

Will, NC, Johnston, Lewis Bryan, 1818

In the name of God Amen.

The twelfth of February eighteen hundred and eighteen.

I **LEWIS BRYAN** of Johnston County and state of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God for the same, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this, my last will and testament, that is to say:

Primarily and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, demand, dispose of the same in following manner and form:

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **CIELY BRYAN** four hundred and forty four acres of land during her natural lifetime, and after her death to be equally divided between my two daughters **ELIZABETH BRYAN** and **AVEY BRYAN** to them and their heirs for ever.

Also I give to my beloved wife **CIELY BRYAN** for cows and calves and 16 head of hogs and one feather bed and Furniture.

Also I give and bequeath to my two daughters **ELIZABETH BRYAN** and **AVEY BRYAN** one feather bed hand furniture each.

Also I give to my beloved wife **CIELY BRYAN** six basins, six plates, one dish, one case of knives and forks, to her during her natural life time and at her death for her to divide them as she thinks proper.

Also I give to my wife one pot and hook.

And the balance of my estate I leave to be sold and my debts paid and the residue after paying my debts to be equally divided between my four sons **WILLIAM BRYAN**, **ROBERT BRYAN**, **JAMES BRYAN** and **FREDERICK BRYAN** and my daughter **CUZZY WOODARD**.

I likewise constitute and appoint my two sons **ROBERT BRYAN** and **FREDERICK BRYAN** my executor of this my last will and testament and I do pronounce this to be my last will and testament and no other.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date first above written.

LEWIS BRYAN {seal, his mark}

Signed and sealed in presence of us

JAMES HOULDER

BLAKE ATKINSON {his mark}

BARSHABA ATKINSON {his mark}

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