

**Mill Creek Bryans of Johnston County NC
Descendants of LEWIS BRYAN, Sr.**

MILL CREEK BRYANS of JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.

DESCENDANTS of **LEWIS BRYAN, SR.**

of

NANSEMOND COUNTY, VA. & HERTFORD COUNTY, N. C.

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LEWIS BRYAN

d. By May 1, 1735 (p. 15)

m. **ELIZABETH**

ISSUE: (Order of birth undetermined)

1. **SIMON BRYAN** p. 5
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October 15, 1715 - COURT MET: LEWIS **BRYAN** proves Rights for ye Importation of **SYMON, WILLIAM, EDWARD, JANNETT, LEWIS, ELIZABETH, MARY, JOANAH, SARAH, and ANN BRYAN, LEWIS BRYAN, JR. and ELIZABETH BRYAN, JR.**

(Chowan County Deed Book B #1, p. 12, 13, & 14)

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LEWIS BRYAN

December 9, 1687: ROBERT JORDAN the son of THOMAS JORDAN of Chuckatuck in NANSEMOND COUNTY & CHRISTIAN OUDELAND ye daughter of THOMAS TABER of the Isle of Wight County did publish their marriage at a meeting of men & women friends at WILLIAM SANDERS his house ye county aforesaid on ye 12 day of ye 11 month last past & coming before ye meeting the second time in his fathers house they did publish their marriage again on ye 9th day of this Instant month & were married in the house of his father on this 9th day of ye 12 month 1687.

Present among others: THOMAS PAGE, **MARY BRYAN**, ELIZABETH BRADLEY

February 1, 1688: **LEWIS BRIAN** of NANSEMOND stands indebted to HENRY GAY. Conditions are that **LEWIS BRIAN** not molest ROBERT LAWNOR where he now lives & formerly belonging to HENRY GAY DECEASED FROM MAIN RIVER UP TO BURNT HOUSE BRANCH. HENRY GAY stands indebted to **LEWIS BRIAN** & promises to pay in tobacco. Conditions are that HENRY GAY not molest **LEWIS BRIAN** in possession of land adjoining **JOHN BRIAN, SR.**

Deed dated: May 1, 1689.

Wit: **JOHN BRIAN**, JAMES DAUGHTIE

(Isle of Wight Co., Va. Deed - Book by: John B. Boddie, 17th Century Isle of Wight)

December 9, 1688: JOHN JORDAN the son of THOMAS JORDAN of Chuckatuck in NANSEMOND COUNTY & MARGARET BURCH of ye same place did publish their marriage at a meeting of friends both men & women at RICHARD RATLIFFS house in ye Isle of Wight County on the 8th day of the 10th month last & coming before ye meeting ye second time at WILLIAM SANDERS house in ye county aforesaid they did publish their marriage again on the 12th day of ye 11th month and were married in ye house of his father on ye 9th day of ye 12th month 1688.

Present among others: THOMAS PAGE, **MARY BRYAN**, ELIZABETH BRADLEY

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WILLIAM [BRYAN]	Bruin	200 a.
JOHN BRYAN		200 a.
WILLIAM [BRYAN]	Bryon	350 a.
LEWIS [BRYAN]	Bryon	400 a.

November 15, 1707: JAMES DENSON the son of FRANCES DENSON of the Isle of Wight County, WIDOW WOMAN & SARAH DRYTON (?) of County aforesaid did publish their marriage before a meeting of men & women friends at our publick meeting house in Chuckatuck on the 13th day of the 9th month 1707 and coming before the meeting a second & a third time at our aforesaid publick meeting house did publish again & were married in the publick meeting house in the WESTERN BRANCH on this 15th day of the 11th month 1707.

Wit: See next page

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November 15, 1707;

Present among others: **LEWIS BRIAN, WILLIAM BRIAN, THOMAS PAGE, ELIZABETH BRIAN**

(Early Quaker Records in Virginia, Compiled by: Miles White, Jr.)

CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

January 14, 1711: THOMAS HARRIS & ELIZABETH (wife) to **LEWIS BRYAN** Assignment of a deed of sale.

Wit: JAMES FFAIRLEY

(Deed Book W #1, p. 102)

January 15, 1711: ELIZABETH HARRIS TO WILLIAM CRANFORD. Letter of Attorney to acknowledge to **LEWIS BRYAN** my part of a certain tract of land called the RED BANKS.

Wit: JAMES FFAIRLEY, LAURENCE MAGUE ("LM")

(Deed Book W #1, p. 219)

January 17, 1715: EDWARD HOWCOTT, planter to EDWARD MOSELEY, ESQ. (both of Chowan Precinct) - 70 £ 400 a. on the NORTH side of CHOWAN RIVER known by the name of RED BANKS, adjoining THOMAS BRAY & the said MOSELEY & is the land I the said EDWARD HOWCOTT bought of **LEWIS BRYANT**.

Wit: ROBERT HICKS, ELIZ. SWANN Registered April 3, 1716

(Dead Book B#1, p. 219)

October 9, 1714: HENRY BRADLEY 5. KATHARINE, wife, to LEWIS **BRYAN** (All of Chowan Precinct, Albemarle County) 20 L 300 acres - Part of a tract of land in Chowan Precinct on the WEST side of CHOWAN RIVER, beginning at EDWARD **BRYAN**'S line on ye River side & so running out into ye woods for length & so up ye river for breadth. Containing 300 acres being part of ye plantation he now lives on.

Henry Bradley ("HB"), Katherine Bradley ("X")

Wit: **JOHN BRYAN**, for **JOHN BRYAN** ("JR")

Registered: April 16, 1715

(Deed Book B#1, p. 49 & 50)

December 22, 1714: THOMAS GILES of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Gentleman to JAMES FARLOW & **LEWIS BRYAN** - Letter of Attorney to acknowledge sale of 2,000 acres on CHOWAN RIVER in NORTH CAROLINA to THOMAS BRAY.

Wit: SAMUEL WOODWARD "X", FRANCIS PRIDGEON "FP", JAMES LISLE

(Deed Book B #1. p. 30)

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January 28. 1733/4: **LEWIS BRYAN** of Bertie Precinct to NICHOLAS THOMPSON of Surry County, Virginia 100 £ 300 acres - In Bertie Precinct on the NORTH side of SANDY RUN, beginning at a (blank) WILLIAM GRAY'S corner tree running up his line N 280 p. to the center of 3 oaks to another of WILLIAM GRAY'S corners, then along another of his lines E 165 p. to a white oak another of his corner trees, then along another of his lines N 25 E 46 p. to the center of two red oaks and a white oak OWEN MACKDANIELS corner, then along his line N 114 p. to a oak on his line, then W 286 p. to a white oak in RICHARD MELTONS line, then S 15 E 155 p. to the center of 2 red oaks and a gum MELTONS corner. Then S 3 E 272 p. to a cypress on the SANDY RUN, then along various courses of the run to the 1st station.

LEWIS BRYAN

Wit: JOHN GRAY, Jurat, THOMAS HARDIE (HARDY)

February 1733: Proved by John Gray.

Test: John Wynne, D. C. C.

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book D, p. 48)

March 1, 1719/20: **LUIS (LEWIS) BRYANT** - 330 a. in Chowan Precinct on ye NORTH side of SANDY RUN, joining WILLIAM GRAY, OWEN MCDONEL, RICHARD MILTON, and ye said run.

(Patent Book 8, p. 180)

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SIMON BRYAN, s/o **LEWIS BRYAN**, Sr.

d. Between November 26, 1751 - May, 1753 (Will)

m. (1) **ELIZABETH BAILEY**, widow of JOHN ARMOUR

(2) **ANN WEST**, widow of CHARLES WORTH JACOCKS

ISSUE: (3, possibly 4 mentioned in will; only 1 named)

1. **DAVID BRYAN** p, 10

2. **SIMON BRYAN**, JR,

JOHN ARMOUR - Will - Pasquotank County, N, C. (Grimes abstract)

Dated: March 21, 1728 Proved: March, 1729

Son: JOHN

Daus: MARY, ANN. Other legatees: JOHN DAVIS & WILLIAM DAVIS, brothers of former wife.

Wife: Not named, executrix.

Executor: DAVID BAILEY, father-in-law.

Signatures of witnesses, probate & portion of will missing.

DAVID BAILEY - Will - Pasquotank County, N. C. (Grimes abstract)

Dated: October 6, 1745 Proved: March 20, 1746

Sons: JOSEPH, BENJAMIN, ROBERT, SIMON

Daus: ELIZABETH **BRYANT**, SARAH SNOWDON & TAMAR BAILEY.

Wife: THAMAR

Exrs: JOSEPH BAILEY, son; & SIMON **BRYANT**, son-in-law.

Wit: THOMAS WEEKS, PATRICK BAILEY, JOHN BAILEY

May 12, 1747: ANNE JACOCKS administered on the estate of her deceased husband, CHARLES WORTH JACOCKS, ROBERT WEST, JR. qualified as her surety sum of 500 £.

May 9, 1749: Petition of **SIMON BRYAN** who intermarried with ANN JACOCKS, widow of CHARLES WORTH JACOCKS, deceased, to divide said JACOCKS' estate between his children.

(Court Records of Bertie County at Windsor, N. C. By: J. R. B. Hathaway, Vol. 2, No. 4 - October, 1901)

(Mr. Hathaway made note that ANNE JACOCKS was d/o COL. ROBERT WEST and wife, nee HARVEY, d/o GOV. THOMAS HARVEY & wife SARAH LAKER of Perquimans Precinct. ROBERT WEST, JR. was her half brother. p. 629)

November 7 (or 17), 1723: PATENT to **SIMON BRYAN** - 290 acres on the SOUTH side of Meherrin River on CYPRESS SWAMP, adjoining HENRY TURNER.

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 59 & Northampton County, N. C. Deed Book 1, p. 340)

April 3, 1725: SIMON, JOHN, & **LEWIS BRYAN** petition the Governor & Council.

(Colonial Records of N. C. Volume 2, p. 563)

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SIMON **BRYAN**, s/o Lewis **BRYAN**, Sr.

Registered 1726: **SIMON BRYAN** to WILLIAM WILLIAMS - 290 a. 32 £ In Meherrin Woods on CYPRESS SWAMP, adjoining HENRY TURNER.

Wit: WILLIAM GRAY, A. COWLEY

(Simon's patent November 7 (or 17), 1723)

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book B, p. 159)

February 9, 1727: WILLIAM CURLEE & MARTHA, wife, to **EDWARD BRYAN**; SR. 317 a. - 25 £ - On the WEST side of CANAAN SWAMP up ye GREAT BRANCH between said **BRYAN** & JAMES MCGLOHON.

Wit: **LEWIS BRYAN**, **SIMON BRYAN**

May Court 1727

(Bertie County Deed Book B, p. 226)

May 8, 1727: **JOHN BRYAN** to ISAAC KIFF (KEEFE) Power of Attorney to "acknowledge sale of land adjoining HENRY RHODES & where JOHN DAVIS lived" containing 200 a. unto FRANCIS BROWN.

Wit: **LEWIS BRYAN**, JUN., **SIMON BRYAN**

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book B, p. 240)

January 10, 1726: JOHN **BRYAN (BRYANT)** to FRAN(CIS) BROWN 200 acres - 16 £ - In ST. JOHN'S NECK on ye CYPRESS SWAMP, adjoining HENRY RHODES.

Wit: LAWRANCE MAGUE

ISAAC KIF (KEEFE) by Power of Attorney from **JOHN BRYAN** acknowledged within deed of sale.

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book B, p. 239)

February 1727/28: **JOHN BRYAN** to JOHN GRAY - 640 a - 20 £ on the SOUTH side of Morattick (Roanoke) River on CYPRESS SWAMP, adjoining **JOHN BRYAN**, JOHN HAMILTON, ARTHUR DAVIS.

Wit: **LEWIS BRYAN**, **SIMON BRYAN**, jurat.

November Court, 1728. Edward Mashborne, D. C. C.

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book C. P. 41)

March 23, 1735: **WILLIAM BRYAN** & **SIMON BRYAN** were two of the Justices of Pasquotank Precinct.

(Colonial Records of N. C., Volume 4, p. 46)

August 25, 1739: **SIMON BRYAN**, T. Sweeny, Thomas Symona witnessed will of Thomas Commander. Pasquotank County

February 16, 1741/42: Robert Lowry, Ann Overman. **SIMON BRYAN** witnessed will of Thomas Commander. Pasquotank County. Will proved April, 1742.

(Grimes Abstracts of N. C. Wills. P. 79)

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OLD ALBEMARLE COUNTY, N. C-
PASQUOTANK PRECINCT (COUNTY) BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, BRANDS & FLESH MARKS &
COUNTY CLAIMS - 1691-1833

_____ for **SYMON BRYAN** a (torn-several words missing) _____r Buttock, the 30th day of September 1740.

_____ a Mark for **SYMON BRYAN** as follows, a Crop slit _____a under Keel in the right ear, And a Crop and an under _____l in the left Ear, the 30th day of September 1740.

_____ recorded for JOHN ARMOUR a brand IA on the near Buttock, the 30th day of September 1740.

_____ recorded for **DAVID BRYAN** a Brand, as follows, DB on the right Buttock, the 30th day of September 1740.

_____ recorded for **SYMON BRYAN** Junr. a brand as follows S. B. on the right Buttock, the 30th day of September 1740.

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June 15, 1741: **SIMON BRYAN** of Pasquotank County, N. C. to **EDWARD BRYAN** of Bertie County - for 200 £ - Part of the land containing 320 acres in Bertie County on the EAST side of CHINKAPEN SWAMP, being a parcel of land given to the said **SIMON BRYAN** by HIS FATHER **LEWIS BRYAN** LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

SIMON BRYAN

Wit: WILLIAM WESTON "W", Jurat, BENJAMIN BAILEY, EPHRAIM WESTON

August, 1741 proved by William Weston.

Test: Benjamin Hill, Clerk Court

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 267)

January 24, 1757: **EDWARD BRYAN** to ADAM HARRELL for 18 £ 320 a. in CHINKOPEN SWAMP, adjoining _____ GILBIRD, JOHN HOWELL, "A tract of land given to **SIMON BRYAN** by his father **LEWIS BRYAN**'S will & sold to **EDWARD BRYAN** ... by deed. (January 15, 1741).

