

In the Name of God Amen I Lewis Franklin Bryant of the County of Newshaw
& the State of South Carolina calling to mind the mortality of my body & that it is appointed
to dye & being of sound Mind & disposing memory do constitute & declare this my last will
& Testament in the manner & form following, In primis after my debts & funeral
charges are paid I lend to my beloved Wife including her life or Widow hood one hundred
acres of Land including the house & orchard I now live at also one horse or mare worth
eight pounds three shillings & three pence & one third of the household furniture Excepting one
feather bed, also one bed & furniture & one third of the working tools, after her decease
or Widow hood to return to my beloved son Edmond also I give to my son Edmond two
hundred acres of Land lying on the false Bay being part of a six hundred acre
tract to have it in the upper part joining Reubin Cooks Land also I leave to my
beloved son William five shillings, also I leave to my beloved son Ambrose one
hundred acres of Land on Lynches Creek part of the tract I live on & part of the Willy
tract joining the underwood Land also two hundred acres of Land the Middle part of
the false Bay tract one third of the household furniture & working tools also I leave
to my beloved son Lewis ^{Richard five shillings also I leave to my beloved son} two hundred acres of Land whereon he now lives none by
the name of underwood Land, also two hundred acres of the false Bay Land being the
lower part joining Swells Land, also I in my Negroe fellow & one third of the household
furniture & working tools My Books. I leave to Edmond & Lewis also I leave to my
beloved daughters Susannah & Hammer the Ballance of my personal Estate to be
equally divided as they like best, except one feather bed that I give to my beloved
Grand Daughter Son the Bryant daughter of my son Ambrose, also I give to my beloved
Grand Son Lewis Franklin Bryant Son of Ambrose Bryant two hundred acres of Land
on the North East side of Lynches Creek joining Land laid out to Thomas Watts & my son
Ambrose to have the use of said Land till the Child comes of age, Lastly I constitute &
appoint my son Lewis Bryant & my trusty friend George Evans Executors of this my last
will & Testament Revoking all other Wills, Gifts, Codicils to Wills &c.

Signed & Sealed in the presents of us this 16th of June 1792.
Richard Middleton, John Middleton, William Middleton, Lewis Franklin Bryant 
South Carolina } Personally appeared Richard Middleton in open Court who being
Newshaw County } duly sworn make the Oath he was present & saw Lewis Franklin Bryant
sign, seal & Publish the within as his last Will & Testament, & John Middleton & William
Middleton with himself subscribed their Names to the due Execution thereof.
Sworn this 8th March 1794 in open Court Francis Boykin C.C. — Richard Middleton

South Carolina } By Francis Boykin Clerk of the Court of the County aforesaid.
Newshaw County } To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting, Know ye that
on the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety
four the last Will & Testament of Lewis Franklin Bryant late of this County Planter deceased
was proved in open Court & approved & allowed of before & by the said Court & the admi
nistration of all & being under the goods & Chattels, Rights & Credits of the said Deceased
within this State thereupon granted & committed by the said Court unto Lewis Bryant
named Executor in the said Will he being first duly sworn well & truly & faithfully
to administer & make a full & perfect Inventory of all & singular the said Goods
& Chattels Rights and Credits & to exhibit the same Inventory into the Clerks Office
for the County aforesaid in order to render be Recorded on or before the 1st of May
next & to render a just & true account calculation & reckoning
thereof when thereunto required In Testamoney whereof I have here unto set my
hand & Seal this first day of March Anno domini 1794 In the eighteenth year of Ame
rican Independence

Francis Boykin C.C.C.

South Carolina, To W^{ts}. Benjamin Watts, Richard Mars & Charles Powell, by the judge
Heshaw County } of our court for the county aforesaid, these are to authorise &
impower you or any three of four of you whose names as above written to repair to
all such Places within this State as you shall be directed unto by Lewis Bryant Exe-
cutor of all & singular the goods & Chattels, Rights & Credits of Lewis Franklen Bryant deceased
late of the County aforesaid wheresoever any of the goods & Chattels of the said deceased are
or do remain & which shall be shewn to you by the said Lewis Bryant & these Weir
& appraise all & every the said goods & Chattels being first sworn to make a true & perfect
Inventory & appraisement thereof & cause the same to be returned under your hands to
the said Lewis Bryant or before the seventh of May next ensuing at the Francis
Boyrin Clerk of this our County Court this first day of March in the Year of our Lord
One thousand seven hundred & ninety four & of American Independence the Eighteenth
Thomas Boyrin C. C.

Appraisers Oath,
You Richard Mars, Benjamin Watts & Charles Powell do swear that you will
make a true & perfect appraisement of all the goods & Chattels ready & lying only
excepted of Lewis Franklen Bryant deceased shall be shewn to or produced by
Lewis Bryant Executor & that you will return the same certified under your
hands to the said Lewis Bryant within the time prescribed by Law
Sworn to before me this 13th March 1794
James Marshall J. P.
Richard Mars
Benjamin Watts
Charles Powell

An Appraisement of the Estate of Lewis Franklen Bryant deceased Estate
To 1 Horse Barley £12. 10/- to 1 Mare Lin £12. 10. 0.
To 1 Negroe Lin £50. 0/- to 28 head Cattle £39. 12. 8. 89. 12. 8.
To 7 Hogs £32. 5/- to 1 Horse £7. 0/- 39. 5. 6.
To 1 bed £5. 0/- to 1 bed £4. 0/- to 6 Sheep £2. 2/- 13. 2. 0.
To Books 5/- to 2 Guns 28/- to 1 Saddle 15/- 4. 4. 6.
To 1 piece water 10/- to hatchle 7/- to 1 still 10/- 1. 7. 0.
To 1 pint pot & coffee mill 8/- razor & hone 4/- Pewter 3/- 2 2. 0.
to 1 Kettle 6/- dutch oven 15/- pot 8/- basin 8/- 1. 9. 0.
to ploughs & Tonges 24/- gridstone 6/- 4 Axes & 1 binding hoe 21/- 2. 11. 0.
to 1 file & 1 chisel 7/- to wedge & saddle Bags 10/- 17. 10.
to 1 pot 5/- to 1 still 10/- to 1 Chest 10/- 10. 15. 0.
to Saw 4/-, Bread Head 7/- Chest 3/- Case 8/- Saw 5/- 1. 5. 0.
Ing & butter pot 8/- wheel 10/- 7 Sides Leather 60/- Saw 3/- 4. 8. 0.
Shd & 1 Ther lumber 54/- 2 bowls & Cart wheels 15/- 3. 15. 0.
July Sworn before as appraisers to Lewis F. Bryant deceased Estate on
Sworn to before me this 13th March 1794
James Marshall J. P.
Benjamin Watts
Richard Mars
Charles Powell

A list of the book accounts due to the Estate of Lewis F. Bryant deceased
The amount of the whole accounts due said Estate is . . . £5. 4. 7
29th April 1794 certified by Lewis Bryant Executor