



**SHAW-WALKER**  
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In The Name of God Amen I Dempsey Bryan of the County  
of Edgecomb and State of North Carolina being of Sound and perfect  
Mind and Memory (blessed be God) do this 28<sup>th</sup> day May in the year of our  
Lord one Thousand eight hundred and Forty Three make and publish  
This my Last will and Testament in manner and Form following viz  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I Give unto my beloved wife Mary all the Lands that I am  
Now in Possession of with all the appertinences there unto Belonging  
also the Following Negroes viz Mares Aggy Maria, Charles Jacob  
Lewis Silvy Dolly Francis Little Mares <sup>harnist</sup> Skillet Lydia Lettis Dick  
Alford Sive Roxanna Gynral Puffin Penny Ben Milly Offe  
Rody Adam Beckey and Fifteen Shares of Bank stock in the Tarboro  
Branch of the Bank of the State of North Carolina Als all the Bedds that  
is Not otherwise Disposed of all the House Hold and Kitchen Furniture  
re also one Buss and Harnys one Buggy and Harnys Two Horses  
Four Mules her Christ sixty head of Hogs six head of Cattle Twenty  
Head of Sheep Two Wagons and harnys one yoke of Steers and Cart  
Two Large Log Chanes one Large Iron Kettle one Small Cart and  
harnys with all the Plantation utensils and Tools of Every Kind  
(at the Home house) to have and to hold all the above named property  
During her Natural Life or widow hood and at her Death or widow  
hood I Give and Bequeth all the above named Property of Every Kind  
to My Son Hugh Blare Bryan and his heirs for Ever also the  
First of January after my Death my Beloved wife Mary to have  
one hundred and seventy Five Barrels of Corn Thirty Stacks of  
Ladder seven Thousand pounds Pork Twenty Bushels of Peat  
Three hundred pounds of sugar one hundred pounds of  
Coffe and Five Barrels of Flower for her and Family support  
Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I Give and Bequeth unto my Daughter Lucy Wife of Benjamin  
Batts The Following Negroes viz Anthony Mirnavy Sterling Ben  
Chery Adline Heeter Pink Bile Thon (Demperson) Allen one Cy  
also Ten Shares of Bank Stock in the Tarboro Branch of the Bank of  
the State of North Carolina to her and heirs for Ever Item 3 I Give  
unto William Henry Knight in Trust the Following Property viz  
Suncher Albert King and Ten Shares of Bank Stock in the Tarboro

Branch of the Bank of the State of North Carolina for the Benefit  
and support of his Mother the Profits arising from the same to be paid  
to her yearly by the said William Henry Item 4 I Give and Bequeath  
unto my Grand son William Henry Knight the Following Negroes Viz Cherry  
Nat Fincher Allen Cherry John and Pytha also Two Tracts of Land Bought  
of Richard Whitaker of Lenoir Bounded as the Deeds Call for Lying  
in Edgecomb County on the South side of Fishing Creek and on  
Both sides of Griffins Swamp to him and his heirs for Ever Item 5  
I Give unto my Daughter Peninnah Bryan the Following Negroes  
Viz Isaac Clect Mahala Mary Lo Pink Philis Richard Turner Frank  
Tom Lucy Belle Mary Washington Sarah Charity also Ten Shares of Bank  
stock in the Tarboro Branch of the Bank of the State of North Carolina  
also one Thousand Dollars in Money also one Leather Bed and furniture  
to her and her heirs for Ever Item 6 I Give unto my Daughter  
Mary Wife of Thomas May the Following Negroes Viz Mariah Amy  
Syler Jane Aaron Lucy Ginny Harty Morning Bury R. Dela Dinah  
also Ten Shares of Bank stock in the Tarboro Branch of the Bank of  
the State of North Carolina also Five hundred Dollars in Money to her  
and her heirs for Ever Item 7 I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter  
Martha Wife of Reddin Pitman the Following Negroes Viz Primus  
Mary Loug Aaron Charlot Lucy Bob Annetta Rose Lucy King Tempy  
Allen King also one Thousand Dollars in Money to her and her heirs  
for Ever Item 8 I Give unto my son William D Bryan the Following  
Negroes Viz Isaac Annetta and all there Children Bilet and all her  
Children Harut and all her Children Ben Patty Jerry Aggy also  
Ten Shares of Bank stock in the Tarboro Branch of the Bank of the  
State of North Carolina to him and his heirs for Ever Item 9 I  
Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy the Following Negroes  
Viz Dempsy Charlot Starling Isam Loner Gorge Cherry Mary Nace  
Edney Judy also Ten Shares of Rail Road stock in the Wilmington  
and Raleigh Road Company also Ten Shares of Bank stock in the  
Tarboro Branch of the Bank of the State of North Carolina also Live hund  
red Dollars in Money also one Leather Bed and Furniture to her  
and her heirs for Ever Item 10 It is my will and Desire