Wit: JAMES JONES, WILLIAM COLTHRED, JOHN HURST.

January Court 1757. Benjamin Wynns, C. C.

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book H, p. 378)

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January 2, 1749: MICHAEL & ISBELL [ISABELL] KING, mother of MICHAEL to **SIMON BRYAN**
- 250 a. for 66 £ - land on MAPLE BRANCH. adj. EDWARD BYRD, ROBERT WEST, THOMAS
MITCHELL, _____ IDOOLBROOK at Round Pocoson.
Wit: **EDWARD BRYAN**, ROBERT WEST, HUMPHREY LAURENCE.
February Court 1749. (p.205)
(Bertie County Deed Book G, p. 256)

January 5, 1751: THOMAS JACOCKS to JAMES COOPER "in consideration of a note of hand
for 35 barrels of merchantable full bound tar ..." Land adj . THOMAS YATES, EDWARD
TAYLOR, _____ POLLOCK in Middle Swamp.
Wit: **SIMON BRYAN**, ELIZABETH JACOCKS.
February Court 1750. Samuel Ormes, C. C.

N. C. Historical & Genealogical Register
Volume 2. No. 4 - By: J. R. B. Hathaway - October. 1901 - p. 500
Bertie County Abstract of Wills

MARY BRYAN

Dated: May 14, 1809
Proved: August, 1810
Sons: **SIMON A. BRYAN** & **JOSEPH H. BRYAN**
Son: **THOMAS COFFIELD**
Granddaus: **MARY B. OUTLAW** & **POLLY W. PUGH**
MY DECEASED HUSBAND **JOSEPH BRYAN**
Grandchildren: **THOMAS TUNSTALL**, **WILLIAM TURNER**, **HARRIET ELIZA BRYAN**
Exr: Son **JOSEPH H. BRYAN**
Test: J. W. WARBURTON, **JOSEPH BRYAN OUTLAW**

ABSTRACTS OF VITAL RECORDS; By: Lois Smathers Neal
From Raleigh, N. C. Newspapers - 1799-1819
p. 64 No. 613

Married in Franklin County, **SIMON A. BRYAN**, Esq., of Bertie
(county) to MISS MARY BURLINGHAM, dau of CAPT. WILLIAM BURLINGHAM
of Franklin. **SIMON A. BRYAN** (late private Secretary of the Governour)
RaNCsw Thurs 24 January 1811 15:4

_____ on the 17th inst. RR Thurs 24 January 1811
3:4./ RM Thurs 24 Jan 1811 3:3

No. 614: **BRYAN**: Died in Bertie County, a few days ago, MR. **SIMON A. BRYAN**.
RR Fri 24 Mar 1815 3:15./ RaNCsw Fri 17 Mar 1815

_____. The death of MR. **SIMON A. BRYAN** was recently published in the Star for that
of MRS. **SIMON A. BRYAN**.
RaNCsw Fri 7 Apr 1815 3:4

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SIMON BRYAN - Will - Bertie County, North Carolina (Grimes Abstract)

Dated: November 26, 1751

Proved: May, 1753 v

I, **SIMON BRYAN**, being in my perfect senses but in a very bad state of health, etc.

Wife: **ANN [BRYAN]** - 1/2 part of all my personal estate after my just debts are paid (there being 9 negros belonging to my children, some of which came by the death of their brother. JOHN ARMOUR, the rest they hold by deed of gift, the negroes are named, viz: PERRY, HANNAH, FEB, DINA, BEN, LYD, JOEL, JUPITER, & PINE.

Son: **DAVID [BRYAN]** - That tract of land I bought of MICHEL & HENRY KING. to him, his heirs & assigns; the other 2/3 of my personal estate to be equally divided amongst my THREE CHILDREN, but if my wife is with child now, my will & pleasure is that it have 1 equal share with my other children.

Wit: **MARTHA BRYAN**, ISABELL DEAL "x", JAMES LOCKHART, LILLINGTON LOCKHART

Executors: **ANN**, wife & brother **EDWARD BRYAN** & my son, **DAVID [BRYAN]**.

May, 1753: Will exhibited by **DAVID BRYAN**, one of the executors who qualified; proved by JAMES LOCKHART, ESQ. & LILLINGTON LOCKHART.

Test: Benjamin Wynns, C. C.

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DAVID BRYAN, s/o **SIMON** & gs/o **LEWIS**, Sr.
d. Between January 23, 1774 - May, 1777 (Will)
m. **CATHERINE KING**, possibly

ISSUE:

1. **ELIZABETH BRYAN**
2. **MARY BRYAN**
3. **DAVID BRYAN**
4. **JOSEPH BRYAN**
5. **MARGARET "Peggy" BRYAN**
6. **REBECCA BRYAN**

Executors of **DAVID BRYAN**'s will were: **WILLIAM GRAY** & **GEORGE RYAN**
Witnesses were: **RICHARD DILLON** & **THOMAS BRYAN**
(Bertie County, N. C. Abstracts of Wills, By: J. R. B. Hathaway, Volume 2, No. 3)

September 30, 1740 - Pasquotank County, N. C.
A brand for **DAVID BRYAN** was recorded. Same day mark/brand was recorded for **SYMON BRYAN**, **JOHN ARMOUR** & **SYMON BRYAN JUNR**.

MICHAEL KING - Will - Bertie County, N. C. (Grimes Abstract)
Dated: May 20, 1741 Proved: October 29, 1741
Wife: **ISBEL**, Extrx.
Sons: **MICHAEL**, **HENRY** & **JOHN**
Daus: **CATHERINE**, **ISBEL**, **PENELOPE** & **MARY KING**.
Exrs: **COLL. ROBERT WEST** & his son, **ROBERT**.
wit: **ROGER SNELL**, **JOHN HILL**, **J. HOLBROOK**.
Proven before J. Montgomery, C. J.

September, 1742: Petition of **ISABELL DYALL** to choose guardian for her children,
Court appoints: **ARCHIBALD BELL** guardian to **JOHN**, **PENELOPE** & **ISABEL KING**.
Securities: **JOHN BELL** & **ARTHUR WILLIAMS**.
Court appoints: **JAMES CASTELLAW** guardian to **HENRY**, **CATHERINE** & **MARY KING**.
Securities: **THOMAS JACKSON** & **WILLIAM BYRD**.
MICHAEL KING an orphan chose **COL. ROBERT WEST** as his guardian.
(Bertie County, N. C. Court Minutes Book 1740 thru 1743: 1758 thru 1762, Book II by Weynette P. Haun)

May, 1743: **JAMES CASTELLAW ESQ.** relinquishes guardianship to **MICHAEL KING'S**
orphans: **HENRY**, **CATHARINE** & **MARY KING**. Court appoints **GEORGE BELL** guardian.
Securities: **JAMES CASTELLAW** & **WILLIAM BYRD**.
(Same reference as above, Book II)

Note: **ISABELL**, widow of **MICHAEL KING**, married **EDWARD DYALL**.

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May 18, 1752: HENRY KING of DUPLIN COUNTY to **DAVID BRYAN** - for 30 £ 225 a. WS Cashoke Creek, adj. EDWARD BIRD, COLL. ROBERT WEST Wit: ROBERT WEST, ROBERT WEST, JUN., TAMER WEST. May Ct. 1753 (p.223)
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book G, p. 499)

February 16, 1754: ROBERT BELL & GEORGE BELL of DUPLIN COUNTY to **DAVID BRYAN** for 16 £ 50 a. "on the Folley Line". Given by deed of gift from WILLIAM BIRD to GEORGE BELL in 1732. Wit: ROBERT WEST, PETER WINANTS, WILLIAM COTTEN (HOOTEN?) May Ct. 1754. (p. 234)
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book H, p. 99)

July 28. 1757: SAMUEL ORMES, merchant, to JOHN HILL & **DAVID BRYAN**. Power of Atty. To collect debts due me "and more especially to sell a tract of land a certain Island in Morratock River in Tyrril County" Containing 25 a. granted November 21, 1744. Wit: B. BAKER, Benjamin WYNNS. July Court 1757. (p. 254)
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book H, p. 436)

April 24, 1759: **DAVID BRYAN** qualified as a Grand Juror. (p.62)
(Bertie County, N. C. Court Minutes, Vol. II)

April, 1762: Deed of sale from **DAVID BRYAN** and **CATHERINE BRYAN** proved by THOMAS SUTTON. (p.96)
(Bertie County Deed Books A-H - 1720-1757)

November, 1764: Deed of sale from **DAVID BRYAN** and CATHERINE his wife proved by NATHANIEL WEBB. (p. 30)

September, 1770: Petition of GEORGE RYAN to build a grist mill on Bucking Run be laid over till next court & following be appointed to lay off view & value an acre on the land of SIR NATHANIEL DUCKENFIELD & on the land of said RYAN on the place & on the opposite side of said run to that of the said GEORGE RYAN To wit: GEORGE LOCKHART, JOHN BURN, **DAVID BRYAN** & RICHARD LACKEY or majority of them and make return to next court. (p. 101)

December, 1770: **DAVID BRYAN** & MICHAEL KING, among others, grand jurors. (p. 106)

December, 1770: SUSANAH JAMES, mulatto orphan, 1 year 4 months old bound apprentice to **DAVID BRYAN**. (p. 106)

March, 1771: GEORGE LOCKHART, JOHN BURN, BENJAMIN COOK, **DAVID BRYAN** returned proceedings for GEORGE RYAN'S grist mill. (p.112)

December, 1771: **DAVID BRYAN**. petit juror.
(Bertie County, N. C. Court Minutes 1763 thru 1771; Book III)

March, 1772: **DAVID BRYAN**, grand juror.

May, 1774: Ordered that ARON BOULTON, JOHN COOK, HEZEKIAH MORAN, DANIEL MORLEY, WILLIAM COOK, WILLIAM MERIDETH, CHARLES JACOCKS, THOMAS WEBB, THOMAS SHEHAN, HUMPHRY NICHOLS ESQR., WILLIAM HOTTEN, JUR. BENJAMIN COOK & FREDERICK LARRENCE be appointed to lay off a road from the road that goes down to SPREWELS FERRY to the DUCKENFIELD ROAD and that the hands under WILLIAM MERIDETH, DANIEL WORLYS hands, JOHN COOK, BENJAMIN COOK, WILLIAM COOK, HEZEKIAH MORAN & **DAVID BRYAN** work on clear & keep said road in order. WILLIAM MERIDETH overseer. (p. 18)

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May, 2nd Tuesday, 1777: Will of **DAVID BRYAN** proved by RICHARD DILLON.
GEORGE RYAN, the executor, qualified.

August, 1777: Inventory estate of **DAVID BRYAN** returned by GEORGE RYAN.
(Bertie County, N. C. Court Minutes 1772 thru 1780, Book IV)

November, 1785: Ordered that a Commission to RICHARD CLINTON, ESQ. Or some other
Justice of SAMPSON COUNTY to take the examination of **PHEREBY BRYANT** wife of **DAVID
BRYAN** concerning a deed given by said **DAVID BRYAN** & her to STEPHEN ANDREWS of
Bertie County.

November, 1785: JONATHAN JACOBS, WILLIAM ASHBURN, JOHN BURN & JOSIAH REDDITT or
any 3 of them be appointed to audit & settle the accounts of GEORGE RYAN executor
of **DAVID BRYAN** deceased.

February 21, 1785: A deed of sale of land from **DAVID BRYANT** & **FEREBY BRYAN** to
STEPHEN ANDREWS WAS proved by William SEAY? one of the subscribing Witnesses &
ordered to be registered.

In pursuant of a commission to take the private examination of **FEREBY BRYAN** made
the return in the following manner.

NORTH CAROLINA, SAMPSON COUNTY:

By virtue of a Dedimus from the Court of Bertie this may certify that **PHEREBE BRYAN**
wife of **DAVID BRYAN** was privately examined and did relinquish all her right & title
to a tract of land lying in Bertie County sold to STEPHEN ANDREWS for which a deed
was given bearing date November 8, 1785. Given under my hand this November 28,
1785.

(Bertie County, N. C. Court Minutes 1781 thru 1787, Book V)

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C. - 1790 HEADS OF FAMILIES - FAYETTE DISTRICT

DAVID BRYAN - 1 m 16 up
 3 f
 (no blacks)

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WILLIAM BRYAN, s/o Lewis, Sr.

d. Between **DECEMBER** 12, 1746 - June, 1747 Craven County, N. C.

m. (1) **MARY MAYO**, possibly

b. December 26, 1709/10

d. Before January 1733 **

(2) **ANN DELAMAR**, widow of **JOSEPH STOCKLEY**, January 10, 1733/4 in Pasquotank County, N. C.

ISSUE: By (1)

1. **LEWIS BRYAN** (not named in Ann's will)

2. **ANN BRYAN** (not named in Ann's will)

m. **JAMES CARRAWAY** - Will in Craven County, N. C. (Grimes wills)

dated: March 9, 1773. Probate not given

Wife: **ANN [CARRAWAY]**

Sons: **ENOCH [CARRAWAY]** - 100 a. on Bay River

FRANCIS [CARRAWAY] - 150 a. on Bay River

JOSEPH [CARRAWAY] & **GIDEON [CARRAWAY]** - Executors

Daus: **NANCY [CARRAWAY]** & **FANNY [CARRAWAY]**

Wit: **THOMAS NELSON**, **THOMAS CARRAWAY**, **JESSE BRYAN**

ISSUE: By (2)

3. **WILLIAM BRYAN**

b. September 29, 1734 **

d. Colonial Records of N. C., Volume 9, p. 60

Petition (to assembly) of **ANN BRYAN**, widow of **WILLIAM BRYAN**, late Ensign in Craven County. Detachment. & killed in Battle of Alamance. Widow & 6 small children in distressed circumstances. **NOVEMBER 28, 1771.**

There is supposed to be a will in Raleigh Archives said to be this **WILLIAM BRYAN. ANN [BRYAN]**, widow.

Son: **ASA [BRYAN]** - Ritt's (or Kitt's) Neck plantation

Daus: **ASENA [BRYAN]**, **ANN [BRYAN]**, **CHARLOTTE [BRYAN]**, **SALLY [BRYAN]**, **MARY [BRYAN]**.

Exrs: **JOHN BRYAN**, **JESSE BRYAN**, **THOMAS DELAMAR.**

4. **ELIZABETH BRYAN** b. March 6, 1735/6** m. **FRANCIS DAWSON**

5. **JOHN BRYAN**

6. **JESSE BRYAN**

August 21, 1756: The personal estate of **WILLIAM BRYAN** was divided.

