

Bryant (Briant), James A.

1862



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I James A. Bryant of the State of North Carolina
and County of Cleveland, having volunteered
my services in defense of the Confederate States of
America; and expecting to march in a few days
to the seat of War, and not knowing whether I
may ever return; and being now in common
health, and of sound and disposing mind and
memory, but calling to mind the shortness and un-
certainty of my earthly existence, do on this Sixth
day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand
and Eight hundred and Sixty one, make, ordain,
and publish, this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following to wit:

First, I will, devise and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Elizabeth, full possession and control of all
my property both real and personal, including my
Land; Notes, and other personal property, from this
day and date, until, my youngest Sister Matilda
Bryant comes to ^{the} age of 31 years, and then, ~~say half~~ ^{the whole}
of the Land shall come to a fair and open sale.

2nd my Mule and Buggy, and my half of the Black-
smith tools, and any other property that she may
see fit to let come to sale, to be sold by my Executor
to be hereinafter named, and all my just debts to be
paid, and then after all demands is paid off, then
the remainder of the property to remain in the -

the possession of my wife Elizabeth Bryant during her natural life or widowhood; and in case she may marry again, then I direct that my Executor put the property to sale at public auction, and loan out the proceeds of sale including the price of the land, for the benefit of my children, to wit Emily E. Bryant and Rufus S. Bryant and also any other which may be born in a reasonable time hereafter.

3rdly I hereby nominate, ordain, and appoint S. A. Bott my true and worthy friend sole Executor to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I James A. Bryant, have hereunto set my hand and seal, signed sealed, published and proclaimed this to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of the following witnesses

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