

Bryan, Blake

1847

Blake Bryan's last will
& testament

to Sep. 6th 1847

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In the name of God Amen.

I know all men by these presence that I Blake Bryan of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being sick of body but of sound mind and reason do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in the manner and form as follows. —

1st I give and bequeath to my son Marmaduke Bryan the tract of land whereon he now lives including all buildings improvements &c. Commencing half way on the road to Piners Meeting house between the North corner of the Cruston field and the Avenue now running up to the house where my said son now lives (right side of the road) and running nearly a South direction to a deep hole in forked branch this line to strike a ditch in the same direction - thence up the said branch to Capeheads line - this line to embrace all the land North and East of my other land -

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Wiley Bryan all the land lying between the above named line and another line to commence on the above line on forked branch and run as the fence now lain from said branch to another branch in nearly a South West direction the latter branch lying between my land and William A. Bryan this to embrace all the land South and East of the line herein described last and not given to my son Marmaduke as above named. —

3rd I give and bequeath to my Daughters Barbara Outland and Elizabeth Bryan to be equally divided between them all the balance of my home tract of land subject to the following con-

ditions - that said land be equally divided estimating all buildings improvements &c. and then that a dower be allotted out of both parts including my homestead for my beloved wife Elizabeth Bryan to be held by her her life time after which said division as above to take full effect between the parties.

4th I lend to Jerre Carter my former son-in-law the tract of land whereon he now lives called the Carson tract for his life time until his oldest son James (my grandson) becomes of age and then I give said tract of land to be equally divided between my three grandchildren equally said Carters Children viz. James as above Barskeba and Mary Carter.

5th I give and bequeath to my daughters Barskeba Outland and Elizabeth Bryan the tract of land lying on Daughtry branch adjoining John Brown and others to be equally divided between them -

6th I give to my granddaughter Sarah E Carter Three hundred Dollars in cash out of my Estate

7th I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bryan her life time the following property to wit. Negro Woman Olive and Man Daniel mare and gig / Cow & Calf / sow and pigs / cart and wheels one choice bed and furniture and a plentiful provision of corn Pork &c. (to be given) for one year and after her death the said property to be equally divided between all of my four children above named.

8th I give to Jerre Carter a Note which I hold (by) him for about sixteen Dollars -

9th I give and bequeath to my four children Martha Duke, Wiley, Elizabeth Bryan & Barskeba Outland All of my Negroes not above named to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

10th. I desire that all of my family stay together as at present constituted and all of my property of every description until after the present earth is housed and then for my Executors to sell all the property not named and after paying my just debts all the remainder together with all other moneys to be equally divided between my four Children as above named.

11th And lastly, I make and appoint my son Wiley Bryan and my friend Joel Conner the Executors of this my last will and testament. All given under my hand and seal this 27th day of Aug: 1847

Witness
W.S. Copeland +
Samuel Story +

Blake ^{his} Bryan Seal
mark

Northampton County September Court 1847
The foregoing last will and Testament of Blake Bryan aforesaid was exhibited in open Court, proved in due form of Law by the oaths of W.S. Copeland and Samuel Story the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified and recorded, - whereupon Wiley Bryan and Joel Conner the Executors named in said will came into open Court and qualified as such according to Law.

Teste Jno. B. Adams Seely