In the name of God, Amen— I John Bonnal Bryan of Newbern do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following, viz.—

First— I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary Bryan during her natural life the Plantation and lot whereon I now live and all the land adjoining the same which lies between Trent & Pierce Road as far up as a ditch which is Cut a Cross from one Road to the other— also the right or Privilege of Cutting Fire Wood for her own use and Timber for fencing the land above mentioned from off any of my lands between the Roads Trent & Pierce.—

Second, I give and bequeath to my said beloved Wife Mary Bryan, one Negro Man named David and one Negro Woman named Nanny, (being Negroes she bought with her own money) to her, her, heirs and Assigns forever.

Third, I give and bequeath to my said dearly beloved Wife, One Hundred and Sixty dollars being in Return for the same sum borrowed by me from her.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my beloved son Hardy Bryan, all that piece or parcel of land on the South side of Trent River on which the Grist Mill stands being about Two hundred & fifty Acres bounded by lands owned by Speight, Leach and Lane, to him the said Hardy

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Bryan, his heirs and Assigns forever — I also
give my said son Hardy One hundred dollars
to be paid him as soon as Convenient.

Fifth — I give and bequeath to my beloved son
Thomas Bryan, the plantation on which
he now lives called Chelsea, being about
three hundred & fifty Acres. to him his heirs
and Assigns forever — I also give my
said son Thomas One hundred dollars in
Cash to be paid him as soon as Convenient.

Sixth — I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter
Ann Maria Bryan two lots on the North
side of Pollok Street in Newbern one at
the Corner of Metcalf & Pollok Street & the
other adjoining the same at present occupied
by Thomas Masters. to her, her heirs and
Assigns forever — I also give & bequeath
to my said beloved daughter Ann Maria
a piece of Land Containing about One hundred
and ten Acres, adjoining Lands owned by
West, Smith and Mahon, to her, her heirs
and Assigns forever.

Seventh — I give and bequeath to my said beloved
daughter Ann Maria, One thousand
dollars in Cash which is now in my
hands, to her, her heirs & Assigns forever.

Eighth — I give and bequeath to my beloved grand
Children Betsy Tisdale and Maria Tisdale
the half lot & appurtenances at present occupied
by their Father, to them their heirs and Assigns
forever, Provided however and it is my
will and desire, that if either the said

Betsy or Maria should die without issue in the life time of the other, then the whole of said half lot & appurtenances shall go to the survivor of them, her heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth— I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Ann Maria, one Seventh part of all my Personal estate not herein particularly otherwise appropriated, to her her heirs & assigns forever.

Seventh— All the Real and Residue of my Estate both Real and Personal it is my wish and desire should be equally divided between my dearly beloved Wife Mary Bryan and my beloved Children Betsy Bryan, Ann Rebecca Bryan, Sally Bryan, Alice Bryan & Mary Bryan, share and share alike, which I give and bequeath to them severally and to their separate heirs and assigns forever.

Eighth— It is my wish and desire that the proper Authority for so doing may be applied to, to appoint Commissioners, for dividing the Residue of my Estate alluded to in the Seventh Clause, as well as setting a part the share given to Ann Maria in the Seventh Clause. That Ann Maria's share be set apart for her as soon as Conveniently can be done, but the shares of the Children who are Minors I wish to remain in Common Stock until one arrives of Age then their share to be set apart and so on as they respectively arrive of Age. It is also my wish and desire that the shares of the Children who are Minors may

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Remain in my beloved Wife's hands for their
education & support until they respectively
Arrive of Age. And I do hereby appoint
my beloved Wife to be their Guardian

Twelfth- I do hereby appoint my dearly beloved
Wife Mary Bryan, Executrix to this
my last Will and Testament hereby
Revoking all former Wills or Wills by
me made—

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal at Newbern
this Eleventh day of February One
thousand eight hundred and Six—

Signed Sealed Published
& declared by the above
named W. C. Bryan as
for his last Will and Testament
in presence of us, who at his
Request & in his presence have
Subscribed our names as
Witnesses thereto—

Mary Sandy
Francis Hawks

W. C. Bryan (Seal)

State of North Carolina,
Craven County. }
Court of Pleas & Quarter
Sessions June term
A D 1807—

The last Will and Testament of John Carraway Bryan
deceased produced in Court & proved by the oaths of Francis Hawks one of the Subscribing
Witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered & whereupon the
Mary Bryan executrix therein named appeared and qualified as Executrix to said
last Will and testament Ordered Letters testamentary issue

Attest

J. G. Stanly C.C.

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