BRYANT**, of said County, departed this life intestate seized and possessed of a tract of land containing about 58 Acres lying in Uriah swamp and a joining the lands of **THOMAS BRYANT**, **ELIZABETH BRYANT** and **BRIDGERS BRYANT** and leaving your petitioners **SARAH** wife of your petitioner **KINCHEN**, **JOSEPHUS BRYANT**, **MARY** wife of your petitioner **WILLIAM**, **BRIDGERS BRYANT**, **HARRIET BRYANT** and **HENRY BRYANT**, his only children and heirs at law, him surviving, and to whome the said land descended.

Your petitioners further show that they are desirous of having partition made between them of the said lands so that they may hold there respective shares in the same severally and not in common, and they pray your worships to decree that partition may be made of said lands accordingly and that one sixth part of the same, in value as near as may be, may be set apart and allotted to each of them and for such other relief as their case may require.

And as in duty bound they will ever pray.

**T. BROGG JR.**, solicitor

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**KINCHEN B. PLEDGER**  
and wife and others

Petition

The Court

Filed Sep Court 1848

**Probate, NC, Northampton, Lawrence Bryan 1848**

State of North Carolina  
Northampton County

September Court 1848

It Is ordered by the court that **EDMUND JACOBS** Esquire, **WILLIS FUWELL**, **JAMES ROSE**, **ISAAC PARKER** and **WILLIAM D. ROSE**, be appointed commissioners, who after having been duly qualified shall proceed with the County Surveyor, to value, divide and allot to the heirs of **LAWRENCE BRYANT**, in severally, their shares in a certain tract of land which the said **LAWRENCE** died, seized and possessed, adjoining the lands **THOMAS BRYANT**, **ELIZABETH BRYANT** and **BRIDGERS BRYANT** containing about 58 acres, so as to allot to **KINCHEM B. PLEDGER** wife **SARAH** one sixth part, **JOSEPHUS BRYANT** one sixth part, to **WILLIAM BROWN** wife **MARY** one sixth part, to **BRIDGERS BRYANT** one sixth part, to **HARRIET BRYANT** one sixth part and to **HENRY BRYANT** one sixth part, and of and equal division be impracticable as to value then the commissioners will charge the more valuable dividend with such sum or sums of money as will make the division equal and report their proceedings to the next term of this court.

9<sup>th</sup> September 1848

Test **JOHN B. ODOM**, CCC

Probate, NC, Northampton, Lawrence Bryan 1848

**KINCHEN B. PLEDGER** & wife  
and others

Order for **E. JACOB** Esquire  
to divide land

The Court

Probate, NC, Northampton, Lawrence Bryan 1848

State of North Carolina  
Northampton County

County Court, December term 1847

To the worshipful the justices of the said court.

The petition of **BRIDGERS BRYANT**, Sally, **POLLY**, **HARRIETT**, **HENRY** and **JOSEPHUS**, the last being as non-resident and **POLLY**, **HARRIETT** and **HENRY** infants and without guardians, humbly complaining, showeth unto your worships that some time in the year \_\_\_\_ Lawrence Bryant departed this life leaving your petitioners, his children and heirs at law.

Your Petitioners further showeth unto your worships that in the years 1815 or 1816 one **ALLEN BRYANT**, late of said county, departed this life intestate, seized and possessed of real and personal estate leaving **WHITFIELD**, **JOSEPH**, **LEWIS**, **MILES**, **RIDDICK**, **CATHERINE**, **DARIUS**, **WILLIAM** and **LAWRENCE BRYANT**, his children and heirs at law.

Your petitioners further showeth unto your worships that administration upon the estate of the late **ALLEN BRYANT** was granted to **JOHN PEELLE** who has since died having first declared and published a last will and testament nominating and appointing **ISAAC PEELLE** his executor.