Signed: **JAMES SHINE**, William CARRAWAY, JR.

Division: Widow's part.

Sons: **WILLIAM [BRYAN]**, **LEWIS [BRYAN]**, **JOHN [BRYAN]** & **JESSE BRYAN.**

Dau: **ANNA [BRYAN]**. Son/Law: **FRANCIS DAWSON**,

(Records of **BLANCHE BRYAN**)

** Above marriage and births from:

OLD ALBEMARLE COUNTY, N. C. PASQUOTANK PRECINCT (COUNTY)

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, BRANDS & FLESH MARKS & COUNTY CLAIMS 1691-1833.

By: Weyuette Parks Haun.

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WILLIAM BRYAN - Will - Craven County, North Carolina

Dated: December 12, 1746

Proved: Third Tuesday in June, 1747

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: The Twelfth day of December 1746 I **WILLIAM BRYAN** of Craven County & Province of North Carolina being sick and weak in body, etc.

Wife: **ANNE** - One third part of my Negroes & likewise 1/3 of all ye rest of my movable estate & the use of the plantation I now dwell on during her natural life. The remaining part of my Negroes & movable estate to be divided amongst my six children: **WILLIAM BRYAN, JOHN BRYAN, ELIZABETH BRYAN, ANNE BRYAN, LEWIS BRYAN, JESSE BRYAN**

Sons: **WILLIAM BRYAN** - 125 a. of land the plantation I now dwell.

JOHN BRYAN - 125 a. of land the 1/2 of the tract of land I now dwell on known by the name of KITS NECK beginning at the gut which the CART BRIDGE is over & so running up to the head line.

LEWIS BRYAN - 100 a. of land lying upon the head of SMITH'S CREEK which I bought of GUNSTON ALLEN known by the name of HOLLEY NECK.

JESSE BRYAN - One tract or parcel of land lying upon the head of GOOSE CREEK joining upon COHOONS SAVANNAH which I bought of **JOHN BRYAN**.

Extrix. & Executors: Wife, **ANNE BRYAN**; my brother, **JOSEPH BRYAN**; son, **WILLIAM BRYAN**

Wit: LAZARUS PEARSE, JAMES CARRAWAY, **WILLIAM BRYAN**, WILLIAM CARRAWAY, JUNR.

CRAVEN COUNTY: Proved at New Bern, 3rd Tuesday in June, 1747 by **JOSEPH BRYAN**, executor & **ANN BRYAN**, executrix who took the oath by law appointed and qualified. Letters testamentary issued.

Will: Hedges: S:C. Cur.

(Raleigh Archives, N. C. Book V, p. 6)

COLONIAL RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA

April 3, 1725: **SIMON [BRYAN], JOHN [BRYAN] & LEWIS BRYAN** petitioned the Governor and Council. (Volume 2, p. 563)

March 23, 1735: **WILLIAM BRYAN & SIMON BRYAN** were two of the Justices of Pasquotank Precinct. (Volume A, p. 46)

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May 1, 1735: **WILLIAM BRYAN** of Pasquotank Precinct, N. C. to CHARLES RICKETTS of Bertie Precinct - 60 £ 430 acres - In Bertie Precinct in ST. JOHNS NECK beginning at a pine at the EAST side of the CYPRESS SWAMP E 224 p. to the center of three pines in WILLIAM WESTS line then away the line S 25 W 267 p. to a pine W 30 p. to a live oak on the head of the CYPRESS SWAMP then the meanders of the swamp to the lat station, four hundred & thirty acres (more or less) LEFT TO ME BY MY FATHER'S WILL.
Wit: **LEWIS BRYAN, WILLIAM BRYAN, JOHN PADGETT**
Bertie Precinct May, 1735: Proved by **LEWIS BRYAN**. John Wynns. D. C. C.
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book D, p. 193)

February 9, 1741/42: CHARLES RICKETTS to THOMAS RYAN or 100 £ 430 acres - Patent date March 9, 1717/18 to **LEWIS BRYAN** by HIM sold to said RICHETTS. Land in ST. JOHN NECK on the EAST side of CYPRESS SWAMP, adjoining WILLIAM WEST, JAMES TURNER.
Wit: WILLIAM TODD, Jurat; WILLIAM RICKETTS; JOHN RICKETTS
February Court 1741
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 322)
(Note: "By him sold" probably an error)

COLONIAL RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA

March 6, 1738: Appointment - **WILLIAM BRYAN** Justice of Pasquotank
(Volume 4, p. 345-364)

March 6, 1739: Appointment: **WILLIAM BRYAN** sheriff for Pasquotank
(Volume 4, p. 345-346)

CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
COURT MINUTES - Book II 1730 thru 1741
By: Weynette Parks Haun

September 22, 1740: A deed of sale from JOHN WEST to **WILLIAM BRYAN** for 250 acres of land was acknowledged in open court by the said JOHN WEST & ELIZABETH WEST his wife She being first examined as the law directs said **BRYAN** prays it be recorded.
Granted.

CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C. General Index to Deeds & Mortgages

1742: **WILLIAM BRYAN** from GUSTON ALLEN (Book 1, p. 5 - Deed)

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ANNE BRYAN - will - Craven County, N. C.

Dated: October 25, 1767

Proved: March 9, 1773

Son: **WILLIAM BRYAN** - 1 negro woman VENIA, 1 horse called Bull, 1 large looking glass, 1 silver spoon, 1 large, oval table, a safe & 1/2 of my cattle on HATTERASS BANKS.

Son: **JOHN BRYAN** - 1 negro man Kent, 1 piece of land on the north side of Neuse river & west side of ISLAND CREEK, containing 40 a. (same more or less), which I bought of JOHN STARKEY, known by the name of FORK NECK; 1 mare colt Bonney, 1 cow & calf, spice mortar & pessell, 1 silver table spoon, 1/2 my cattle on HATTERASS BANKS & the labor of 1 free born negro boy named ASA, till his indentures shall be expired.

Son: **JESSE BRYAN** - 1 piece land, 150 a. which I bought of THOMAS CARRAWAY, on the north side of Neuse river & east side SMITH CREEK. 100 a. which I bought of SAMUEL & ISAAC EASLICK on the north side of Neuse river & head of ORCHARD CREEK, 1 negro man SEASOR, 1 boy WILL, 2 negro women ROSE & JANE, & the labor of 2 free born negro boys til their indentures is expired named ARON & DAVID, 2 horses called Frolick & Poilet.

Daus: **MARY [BRYAN] COOK & ELIZABETH [BRYAN] DAWSON**; 1 shilling sterling each

GRANDSONS JOSEPH STOCKLEY & JOHN DAWSON; 1 shilling sterling each.

Son: **JESSE BRYAN** - all remainder part of my estate

Exrs: **WILLIAM BRYAN, JOHN BRYAN, JESSE BRYAN** - sons

Wit: JAMES CARRAWAY, ANN CARRAWAY, ELIES JUSTES, GIDEON CARRAWAY.

Proved March 9, 1773 by GIDEON CARRAWAY. **JOHN BRYAN** one of the executors qualified.
**** See below

GENERAL INDEX - CONVEYANCES - Craven County, N. C.

No date (bet. 1751-1753) **ANNE BRYAN** to THOMAS CARRAWAY, SR. (Book 7, p. 246)

1753: **ANNE BRYAN** from AMY CARRAWAY et al, Book 7, p. 244

1758: **ANN BRYAN** from SAMUEL ESLICK - Book 2, p. 206

**** Blanche Bryan records - quote from Lindsey Brian's book Will of **ANN BRYAN**, dated October 25, 1767, Rec. March 9, 1773, Note appended says, **WILLIAM [BRYAN]** dec'd **JOHN [BRYAN]** qualified.

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JOSEPH STOAKLEY - Will - Pasquotank County, North Carolina

Dated: December 12, 1729

Proved: January 3, 1729/1730

Wife: ANN - Extrx.

Sons: ISAAC To children six negroes & 1 gold ring

JOSEPH

Dau: MARY STOAKLEY

Other legatees: ISACK DELLEMAR, WILLIAM CARTRIGHT

Wit: THOMAS MERREDAY, JOHN KICKS, WILLIAM MINSON

STEPHEN DELAMARE - Will - Pasquotank County, N. C.

Dated: October 2, 1732

Proved: October, 1732

Nephew: JOSEPH STOCKLEY - Plantation whereon I now live.

ISAAC STOCKLEY

Cousin: EDWARD MAYO

Sister & Extrx.: ANN STOCKLEY

Brother: FRANCIS DELAMARE

Wit: HARRAL BLY, SAMUEL REDING, JOHN PALIN

JOHN JEVINS - Will - Pasquotank County

Dated: May 14, 1734

Proved: April, 1735

Wife & Extrx. ELIZABETH

Friend: EDWARD MAYO

Wit: EDWARD MAYO, MARY MAYO, **ANN BRYAN**

FRANCIS DELAMAR - Will - Beaufort County, N. C.

Dated: May 15, 1739

Proved: March, 1741

Wife & Extrx: SUSANNAH

Son: THOMAS - Plantation on the SOUTH side of BROAD CREEK.

Son: FRANCIS - Plantation whereon I now live.

Wit: ROBERT WENHAM, BENJAMIN RICE, MARY RICE

Reference: J. Bryan Grimes Abstracts of N. C. Wills.

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JOHN COOK - Will - Bertie County, North Carolina

Dated: November 24, 1744

Proved: January 30, 1745

Wife: ANNA - Extrx.

Sons: SAMUEL - Plantation on BLACK WALNUT SWAMP

ISAAC - 100 acres (Executor)

DAVID - 100 a. on SALMON CREEK

Daus: SARAH, ELIZABETH & ANNA COOK

Wit: THOMAS RYAN, WILLIAM BALL, ISAAC RATLIFF

Proven before Gab. Johnston at Eden House.

SAMUEL COOK - Will - Bertie County, North Carolina

Dated: October 2, 1756

Proved: January, 1757

Wife & Extrx.: MARY

Sons: JOHN - My plantation containing 162 acres.

JESSE - 100 a. of land at the head of BLACK WALNUT

BENJAMIN

WILLIAM

Daus: FRANCES, MARY & ELIZABETH COOK

Executors: **EDWARD BRYAN**; JOHN COOK, son; ROBERT WEST

Wit: JOHN BURN, JOHN PERRY, ROBERT NEST Benjamin Wynns, C. C.

(J. Bryan Grimes Abstract of N. C. Wills)

April 25, 1759: Ordered that JESSE COOK about the age of seventeen (17) years, and BENJAMIN COOK about the age of fifteen (15) years minors of SAMUEL COOK deceased be bound as apprentices to HEZEKIAH MOHUM til they respectively arrive at the age of 21 years to be taught the business of a Ship Wright, MARY COOK mother of said minors appearing in Court & consenting thereto.

(Bertie County, N. C. County Court Minutes 1740 thru 1743 - 1758 thru 1762 - Book II; By: Weynette Pauks Haun)

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EDWARD BRYAN, s/o **LEWIS**, Sr.

- d. Will dated February 27, 1762, Bertie County, N. C.
Proved: April, 1762 by JOHN NICHOLS. (Court Minutes Book II)
- m. **MARTHA WEST**
- d. Will dated May 22, 1777
Proved August, 1777

Executors of **EDWARD**'s will: William Gray, Edward Razor, and Thomas Whitmell, Jr.
Witnesses: John Nichols, Thomas Shehan, Miles Shehan.

Executors of **MARTHA**'s will: Son, **THOMAS BRYAN** & Jonathan Jacocks
Witnesses: Jonathan Jacocks, Elizabeth Jacocks

ISSUE: (Order of birth undetermined)

1. **THOMAS BRYAN**, unmarried
Will dated December 4. 1788. Proved February 1789.
Exrs: **EDWARD BRYAN**, brother; Thomas Whitmell Pugh, Daniel Worley.
Wit: William Jordan, William Smith, Thomas Ryan.
2. **ELIZABETH BRYAN**, unmarried
Will dated December 29, 1797. Proved August, 1798
Exrs: Brother, **EDWARD BRYAN**; George D. Reed
Wit: Tully William Reed
3. **EDWARD BRYAN**, unmarried
Will dated May 2, 1799. Proved May, 1799
Exrs: Thomas Whitmell Pugh, George Durant Reed, **THOMAS BRYAN** (Ryan?) and
Jonathan Jacocks.
Wit: William Benson, Benjamin Cooke.
4. **MARTHA BRYAN**, probably died single. Last mention of her is in **EDWARD BRYAN**'s
will naming sister **MARTHA BRYAN** May 2, 1799.
5. **MARY BRYAN** m. LOCKHART (Martha's will May 22, 1777)
6. **ANN BRYAN** m. RYAN. ISSUE: EDWARD RYAN.
7. **SARAH BRYAN** m. THOMAS BAKER. ISSUE: EDWARD **BRYAN** BAKER, MARTHA BAKER,
SUSANNAH BAKER, ELIZABETH BAKER, SARAH BAKER, MARY BAKER
8. **JANETTE BRYAN**
m. (1) HARDY HILL January 20, 1775, 5/0 Nathaniel Hill & wife, Elizabeth Hardy.
(Hathaway, Vol. 2, No. 3)
m. (2) THOMAS WHITMELL PUGH
9. **WINEFRED BRYAN** m. GEORGE DURANT REED ISSUE: EDWARD **BRYAN** REED, WEST REED,
DURANT REED

Above compiled from wills of **EDWARD BRYAN**, Sr. and Jr.,; **MARTHA**, wife of **EDWARD**,
Sr.; **ELIZABETH BRYAN**, d/o **EDWARD**, Sr. Abstracts only.

See Volume 2, No. 3 by J. R. B. Hathaway. July, 1901.

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June 9, 1737: JOHN WHITE SENR., yeoman, to WILLIAM WESSON Of Chowan Precinct - 400 £ 320 acres - Adjoining **EDWARD BRYAN**, MEDIA WHITE.

Wit: JOHN HOWELL, Jurat

JOHN WESTON

August Court 1737

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 171)

LAWRANCE MACKGUE - Will - Bertie County, Society Parish

Dated: April 26, 1740. Proved: May, 1740

Executors: One was **EDWARD BRYAN**.

