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- Name: **ALICE MACGUE**
- Sex: F
- Birth: in Bertie County, North Carolina
- Death: BET 1740 AND 1741 in Craven County, North Carolina
- Note:

Will probated 31 Oct 1741 in Johnston, NC

SOURCE: "The Heritage of Johnston County, NC"
1985 Article 157, "Bryans of Mill Creek" pp 161-162.

This article by ELIZABETH ROSS, cites the Nuncupative Will of **LEWIS** father, **JOHN** of Craven Co. NC and a law suit in 1826 (Clerk of Supreme Court, Raleigh, NC, Drawer 17/18 & Supreme Court of July 1826 from Johnston Co, Term of Court Equity) for the settlement of **JOHN BRYAN**'s estate.

Re: **JOHN BRYAN**, Johnston Co., NC d.31 Oct 1741

Posted by Darl S. Hood on January 03, 1999 at 13:17:26
<http://genforum.genealogy.com/bryan/messages/649.html>

In Reply to: Re: **JOHN BRYAN**, Johnston Co., NC d.31 Oct 1741
posted by Larry Joseph Bryan on January 01, 1999 at 20:01:56

Regarding his father, **JOHN**, the law suit filed in 1826 in connection with settlement of his estate (Clerk of Supreme Court, Raleigh, NC, Drawer 17/18 & Supreme Court of July 1826, from Johnston Co. Term of Court of Equity)

gives the names of the following children of **JOHN BRYAN** of Craven Co.

LEWIS BRYAN, **SARAH BRYAN**, **JO ANNA BRYAN**, **MARY BRYAN**, **ALICE BRYAN**, and **ELIZABETH BRYAN**.

JOHN BRYAN will 1741 Craven County CR.028.500.21.8

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The Nuncupative will of **JOHN BRYAN** Deceased

Whereas **JOHN BRYAN** of Beard Creek late of the county & province being taken for Death the day & yeare hereafter mentioned & having nobody Convenient to write his last Will & testament and he the said **JOHN BRYAN** being in his proper & Right Sences and of sound & perfect mind & memory did seriously Request & Desire that this following Nuncupative Will Should be his last Will & Testament leaving no other Wills or Testaments by him made or being by him there? left & bequeathed his affairs moveables & Estateas follows:

Imprimus that all his just Debts Should be paid.

Secondly he did give & bequeath to his son **LEWIS BRYAN** the Plantation whereon he the Deceased did live Lying on Beards Creek to him the said **LEWIS** & his heirs for ever.

Thirdly he the said Deceased viz. **JOHN BRYAN** as above said did give & bequeath to his Daughter **SARAH BRYAN** three Negroes viz. two fellows & one wench the fellows named **ROBIN** & **LUDGROW** the Wenches name **BELA** (**BESA?**) with all the stock of horses, mares Cattle Sheep Hogs & of Every part & parcel of all his personall Estate with all his moveables whatsoever which he the said **JOHN BRYAN** was possessed with in his Lifetime he did give & bequeath the above said Negroes & said Personal Estate to his said Daughter **SARAH BRYAN** to her her heirs & assignes for ever.

Fourthly He the said **BRYAN** notwithstanding did ordain & appoint that as he the said **JOHN** did in the third articles of his will as above said give & bequeath to his above said Daughter **SARAH** three Negroes and all his personal Estate as above said that She the said **SARAH** Should Educate & bring up his small children being three in Number till such times as they arrive to the age of maturity November the first 1741.

The above will was proved before me one of his Majesties Justices for the Peace of the County upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God by the Solemn affidavit of **JOHN JACOB HOVER** & **WILLIAM BEDSCOT** who both heard the said Deceased Earnestly Desire & Express that the above will now committed to writing Should stand Valid & be his will & testament therefore, as above, the said will was proved before me as the law directs such wills should be proved & within the term of time prescribed by law of his the said Deceased Death.

DANIEL SHINE, J.P.N.B.

The Evidences likewise declare upon oath that the said Deceased departed this life the 31st day of October 1741 & did appoint his daughter **SARAH BRYAN** his whole & sole Executrix of this his last will & Testament.

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A small group of us have been working on **BRYANS** for several years and we have all come to believe being a descendant of the Eastern NC and SE VA **BRYAN** group is a curse! :) Why? Because there are so many burned and lost records and this family was prolific. They are nearly impossible to figure out. I haven't had time to work on them in over a year; however, I'll try and respond to your questions.

