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In the name of God, Amen.

I **EDWARD BRYAN** of Craven Count [missing] in body but of sound mind and memory [missing] to God make this [missing] my last will and testament this seventeenth day of June I the year of our lord 1762 [missing] in manner and for as follows:

IMPRIMIS I commend my [missing] soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion [missing] of my executors.

ITEM I lend unto my loving mother **ANN BRYAN** two Negro men named JACK and FRANK during her lifetime [illegible].

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving cousins **EDWARD BRYAN, JOHN HILL BRYAN** son of my brother [missing] **JOHN BRYAN**, one Negro man named [missing], negro woman named Nansey [NANCY], one Negro boy named TOM, one negro girl [missing] named SALL, they and their increase to [missing] equally divided them when **EDWARD** shall [missing] come of the age of twenty one years old. And I give my two cousins all my cattle ex [missing] those cows and calves to be equally divided between them when the Negroes [missing] are to be divided.

My will is that my [missing] brother **JOHN BRYAN** should have [missing] the use of the Negroes and cattle until [missing] shall come of age.

ITEM I give unto [missing] my sister **PENELOPE [BRYAN] LANE** one negro girl name FEBES, one negro boy name F [missing] to her and her children if she [missing] shall have any.

Also I give and bequeath unto my sister **PENELOPE LANE** the cows and calves that are at my Plantation.

My will is that [missing] if my sister should have no children [missing] bear the Negroes give to her and then I give and bequeath the unto my brother **JOHN BRYAN's** children to be equally divided among all them, the Negroes and their increase.

I do constitute and ordain my loving brother **JOHN BRYAN** and my loving mother **ANN BRYAN** executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness thereof [missing] I, **EDWARD BRYAN** hath set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

**EDWARD BRYAN** {seal}

Signed, sealed and acknowledged my the testator [illegible]

**SCARBOROUGH TANKARD**

**JOSEPH MARTIN**

Jane [illegible] {her + mark}

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