

Will, NC, Edgecombe, John Bryan 1801

In the name of God Amen.

I **JOHN BRYAN** of the county Edgecombe and the state of North Carolina being in a low state of health but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, calling on to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordained this my last will and testament. That is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the Same Again by The Mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, dispose scratch and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.

1st I give and bequeath to my son **HARDY BRYAN** 50 acres of land more or less joining **ROBERT MCMULLEN's** land and **JONAS PARKER's**.

2nd I give and bequeath to my son **WRIGHT BRYAN** 50 acres of land more or less joining **PHILIP POPE's** land and **JOB BRADY**.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son **ROBERT BRYAN** 50 acres of land more or less joining right Bryan's land and Frederick Savage.

4th I give and bequeath to my son **ISHAM BRYAN** 50 acres of land more or less joining **ROBERT BRYAN's** land and **WILKERSON MABRY's**.

5th I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son **JESSE BRYAN** the sum of ten shillings.

6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter **PHERABY [BRYAN] MCMULLEN** the sum of ten shillings.

7th I give and bequeath unto my son **ISHAM BRYAN** one feather bed and furniture.

8th I given unto my son **WRIGHT BRYAN** one feather bed and furniture.

9th I give and bequeath under my son **ROBERT BRYAN** one feather bed and furniture. also it is my desire that my son **ROBERT BRYAN** shall have all the rest of my estate that I leave after my death.

I also ordained to this my last will and testament to be my whole executors my four sons **HARDY BRYAN, ISHAM BRYAN, WRIGHT BRYAN, and ROBERT BRYAN**, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, legacies, bequests, and executors by me, in any wise before named, willed, and decreased. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of December in the year of Our Lord 1801.

JOHN BRYAN {seal, his + mark}

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the said **JOHN BRYAN** has his last will and testament in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

PERSON GLOVER

HARDY BRYAN

ELIZABETH HARKNEY {her X mark}

HARDY BRYAN qualified

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May Court 1803

The within will of **JOHN BRYAN** deceased was offered for probate and caveated by **ROBERT MCMULLEN** and was tried by a jury whether it was the last will and testament of the said **JOHN BRYAN** or not. When they determined that it was the last will and testament as the aforesaid **JOHN BRYAN** deceased and was admitted to probate and was proven by the oath of **PERSON GLOVER** and **ELIZABETH HACKNEY** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

HARDY BRYAN one of the executors therein named was at the same time qualified.

Ordered that the will be recorded.

Test

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