There are LOTS of myths about the **BRYANS** and who our **JOHN BRYAN** is. We have found NO proof that Lady **ALICE NEEDHAM** married **WILLIAM BRYAN**. If you've got that, trash it. Our **JOHN BRYAN** of Craven Co., NC who d. 1741 with the nuncup. will was married to **ALICE MACQUE**. There are records in Chowan Co, NC deed abstracts by Margaret Hoffman that refer to him in a manner that indicates he and **ALICE** are married. **JOHN BRYAN** and **LAWRENCE MACQUE**, father of **ALICE**, are in numerous records of Old Chowan and Bertie Counties, NC. **LAWRENCE** was a shoemaker. I do not know the names of his wife and I've done no work on the **MACQUE** line. The 1818 **MOSES GRIFFIN** court case is a treasure trove of genealogical information about these early families. It details the names of the children of our **JOHN BRYAN**.

I cannot find; however, any reference to the wife of **LEWIS BRYAN**, son of **JOHN**. We THINK that **JOHN BRYAN** was the son of **LEWIS BRYAN**. This is based on circumstantial proof only. We've more work to do on this line. **LEWIS** was the son of **JOHN BRYAN** the immigrant who came to Isle of Wight Co., VA in the mid 1650s. I hope this helps somewhat.

Raygriffin2@mindspring.com Why **ELIZABETH JOYNER** is not this **JOHN BRYAN**'s wife.

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<http://genforum.genealogy.com/BRYAN/messages/2071.html>

The following contains information and a will for Dr. **JOHN BRYAN** who (I am told married **ELIZABETH JOYNER**)

Early Records of North Carolina, Volume V: Wills 1

Dr. **JOHN BRYAN** came from ISLE OF WIGHT, VA with his his father, **WILLIAM**, and brother, **NEEDHAM**, and first settled in BERTIE, NC sometime around 1722. As a doctor, he had the opportunity to witness several death bed Wills during his professional career, including the following:

9 Feb 1713/14 for **EDWARD WILLIAMS** of Chowan Precinct;
14 Oct 1719 for **THOMAS GILBERDOF** Chowan Precinct;
27 Feb 1733/14 for **HENRY PARKES** of Craven Precinct;
16 Apr 1733 for **DANILL MACKDANIEL** of Bertie Precinct; and
17 Mar 1735/36 for **HENRY PARLEPOUGH** of Craven Precinct.

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His own Will is as Follows:

Sept. 14, 1734. Mat Ct., 1735.

Lend wife **ELIZABETH**, 1 mullato wench, her own bed & furn - also another bed & furn. which hath tick to it, black walnut safe and 1/2 dozen turned frame Rush chairs, 1 trunk, large iron pot with a still made upon it, 1 small iron pot, 1 brass skillet, fire tongs & shovel, box iron, small "chaffing" dish, 1 gelding, bridle & saddle mare & colt, 25 cattle, 4 sheep, 2 basons of "putre", 2 dishes, 4 plates, 1/2 dozen spoons, 1 iron spit;

Son & Exr: **WILLIAM**, land called Ballards lying in Cypress Swamp, tract on Deep Creek upon the Indian Path, tract on Beaver Dam Swamp and Fishing Creek - 2 negroes, 1 large & 1 small iron pot, black walnut round table, 4 "leathorn" chairs, 1 new case of bottles, 2 pewter basons, 2 dishes (pewter), 4 plates, 1/2 dozen spoons, 1 Bukaneer Gun -whatever cattle, hogs, horses, & mares that he called his, also 15 head of my own stock, also 4 steers at Canahoo; all rest of my stock at Canahoo to be divided between him & **JOHN FORTE**. Further bequeath him a bay mare, new saddle & bridle, 4 horses, 4 sheep and 7 pounds current money of Va.

Son: **ARTHUR**, plantation whereon I live adjoining that given **WILLIAM**, another plantation on Deep Creek where **RICHARD CAMP** now liveth, also 100 A in Cohukee Swamp, 2 negroes, black walnut square table, 4 leathern chairs, 2 iron pots, 2 pewter basons, 2 dishes, 4 plates, iron spit, 6 horses, all cattle & stock where **RICHARD CAMP** lives to be divided between him and **RICHARD CAMP**, also 25 head of my home cattle, 4 sheep, 7 pounds Va. current money, 1 silver sack cup, 1 small trunk and iron bound case of bottles.