November 14, 1740: **LEWIS BRYAN** of CRAVEN COUNTY to **EDWARD BRYAN** of Bertie County - 457 £, 10 Shillings 300 acres - Part of a tract in Bertie County on the WEST side of CHOWAN RIVER beginning at **EDWARD BRYAN'S** line on the river side & so running out the woods - 320 poles - being part of the tract of land where JOHN HOWELL? Now lives & the plantation where **EDWARD BRYAN** now lives containing 300 a. WHICH WAS LEFT TO THE SAID **LEWIS BRYAN** by the WILL OF HIS FATHER.

LEWIS BRYAN

Wit: WILLIAM "W" WESTON, Jurat; SAMUEL OSTEEN "S";

August 1741: Proved by William Weston.

Test: Benjamin Hill, C. C.

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 265)

April 8, 1741: **EDWARD BRYAN & MARTHA**, wife, to THOMAS WHITMELL for 100 £ 275 acres "... one half a patent for 550 acres granted ELIZABETH WEST & MARTHA WEST dated

April 13, 1724 .."

Wit: THOMAS BLOUNT, WILLIAM WESTON, SENR., JAMES CASTELLAW

April 8, 1741. w. Smith, C. J.

(Bertie County. N. C. Deed Book F, p. 234)

June 15, 1741: **SIMON BRYAN** of Pasquotank County, N. C. to **EDWARD BRYAN** of Bertie County - 200 £ - Part of the land containing 320 acres in Bertie County on the EAST side of Chinkapen Swamp, being a parcel of land given to the said **SIMON BRYAN** by his father **LEWIS BRYAN'S** LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

Wit: WILLIAM WESTON "w", Jurat; BENJAMIN BAILEY; EPHRAIM WESTON

August 1741: Proved by William Weston.

Test: Benjamin Hill. C. C.

(Bertie County. N. C. Deed Book F, p. 267)

August 11, 1741: **EDWARD BRYAN**, Mariner, of Bertie County, the only acting executor of LW&T of LAWRENCE MAYGUE, planter deceased of Bertie County, to THOMAS SLAUGHTER, merchant of same County - land belonging to LAWRENCE MAYGUE.

EDWARD BRYAN

Wit: WILLIAM WESTON, JOHN HOOKER, Jurat

August 1741: Proved by John Hooker. Benjamin Hill. C. C.

(Bertie County. N. C. Deed Book F, p. 261-263)

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April 1, 1742: THOMAS RYAN to EDWARD RASOR - 140 £ - 350 acres adjoining MR. DUCKENFIELDS line on GREEN BRANCH at SALMON CREEK.

Wit: THOMAS JONES, JAMES MCMANUS, **EDWARD BRYAN**

April 1, 1742. J. Montgomery, C. J.

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 334)

May 10, 1743: CHARLES JACOCKS to **EDWARD BRYAN** - for 2 £ 2 Shillings 1 acre 3 rod 16 pearches (Bic). Part of tract formerly belonging to JONATHAN JACOCKS at head of ALBEMARLE SOUND near BLACK WALNUT POINT, adjoining **EDWARD BRYAN**, CHARLES JACOCKS.

Wit: SAMUEL ORMES, SAMUEL DALLING

May Court 1743

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 463)

May 16, 1743: JONATHAN STANLEY, JUN., yeoman, to SOLOMON CHERRY for 120 £ - 320 a. on SOUTH side of CASEY SWAMP.

May Court 1743

Wit: SAMUEL ORMES, **EDWARD BRYAN**

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 430)

February 1, 1747: THOMAS YATES to JOSEPH JACOCKS - 60 £ - 100 acres in MIDDLE SWAMP at mouth of WHITE OAK BRANCH, adjoining THOMAS YATES, EDWARD TAYLOR, POLLOCKS corner.

February Court 1747.

Wit: **EDWARD BRYAN**, WILLIAM STOKES, JAMES JONES

(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book G, p. 104)

June 29, 1749: THOMAS JACOCKS to CHARLES JACOCKS - Gift - Negro. to my nephew - son of CHARLES JACOCKS my brother a negro girl named AIMY she being about 8 years old

Wit: **SIMON BRYAN**, ROBERT WEST, **EDWARD BRYAN**

N. C. Historical & Genealogical Register - Volume 1, No. 3, p. 433

Merchant Marine, Port of Roanoke, Edenton, N. C.

From Custom House & Naval Officer's papers in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court at Edenton, N. C.

EDWARD BRYAN, Master Sloop Susannah; 20 tons. From Bahama Islands October 19, 1749.

EDWARD BRYAN of Bertie, Master Sloop Susannah. February 20, 1755.

JOHN BRYAN, of Bertie, Master Schooner Rainbow. March 7, 1755.

EDWARD BRYAN, Master Sloop Tryall. March 9, 1761. from Antique.

(To eliminate so much repetition in this booklet, other references to **EDWARD BRYAN** can be found in the records of his siblings, et al)

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FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

JAMES LOCKHART - Will - Bertie County, North Carolina
Dated: December 7, 1753. Proved: May Court 1754
Wife & Extrx.: ELIZABETH
Sons: LILLINGTON - Plantation whereon I now live.
 GEORGE - My 2 plantations at Cashoak.
 JAMES - All the rest of my lands.
Exrs: LILLINGTON LOCKHART, MICHAEL CONTANCH.
Samuel Ormes, C. C.
Wit: **EDWARD BRYAN**, JOHN BURN, THOMAS JACOCKS, ANDREW BURN
(J. Bryan Grimes Abstract of Wills)

J. R. B. Hathawax Volume 2I No. 3 - Will abstracts - Bertie County, N. C.

GEORGE LOCKHART
Dated: November 11, 1789
Proved: February 1791
Son: JAMES.
Daus: SUSANNAH & ELIZABETH LOCKHART
Son: GEORGE
Exrsz GEORGE RYAN; sons, JAMES & GEORGE.
Wit: DANIEL WORLEY, RICHARD GILL, **EDWARD BRYAN**.

ELIZABETH LOCKHART
Dated: January 10, 1791
Proved: February 1796
Granddaus: **ELIZABETH [BRYAN]** & **MARGARET BRYAN**
Grandson: LILLINGTON LOCKHART
Dau: ELIZABETH RYAN
Dau: SARAH NICHOLS; granddau, SARAH NICHOLLS
Dau: MARY LOCKHART
Wit: **EDWARD BRYAN**, JAMES TURNER, ALEXANDER HOPKINS.

MARY LANCASTER
Dated: December 31, 1793
Proved: May Term 1794
Grandaus: **MARY [BRYAN]**, **PRISCILLA [BRYAN]** & **MARGARET BRYAN**
Grandau: ELIZABETH SEAY
Children: JOHN & STEPHEN ANDREWS & **ELIZABETH BRYAN**
Exrs: Sons, JOHN & STEPHEN ANDREWS
Wit: HENRY ELLIS
WILLIAM ADAMS

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ANN BRYAN, d/o **LEWIS**, Sr.

d. By December, 1770

m. **JOHN GRAY**, Surveyor

d. Will proved November 16, 1750

ISSUE:

1. **JOHN GRAY**
2. **WILLIAM GRAY**
3. **JANET GRAY** m. **JOHN MCKINZIE**

ISSUE:

1. **JOHN MCKINZIE**
2. **KENNETH MCKINZIE**
3. **WILLIAM MCKINZIE**
4. **JANET MCKINZIE**
5. **ANN MCKINZIE**

4. **BARBARA GRAY** m. **JACOB BLOUNT**

5. **ANN GRAY** m. **LOVICK WORLEY**

ISSUE:

1. **ANN GRAY WORLEY**

6. **LUCRETIA GRAY** m. **THOMAS WORSLEY**

7. **AMELIA GRAY**

8. **LOUISA GRAY**

BERTIE COUNTY, N. C.

April 6, 1729: **JOHN GRAY** & **ANN**, wife, to **JOHN BRYANT** - 200 a. 10 £ On the SOUTH side of MORRATTUCK RIVER at ROUND POND and BROAD MEADOW, adjoining **NICHOLAS SMITH**
Wit: **JOHN PERRITT**, **JOHN HATCHER**
November Court 1739. Thomas Crew, D. C. C.
(Deed Book C, p. 163)

May 14, 1734: **JOHN GRAY** & **ANN**, wife, to **JOHN HOW** - 300 a. - 20 £ On the EAST side CASEY RIVER at LICKING BRANCH & TURKEY SWAMP. Plantation known by the name TURKEY NECK, adjoining **THOMAS JONES**.
Wit: **THOMAS KEARNEY**, **JAMES CONNER**, Jurat. May Court 1734.
(Deed Book D, p. 63)

May 5, 1753: **WILLIAM GRAY** to **JACOB BLOUNT** & **BARBARA**, wife - 50 £ 400 a. on BROAD BRANCH. adjoining **THOMAS TURNER** at THOROUGHFARE BRANCH.
Wit: **THOMAS TURNER**, **THOMAS WHITMELL**, **ROBERT HOWELL** May 10, 1753.
(Deed Book G, p. 519)

May 10, 1753: **JACOB BLOUNT** & **BARBARA**, wife, to **WILLIAM GRAY** - 80 £ 600 a. at BROAD BRANCH, adjoining **WILLIAM GRAY**, **THOMAS TURNER**, land given of **JOHN GRAY** by Will to his daughter the above said **BARBARA**. She first being privately examined by **ROBERT HARDY, ESQ.**, J. P. May Court 1753.
(Deed Book G, p. 521)

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May 12, 1756: THOMAS WORSLEY & LUCRETIA WORSLEY (wife) to **JOSEPH BRYAN**, planter (all of Beaufort County) 200 acres - In Craven County for 20 E. Beginning on a branch of SWIFTS CREEK called MAULS BRANCH at a gum on a branch above and another branch's mouth & running S 20 w 172 p. to the center of 2 black oaks & a pine N 87 W 240 p. to a pine N 20 W 170 p. to a pine on MAULS BRANCH, then down the several courses of the branch to the lat station. BEING A TRACT OF LAND GRANTED TO JOHN GRAY by patent dated September 25, 1741.

Thomas Worsley, Lucretia Worsley

Wit: RICHARD GRAVES, JACOB BLOUNT, EDMUND PEARCE

May, 1756: Proved by Jacob Blount, William Powell, C. C.

(Craven County, N. C. Deed Book 9 & 10, p. 201)

Bertie County, N. C. Count Court Minutes

Book III 1763 thru 1771, by: Weynette P. Haun

February. 1763: Last Will & Testament of LUCRETIA WORLSEY was produced in Court by JOHN HILL, ESQ. one of the subscribing witnesses.

May, 1763: Inventory of the goods & chattels of LUCRETIA WORSLEY deceased was exhibited into Court & sworn to by ANN GRAY, exx.

December. 1770: Ordered that THOMAS CLERK have administration an estate of ANN GRAY deceased .. Bond: 1,000 £

Securities: THOMAS WHITMELL & CHARLES JACOCK.

The following be appointed to divide estate of ANN GRAY deceased

To wit: DAVID STANDLY, THOMAS WHITMELL & THOMAS TURNER & they make return next court.

JOHN GRAY (Surveyor) - Will - Bertie County, N. C. .

Dated: September 20, 1745. Proved: November 16, 1750 (no probate)

Sons: JOHN - My lands in Northampton & Edgecombe

WILLIAM - My plantation

Daus: JANET MCKINZIE, BARBARA, ANN, LUCRETIA, AMELIA, LOUISA

Wife: ANN

Executors: **EDWARD BRYAN**, brother; THOMAS WHITMELL, nephew

Wit: JAMES WATSON, DUGALD MCKITHAN

(Abstract of Wills by J. Bryan Grimes)

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LOVICK WORLEY - Will - Tyrrell County, North Carolina

Dated: January 24, 1754

Proved: Match, 1754

Dau: ANN GRAY WORLEY

Wife & Extrx.: ANN WORLEY

Brother: JOHN WORLEY

Brother-in-law: WILLIAM GRAY

Sisters-in-law: LUCRETIA, AMELIA, and LOUISA GRAY

Executors: JAMES BLOUNT, uncle; THOMAS WHITMELL

Evan Jones, C. C.

Wit: DAVID JERNIGAN, THOMAS KINSY, DAVID CANADAY,

JOHN MCKINZIE - Will - Nansemond County, Virginia

Dated: March 2, 1754

Proved: April, 1754

Sons: JOHN - 795 a. at Skeehawakee in Tyrrell County & 305 a. in the Island of
Carolina in Bertie County.

KENNETH - 1,000 a. at Skeehawakee.

WILLIAM - 300 a. on Roanoke River in Bertie County.

Daus: JANET and ANN

Executors: WILLIAM GRAY, brother-in-law; CAPT. JOHN HILL of Bertie County; JAMES
PUGH & PASCO TURNER of Nansemond County.

Wit: JAMES PUGH; JAMES WRIGHT; CHRISTIAN GOOD

Clerk of Court: Samuel Riddick. This is taken from a copy of the will of above
named MCKINZIE certified to North Carolina by the Court of Nansemond County.

Provision in will directs executors to provide for the REMOVAL OF FAMILY TO NORTH
CAROLINA.

(Abstracts of Wills by J. Bryan Grimes)

LUCRETIA WORSLEY - November 10, 1762 - Bertie County, N. C.

Mother: ANN GRAY, Executrix

Sisters: LOUISA & AMELIA GRAY

Cousins: JANETTE, JOHN & ANN MCKENZIE

Wit: JOHN HILL

(N. C. Historical & Genealogical Register, Volume 2 No. 3, by J. R. B. Hathaway -
July 1901)

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JOHN BRYAN, s/o **LEWIS**, Sr.

