

Sarah Esler
M^{rs}

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In the Name of GOD Amen.

Sarah Esler of the County of Louisa and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz^t

First of all my soul I Commend to God who gave it and my Body I commit to the dust till the Great Day of the Resurrection nothing Doubting but that I shall receive the same again through the merits of my Redeemer — and as for the Worldly goods which it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow on me I give in manner and form following Viz^t

I give unto my Beloved Son William Bryan one Leather Bed and furniture —

I give Devise and bequeath unto my beloved Son Nathan Bryan all that Myseage or Tenements of Land with the appurtenances thereto belonging in the Town of Newbern whereon he now lives which I hold by Deed from John Esler, to him the said Nathan Bryan his heirs and assigns forever. —

I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Isaac Bryan one Negro man called George to him his heirs and assigns forever —

I give unto my Daughter Mary Hatch all my wearing Apparell and a suit of mourning to be purchased

for her by my Executors

I give unto my Grand Daughter Ann Bryan
Daughter of my son Thomas Bryan decd. one Gold Ring
to be purchased for her by my Executors in full of
her said deceased father's share of my estate

I give unto my grand son James Hardy Bryan
son of my son Hardy Bryan deceased one Dictionary
to be purchased for him by my Executors in full of his
said deceased father's share of my estate

I give and Bequeath unto my beloved son Lewis
Bryan all the Rest and residue of my estate of what
nature or kind soever to him his heirs and Assigns
forever all my Just Debts being first paid out of the
same - lastly I do hereby Appoint my four sons
William, Nathaniel, Isaac & Lewis Bryan Executors to this
my last Will and testament desiring that they will see
me decently buried and put this my Will into execution
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix-
ed my seal this fourth day of January one thousand
seven hundred and eighty five

Jacob Isler



Signed sealed published and Declared
as and for her last will and testament
in the presence of us who have signed
the same at the request of the testator
and in the presence of each other
James Beckett
James Beckett
James Beckett

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James Beckett

State of N. Carolina

Jones County Court March Term 1786

Then was the within last will & Testament
of Sarah Letter duly proved in open Court
by the Oaths of John Letter & Hargett two of the
Subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be record
ed at the same time Lewis Bryan qualified
as Executor Ordered that Letters issue thereon

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Attest

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