

BRYAN, John

1840



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In the name of God: Amen:- I John Bryan
of the State of North Carolina and County of
Sampson, being weak in body, but of sound
& disposing mind & memory (blessed be God)
do this the sixth day of February A.D. eighteen
hundred & forty make, publish and declare
this my last Will and Testament in manner
following: that is to say:-

First, I give and bequeath unto my
beloved Wife Eleanor Bryan, the following
negroes viz Charles, Shade, Susy Sent.
Susy Junt & Daniel - all my household
furniture except four beds & furniture, all my
Kitchen furniture, my carriage & harness, her
choice yoke of oxen and cart, her choice of
two of my horses, ~~for~~ the whole of my Stock of
cattle, two ploughs and gear, four sow & pigg, all
my geese, her choice of two cotton wheels & card's,
the Linen wheel & the following books viz my
large family bible & the Testament, my large family
Hymn Book, Blaloc's Sermons, Harris's Sermons
the Christian Manual, Mrs Thayer's letter, Fletcher's
Appeal & Laws Serious Call to her & her heirs forever
I also give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Eleanor that part of my plantation from the
ditch at the lower end of the Broom Straw field,
running along said ditch between the Broom Straw
field & Pidgeon Island, across the lower end of the
Grave field & between the Bear Graft & Rye field
to the Mill creek, thence up the creek including
the Dwelling house and cleared land around
the house and a sufficiency of out land for
fire wood and nail timber to keep up the plan-
tation for three years and at the end of three years
she is to give up two thirds of the share of the
land of my son Kedar Bryan herein after devised
to him included within said bounds and at the
end of two more years she is to give up the other
third of the land devised to my said son Kedar
included within said bounds - and the residue

of the lands included within said bounds. I give & devise unto my said wife Eleanor for and during her natural life. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eleanor all the provision on hand for the common use and support of the family and the deficiency supplied out of the funds of my Estate at her discretion.

2ndly I give, devise and bequeath unto my son John A. Bryan & his Heirs that part of my land beginning at the ditch between the Bridgeon Island and the Brown Straw field, and runs with said ditch between the Turnip patch Island and Grave field and between the Rye & Bar Grass field to the Mill Creek, thence down the Mill Creek & the Six Runs and with the back line to opposite the beginning, embracing the lower part of the plantation and one third of the back land adjoining thereto.

3rdly I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Nedar Bryan and his Heirs, that part of my land beginning and running as the share above devised to my son John to the Mill Creek, thence up the creek to the Huckle berry pond ditch, thence with said ditch along to the lower part of the Bar field and to a covert drain in the Grave field and with the covered drain to the ditch between the Brown Straw & Pea field, thence along said ditch to the back ditch and one third of the back land to be laid off adjoining thereto.

If^{thly} I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Thomas K. Bryan and his Heirs the residue of my lands not herein before devised including the dwelling House after the death of his mother. I also give & bequeath unto my son Thos K. a bed & furniture & a bid & furniture to each of my daughters -

Fifthly:- I give and bequeath unto my children John A., Kedar, Eleanor, Thomas R., Susan Mary and Eliza Jane Bryan the rest and residue of my negroes and their future increase to be equally divided among them as they become of age or marry & need their shares to them and the survivors of them - the undivided shares to remain in common for subsequent division I also give and bequeath the rest & residue of my stock of every kind (except two horses) to my said children to remain together for the common use of the family, to be divided together with the increase thereof, among ^{my} said children and the survivors of them as they become of age or marry and need their shares - I also give and bequeath unto my children to be kept and divided among them the balance of my books not heretofore willed to my wife -

Sixthly It is my will and desire to hereby direct that all my property (except what may be hereafter directed to be sold) to remain together upon my plantation under the superintendance of my son John to be managed by him until he goes to himself by & with the advice of his mother & my executor for the maintenance and support of the family - I further wish that Saturab & Hannah be kept upon the plantation & supported -

Seventhly:- It is my will & desire that my horses Ball & Sal and the Barouche bequeath ed to me by my sister in law Martha Torrant be sold together with whatever else my executor and my wife & son John may think proper and the proceeds thereof, together with the debts due me and the rest and residue of my estate after the payment of my just debts and providing for my family, I give devise and bequeath unto my wife & children to be distributed & equally divided among them.

Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and

appoint my worthy friend & neighbour David
Murphy, Executor to this my last Will and
Testament.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year
first above written-

Signed, sealed, published

& declared by the Testator to

be his Last Will & Testament John Bryant ^{Seal}

in presence of

P. Parish

Patrick Murphy

App'd witness



State of North Carolina County of Blas & Quarto Sections
Sampson County February Term 1840.
There was this day within Will duly proven in open
Court by the oaths of Patrick Murphy and B. Stith
two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be
Recorded.

Thomas J. Taison Clerk

Last Will & Testament
of John Bryant made
Feb. 6 1840 -

Recorded in No.

Notched O'possum
Oct. 22nd 1840.

Thomas J. Taison Clerk