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THOMAS BRYAN's will
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In the name of God Amen.

I **THOMAS BRYAN** of Northampton County being in low state of health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordained this my last will and testament in Manner and form following.

FIRST I give and recommend my soul to almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my executors, and touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath in the following manner.

ITEM I do give and bequeath unto **BARSHEBA COUNCIL** my to plantations known by the names of Parker's place and Cary's place together with one half of my personal estate of every kind I say to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto **MARY COUNCIL** the land and Plantation whereon I live together with all the remaining part of my personal state of every kind I say to her and her heirs forever.

I will and desire is that if either of them should die before they come of age, or without heirs, the estate of the deceased is to return to the other both real and personal. My will and desire is that the land lying in the fork of Uraha & Quarter swamp known by the name of Johnston place be sold in order to discharge my lawful debts. Likewise my will and desire is that the Negroes be continued upon the plantation under the care of a good overseer in order to support the family and keep up the stock, and what remains more than a competent support is to be sold for the benefit of the legatees. Also my desire and earnest request to my executor is that they will have the children brought up by some good industrious woman who will bring them up to Industry and other qualifyeation suitable for females.

LASTLY I do make and constitute **SOLOMON PACE** and **WILLIAM BELL** executors of this my last will and testament and that they shall have full power and authority to act as they think fit and most advantageous for the legatees and in respect to advising with lawyers for hiring men qualified to act on any occasion that may occur hereafter.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

THOMAS BRYAN {seal}

Signed, Sealed, acknowledged and delivered in presence of us

HENRY DAWSON
SAMUEL PARKER, jurat executor qualified
CORNELIUS MOORE