

Will, NC, Chatham, Aron Bryan 1838

State of North Carolina  
Chatham County

In the name of God, Amen.

I, **AARON BRYAN** of the county and state aforesaid, call to mind the mortality of the body & knowing that it is appointed for man to die, being of sound & disposing mind and memory, though weak in body, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

FIRST, I give my body to it's mother dust desiring it may be decently buried and recommend my immortal spirit to God who gave it, in hope of a glorious resurrection from the dead through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After my just debts & funeral expenses are paid I dispose of my worldly goods in the following manner:

ITEM I give to my nephew **WILLIAM BRYAN** ten dollars.

ITEM I give to my nephew **HARDY BRYAN** ten dollars.

ITEM I give to my niece **AGNES BRASINGTON** five dollars.

ITEM I give to my nephew **WILLIAM PETTY** five dollars.

ITEM I give to my nephew **JOHN PETTY** two dollars and fifty cents.

All the above donations to be paid over as specified by my executor and executrix.

I also give and bequeath the balance of the time of my little bound colored boy **WILLIAM EVANS** until he arrives of lawful age, to my friend **ISAAC HARTSOE** to be raised by **ISAAC HARTSOE** until he is free.

ITEM I loan to my beloved wife **SARAH**, during her widowhood, all my lands and should she marry, it is my will that she take one third of said lands, laid off to her during her natural life.

ITEM, at the marriage of my wife **SARAH**, should she marry, I give and bequeath all my lands except my said Widow's dowry, to my nephew **WILLIAM BRYAN**'s son, **WILLIAM BRASWELL BRYAN**, and should she not marry, at the death of my wife, I give my said land as aforesaid to the said **WILLIAM BRASWELL BRYAN** and his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah all the balance of my worldly goods of every description not previously given away to her to dispose of as she may think proper.

AND last I do nominate, constitute and appoint to this my last will and testament as executors, my beloved wife **SARAH** and my nephew **WILLIAM BRYAN**.

In testimony whereof of all which I, the said **AARON BRYAN** have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1838.

**AARON BRYAN** {seal}

Signed, sealed in the presence of us who are desired to become witnesses.

**JOHN T. WOMBLE**  
**JOHN BRIGHT**

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This certifies tht the foregoing last will and testament of **AARON BRYAN**, deceased, was produced in open court, and proved by the oaths of **JOHN T. WOMBLE** and **JOHN BRIGHT** the subscribing witnesses thereto; and was ordered to be recorded. Whereupon **WILLIAM BRYAN**, one of the executors therein named appeared in open court and was qualified.

Teste

**N. A. STEDMAN**, CCC

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