

**Will, GA, Hancock, ROBERT BRYAN 1799**

Last will of **ROBERT BRYAN** deceased

State of Georgia ]  
Hancock County ]

In the name of God Amen.

I **ROBERT BRYAN** of the county and state of aforesaid being weak in body and very sick, but of sound mind and memory, blessed be God, do this 12th day of April in the year of Our Lord 1799 make and ordain this to be my last will and testament.

IMPRIMIS I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it hoping for Mercy through Jesus Christ my only Lord and Savior and desire to be buried decently at the direction of my Hereafter named executors. My worldly property of every kind I give bequeath and disposed of in the following manner:

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **SARAH BRYANT** two Negroes DINA and PEGG to her and her heirs for ever.

I lend to my said, wife during her widowhood, my Plantation, Farming tools, kitchen, and house furniture, and stock of all kind on the plantation at least as much of all of those things as well be necessary to raise and support my children. The part or parts that can be spared I allowed to be sold and the money, together with what is now owing me, be put it to interest or laid out in young Negroes by my executor. It is my will and desire the rest of my Negroes, not given to my wife, aforesaid, to be kept together and improved to the best advantage, under the direction and superintendents of my executors, and as my children come of age I allow them to get an equal division of all but the land, and the time my youngest child comes of lawful age I desire the land to be sold for the best price that can be gotten and titles made by my executor to the purchaser and the price to be equally divided among all my children and their legal representatives, or I would allow the land to be sold at the marriage, or decease, of my wife should my executor I think it would be of advantage to my children.

I will and desire My just debts to be paid.

I nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife **SARAH BRYAN** executrix and **AJONADAB REED, DRED WILDER** and **TUNSTALL ROAN** my joint executors in trust to see my will executed and I do hereby nullify and make them void all other former Wills legacies and here to for made buy me and ratify this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

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In testimony aware of I have here on to set my hand and affixed my seal this date first above written.

**ROBERT BRYAN {seal}**

Signed, sealed published & c. in presence of

**WILLIAM PHILLIPS  
SAMUEL HART  
SOLOMON STEPP**

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Hancock County ]

The following will the for going well love **ROBERT BRYAN** deceased proven in opened cord by the oats of **SAMUEL HEART** and **SOLOMON STAFF** and that the law will **WILLIAM PHILLIPS** subscribed his name with them as a witness there to 16th January 1800

Clerk

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An inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of ROBERT BRYAN deceased  
11th February 1800

1 negro woman DINAH	\$200.00
1 negro woman PEG	\$350.00
1 negro girl AMY	\$350.00
1 negro boy JERRY	\$350.00
1 negro girl JUDY	\$200.00
1 negro man RICHARD	\$150.00
1 negro Girl POLLY	\$130.00
1 black horse	\$100.00
1 brown mare	\$50.00
1 bay filley	\$25.00
1 yellow bay filley	\$30.00
1 dark filley	\$25.00
11 head of cattle	\$61.50
37 head of hogs	\$34.75
4 feather beds and Furniture	\$140.00
cupboard, furniture and cupboard	\$15.00
kitchen Furniture	\$22.75
1 set blacksmiths tools	\$65.00
Plantation implements	\$24.17½
Chest and table	\$8.00
1 musket gun	\$3.00
3 spinning wheels	\$4.00
1 chick real	\$0.50
1 pair sad irons	\$1.00
amount carried over	\$2,339.67½

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amount brought forward	\$2,339.67½
1 grindstone	\$0.75
1 slate	\$0.80
1 tea kettle	\$4.50
parcel of books	\$2.25
mattock and grubbing hoe	\$2.25
total	\$2,350.22½

**SHEARWARD WOMACK** ]  
**WILLIAM MCLELLAN** ]  
**SAMUEL HART** ] appraisers  
  
**SALLY BRYAN** ] executrix

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An account of sales of the estate of ROBERT BRYANT deceased has sold 4th day of December 1800 at 12 months credit

RICHARD REYNOLDS 1 cupboard	\$9.00
JOHN HENDERSON 1 black walnut table	\$6.75
BENJAMIN WHITFIELD 1 Pine chest	\$6.00
AUGUSTIN POTTER one pot and hooks	\$3.50
JOHN WILSON one pot and hooks	\$2.87½
JESSE BELL one small oven	\$2.00
DAVID CHUNING one large oven	\$4.00
MICHAEL GILBERT 1 copper tea kettle	\$5.00
WILLIAM JOHNSTON three pewter basins	\$3.00
THOMAS SPARKS One Dish and six plates	\$2.62½
SAMUEL HART to dishes 6 plates 1 Basin	\$5.25
GEORGE WEST one loom	\$5.00
EDMUND BUTLER one tub and half bushel	\$1.62½
ELIJAH GEORGE one churn	\$1.00
BENJAMIN WHITFIELD one plow gear	\$2.56¼
amount carried forward	\$60.18¾