Son & Exr: **DAVID HOPPER**, 160 A lying in fork of Beaver Dam Swamp joining land given son **WILLIAM**, 20 pounds Va. current money owed to me by **JAMES BARNES** by a note in his own hand, to be paid at Mr. **THEOPHILUS PUGH'S**. Also 2000 weight of pork. Friend **JOHN FRYE**, 100 A on Cahukee Swamp where **ROBERT WRIGHT** liveth; Friend **JAMES TURNER**, living in Va., remainder of that tract left to son **DAVID HOPPER**. Wit: **ROBERT REDFORD**, **ARCHIBALD THOMPSON**, **ANN FRAZIER**.

His Will was dated 14 Sep 1734 while he was "very weak in body," and was probated in EDGECOMBE, NC in May 1735.

An inventory of his estate was taken by son-in-law, **DAVID HOOPER** and son, **WILLIAM BRYAN**, on 18 Aug 1735. These two Johns have very similar date and places. But neither (of their wills) **JOHN** list each others children, and the date of the two wills are 7 years apart. So I have to believe that these are two different **JOHN BRYAN'S**.

I wonder if you could help me and several others of my family who know this, find this **JOHN BRYAN** (and his wife/s, and parents), who died in Johnston Co. NC 31 Oct 1741 not 18 Aug. 1735.

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For more information/clues about who Johns wife is. Go to the genforum online and read all the posted replies.

Posted By: Richard Branton

Email:

Subject: **JOHN BRYAN** d.1741 Craven Co NC

Post Date: August 07, 1999 at 20:42:03

Message URL:<http://www.genforum.com/bryan/messages/1907.html>

Forum: **BRYAN** Family Genealogy ForumForum

URL: <http://www.genforum.com/bryan/>

Seeking more information and connections to **JOHN BRYAN** married to **ELIZABETH JOYNER** 1716. Six known children including **ELIZABETH** who married **RICHARD HART** 1748. Will share info. Thanks Dick

Re: **JOHN BRYAN** d.1741 Craven Co NC

Posted by: Sue Guptill

Date: September 03, 1999 by Kenneth Barker

This refers to 2 different **JOHN BRYANS**. The **JOHN BRYAN** in the original query left a nuncupative will in Craven Co in 1741 and died the next day. He named his children, no wife, and made his oldest daughter the guardian of the minor children "being 3 in number." He was possibly in Craven Co. as early as 1723. The last paragraph of **LAWRENCE MACQUE**'s will says: Lastly I constitute and appoint my dutyful son **JOHN BRYAN** and my loving daughter **ALICE BRYAN** and my loving friend **EDWARD BRYAN** to be joynt executors and executrix in this my last will and testament and do revoke and disanul all former wills by me made and do pronounce and declare this to be my last will and testament and have unto here put my hand and signed.

LAWRENCE (LM) MACQUE

Wit:

CHARLES (R) RICKETS,
WILLIAM (MR) RICKETS,
JOHN (IR) RICKETS.

The **JOHN BRYAN** will you quote actually proves that is NOT the same **JOHN BRYAN** as the one who d. in Craven Co.

<http://www.esva.net/ghotes/famhist/JEROM.htm>

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JOHN BRYAN of Craven Co, NC was married to **ALICE MACQUE**, daughter of **LAWRENCE MACQUE**, Shoemaker of Bertie Co, NC, before 15 Apr 1718. In his will, **LAWRENCE**

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MACQUE refers to his daughter **ALICE BRYAN** and appoints his dutiful son **JOHN BRYAN** as one of his executors.

