

**Will, Probate, NC, Bertie, Michael Bryan**

State of North Carolina  
Bertie County

August term, 1794

It was ordered that **BALUS HOUSE**, executor of Michael Bryan have leave to sell the perishable part of said estate and make return to next court.

**STEVENS GRAY, CC**

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Account of sale of Michael Bryan, deceased, August 23, 1794

**EDWARD ACRU  
JOHN ACRU  
HENRY AVRET  
HENRY AVRITT  
WHITMELL BATES  
PARKS BEAMON  
JESSE BRYAN  
MARTHA BRYAN  
NEEDHAM BRYAN  
SAMUEL DEANS  
ROBERT DUGLISS  
ANN GLISTON  
JESSE HARRELL  
JOSHUA HARRELL  
ASA HOLLOWELL  
BALISS HOUSE  
ELISHA PARKER  
ELIZANETH PEARCE  
ALLEN PURVIS  
WILLIAM RUFFIN  
SAMUEL THORN**

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On acct of Sale of the estate of Michael Bryan, deceased

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[ INVENTORY LIST]

An Inventory of the estate of **MICHAEL BRYAN**, deceased

**BALISS HOUSE**

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The last will & Testament of **MICHAEL BRYAN**, deceased

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In the name of God, Amen.

I **MIKEL BRYAN [MICHAEL BRYAN]** of the county of Bertie and province of North Carolina being afflicted with bodily pain though of sound mind and perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God but calling to mind the mortality of mankind and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make constitute and appoint this my last will and testament in the following manner to wit.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife **OLIVE BRYAN** all my plantation whereon I now live during her natural life also I lend to my beloved wife **OLIVE BRYAN** one pot and one frying pan and all my pewter, two cows and calves, during her natural life.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son **NEADOM BRYAN [NEEDHAM BRYAN]** after the decease of my beloved wife, all my lands and plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I lend to my beloved wife **OLIVE BRYAN** one mare and colt during her natural life and after the decease of my beloved wife I do hereby give and bequeath the said mare and colt to my son **NEADHAM BRYAN** to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife two sows and nine pigs during her natural life.

Item I give unto my son **NEDHAM BRYAN** to him his heirs and assigns forever two sows and fourteen pigs and two shoates.

Item I give unto my daughter **MARTHEW BRYAN [MARTHA BRYAN]** one sow and four pigs to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give unto my daughter **MARTHEW BRYAN** one loom and gear and after the decease of my beloved wife I also give unto my daughter **MARTHEW BRYAN** one feather bead and furniture, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item after the decease of my beloved wife I do give unto my son **NEADOM BRYAN** one feather bed and furniture to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give unto my son **NEADHAM BRYAN** two plow horses and one colter and the plow frames and all the gear and two axes and one pair of iron wedges and one grubbing hoe and three wedding hoes to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give unto my daughter **MARTHEW BRYAN** one lining and one wooling wheel and one pair of cards and one chest to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I lend unto my beloved wife **OLIVE BRYAN** one table and ten chairs, three washing tubs, two pigeons and "front" and all my barrels during her natural life.

Item and after the decease of my beloved wife I do give and devise all my estate before mentioned to be equally divided between my two children before mentioned, **NEADOM BRYAN** and **MARTHEW BRYAN**, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I leave all the remainder part of my estate to be sold and after paying all my debts the remainder part to be equally divided between my six children **JESS BRYAN, ELISHA BRYAN, MIKEL BRYAN, NEADOM BRYAN, SARAH HARRELL** and **MARTHEW BRYAN**, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

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Lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my friend **BALISS HOUSE** and **HENRY RUFFIN** executors to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all others heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of April 1794.

**MIKEL BRYAN** {his M mark, seal}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced by the said **MIKAIL BRYAN** to be his last will and testament in presents of us.

**EDWARD BAKER** {his x mark}

**ELIZABETH PEARCE** {her e mark}

**SARAH SMITH** {her S mark}

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State of North Carolina  
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May Term 1794

The last will and testament of **MICHAEL BRYAN** deceased was proved in due form of law by the oath of **EDWARD BAKER**, one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

**STEVENS GRAY, CC**