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amount brought forward sixty dollars	\$60.18¾
<b>ELIJAH GEORGE</b> 1 lining wheel	\$2.62½
<b>WARREN WEST</b> 6 chairs	\$3.12½
<b>JESSE BELL</b> 2 flux irons	\$1.62½
<b>DAVID PATILLO</b> 1 shovel and tongs	\$1.75
<b>JOHN JACKSON</b> 1 ax and 1 hoe	\$1.37½
<b>JESSE BELL</b> 1 ax and 1 hoe	\$1.18¾
<b>BENJAMIN WHITFIELD</b> to iron wedges	\$1.31¼
<b>JOHN LEE</b> 1 broad axe	\$2.00
<b>SAMUEL CHUNING</b> 1 Maddox	\$1.00
<b>EZEKIEL VEASEY</b> 1 bar share plow	\$3.06¼
<b>FUNSTEL ROAN</b> 1/2 share plow	\$2.50
<b>THOMAS SPARKS</b> 1 coulter and stock	\$1.00
<b>JESSE BELL</b> 1 coulter	\$1.12½
<b>BENJAMIN WHITFIELD</b> 1 gridiron	\$2.25
<b>JOSEPHUS LOVE</b> 1 shovel plow	\$0.56¼
<b>PETER BYRD</b> 1 lock chain	\$3.00
<b>JOHN RUDISILL</b> Coopers tools	\$1.37½
<b>THOMAS SPARKS</b> Coopers tools	\$1.37½
<b>JOHN JACKSON</b> old irons	\$2.12½
<b>DANIEL WILSON</b> old irons	\$2.75
<b>PETER BYRD</b> adze and frow	\$3.00
<b>JOSHUA STEVENS</b> 1 Looking Glass	\$1.25
<b>WILL LAWSON</b> 1 pair of steelyard	\$3.62½
<b>MARTIN GILBERT</b> 1 cross cock	\$0.50
<b>ELIJAH STEVENS</b> blacksmith stools	\$32.25
<b>JOHN HENDERSON</b> 1 black horse	\$143.00
<b>JOHN RUDISILL</b> 1 bellows	\$20.00
<b>THOMAS SPARKS</b> 1 Panhandle	\$0.37½
<b>WILL HODGES</b> 1 bay filley	\$15.12½
<b>EPAPHRODITUS DRAKE</b> 1 brown mare	\$51.25
<b>JOHN RUDISILL</b> 1 cow and calf and 1 heifer	\$21.06¼
amount carried over	\$388.75

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Amount brought over	\$388.75
<b>BENJAMIN WHITFIELD</b> 1 cow and calf and 1 heifer with yearling	\$16.12½
<b>BENJAMIN WHITFIELD</b> 1 cow and calf with yearling	\$20.12½
<b>WILLIAM JOHNSON</b> 1 heifer	\$6.00
<b>AJONADAB READ</b> 1 sow and 8 pigs	\$10.00
<b>WILBORNE DICKERSON</b> 5 hogs first choice	\$31.62½
<b>REUBEN READ</b> 5 hogs second choice	\$30.12½
<b>DANIEL WILSON</b> 5 hogs third choice	\$15.37½
<b>JOHN WILSON</b> 5 hogs fourth choice	\$14.00
<b>WILBORNE DICKERSON</b> 5 hogs fifth choice	\$8.25
<b>BENJAMIN WHITFIELD</b> one Negro girl AMY	\$42.00
<b>BENJAMIN WHITFIELD</b> one Negro boy JERRY	\$45.25
<b>BENJAMIN WHITFIELD</b> one girl JUDY	\$21.00
<b>BENJAMIN WHITFIELD</b> rent of plantation	\$70.12½
total	\$718.75

ALEXANDER KING, Clerk



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Estate of **ROBERT BRYAN**, deceased

To **BENJAMIN WHITFIELD** & wife.

**THOMAS RYDING**, proven account

**DR. R. H. LEE**

**JOSHUA LACY**

**NICHOLAS THOMAS**

**D. SEPTIMUS ALFORD**

**JAMES ALFORD**

**MICHAEL COLLINS**

**JOHN READ**

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Estate & Orphans of **ROBERT BRYAN**, deceased

To **BENJAMIN WHITFIELD** for the year 1801

**JOHN [BRYAN]** ... clothing  
**ROBERT [BRYAN]**... clothing

**WILL THERBY**, Dr.  
**HENRY RANSOM**, schooling  
**AMOS BRANTLEY**, proven account  
**JOHN WILSON**, teaching

Negroes hired out belonging to orphans of **ROBERT BRYAN**  
JUDY to **BENJAMIN WHITFIELD**  
JERY to **HENRY LONG**  
AMEY to **JOHN GOODE**  
DICK to **JESSE BELL**

We do certify that the above is the hire & number of the Negroes belong to the orphans of **ROBERT BRYAN**, deceased

Signed

**DRED WILDER**, executor  
**SARAH WHITFIELD**, executrix

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Estate of orphans of **ROBERT BRYANT**, deceased

To **BENJAMIN WHITFIELD**

January 1802

**ROBERT [BRYAN]**

Betsey [**BETSY BRYAN**]

**JAMES ALFORD**

**HENRY RANSOM**

**JOHN BRYAN**

**FREDRICK WILLIAMS**

Dr. **SEPTIMUS WEATHERBY**

The above Account sworn to before **JOHN W. DEVEREAUX JJC**

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An account of the sale of the land and here of the Negroes, belonging to the estate and orphans of **ROBERT BRYAN**, deceased, 1802

**BUCKNER DUKE**  
**RICHARD R. FLETCHER**  
**WILLIAM MCCLALLED**  
**DRED WILDER**  
**RICHARD RUNNELLS**

**DRED WILDER**, executor  
**SARAH WHITFIELD**, executrix

**BENJAMIN WHITFIELD** returned an account against the estate & orphans of Robert **BRYAN**, deceased ...

**JOHN [BRYAN] BRYANT**

**WILLIAM MCLELLAN**, guardian

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