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Marriage 1 **ALICE MACQUE** b: ABT 1696 in ,Bertie,North Carolina
Married: in ,,North Carolina
Children

?**LEWIS BRYAN** b: 24 NOV 1729 in ,Craven Co.,NC
?**SARAH BRYAN** b: ABT 1731 in <,Craven,North Carolina>
?**JOANNA BRYAN** b: ABT 1733 in ,Craven,North Carolina
?**MARY BRYAN** b: ABT 1735 in ,Bertie,North Carolina
?**ALICE BRYAN** b: ABT 1737 in ,Bertie,North Carolina
?**ELIZABETH BRYAN** b: ABT 1733 in ,,North Carolina

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Name: **MARY BRYAN** Given
Name: **MARY**
Surname: **BRYAN**
Sex: F
Birth: ABT 1735 in ,Bertie,North Carolina
Death: BEF 1819 in of Tennessee
Ancestral File #: 1SPC-HT4
Note: <http://www.esva.net/ghotes/famhist/JEROM.htm>

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33. **BENJAMIN³ GRIFFEN** (Jonas2 Griffeth, Jerom1), son of **JONAS GRIFFITH** and Ann //, was born in Northampton Co, VA. Died: ca Dec 1777 in Craven Co, NC.

Will: 12 Aug 1775 in Craven Co, NC. No Estate Records. Occupation: Planter. He married **MARY BRYAN**, daughter of **JOHN BRYAN** and **ALICE MACQUE**, circa 1740 in Craven Co, NC. She married 2nd, **ROBERT JACKSON**, and moved to Tennessee. Died: before 1819.

{NOTE: Refer to page 5 of Along The Neuse, The Craven BRYAN GRIFFIN Family, 1728-1992 for a continuation of this family group to 1992.}

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Children:

- 50 i. **KEZIAH⁴ GRIFFIN**. She married **JOHN HILL**.
- 51 ii. **MARY GRIFFIN** She married **ROBERT JOHNSON**.
- 52 iii. **ANN GRIFFIN**. Died: before 1838 in Spartanburg Dist, SC.
She married **JOHN HOLLOWAY**. She married, second, **THOMAS KIMBRELL**.
Children: **JOHN C. KIMBRELL**.
- 53 iv. **SALLY GRIFFIN**. She married **WILLIAM HOLLOWAY**.
- 54 v. **BETSY GRIFFIN**. She married **JAMES WEST**.
Children: **BETSY WEST**, **MARY WEST**, and **REDDING WEST**.
- 55 vi. **WILLIAM GRIFFEN** was born in Craven Co, NC circa 1750.
Died: December 1809 in Craven Co, NC. He married **ABIGAIL THOMPSON**
(?) before 1780. **ABIGAIL** was born 14 Jan 1766 in Virginia.
She was the daughter of **WILLIAM THOMPSON** and **ELIZABETH SADLER**.
Children: **JOHN B. GRIFFEN**, **WILLIAM GRIFFEN, Jr.**, and **LEVI GRIFFIN**.
- 56 vii. **JESSE GRIFFIN** was born in Craven Co, NC circa 1751.
Died: 1807 in Edgefield, SC.
Will: Edgefield, SC. He married **ANN CLARY** 18 Feb 1772.
Children: **MARY GRIFFIN**, Eleanor **GRIFFIN**, **ELIZABETH GRIFFIN**,
WILLIAM GRIFFIN, and **BEVERLY ALLEN GRIFFIN**.
- 57 viii. **BENJAMIN GRIFFIN Jr.** was born in Craven Co, NC circa 1753.
Died: 1811 in Craven Co, NC. He married **ABIGAIL MARKLAND ?**.
Children: **BRYAN GRIFFIN**, **SALLY GRIFFIN**, **MARY POLLY GRIFFIN**,
LEWIS GRIFFIN, **REBECCA GRIFFIN**, **ALICE AILSY GRIFFIN**,
JESSE GRIFFIN, and **ABIGAIL GRIFFIN**.

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Father: **JOHN BRYAN** b: ABT 1690 in ,Craven,North Carolina

Mother: **ALICE MACGUE** b: ABT 1696 in , Bertie, North Carolina

Marriage 1 **BENJAMIN GRIFFIN** b: in Northampton Co.,Va.

Married: circa 1740 in Craven Co.,N.C.

Marriage 2 **ROBERT JACKSON**

ID: I1775

Name: **BENJAMIN GRIFFIN**

Given Name: **BENJAMIN**

Surname: **GRIFFIN**

Sex: M

Birth: in Northampton Co.,Va.

Death: 12 AUG 1775 in Will in Craven Co., N.C.

Change Date: 14 SEP 2000 at 00:00:00

Marriage 1 **MARY BRYAN** b: ABT 1735 in , Bertie, North Carolina

Married: circa 1740 in Craven Co., N.C.

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