JOHN BRYAN of Beard's Creek, Craven County, N. C. (Present day Pamlico County)
d. October 31, 1741 - Nuncupative Will
m. **ALICE MCGEE**, d/o Lawrence McGee

ISSUE: (Bryan-Griffin Suit)

1. **SARAH BRYAN** m. **SOLOMON GRIFFIN**
2. **LEWIS BRYAN** See **LEWIS BRYAN** of MILL CREEK, Johnston County, N. C. (p. 31)
3. **JOANNA BRYAN** m. **DANIEL VENDRICK**
4. **MARY BRYAN** m. **BENJAMIN GRIFFIN**
5. **ELIZABETH BRYAN** m. **RICHARD HART**
6. **ALICE BRYAN** m. **JONAS GRIFFIN**

January 20, 1717: **EDWARD TAYLOR** to **JOHN BRYAN** (both of Chowan Precinct) for 25 £ Sterling money of England 160 acres - Whereon the said **EDWARD TAYLOR** now lives it being the upper part on ye river & adjoining to **LAWRENCE MAGUE'S** land which land formerly belonged to old **JAMES CURLEE** but now in ye possession of the said **LAWRENCE MAGUE** beginning at a gum at ye mouth of a small branch issuing out of **CHOWAN RIVER** called **MIDDLE BRANCH** & so on a line of blazed trees to a lightwood tree at the head line which is the bounds betwixt the said **EDWARD TAYLOR** & **JOHN BRYAN** and so up the head line to the upper corner tree & so down ye upper side line which is betwixt **LAWRENCE MAGUE** & the said **EDWARD TAYLOR** to a gum on the river side & from thence down the river to the lat: station - Containing be it more or less **ONE HUNDRED & SIXTY ACRES**.

Edwd: Ed Taylor

Wit: **EDWARD HOWARD**; **JOHN MANEAR**

(Chowan County, N. C. Deed Book B #1, p. 561)

uly 16, 1717: **JOHN BRYAN** of Chowan Precinct & **ALICE**, his wife, to **HENRY ROADS** (**RHODES**) of **NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA** for 32 £ Sterling 400 acres - Land in Chowan Precinct at ye **WEST SHORE** of **CHOWAN RIVER** at a place called the **CYPRESS SWAMP**, beginning at a cypress in the Swamp & so running on a straight line to a pine in the head line the corner tree between **JOHN BRYAN** & ye said **HENRY RHODES** & so along the head line to a marked poplar in ye **TUMBLING BRANCH** the lower corner tree of the head line & so down the **CYPRESS SWAMP** to an elm in the **SWAMP** the lime: corner tree in the **SWAMP** - 400 acres (more or less).

JOHN BRYAN, ALICE BRYAN

Wit: John Roads, John Lain

(Chowan County Deed Book B #1, p. 562)

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April 15, 1718: EDWARD TAYLOR acknowledged a sale to **JOHN BRYAN**. **JOHN BRYAN** acknowledged a sale to HENRY RODES (RHODES) and EDWARD TAYLOR by virtue of a Power of Attorney from **ALICE BRYAN**, proved by LAWRENCE HAGUE, acknowledged her title of dower of land to said RODES.
(Chowan County, N. C. - Court Session) Deed Book B #1, p. 35 & 36)

February 1730: **JOHN BRYANT** to SAMUEL ONVINE (ONWINE, ONWELL)
or 100 £ 160 acres - Part of a tract which formerly belonged to EDWARD TAYLOR,
adjoining LAWRENCE MAGUE on Chowan River.
Wit: WILLIAM CRANFORD, WILLIAM KEATON
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book C, p. 344)

January 10, 1742: SAMUEL ONWINN to THOMAS JACKSON for 150 £ 160 acres - On the WEST
side of CHOWAN RIVER - Land bought of **JOHN BRYANT** February 6, 1730, part (sic) of
tract formerly belonging to **BRYANT**, adjoining THOMAS SLAUGHTER on MIDDLE BRANCH.
Wit: W. BAKER, THOMAS YATES, JUN. May Court 1743
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 426)

October 13, 1717: LAURENCE HAGUE, Shoemaker, to THOMAS BRAY, Gentleman. (Both of
Chowan Precinct) for value received acres not given - On INDIAN TOWN CREEK whereon
HAGUE lately dwelt.
Wit: **JOHN BRYAN**, ABRAHAM BLULETT
(Chowan County, N. C. Deed Book B #1, p. 492)

August 29, 1719 and October 1, 1720: **JOHN BRYAN**, the son of **LEWIS BRYANT**, among
others was appointed a Justice of the Peace.
(Chowan County, N. C. Deed Book F #1, p. 21 & p. 80)

May 12, 1720: Another **JOHN BRYAN** was identified as the son of **EDWARD BRYAN**.
(Chowan County, N. C. Deed Book F #1, p. 88)

January 20, 1739/40: **JOHN BRYAN** of CRAVEN COUNTY, planter, to JOHN GRAY of Bertie
County, Gentleman - 100 L 640 acres - Lying in Bertie County on the WEST side of
CHOWAN RIVER in ST. JOHN NECK, beginning at an ELM, **JOHN BRYAN**'s corner on CYPRESS
SWAMP, then along his line 5 60 E 280 p. to a poplar TUMBLING BRANCH, then N 88 E
to a pine in the head of FEMUR BRANCH to CHINKAPEN CREEK then down CHINKAPEN CREEK
to the mouth of CYPRESS SWAMP, thence the windings of the SWAMP to the 1st station.
Wit: WILLIAM GRAY, JOHN WILSON, Jurat
February 1741: Proved by John Wilson, **JOHN BRYAN**
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 324, 325)

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JOHN BRYAN, of Beards Creek - NUNCUPATIVE WILL
d. October 31, 1741

CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. The nuncupative will of **JOHN BRYAN** deceased - Whereas **JOHN BRYAN** of BEARDS CREEK late of the county and province (aforesaid) being taken for death the day and year hereafter mentioned and having no body convenient to write his last will and testament and he the said **JOHN BRYAN** being in his proper and right senses and of sound and perfect mind and memory did earnestly Request and Desire that this following nuncupative will should be his last will and testament having no other wills or testaments by him made or being by him Therefore he Left and Bequeathed his affairs movables and Estate as follows.

IMPRIMIS: That all his just debts should be paid.

SECONDLY: He did give and bequeath to his son **LEWIS BRYAN** the plantation whereon he the deceased did live lying on BEARD CREEK to him the said **LEWIS** and his heirs forever.

THIRDLY: He the said deceased vizt. **JOHN BRYAN** as above said did give and bequeath to his daughter **SARAH BRYAN** three Negroes vizt. Two fellows and one wench the fellows names ROBEN and UDGEOW (?) the wenches name BESS with all the stock of horses mares cattle, sheep hogs and every part and parcel of all his personal estate with all his movables whatsoever which he the said **JOHN BRYAN** was possessed with in his life time he did give and bequeath the above said Negroes and the said personal estate to his said daughter **SARAH BRYAN** to her her heirs and assigns for ever.

FOURTHLY: He the said **JOHN BRYAN** notwithstanding did ordain and appoint that as he the said **JOHN** did in the third article of his will as above said give and bequeath to his above said daughter, **SARAH** three Negroes and all his personal estate as above said that she the said **SARAH** should educate and 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 said will was proved before me one of his Majesties Justices for the Peace of the said County upon the holy Evangelist and almighty God by the solemn affidavit of JOHN JACOB HOVER and WILLIAM BEDSCOT who both heard the said deceased earnestly desired and express that the above will now committed to writing should stand valid and be his will and testament Therefore as above the said will was proved before me as the law directs such wills should be proved and within the term of time prescribed by law after the deceased' death.

Test. Daniel Shine, J. P.

N. S. The evidence likewise declare upon oath that the deceased departed this life the 31st day of October 1741 and did appoint his daughter **SARAH BRYAN** his whole and sole Executrix of this his last will and Testament.

(Craven County, N. C. Wills-Deeds-Powers of Attorney & Inventories 1737-1744)

Furnished by: R. C. Bryan
10115 Cantertrot Drive
Humble, Texas, 77338
November 16, 1980.

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LAWRANCE MACKGUE - Will - Bertie County, North Carolina
Dated: April 26, 1740
Proved: May, 1740

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I LAWRANCE MACKGUE of the County of Bertie and Society Parish first recommending my soul to God that gave it and my body to be burred at ye discretion of my executors being in perfect memory and judgment do make this my last will and testament.

IMPRIMIS: I will and bequeath all and singular of my goods chattles and money to me belonging by bill bond or act to be equally divided among my grand children boron of my daughter **ELICE BRYAN** and in manner following to each an equal part.

2dly: My will and desire is and do hereby empower my executors to sell all my land as soon as they can get a price sufficient ... for it and until then to be let out to rent and the rent to be paid in equal parts to my grand children and when they or any one of ye sells my land my will and desire is that the money arising from the seal of ye land be divided as aforesaid amongst my grand children and paid to each thats marred as soon as its received and to those under age at ye age of twenty one or as soon as married.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my duty full son **JOHN BRYAN** and my loving daughter **ELICE BRYAN** and my loving friend **EDWARD BRYAN** to be joint executors and executrix to this my last will and testament and have here unto put my hand and affixed my seal this twenty sixth day of April 1740.

Lawrence Mackgue (Signed with a mark)

Wit: CHARLES RICKETS ("CR"), WILLIAM RICKETS ("MR"), JOHN RICKETS ("JR")

May Court 1740 - Bertie County: The within written Will of Lawrance Mague was proved in open court by the oaths of CHARLES RICKETS and WILLIAM RICKETTS two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time **EDWARD BRYAN** one of the executors therein named took the Execrs. oath by law required.

Letters granted 7th August 1740

Letters issued 18th August 1740

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EDWARD BRYAN to THOMAS SLAUGHTER

August 11, 1741: This Indenture made the eleventh day of August & in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty one between **EDWARD BRYAN** of Bertie County, MARRINER, the ONLY ACTIVING EXECUTOR OF THE Last Will & Testament of LAWRENCE MAYGUE of the county aforesaid, PLANTER, deceased of the one part and THOMAS SLAUGHTER of the county aforesaid, MERCHANT, of the other part whereas the said LAWRENCE MAYGUE at the time of his death stood seized & possessed of a certain piece & Parcel of land lying & being in the county aforesaid containing three hundred & thirteen (313) acres or thereabouts more or less & being part of a larger tract of land containing five hundred & sixteen (516) acres of land more or less and formerly belonging to THOMAS BRAY of Chowan Esqr. As by a certain Indenture under the hand & Seal of the said THOMAS BRAY and bearing date the third day of November one thousand seven hundred & eighteen (November 3, 1718) & proved & recorded accord- ing to Law relation being thereunto had more plain may appear & whereas the said LAWRENCE MAYGUE some times afterwards made his Last Will & Testament & mongst other things therein & thereby devised ordered & bequeathed did order & appoint the said three hundred and sixteen (316) acres of land should AFTER HIS DECEASE BE SOLD BY HIS EXECUTORS of his said Last Will & Testament of the said LAWRENCE MAYGUE proved & recorded according to Law relation being also thereunto had more plainly may appear which said 316 acres of land are butted & bounded as followeth, to wit:

Beginning at the mouth of JOHN HOWELLS Mill Swamp so up the run to a line of marked trees and along his line to his corner tree for length 320 poles thence NW to a red oak the north west corner tree at the head of the land, then East & by north 220 poles to a red oak at the head of a run that issues out of CHOWAN RIVER, thence down the said run to CHOWAN RIVER so down the said river to the 1st station

Now this indenture witnesseth that the said **EDWARD BRYAN** the only ACTING EXECUTOR as aforesaid under the Last Will & Testament of said LAWRENCE MAYGUE so made in manner aforesaid for & in consideration of the sum of four hundred & four pounds current money of the province aforesaid to him in hand will & truly paid by the said THOMAS SLAUGHTER the receipt whereof he the said **EDWARD BRYAN** doth hereby acknowledge & thereof & of every part and parcel thereof doth hereby acquit release & forever discharge the said THOMAS SLAUGHTER his heirs executors admrs. & assigns & every of them forever by these presents hath granted bargained sold aliened & confirmed unto the said THOMAS SLAUGHTER & his heirs the aforesaid piece or parcel of land containing 316 acres except ½ acre or thereabouts On WHICH A MILL NOW STANDS & IS ERECTED BELONGING TO ONE JOHN HOWELL OF BERTIE aforesaid. To have & to hold, etc.

EDWARD BRYAN

Wit: William WESTON, John HOOKER, Jurat

August, 1741: Proved by John Hooker, Benjamin Hill, C. C.
(Bertie County, N. C. Deed Book F, p. 261, 262, 263)

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LEWIS BRYAN of MILL CREEK (Johnston County, N. C.), s/o **JOHN BRYAN** of Beard's Creek (present day Pamlico County).

ISSUE: (Any others unknown)

1. **ASA BRYAN** m. ANN LEE August 18, 1778 (p.36)
b. ca 1750*
d. By August 26, 1822
2. **JOHN BRYAN** b. ca 1753* d. In Georgia * (p. 44)
3. **WILLIAM BRYAN** m. ALICE VENDRICK October 14, 1783, Craven County, N.C.
*b. August 3, 1760 (p. 45)
*d. February 11, 1846, Johnston County, N. C.
4. **MARY BRYAN** m. WILLIAM SANDERS September 8, 1785, Bds: **WILLIAM BRYAN**
5. **ELIZABETH BRYAN** m. SAMUEL ELDRIDGE (7) (Maybe not his 15: wife (7))
6. **CHARLOTTE BRYAN** m. DAVID PEACOCK February 26, 1789. Bds: **JOHN BRYAN**
7. **LISBIA BRYAN** m. AARON GODWIN August 22, 1789, Bds: **WILLIAM BRYAN**
8. **READING BRYAN**

March 17, 1745/6: **LEWIS BRYAN**, SON OF **JOHN BRYAN** deceased, to SOLOMON GRIFFITH (GRIFFIN) - 200 £ (both of Craven Co.: 390 acres - A parcel of land plantation WHICH MY FATHER HELD BY DEED FROM JOHN SIMMONS lying on the NORTH side of NEUSE RIVER Beginning at the mouth of a small gut on the WEST side of BEARDS CREEK at a pine, thence W 48 poles, thence N 62 W crossing that creek or gut 226 poles to a pine at GREENS land 20 E 240 poles to a pine on a savannah s 75 E 100 poles to a pine at the head of BEARD'S CREEK, thence down the creek to beginning.

LEWIS BRYAN

Wit: **LEWIS BRYAN**, Senr., BENJAMIN GRIFFIN "B"

March Court 1745/6: Acknowledged by said **LEWIS BRYAN** & registered by John Rice, Deputy Regr.

(Craven County, N. C. Deed Book 3, p. 212)

Reference: * **WILLIAM BRYAN**'s pension application, Revolutionary War, File S6699, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

Other marriages: Johnston County, N. C.

