

Will, NC, Bertie, Simon Bryan 1753

North Carolina
Bertie County

In the name of God, Amen.

I, **SIMON BRYAN**, being in my perfect senses but in a very bad state of health do make this my Last Will & Testament, revoking all former wills whatsoever by me heretofore made. Constituting my wife **ANN**, my brother **EDWARD BRYAN** and my son **DAVID [BRYAN]** my sole executors.

First my soul to almighty God, in sure & Certain hope of a resurrection from the dead through the merits of my Lord & savior Jesus Christ, my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors.

My worldly goods in the following manner:

IMPRIMIS to my dear & loving wife I bequeath one third part of all my personal estate after my just debts are paid (there being nine Negroes belonging to my children, some of which came by the death of their brother **JOHN ARMOUR**, the rest they hold by deed of gift; the Negroes are named, viz: PERRY, HANNAH, FEB, DINA, BEN, LYD, JOE, JUPITER & PINA.

ITEM To my son, **DAVID**, I bequeath, that tract of Land I bought of **MITCHELL & HENRY KING**, to him, his heirs & assigns.

THE other two thirds of my personal estate to be equally divided amongst my three children, but if my wife is with child now, my will & pleasure is that it have one equal share with my other children.

As witness my hand & Seal this 26th of November 1751.

SIMON BRYAN {seal}

Signed, Sealed & published before us:

MARTHA BRYAN
ISABEL DEAL {her x mark}
JAMES LOCKHART
LILLINGTON LOCKHART

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May Court, 1753.

The within will was exhibited into court by **DAVID BRYAN**, one of the executors therein named, and proved by the oath of **JAMES LOCKHART** esquire and **LILLINGTON LOCKHART**, two of the subscribing witness's thereto, and at the same time the said executor qualified for said office according to law, which was ordered to be certified.

Test. **BENJAMIN WYNNS**, clerk

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