that the Balance of <sup>my</sup> Estates that is not Disposed of Be sold  
at six Months Credit and the money arising from such sale  
and all other Moneys that is not given away shall first pay the  
Legacies in the will and Balance to be Equally Divided <sup>There</sup> <sup>is</sup>  
Nominate and appoint my Two Sons William D Bryan & Hugh Blane  
Bryan my Executors to this my Last will and Testament written  
on one sheet of paper with my own hand and pen; set my hand  
and affix my seal the day and year above written

D Bryan Seal

John F. Spright  
Lunenburg, Va

<sup>Patrick M. McDowell</sup>  
Codicil part of the above named Negroes and Fifteen hundred  
Dollars of Bank Stock named in the first clause of the will,  
that was sold to my Beloved wife Mary during her  
Natural life or widowhood ( ~~as per~~ <sup>as per</sup> Affidavit see his  
wife Roxsanner Ginnal Ruffin <sup>matron</sup> Dick Licia his wife Penny  
Nelly of the Body Adam's <sup>Letting & selling with all their full in lease</sup> after the Death of my Beloved wife Mary  
my will and Desire is that the above named Negroes and the  
Bank Stock be sold by my Executors at a Credit of six  
months and <sup>the</sup> money arising from the sale of said property  
be Equally Divid Between Lucy Batts Sarah Knight  
Penny Bryan Mary Key Martha Pitman William D Bryan  
Nanny Bryan & Hugh B Bryan in witness where of I have  
set my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand Eight  
-hundred and Forty Five  
in witness of

D Bryan Seal

John F. Spright  
Lunenburg, Va  
Patrick M. McDowell

Edgewood County Court : February Term 1847  
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the Last  
Will and Testament of Drury Bryan decd, with the  
Codicil annexed, is brought into Court and offers for  
probate to pub, read and proved, and is proved by the  
oaths of John F. Spright, Lunenburg Va one of the sub

senting under, ~~sent~~ to the said Will and Cordis -  
The said last Will and Cordis being so found  
is return to the record.

William C. Bryan, one of the Executors  
named in the said Will, at the same time qualifying  
as Executor to said Will

Test,  
J. M. Hayler

Dempsey Bryan

Will

July Term 1841

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In the name of God Amen! I James Bryan  
of the County of Edgecombe and State of N. Carolina  
being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed  
be God) do this 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord  
one thousand Eight Hundred and forty three, make out  
publish, this my last Will and Testament in manner and  
form following

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary  
all the lands that I am now in possession of with  
all the appurtenances therunto belonging also the following  
Negroes Viz. Moses, Aggy, Harriet, Charles, Jacob,  
Sam, Silvey, Polly, Francis, Gitts (Moses, Anglos, Lydia,  
Harriet, Gitts, Dick, Alfred, Sam, Royanna, General,  
Ruffin, Fanny, Ben, Milly, Offa, Wody, Adam,  
Polly, and Hester Sam, of W. Park. And in the Parish  
of W. Park of the State of N. Carolina - also  
all the W. Bed, that is not otherwise disposed of, all the  
Household and Kitchen Furniture, also one Barrel  
and Ham, one Bungy & Stamp, two Hens, four  
Mules, (two chine) forty head of Hogg, six head of cattle  
twenty head of Sheep, two Waggon & Stamp, one yoke  
of Steer and Cart, two large Dog chains, one large  
Iron Kettle, one small Cart and Ham, with all the  
plantation utensils and tools of every kind (as the  
Iron Stove) to have and to hold, all the above  
named property, during her natural life or  
widowhood and at her death or widowhood I  
do hereby bequeath all the above named property  
of every kind to my son Hugh Blair Bryan  
and his heirs forever - also the sum of fifty after my  
death my beloved wife Mary to have one hundred  
and twenty five barrels of Corn, thirty Stalks of fodder  
seven thousand pounds of Pot, twenty Bushels of Salt  
three hundred pounds of Sugar, one hundred pounds of  
Coffee and five Barrels of Flour, for her and  
family support