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JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C. - DEEDS

March 28, 1764: PATRICK HARIGAN to DAVID JERNIGAN (both of Johnston COUHEY) - 100 a. on head of a branch of MILL CREEK named MIRY BRANCH, below place where EDWARD BEARD formerly taught school, etc.

Wit: ISAAC BUSH, **LEWIS BRYAN**
(Deed Book D-1, p. 182)

(No date) ca 1764: JOSEPH BLACKMAN of Duplin County, N. C., planter, to SAMUEL ELDRIDGE of Johnston County 100 acres - Branch of MILL CREEK known as STEPHEN's [STEVEN's] BRANCH, adjoining WILLIAM BUSHS line, ISAAC BUSHS line, including plantation where JOHN JOHNSON formerly lived.

Wit: DAVID LEE
LEWIS BRYAN (Deed Book D-1. p. 219)

January 14, 1765: SAMUEL ELDRIDGE to THOMAS ALTMAN (both of Johnston County) - 100 a. in same county, NORTH side of MILL CREEK - red oak on creek swamp above JOHN TOUNSELLS improvements, Granted to said ELDRIDGE by patent December 21, 1763.

Wit: **LEWIS BRYAN**, DAVID LEE
(Deed Book D-1, p. 223)

January 9, 1770: JOHN GREEN of Bladen County to JOHN LEE of Johnston County - 100 a. in same county, fork of MILL CREEK between head of HICKS BRANCH & WHITE OAK SWAMP. Granted to said JOHN GREEN December 22, 1768.

Wit: EDWARD LEE, **LEWIS BRYAN**
(Deed Book Tr-1, p. 46 (219))

January 9, 1770: 58WARD LEE to **LEWIS BRYAN** (both of Johnston County) - 300 acres - One plantation or tract/parcel of land in said County - NORTH of MILL CREEK, beginning up the LITTLE SWAMP where the said EDWARD LEES upper or fifth line crosses said swamp, then down run of said swamp to his lower or second line, then along the second line; 80 E to a pine said LEES corner tree N 55 E 320 poles N 35 W 117 poles, then a straight line to beginning. PART of tract granted to said EDWARD LEE by patent dated May 4, 1769.

Wit: JOHN LEE, **ASA BRYAN**
(Deed Book Tr-1, p. 182, same as Tr-3, p.365-6)

October 1, 1772: **LEWIS BRYAN** sold 150 a. of the above 300 a. to **ASA BRYAN** for 10£.

Wit: JOHN **BRYAN**
ELIZABETH BRYAN LEWIS BRYAN
(Deed Book H-1, p. 63 & 64)

February 3, 1784: **LEWIS BRYAN** sold the other 150 a. to **WILLIAM BRYAN** for 10 Shillings.

Wit: **ASA BRYAN**, WILLIAM LEE, JOSEPH ALLEN
(Deed Book O-1, p. 89 & 90)

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August 27, 1774: **LEWIS BRYAN** of Johnston County to **JOHN BRYAN** (county not given) for 10 £ 188 acres - Plantation / parcel / tract in same county on the SOUTH side of MILL CREEK beginning at a stake exactly midway in SAMUEL ELDRIDGES third line & runs N 19 E 70 p. to a run of said MILL CREEK, then up with the Windings of the run of said creek so far as to make 183 p. to a straight line, thence S 19 W 331 p. thence S 71 E 80 p. then along ELDRIDGES line N 19 E 320 p. to a hickory his corner then a straight line to beginning.

LEWIS BRYAN

Wit: **ASA BRYAN**, NOAH BAREFOOT
(Deed Book H-1, p. 176 & 177)

June 1, 1775: Will of EDWARD LEE, Prob. November, 1775
Wit: **LEWIS BRYAN**, THOMAS LEE, **ASA BRYAN**.

July 3, 1789: **LEWIS BRYAN SENR.** to **WILLIAM BRYAN** (both of Johnston County) for 20 £ (acreage not given) A certain tract/parcel of land in same county on both sides of LITTLE SWAMP of MILL CREEK, beginning at a lightwood stump his own corner on the NORTH side of the swamp runs thence along his line N 55 E 126 p. to a stake, then S 274 p. crossing the swamp to a post oak, then W 204 p. to a post oak N 52 p. to a stake in WILLIAM LEES line N 55 E 5 p. to the corner, then along the other line N 35 w 220 p. to a red oak the other corner, then along said **BRYANS** line to beginning.

LEWIS BRYAN

Wit: **ASA BRYAN**, DAVID PEACOCK
Proved: November, 1791 by **ASA BRYAN**
(Deed Book S-1, p. 71, 72, & 73)

August 2, 1792: **LEWIS BRYAN SENR.** to DAVID PEACOCK (both of Johnston County) for 16 £ 150 a. - In same county on the NORTH side of BUSHES CREEK & on the upper side of the LITTLE SWAMP of said Creek - Beginning at a pine near the said swamp above the mouth of MIRY BRANCH runs, thence S 160 p. to a pine N 150 p. to a pine N 160 p. to a bay tree in said swamp, thence up said swamp w 150 p. to beginning.

LEWIS BRYAN

Wit: **ASA BRYAN**, **WILLIAM BRYAN**
Proved: August 1792 by **WILLIAM BRYAN**
(Deed Book S-1, p. 219 & 220)

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November 18, 1796: This day came **LEWIS BRYAN** SENIOR before me and made oath agreeable to Law that the red oak marked as a corner tree on the south side of MILL CREEK, on the west side of a branch of said creek known by the name of STEPHEN's [STEVEN's] BRANCH near a small branch that empties into STEPHEN's [STEVEN's] BRANCH, that he the said **LEWIS BRYAN** SENIOR shewed. NATHANIEL THORNTON in the presence of SAMUEL ELDRIDGE, myself, my son **READING BRYAN**, & POLLEY ELDREDGE, is the beginning corner of a tract of land patented by ISAAC BUSH. That SAMUEL ELDREDGE now lives on.

Sworn before me, **JOHN BRYAN**, J. P.

(Johnston County, N. C. Court Minutes, Book v, 1793 thru 1797)

(Same **LEWIS BRYAN** who witnessed ca 176A deed JOSEPH BLACKMAN to SAMUEL ELDREDGE - Deed Book D-1, p. 219)

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SAMUEL ELDRIDGE - Will - Johnston County, North Carolina
Dated: March 1, 1778
Proved: May Term 1778

I, SAMUEL ELDRIDGE of Johnston County, North Carolina, etc.

Wife: ELIZABETH ELDRIDGE - Lend 3 Negroes, SHARP, ALICE & PATIENCE during her life or widowhood, and after her decease to my son SAMUEL ELDRIDGE.

Son-in-law: DAVID LEE - Negro man PETER & negro girl JUDIE.

Son-in-law: ABNER INGRAM - Negro woman **DICE**, boy **ABRAHAM**, boy ELIAS, negro girl ALICE.

Dau: MILDRED ELDRIDGE - Negro man Ned, negro girl VILET & the stock of cattle that **LEWIS BRYAN** & NATHAN VICK keeps, 1 mare & 1 feather bed.

Dau: ELIZABETH ELDRIDGE - Negro boy BEN, girl RACHEL, & the stock of cattle that Sharp keeps, 1 mare & 1 feather bed.

Son: SAMUEL ELDRIDGE - Negro boy BUCK, negroes JOE, ISAAC, STEPHEN, girl PATIENCE.

All remaining part of estate, plantations, lands, money, horses, cattle, sheep, & hogs, with all my household goods, lend to wife ELIZABETH ELDRIDGE during her life or widowhood & at her decease or marriage to fall to my son SAMUEL ELDRIDGE.

Samuel Eldridge ("X")

Executors: **LEWIS BRYAN** SENR., ELIZABETH ELDRIDGE, wife

Wit: BRAZELLAI BLACKMAN, **JOHN BRYAN**, THOMAS LYNCH, JUNR.

May Term 1778: Proved by Thomas Lynch, Junior; William Ward, Clerk
(Clerk of Superior Court Office, Smithfield, N. C.)

January 15, 1765: Deed from JOSEPH BLACKMAN to SAMUEL ELDRIDGE proved by DAVID LEE.

Deed from SAMUEL ELDRIDGE to THOMAS ALTMAN proved by DAVID LEE.
(Johnston County, N. C. Court Minutes, Book I 1759-1766, By: Weynette P. Haun)

Note: **LEWIS BRYAN** also witnessed above two deeds.

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ASA BRYAN, s/o **LEWIS BRYAN** of Mill Creek

b. ca 1750

d. By August 26, 1822 (Johnston County Court Minutes)

m. ANN (Nancy sometimes called) LEE August 18, 1778 B/W: James Lee
d/o Edward Lee & gd/o John Lee, Esq.

b. ca 1760*

d. January 6, 1847*

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1. **LEWIS BRYAN** b. ca 1780 (oldest child)*
2. **MARY "Polly" BRYAN** b. ca 1782 (*Second oldest. In 1851 MARY WOOD, m. JONATHAN WOOD the only surviving child, was 3 resident of Cumberland County, N.C.)
3. **ELIZABETH BRYAN** m. WILLIAM FAIL January 23, 1804
d. After 1850, probably Dallas County, Alabama
ISSUE: To-date one known
BRYANT FAIL b. July 17, 1807 d. July 23, 1878 m. ELIZABETH JANE LEE, as
her 2nd husband b. May 14, 1814 d. February 10, 1877
(Both buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Selma, Alabama)
4. **NANCY BRYAN**
5. **HENRY BRYAN**
6. **NATHAN BRYAN** m. NANCY MCDONNELL March 12, 1817
B/W: William Fail, John Sanders, Jr.
Perhaps following is w/o Nathan - 1850 Johnston County Census

#1272: AMEY BRYAN	- 50
POLLEY [BRYAN]	- 35
CALVIN [BRYAN]	- 22
WILLIAM [BRYAN]	- 20
EDITH [BRYAN]	- 18
NANCY [BRYAN]	- 16
WINIFRED [BRYAN]	- 13

#1271: JAMES BRYAN	- 26
BETSY [BRYAN]	- 32
BETSY Jane [BRYAN]	- 7
THENY [BRYAN]	- 3
SIDNEY [BRYAN]	- 1

#1273: HARRY BRYAN	- 30
ELIZA [BRYAN]	- 25
ELI [BRYAN]	- 3
ELAM [BRYAN]	- 1

7. **EDITH BRYAN** m. JOHN SMITH (possibly) October 10, 1823 Bondsman: **SIMON BRYAN**
8. **ELIZBY BRYAN** m. **EDWARD BRYAN** December 23, 1824, Bondsman: **SIMON BRYAN**
(**EARBIA BRYAN** - marriage record)

Ref: Johnston County, N. C. Marriages 1762-1868 By: Brent H. Holcomb

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ISSUE OF **ASA BRYAN** - Continued

9. **CHARLOTTE** "Lottie" **BRYAN** m. **SIMON BRYAN** June 9, 1819
B/W: William Fail, John Sanders, Jr.
(Probably another son of **WILLIAM BRYAN**, brother of **ASA**)
 10. **ALEY BRYAN** m. **GIDEON ALLEN** September 24, 1833. Bondsman: John Peacock
(**ABY BRYAN** on marriage record)
 11. **JOHN L. BRYAN** m. **MARTHA ANN JONES** ca 1850 and raised his family near
Bay Springs, Mississippi. (According to R. C. **BRYAN**)
- * National Archives File: **ASA BRYAN** W23666 - **ANN BRYAN**, widow, applied for pension
on **ASA**'s Revolutionary War service.

In the land division of **ASA BRYAN**'S estate January 6, 1823 and returned to Court
February 1823, **JOHN BRYAN** was allotted 111 acres.
(Deed Book LD-A)

August 24, 1825: Ordered that **JOHN PEACOCK** be appointed guardian to **JOHN BRYAN**
minor who gave bond sum of \$500 with **BRYAN PEACOCK** & **JAMES SMITH** securities.

February, 1826: Returned by **JOHN PEACOCK** guardian to **JOHN L. BRYAN** minor an account
of his guardianship to said minor.

March 1, 1827: **JOHN PEACOCK** returned account of his guardianship to **JOHN L. BRYAN**,
minor.

February 27, 1828: **JOHN PEACOCK** returned account of his guardianship to **JOHN L.
BRYAN**, minor.

November (4th Monday) 1828: Returned by **JOHN PEACOCK** guardian to **JOHN L. BRYAN** a
receipt in full which was ordered to be recorded.
(Johnston County, N. C. Court Minutes Book XII 1823 thru 1826 & Book XIII 1827 thru
1830 By: Weynette P. Haun)

February 2, 1833: **JOHN L. BRYAN** sold the above 111 acres to **GIDEON ALLEN** (same
description).
Wit: **NATHAN T. ALLEN**, **LEWIS FAIL**
Proved by **Nathan T. Allen** February 1835.
(Deed Book R-2, p. 51)

August 26, 1822: **AN_ [ANN] BRYAN**, relict of **ASA BRYAN** relinquished right to
administer estate of her deceased husband. Administration granted to **JONATHAN WOOD**
& **SIMON BRYAN**.

November 25, 1822: **JONATHAN WOOD** & **SIMON BRYAN** admrs. Inventory & account of sale,
ASA BRYAN deceased estate.

(Johnston County, N. C. Court Minutes Book XI 1819 thru 1822)

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August 28, 1819: **ASA BRYAN**, SENR. to **LEWIS BRYAN** (Both of Johnston County) for 10 pounds 250 acres - In Johnston County on the NORTH side of BUSHES SWAMP, Beginning at a pine BATT LEE corner & **ASA BRYAN** SENR. own corner runs thence N 35 W 110 poles to a stake 35 W 220 poles to a stake N 35 E 110 poles to the old red oak corner S 55 W 220 poles to a pine S 35 W 4 poles to a pine S 48 poles to a stake in BENJAMIN JONES line, thence along the same S 40 E 8 poles to a black jack the corner, thence along his other line S 50 W 55 poles to a stake S 108 poles to a Black Jack E 151 Poles to a pine in AARON GODWIN line, thence along the same to the beginning E 155 poles to a pine.

Wit: JONATHAN WOOD, **ASA BRYAN**, SENR., **A. H. BRYAN**, JUNR.

November 19, 1821: I give over my right of the within mentioned for value received.