Your Petitioners also showeth unto your worships that some time in the year 1834 a petition was filed in this worshipful court in the name of **REDDICK BRYANT et. al.** vs. said **JOHN PEELLE**, administrator praying that their distributive shares of the estate late **ALLEN BRYANT** be paid over when an account being stated to the petitioners named in the said petition , all of which will more fully and particularly appear by reference to the said petition which your petitioners pray ma be take as a part of this, their petition.

Your petitioners also showeth that at December Term 1846, **JOHN VANN** of said county took out letters of administration upon the estate of **DARIUS BRYANT**.

Your petitioners shew unto your worships that **LAWRENCE BRYANT**, their father, was not made a party plaintiff in the said petitions or either of them and did not receive his share of the estate of the said **ALLEN**, but that the same remained in the hands of the said administrator and your petitioners are advised that they are entitled to recover the said share of the said Lawrence out of the estate of the said **JOHN PEELE**.

Your petitioners therefore pray your worships to direct the clerk of this court to state an account and report at the next term what amount is due the estate of the said **LAWRENCE** and also that a copy of this petition be served upon the executor of **JOHN PEELLE** and that he shall fully answer the same.

And your petitioners as is duty bound will ever pray.

**JOHN RANDOLPH**, solicitor

Probate, NC, Northampton, Lawrence Bryan 1848

**BRIDGERS BRYANT**, et. al.

Vs

**ISAAC PEELLE**  
Executor of **JOHN PEELLE**

Petition for Settlement

Filed December Term 1847

Service accepted,  
**ISAAC PEELE**, executors

**RANDOLPH**

Probate, NC, Northampton, Lawrence Bryan 1848

The answer of **ISSAC PELLE** to the petitions of **BRIDGERS, SALLY, POLLY, HARRIETT, HENRY** and **JOSEPHUS BRYANT** filed in this worshipful court.

This defendant saving and reserving to himself all manner of exceptions to the many and manifest imperfections in the plaintiffs said petition contained for answer to so much thereof as he is advised it is material for him to answer, answering saith;

He admits that in the year \_\_\_\_ **LAWRENCE BRYANT** departed this life leaving the petitioners, his children and heirs at law;

He further admits that when in the year 1815 or 1816 **ALLEN BRYANT** departed this life, leaving both real and personal estate and thus **WHITFIELD, JOSEPH, LEWIS, MILES, RIDDICK, CATHERINE, DARIUS, WILLIAM** and **LAWRENCE** were his only children and heirs at law, and thus letters of administration upon the estate of said **ALLEN BRYANT** were granted to **JOHN PELLE** the testator of this defendant;

He further admits that the children of the said **ALLEN BRYANT**, other than the said **LAWRENCE BRYANT**, have heretofore recovered their distributive share of the estate of the said **ALLEN BRYANT** in the manner as set forth in the petition.

This defendant further answering saith that he verily believes that the father of the petitioner received his portion of the said estate in his life time, or that the petitioners have since received it.

He further insists that the petitioners cannot now, nor could they at any time, maintain this action, for that if he is answerable to any person, it is to the proper representative of **LAWRENCE BRYANT**.

And further this defendant insists that if the petitioners could at any time have maintained this action they cannot now do so, for the reason that they are barred by the statute of limitations, or at least after the lapse of time the cause in this court will be perceived to have been settled & paid and is not as matter of trust now open to inquiry.

This defendant further submits that the petitioners cannot sustain their petition for the reason that the proper parties are not made as is appointed in the face of the same.

Without this he, this defendant prays that he may be dismissed with his costs in this behalf sustained.

**BARNES & BROGG**  
for Defendant

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Henry Bryant, orphan of Lawrence Bryan, deceased. In account current with **JOHN B. ODOM**, guardian.

1848, June [account details]

1849, March [account details]

1849, March [account details]

Northampton County, March Court 1849

The foregoing Guardian Account to be certified & recorded.

John B. Odom, CCC

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**HENRY BRIAN**

With Account

**JOHN B. ODOM**, guardian

1 March 1849

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