

**Will Probate, SC, Kershaw, Lewis Franklin Bryant, 1792 1794**

In the name of God Amen

I, **LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT**, of the county of Kershaw in the state of South Carolina calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed to die and being of sound mind and disposing memory to constitute and ordained this my last will and testament in Manner and form following:

IMPRIMIS after my debts and funeral charges are paid I lend to my beloved wife [**MARY ASBIL BRYANT**], including her life or widowhood, 100 acres of land including the house and orchard I now live at; also one horse or mare, worth 8 pounds; 3 cows and calves; and 1/3 of the household furniture, accepting one feather bed; also one bed and furniture and one third of the working tools.

After her deceased or widowhood to return to my beloved son **EDMOND [BRYANT]** also I give to my son **EDMOND** 200 acres of land lying on the Falls Bay, being part of a 600 acre tract to have it in the upper joining **REUBEN COOKS** land.

AND I ALSO LEAVE to my beloved son **WILLIAM [BRYANT]** five Shillings.

ALSO I LEAVE to my beloved son **AMBROSE [BRYANT]** hundred acres of land on Lynch's Creek, part of the tract I live on, and part of the **WILLEY** tract joining the **UNDERWOOD** land. Also 200 acres of land the middle part of the Falls Bay tract; one-third of the household furniture; and working tools.

ALSO I LEAVE to my beloved son **RICHARD [BRYANT]** five Shillings.

AND ALSO LEAVE to my beloved son **LEWIS [BRYANT]** 200 acres of land where on he now lives known by the name of **UNDERWOOD's** land; also two hundred acres of the Falls Bay and being the lower part joining **SOWEL's [SOWELL]** land. Also my negro fellow and 1/3 of the household furniture and working tools, my books.

I LEAVE to **EDMOND** and **LEWIS** also to my beloved daughters **SUSANNA [BRYANT]** and **HANNER [HANNAH BRYANT]** the balance of my personal estate to be equally divided as they like best, except one feather bed that I give to my beloved grand daughter **SENTHA [SENTHIA BRYANT]** daughter of my son **AMBROSE**.

ALSO I GIVE to my beloved grandson **LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT**, son of **AMBROSE BRYANT**, 200 acres of land on the northeast side of Lynch's Creek, joining land laid out to **THOMAS WATTS** and my son **AMBROSE**, to have the use of said land till the child becomes of age.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my son **LEWIS BRYANT** and my trusty friend **GEORGE EVANS** executive orders of this my last will and testament revoking all other Wills, gifts, codicils to wills and c.

**LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT** {seal}

Signed and sealed in the presence of us 16th of June 1792

**RICHARD MIDDLETON**  
**JOHN MIDDLETON**  
**WILLIAM MIDDLETON**

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Personally appeared **RICHARD MIDDLETON** in open court, who being duly sworn maketh oath he was present & saw **LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT** sign, seal, & publish the within as his last will & testament & **JOHN MIDDLETON** & **WILLIAM MIDDLETON** with himself subscribed their names to the due execution thereof.

**RICHARD MIDDLETON**

Sworn this 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1794 in open court.

**FRANCIS BOYKIN**, C. C.

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South Carolina  
Kershaw County

By **FRANCIS BOYKIN**, Clerk of the Court of the county aforesaid to all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye sat on the first day of March in the year of Our Lord 1794 the last will and testament of **LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT** late of the of this County, planter, deceased, was proved in open court and approved and allowed of before and by the said Court and see administration of all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of the said deceased within the state thereupon granted and committed by the said Court unto **LEWIS BRYANT**, named executor in the said will, being first duly sworn well and truly and faithfully to administer and make a full and perfect inventory of all and singular the said goods and chattels, rights and credits, and to exhibit the same inventory into the clerk's office for the county aforesaid in order to be recorded on or before the 7th day of May next and to render a just and true account calculation and Reckoning there of when thereunto required.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of March Anno Domini 1794 & in the 18th year of American independence.

**FRANCIS BOYKIN**, C. C.

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To misters **BENJAMIN WATTS, RICHARD MARS & CHARLES POWELL**

By the judge of our court of the county aforesaid these are to authorize and empower you or any three or four of you whose names above written to repair to all such places within the state as you shall be directed onto by **LEWIS BRYANT**, executor of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of **LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT** deceased late of the county aforesaid wheresoever any of the goods and chattels of the said deceased are ordered to remain and which shall be shown on to you by the said **LEWIS BRYANT** and their view and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels being first sworn to make a good and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof and cause the same to be returned under your hands to the said **LEWIS BRYANT** on or before the 7th of May next ensuing.

Witness **FRANCIS BOYKIN** Clerk of the said County Court this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of Our Lord 1794 and of American independence 18<sup>th</sup>.

**FRANCIS BOYKIN**, c. C.

Appraiser's oath

You **RICHARD MAR, BENJAMIN WATTS** and **CHARLES POWELL** do swear that you will make a true and just appraisement of all the goods and chattels, ready they only accepted, of **LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT**, deceased, shall be shown to or produced by **LEWIS BRYANT** and that you will return the same certified under your hand and under your seal unto the said **LEWIS BRYANT** within the time prescribed by law.

**RICHARD MARS** {seal, his A mark}  
**BENJAMIN WATTS**  
**CHARLES POWELL** {seal, his C mark}

Sworn to before me this 13th of March 1794  
**JAMES MARSHALL**, J. P.

**Will Probate, SC, Kershaw, Lewis Franklin Bryant, 1792 1794**

An appraisement of the estate of **LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT** deceased

[INVENTORY LIST]

Certified by us this 13th of March 1794

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This is to certify that **RICHARD MAR, BENJAMIN WATTS AND CHARLES POWELL** were truly sworn before as appraisers to **LEWIS F. BRYANT**, deceased, estate

**RICHARD MARS** {seal, his A mark}

**CHARLES POWELL** {seal, his C mark}

**BENJAMIN WATTS** {seal}

Sworn to before me this 13th of March 1794

**JAMES MARSHALL** J. P.

A list of the book accounts due to the estate of **LEWIS F. BRYANT** deceased  
29th of April 1794

Certified by **LEWIS BRYANT**, executor

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