Test: W. Cole, C. C. **LEWIS BRYAN**

If the said **LEWIS BRYAN** should pay the sum of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) by 25th February 1822, then the within mentioned to be anul & & void.

August Term 1822: Proved by Jonathan Wall (sic) & ordered to be registered.

R. M. SANDERS, Clerk

(Johnston County, N. C. Deed Book L-2, p. 402/3)

August 26, 1822: **ASA BRYAN** to **LEWIS BRYAN** proved by JONATHAN WOOD.

(Court Minutes Book XI, p. 113)

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JOHNSTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Book LD-A, p. 66 & 67

LAND DIVISION - ASA BRYAN'S ESTATE

[plat]

In obedience to an order of the County Court of Johnston issued the 12th December 1822 We the undersigned having been duly summoned & sworn have laid off and allotted to **ANNE BRYAN** WIDOW OF **ASA BRYAN** Decd. Her dower in the lands belonging to the Estate of ad. Deed. In manner following as the above p an will represent.

Beginning at a small pine near the LITTLE DISMAL runs S 184 pole to a stake William BRYANS corner then his line S 55 W 20 pole to a stake his corner then his line S 176 pole to a pine then E 280 pole to a post oak in a small branch N 37 pole to a stake in GEDEON ALLENS line then his line W 48 pole to a stake his corner, then his line N 229 pole to a stake his corner, then his line W 87 pole to a hickory N 61 E 19 pole to a lightwood stump N 35 W 117 pole to a stake in the LITTLE DISMAL, then W to the beginning - containing four hundred & sixty eight (468).

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 20 February 1823.

James Adams
Jesse Adams
Josiah Adams
Gedeon Allen

Noah Barefoot Junr.
Noah Barefoot Senr.
Joshua Besel
B. Robin Hood

Mark Johnson
Jonas Reaves
Thomas Tart
Furnfold Wood

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) February Term 1823
JOHNSTON COUNTY) Then was this report returned & confirmed and ordered to
be enrolled and registered.

R. M. Sanders Clk.

Enrolled in the Clerks Office of said County in Book B page 64.

R. M. Sanders Clk.

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Book LD-A, p. 67 (bottom)
LAND DIVISION - **ASA BRYAN'S ESTATE**

[plat]

In obedience to an order of the County Court of Johnston issued the 6th day of January 1823 we the undersigned having been duly qualified have laid off and allotted to each of the heirs of **ASA BRYAN** deed.

The following lotts of land as the above plan will represent (To Wit):

Beginning For POLLY WOOD wife of JONATHAN WOOD at a stake in GIDEON ALLENS line ELIZABETH FAILS CORNER runs her line W 232 pole to a stake **WILLIAM BRYAN'S** corner then his line S 100 pole to a stake **JOHN BRYAN'S** corner then his line E 232 pole to a stake in GIDEON ALLENS line then his line N to the beginning. Containing one hundred and forty five acres (145), represented in the plan No. 6, being Ten Dollars less than her proportionable share.

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Beginning for ELIZABETH FAIL wife of WILLIAM FAIL at a stake POLLY WOODS corner in GIDEON ALLENS line & runs his line N 90 pole to a stake his corner, then his line W 87 pole to a hickory, than N 61 E 19 pole to a lightwood stump, then N 35 w 25 pole to a stake NANCY BRYANS corner then her line W248 pole to a stake in WILLIAM BRYANS line, then along his line to a stake the agreed corner between him & ASA **BRYAN** Deed. Then his line S 55 w 20 pole to a stake POLLY WOODS corner then her line E232 pole to the beginning. Containing two hundred acres represented in the plan by No. 7 being two dollars more than her proportionable share.

Beginning For NATHAN **BRYAN** at a pine DAVID PEACOCKS CORNER AND RUNS HIS LINE E 160 pole to a stake in a Branch EDITH BRYANS corner, then her line N 105 pole to a stake in JOHN BRYANS line then his line W 160 pole to a pine, then S to the beginning. Containing one hundred and five acres (105) represented in the plan by No. 3.

Beginning For **NANCY BRYAN** at a stake in **WILLIAM BRYANS** line ELIZABETH FAILS corner and runs her line B 248 pole to a stake her corner in GIDEON ALLENS line then his line N 35 W 153 pole S 66 w 46 pole to ALLENS line then his line N 78 pole to a stake his corner then his line w 123 pole to a pine in the edge of the BIG DISMAL then S 36 pole to a pine then W 12 pole to a maple **ELISBY BRYANS** corner then her line S 135 pole to a pine in **WILLIAM BRYANS** line then his line to the beginning. - Containing Two hundred and Fourteen acres (214) represented in the plan by No. 8 being two dollars more than her proportionable share.

Beginning For **ALEY BRYAN** at a stake **WILLIAM BRYANS** corner runs his line W 56 pole to a Black Jack his corner than N 220 pole to a stake at BEESLEYS fence then E 118 pole to a pine **ELESBY BRYANS** corner then her line S 190 pole to a stake in **WILLIAM BRYANS** line then his line to beginning. - Containing one hundred and sixty acres (160) represented in the plan by No. 10.

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Beginning for **CHARLOTTE BRYAN** wife of **SIMON BRYAN** at a stake **LEWIS BRYANS**, corner runs his line S 35 E 118 pole to a stake near the old Tan trough then **BATT LEES** line N 55 E 107-1/2 pole to a stake **HARRY BRYANS** corner then his line N 35 W 118 pole to a stake then with **LEWIS BRYANS** line to the beginning. - Containing Seventy Eight acres (78) represented in the plan by No. 1 - being two dollars more than her proportionable share.

Beginning for **EDITH BRYAN** at a water oak on the South side of the run of the little Swamp **WILLIAM BRYANS** corner runs his line N 142 pole to a stake in **GEDEON ALLENS** line then his line W 48 pole to a stake his corner in **JOHN BRYANS** line then his line S 37 pole to a stake his earner then his line W 72 pole to a stake **NATHAN BRYANS** corner then his line S 105 pole to a stake in a branch then E 120 pole to the beginning. Containing ninety acres (90) represented in the plan by No. 4.

Beginning for **ELISBY BRYAN** at a pine in **WILLIAM BRYANS** line **NANCY BRYANS** corner runs her line N 135 pole to a maple the **BIG DISMAL** then W 250 pole to a pine **ALEY BRYANS CORNER** then her line S 190 pole to a stake in **WILLIAM BRYANS** line then his line N 66 E 225 pole to a stake his corner then with his line to the beginning. Containing Two hundred & fifteen acres (215) represented in the plan by No. 9 being two dollars more than her proportionable share.

Beginning for **HENRY BRYAN** at a stake **LEWIS BRYANS** corner runs his line S 55 W 118-1/2 pole to a stake **CHARLOTTE BRYANS** corner then her line S 35 E 118 pole to a stake in **BATT LEES** line then his line N 55 E 118-1/2 pole to a pine then **WILLIAM BRYANS** line to the beginning. Containing eighty eight acres (88) represented in the plan by No. 2 being Two dollars more than his proportionable share.

Beginning for **JOHN BRYAN** at a pine **NATHAN BRYANS** corner in **WILLIAM BRYANS** line runs his line N 77 pole to a stake **POLLY WOODS** corner then her line E 232 pole to a stake in **GIDEON ALLENS** line then his line & past the corner S 77 pole to a stake **EDITH BRYANS** corner then her & **NATHAN BRYANS** line to the Beginning. Containing one hundred & Eleven acres (111) represented in the plan No. 5.

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In Testimony; whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this 22nd Day of
February 1823

GEDEON ALLEN
JAMES SMITH (his x mark)
JAMES ADAMS
JESSE ADAMS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JOHNSTON COUNTY

February Term 1823.

Then was this report returned and confirmed and ordered to be enrolled and
registered.

R. M. Sanders, Clk.

Enrolled in the Clerks Office of Johnston County in Book B page 61.

R. M. Sanders, Clk.

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JOHN BRYAN. s/o **LEWIS BRYAN** of Mill Creek

b. ca 1753 *

d. In Georgia *

m. **HESTER** _____

ISSUE: (Any others unknown) (Bryan-Griffin Suit)

1. **REDDING BRYAN**

2. **DILA BRYAN**

3. **FAYETT BRYAN**

4. **ELIZABETH BRYAN** m. **JAMES WELCH**

5. **HESTER BRYAN** m. **MILES BAREFOOT**

GENERAL INDEX OF CONVEYANCES - JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.

1820 - By Exr. et al - **JOHN BRYAN** estate to **DAVID PEACOCK**
(Deed Book K 2, p. 196 - 40 acres)

1820 - **READING BRYAN** to **DAVID PEACOCK**
(Deed Book K 2, p. 196 - 40 acres)

February 28, 1820: **READING D. BRYAN** to **DAVID PEACOCK** Proved by **SIMON BRYAN**.

November 27, 1821: Power of Attorney from **READING D. BRYAN** TO **WILLIAM BRYAN**, proved by **SIMON BRYAN**.

(Court Minutes Book XI, 1819 thru 1822)

July 1, 1779: N. C. STATE GRANT #126 to **JOHN BRYAN** - 200 a. in Johnston County on the NORTH side of BUSHES CREEK - Lower side of LITTLE SWAMP - JAMES ALLENS line - near mouth of RACKCOON BRANCH & near mouth of MIRY BRANCH.
(Johnston County, N. C. Abstracts: Deed Books, Volume III, 1771-1782, BY: Weynette Parks Haun)

December 2, 1791: **JOHN BRYAN SENR.** to **DAVID PEACOCK** - 20 £ - Sold above grant.
Wit: **WILLIAM SANDERS**, **HESTER BRYAN**
(Deed Book S-1, p. 211)

* **WILLIAM BRYAN**'s pension application, Revolutionary War, File S6699, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

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WILLIAM BRYAN, s/o **LEWIS BRYAN** of Mill Creek

b. August 3, 1760)

d. February 11. 1846) National Archives File S6699

m. **ALICE VENDRICK** October 14, 1783, B/V: James Martin, A. Neal,
Craven County, N. C.

ISSUE: (Any others unknown) Order of birth undetermined

1. **ASA H. BRYAN**

m. **SUSANNAH LEE** March 15, 1809, B/W: Henry Lee, R. Sanders

b. October 28, 1784, d/o John, s/o Edward & gs/o John Lee, Esq.

2. **JANET BRYAN**

b. ca 1790

1850 Johnston County - Census

1275: **JINNETT BRYAN** - 60

3. **ELIZA BRYAN**

b. ca 1798

ELIZA [BRYAN] - 52

1248: **JOSEPH BRYAN** - 53 Farmer

4. **JOSEPH BRYAN**

PEARCY [BRYAN] (f) - 52

SIDDEY [BRYAN] (f) - 28

5. **ALICE BRYAN**

LINDERECK [BRYAN] (m) - 24

KATHARINE [BRYAN] - 21

RICHARD [BRYAN] - 19

6. **JOANNA BRYAN** m. **OWEN THORNTON** October 12, 1810, Bds.: Harrod Thornton

7. **SIMON BRYAN** m. **CHARLOTTE** (Lottie) June 9, 1819, B/W: William Fail d/o **ASA BRYAN**,
Sr. John Sanders, Jr.

National Archives File 5-6699: Surviving children of **WILLIAM BRYAN**, deceased, late
of N. C. who was a private in the Revolution is entitled to receive \$26.66 per
annum to commence 4 March 1831 & terminate 11 Feb. 1846, day he died, and such
amount is payable to:

**ASA H. BRYAN, JANET BRYAN, JOSEPH BRYAN, ELIZA BRYAN, ALICE BRYAN, and JOANNA
THORNTON.**

GENERAL INDEX TO REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCES - Johnston Count, N. C.

DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	Deed Bk.	Page	Acres
1828	WILLIAM BRYAN	EDWARD BRYAN	0 2	153	200
1830	EDWARD BRYAN et al	Josiah Adams	0 2	351	200
1851	EDWARD BRYAN	ASA H. BRYAN	W 2	179	200
1869	EDWARD BRYAN	Kendrick M. C. Beasley	D 3	31	215
1869	ELISLY BRYAN	Kendrick M. C. Beasley	D 3	31	215

(Two listings but probably same deed)

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File S-6699

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
JOHNSTON COUNTY)

On this the 12th day of December 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, **WILLIAM BRYAN** who having been duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following statement supplemental to and in support of a declaration heretofore made (April 26, 1845) in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

That the family and name of **BRYAN** was a ... numerous, widely-connected and influential in this county long before the Revolutionary War and that they so continued during the struggle for independence sharing largely in the support by their wealth and influence and that the same name and connection has continued ... distinguished nearly or quite up to this period though a great many have removed to distant parts and many have undergone a reverse of fortune.

The county of Johnston was a large one embracing several of the adjacent present ones. The **BRYAN** family were located thus in the county before and during the Revolutionary War. One part of them lived near the middle, one family in the extreme north end now perhaps WAKE COUNTY, and one in the extreme south end, and the latter was the family and location of this declarant. His father was named **LEWIS BRYAN** and raised only three sons of the following names and in this order of their ages, viz: **ASA** who was born in the date of 1750, **JOHN** who was born about 1753, and **WILLIAM** (this deponent) who was born in 1760. The known distinction of his family in the time of the Revolution, and up to this date, FROM BRANCHES OF THE OTHER FAMILIES before mentioned was of "MILL CREEK".

This declarant states that all the three sons of his father did service and much service in the time of the Revolution in behalf of freedom and independence, as he doubts not may appear of record. His brother **JOHN** was a man of official distinction in this county for many years before he removed to GEORGIA where he died upwards of thirty years ago, and **ASA**, a Captain in the Revolution, died here upwards of twenty years ago, leaving this declarant the only living issue of his late father **LEWIS**.

This declarant moreover states on his oath aforesaid that he is now a man of large statue and that before he was sixteen years of age he weighed 157 pounds, that he was early aiding in behalf of his country-his who family belonging to the Whigs or Patriots.

