

In the Name of God amen the Twelfth Day of
December 1746 I William Bryan of Craven County &
Province of North Carolina Being Sick and weak In
Body but of perfect mind & Memory Thanks be given
unto God Therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of
my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
Once to Die Do make & Ordain this my Last Will &
Testament That is to say principally & first of all
I give & Recommend My Soul into the hands of God
That gave it & my Body I Recommend to the Earth to
be Buried in a Decent & Christian like burial at the
Discretion of my Executors Nothing Doubting but at
the General Resurrection I shall Receive the Same
gain by the mighty Power of God and as Touching such
Worldly Estate as I have or hereafter shall receive

me Worth in this Life I give Devise & Dispose of
The Same in the following Manner and form

Item I give & Bequeath to Anne my Dearly beloved Wife
one third part of my Negroes and Likewise one third of all my
Rest of my Movable Estate and the Use of the plantation
I now Dwell on During her Natural life

Item I give & Bequeath the Remaining part of my Negroes &
Movable Estate to be Equally Divided amongst my Six
Children William Bryan Elizabeth Bryan Lewis Bryan
John Bryan Anne Bryan Jeph Bryan to them & their heirs

Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved Son William Bryan
One hundred & Twenty five acres of Land the plantation
I now Dwell on to him & his heirs for Ever

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son John Bryan One
Turn Over

One Hundred & Twenty five acres of Land the one
half of the Tract of Land now well on known
by the Name of Kite Neck begining at the Gut which
the last bridge is Over & so running up to the head
Lane to him and his heirs for ever

I Give & bequeath to my Well beloved Son Lewis Bryan
One hundred acres of Land Lying upon the head of
Creek which I bought of Gundon Allen known by
The Name of Holley Neck to him & his heirs for ever

I Give & bequeath to my well beloved Son Jesse Bryan
One Tract or parcel of Land Lying upon the head
of Goose Creek Joining upon Schoons Sauanah
Which had of John Bryan to him and his heirs
for ever

I do hereby make and Ordain My Loving
Wife Anne Bryan and my Brother Joseph Bryan
and my Son William Bryan Executors of this my
Last Will & Testament & I do hereby Utterly Disallow
of & Revoke & Disannull all former wills by me made
Confirming this & No Other to be My Last Will and
Testament In witness Whereof I have here unto Set
My hand & Seal the Day & Year above Written
Signed Sealed published pronounced
& Delivered by the said William
Bryan as his Last will & Testament
In the Presence of us the Subscribers

William Bryan

Lazarus Searse

James Cunnaway

William Cunnaway Junr

aven County. The Court of Honor Pleas begun & held at New
Barn the third Tuesday in June Anno Domini
1787 when the within will was proved by the Oath
of Concurring Evidence thereto of Joseph Bryan
Executor of Ann Bryan Consuevic of the said
will came into Court & took the Oath by Law
Appointed for their Qualification. Ordered that
they have Letters Testamentary thereon

Will: Hedges. J. C.

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