Item 2<sup>d</sup>. I Give and Bequeath unto my daughter Lucy  
Bath Wife of Benjamin Bath, the following negroes, Viz.  
Anthony, Minny, Starting, Ben, Henry, Adeline, Austin  
Sue, & Bill, (John, (Comp. son) all in one eye) also ten  
shares of Bank Stock in the Bank's Branch of the  
Bank of the State of Maryland, to her and her heirs  
Eternally. I Give unto William Henry Knight in trust the  
following property, Viz. Ten Acres, Allot, King and ten  
shares of Bank Stock in the Bank's Branch of the Bank  
of the State of Maryland, for the benefit and support  
of his mother, the profits arising from the same to be paid  
to her yearly by the said William Henry.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>. I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson William  
H. Knight the following negroes, (Viz.) Cherry, Nat, Kinchen,  
Allen, Cherry, John & Bythe, also three tracts of Land  
bought of Richard Whiteley of Gloucester, bounded as the  
Deeds call, for lying in Edgemont County on the north  
side of Dubring Creek and on both sides of Esuffin  
Creek, to him and his heirs forever. - Item 5<sup>th</sup>. I Give  
unto my daughter Fumina Boyce the following negroes  
Viz. Isaac, Elliott, Mahala, Mary, So, Pitt, Phileas  
Richard, Fumina, Frank, Imo, Lucy, Bill, Harry,  
Washington, Sarah, Charity, also ten shares of Bank Stock in the  
Bank's Branch of the Bank of the State of Maryland, also one  
thousand Dollars in Money, also one feather bed and  
furniture to her and her heirs forever. - Item 6<sup>th</sup>. I Give unto

my daughter Mary Wife of Thomas Mayo the following  
negroes, Viz. Maria, Ann, Sylvia, Jane, Ann, Lucy  
Kinny, Warty, Morning, Perry, R. Della, Leah, also ten  
shares of Bank Stock in the Bank's Branch of the  
Bank of the State of Maryland, also five hundred  
Dollars in Money to her and her heirs forever.

Item 7<sup>th</sup>. I Give and Bequeath unto my daughter  
Martha, Wife of William Pittman, the following  
negroes, Viz. Fumina, Mary, Long Ann, Charles, Fumina,  
Lucy, Nat, Annelle, Robt. Lucy, Long, Fumina

Allen King - also one thousand dollars in money to her  
and her heirs forever - Item 8<sup>th</sup> I give unto my  
son William D. Bryan the following negroes, viz,  
Gaw, Annetta and all their children, Violet and all  
her children, Harriet and all her children, Ben, Pelly,  
Jenny, Aggy also two shares of bank stock in the Tarboro  
Branch of the Bank of the State of North Carolina, to her  
and her heirs forever - Item 9<sup>th</sup> I give and  
bequeath unto my daughter Nancy, the following  
negroes, viz. Dempsey, Charles, Stanton, Sam  
Sam, Tim, George, Cherry, Mary, Ann, Emory,  
Siddy also two shares of Kate Woods stock in the Wilmington  
and Raleigh Roads Company - also two shares of Bank stock  
in the Tarboro Branch of the Bank of the State of North  
Carolina, also five hundred dollars in money, also one  
Hundred lbs and furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item 10<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that the balance  
of my Estate that is not disposed of be sold at  
six month credit, and the money arising from such  
sale, and all other moneys that is not given away  
shall first pay the Legacies in the Will and balance  
to be Equally divided

Item 11<sup>th</sup> I do nominate and appoint my two sons, William  
D. Bryan and George Bryan Bryan my  
Executors to this my last will and testament  
written in one sheet of paper with my own hands  
and pen, set my hand and affix my seal  
the day and year above written

Witness  
John D. Speight  
Samford R. Cherry  
Patrick McNeill  
D. D. Bryan

Codicil - Part of the above named Negroes and fifteen  
hundred Dollars of Bank stock, named in the first

Clause of the Will, that was, I gave to my beloved wife  
 Mary during her natural life or widowhood (Susan  
 Ruffin, Nathan, Dick, Lucia his wife, Fanny  
 Kelly, Ofa, Rudy, Adam, Lettis, & Child with  
 all their future increase, after the death of my beloved  
 wife Mary - My Will and desire is that the above  
 named Negro, and the Bonds that he sold by  
 my Executor at a credit of six months, and the  
 money arising from the sale of said property be  
 equally divided between Lucy Bath, Sarah Knight  
 Fanny Bryan, Mary May, Martha Pittman, William  
 H. Bryan, Nancy W. Bryan & Hugh B. Plan Bryan  
 in Witness whereof I have set my hand and  
 seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, one thousand, Eight  
 hundred and forty five

J. W. Bryan (seal)

in witness of  
 Geo. F. Spright  
 Sumner W. Cherry  
 Patrick M. Correll

A True Copy from the  
 Record  
 J. W. Correll (seal)

Chattel for 70 +

Received of  
 J. W. Correll  
 the sum of  
 \$70.00  
 for  
 the  
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 5th day  
 of May  
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