That as heretofore stated in his formal declaration aforesaid he served in the militia of this State in the War of the Revolution at different periods for nearly or greater twelve months as well as his recollection now serves him. His first regular service was under CAPTAIN JOHN WHITLEY and HOOKS - Lieutenant he thinks in the year 1778 drafted for five months. Some time after the organization and ... of the company they were ordered and marched to SOUTH CAROLINA - they were in the battle of BRIAR CREEK, though this deponent was not in the battle. That after the discharge of CAPT. WHITLEY'S Company this

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declarant was after called out by superior officers whose names he does not now distinctly remember - except that COL. **NEEDHAM BRYAN** was this county commandant but that these services were of short though frequent periods and that he was regularly detailed on such service by proper officers. He has a distinct recollection of being called out on such service, he thinks under CAPT. RAIFORD and marched some days down the Neuse River and encamped near GREEN'S ferry - then occupied by one THOMAS GRAY (a lawyer) that he thinks this was in the year 1780 or 81 - he knows it was in the latter part of Summer, as they had to forage their horses on soft corn from MIR. GREY'S field.

----- MORE SERVICE -----

This declarant states on his oath aforesaid that there was another **WILLIAM BRYAN** * who has been dead some twenty years BELONGING TO THE FAMILY IN THE NORTH END "SWIFT CREEK" of this county - that this declarant knew him well - they were near the same age and that he thinks his said name stated did a tour of service in said war, but he is confident that he was neither in CAPT. WHITLEY nor in CAPT. GRIFFIN'S Company nor in any command with this affiant - and that - that was the only WILLIAM of Johnston County who could have rendered military service in the War of the Revolution besides and except this affiant.

* Above mentioned **WILLIAM BRYAN** of Swift Creek
Will dated October 7, 1821 - Proved November Term 1821
s/o **NEEDHAM BRYAN** & EDITH SMITH

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BRYAN-GRIFFIN SUIT

Page 1: Not numbered: N. C. SUPREME COURT, ORIGINAL CASES
1800-1909 (1,217 Boxes)
Case #1333

Page 2: Not numbered.

THE DEMURRAR of JOHN DEVEREAU, WILLIAM GASTON, EDWARD GRAHAM, FRANCIS HAWKS & JOHN OLIVER. To the bill of complaint of:

THOMAS BOND & JEMIMA his wife
ASA BRYAN
WILLIAM BRYAN & ALICE his wife
SIDNEY CARTER
RICHARD COULTON & SALLY his wife
FREDERICK COWARD
FREDERICK COWARD
JESSE COWARD
JOHN COWARD
MACHAEL COWARD
SHADERICK COWARD & MARY COWARD
JOHN COX & BETSEY his wife
WILLIAM COX & MARY his wife
SHADRICK DIXON & BETSEY his wife
LIAL EDWARDS & LINNEY his wife
AARON GODWIN & LISBIA
ABIGAIL GRIFFIN
ALLICE GRIFFIN
BRYAN GRIFFIN
JESSE GRIFFIN
JOHN B. GRIFFIN
LEWIS GRIFFIN
REBECA GRIFFIN
WILLIAM GRIFFIN
CYNTHA HILL
WILLIS HILL
SHEPARD JONES & SALLY his wife
DAVID KENNEDY & NICY his wife
ALEXANDER KILPATRICK
ALEXANDER KILPATRICK and MARY SASSER
CHLOE KILPATRICK
SAMPSON LANE & CHARITY his wife
TIMOTHY LEE & LISBIA his wife
PEREBY MILLS
DAVID PEACOCK & CHARLOTTE his wife
RODERICK POWELL & SALLY his wife
JAMES PREVAT & MARY his wife
DANIEL VENDRICK
ELIZABETH VENDRICK
PENNY VENDRICK
REDDING WEST
WILLIAM WETHERINGTON & SUSANNAH his wife
JOHN WILLIAMS & FRANCES his wife

Complainants

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These defendants by protestation not confessing or acknowledging all or any of the matters or things in & by the said Bill set forth & complained of to be true in manner & form as the same as therein & thereby set forth, and alledged saith they are advised by their counsel that there is another matter or thing in the said Bill contained good and sufficient in Law to call these defendants in question in this honourable Court for the same but that there is good cause of demurrer thereunto & therefore these defendants do demur thereunto and for cause of demurrer these defendants say that the complainants have likewise said the allegations therein contained were true which these defendants do herein part admit contains not any matter Of equity wherein this Court can grant any decree or grant the complainants any relief or assistance as against these defendants wherefore as for decrees and imperfection in the said Bill appearing these defendants do demur in law thereunto & humbly demand the judgment of this Honourable Court whether they shall be compelled to put in any further or other answers to the said bill and they humbly pray to be thence dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf ... sustained.

(Not dated) W. Gaston for defendants
A true copy **W. H. BRYAN**?

COVER PAGE - CASE # 160 N. C. SUPREME COURT ORIGINAL CASES

BRYAN
v
GRIFFIN
and
GRIFFIN HEIRS
v
GRIFFIN

William Bryan and others of the Heirs at Law
and next of kin of MOSES GRIFFIN, dec'd

vs.

The Executors and trustees of said MOSES GRIFFIN
(Report) Bill & Demurrer Johnston

Filed 5th January 1819
William Robards, Clk.
1821 - opinion Recorded Copied

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To the Honourable the Judges of the Court of Equity for the COUNTY OF JOHNSTON.
Humbly Complaining shew unto your Honours your orators and oratrixes:

SYDNEY CARTER
RICHARD COULTON & SALLY his wife
JOHN COX & BETSEY his wife
WILLIAM COX & MARY his wife
LIAL EDWARDS & LINEY his wife
ABIGAIL GRIFFIN
ALICE GRIFFIN
BRYAN GRIFFIN
JESSE GRIFFIN
JOHN B. GRIFFIN
LEWIS GRIFFIN
REBECA GRIFFIN
WILLIAM GRIFFIN
CYNTHIA HILL
WILEY HILL
TIMOTHY LEE and SILVA his wife
FERABY MILLS
JAMES PREVAT & MARY his wife
READING WEST
all of Craven County.

JOHN COWARD
JESSE COWARD
of Jones County.

FREDERICK COWARD
SHEPARD JONES & SALLY his wife
JOHN WILLIAMS & FRANCES his wife
of Green County.

WILLIAM WETHERINGTON & SUSANNAH his wife
of Craven County.

RODERICK POWELL & SALLY his wife
of Green County.

THOMAS BOND & JIMIMA his wife
FREDERICK COWARD
MARY COWARD
MICHAEL COWARD
SHADRICK COWARD
ALEXANDER KILPATRICK
CHLOE KILPATRICK
of Lenoir County.

SAMPSON LANE & CHARITY his wife of Wayne County.
DAVID KENNEDY & NECEY his Wife of Pitt County.
SHADRICK DIXON & BETSY his wife of Green County.

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Orators & oratrixes: Continued

WILLIAM BRYAN and ALICE his wife

ASA BRYAN

ELIZABETH BRYAN

DAVID PEACOCK & CHARLOTTE his wife

AARON GODWIN & LISBIA his wife
of Johnston County.

PENNY VENDRICK

ELIZABETH VENDRICK

DAVID VENDRICK

of Craven County.

ALEXANDER KILPATRICK of Green County.

MARY SASSER of Anson County.

That MOSES GRIFFIN late of Craven County died in the month of ... in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen (1816) seized and possessed of a large real and personal estate, leaving a last will and testament, which among other things contains the following clauses.

I desire that with all convenient speed after my decease my negro girl June be hired out and as soon as her wages amount to a sufficient sum agreeable to what the law requires in case of setting negroes free that she be then set free according to law and I desire that my negro man DUKE after my decease shall be at liberty to hire his own time at the rate of ten dollars per month and that the sum of twenty dollars a year for the space of eight years to be computed from the day of my decease his reserve out his wages as a provision agreeable to what the law requires in case of setting negroes free and that he then be set free according to law. And I desire that my negro man man after my decease shall be hired out and as soon as his wages amount to a sufficient sum agreeable to what the law requires in case of setting Negroes free that he be then set free according to law. And I desire that my negro man CAMPERAR(?) be hired out yearly for ten years to be computed from the time of my decease for the benefit of my estate and to be hired out again for seven years more from the expiration of the said ten years and that the sum of twenty dollars a year during the said ten years be reserved out of his wages as a provision agreeable to what the law requires in case of setting negroes free, and he be then set free according to law.

And I also desire that my said Trustees and Executors shall out of the issues and profits of my estate real and personal purchase two acres of land in some convenient and healthy place near the Town of Newbern, and as soon as the funds arising from the issues and profits aforesaid shall be deemed by them sufficient to make a commencement that a brick house one story and a half high shall be began to be erected in such part of the said two acres of land as my said executors shall determine on and point out; which said house is to be thirty feet long and twenty feet wide and to have a large room suitable for a school room laid off and finished on the first floor, the remainder of the house to be finished in a plain manner fit for the accommodation

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of indigent scholars; which house shall be called GRIFFIN FREE SCHOOL and it is my desire that as soon as the house is finished and the funds arising from the issues and profits of my estate real and personal will and direct that a proper schoolmaster shall be employed for the purpose of teaching and educating therein as many orphan children or the children of such other poor and indigent persons as are unable to accomplish it with their own means and who in the judgment of my Trustees are best entitled to the benefits of the education(?) and it would be wish should the appropriated funds by good management prove hereafter equal to the expense to cloth & maintain the indigent scholars as well as school them, and when the said scholars arrive at the age of fourteen it would be my desire that my said Executors shall bind them out to trades or other suitable occupations; and I think the schoolmaster may be able to afford to board the indigent scholars upon more moderate terms than any other person in consequence of his having the use of the house and the two acres of ground rent free during the times he may be continued in the employment; and in consequence also of his having the privilege of taking twenty five other scholars beside the indigent and for whose tuition he make terms with their parents or friends; and to prevent misconception my meaning is that the amount of my estate real & personal at the time of decease shall be considered as a principal sum and is to remain undiminished forever except the payment of my debts funeral expense & the legacies herein before bequeathed and that the issues and profits of my said estate only shall be appropriated to the support of the said free school, and I would have it understood that it is my desire that all interest arising from sums of money put out at interest shall be deemed as principal and put out at interest in the same manner as before mentioned, and the negro hire also shall be put out at interest in like manner and to continue at interest till the funds are deemed sufficient by my Executors as before mentioned to put the institution in operation, and the said will also contains the following clauses:

I do hereby appoint EDWARD GRAHAM, WILLIAM GASTON, JOHN DEVEREAU, FRANCIS HAWKS and JOHN OLIVER all of the Town of Newbern aforesaid Trustees of my estate and Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my said Executors out of my personal estate with all convenient speed after my decease and as to the remainder of my estate both real & personal I give will and bequeath the same to my said trustees and Executors but in trust to be managed by them to the best benefit and advantage for the purpose herein after mentioned.

I desire that my said Executors shall invest all my ready money in Bank shares if to be purchased on such terms they may approve of but if not the money is to be put out at interest on time with approved securities the interest to be payable half yearly and the principal to remain at interest until such time as Bank shares can be purchased on approved terms. I desire that all my debts due me by bank note book account or otherwise shall be collected as soon as may be and in case of nonpayment to beJ and according as the money shall be received or recovered tie to be invested in Bank shares or put out at interest in the same manner as before mentioned.

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I desire that my landed property consisting of houses and lots in the Town of Newbern shall not be sold but rented out to the best advantage; and it is my desire that my said Executors cause FREDERICK WALLACE a relation of mine and now a minor to be schooled and educated for three years the expense of which is not to exceed one hundred dollars a year, and I give and bequeath to him my negro girl JENNY and my negro fellow TONY when he shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years and also the sum of two hundred dollars when he shall have arrived at the age of twenty five years, but if he should die before he shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years and twenty five years without lawful issue then and in such cases the said two Negroes and the sum of two hundred dollars shall continue to remain as parts or parcels of my estate as much as if I had not mentioned them as a legacy to him in this my will and in case he should die without lawful issue after he shall have arrived at the said age of twenty one and twenty five years and shall have received the said legacies that then and in such a case the said two Negroes & money shall return again and become parts or parcel of my estate as effectually as if I had never bequeath them to him and then follows the parts of the will before recited which said will was at the JUNE TERM OF CRAVEN COURT IN THE YEAR 1816 DULY ADMITTED TO PROBATE, and the Executors therein named as some of them qualified thereto and took on themselves the burden of the execution thereof, and possessed themselves of the real and personal estate of said Testator, your Orators are advised that the trust upon which ... estate of said MOSES GRIFFIN as devised to him said Executors are not supported by the laws of this estate except as stated to the payment of his debts funeral expenses & the legacies to FREDERICK WALLACE and cannot therefore be executed by said Executors and that the real estate of the Testator descended to his heirs at law and his personal estate is distributable to amongst his NEXT OF KIN.

Your Orators further shew unto your honour that the said MOSES GRIFFIN left no issue or brother or sister nor the issue of any brother or sister or uncle or aunt and that the real estate of said MOSES GRIFFIN being his own acquisition his next collateral relations the descendants of the uncles and aunts of the said MOSES GRIFFIN as well as the paternal as of the maternal side are his heirs at law, and the children of the uncles and aunts of the said MOSES GRIFFIN are his next of kin.

The said MOSES GRIFFIN was the son of SOLOMON GRIFFIN and SARAH his wife.

The brothers of SOLOMON GRIFFIN the father of said MOSES GRIFFIN were: JONAS GRIFFIN and BENJAMIN GRIFFIN.

The only sister was ANN who was the wife of WILLIAM COWARD all of whom are dead leaving issue.

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The brothers and sisters of SARAH GRIFFIN the mother of MOSES GRIFFIN were:

LEWIS BRYAN
JOANNA BRYAN

MARY BRYAN
ELIZABETH BRYAN

ALICE BRYAN

All of whom are dead leaving issue; so that the real estate of said MOSES GRIFFIN descended:

1/8 to the descendants of JONAS GRIFFIN
1/8 to the descendants of BENJAMIN GRIFFIN
1/8 to the descendants of ANN COWARD
1/8 to the descendants of **LEWIS BRYAN**
1/8 to the descendants of **JOANNA BRYAN**
1/8 to the descendants of **MARY BRYAN**
1/8 to the descendants of **ELIZABETH BRYAN**, and
1/8 to the descendants of **ALICE BRYAN**

Or if the paternal line be preferred when the estate is acquired by the person from whom it is claimed then it descended

1/3 to the descendants of JONAS GRIFFIN
1/3 to the descendants of BENJAMIN GRIFFIN
1/3 to the descendants of ANN COWARD

The said **ALICE BRYAN** was the wife of JONAS GRIFFIN
MARY BRYAN was the wife of BENJAMIN GRIFFIN
JOANNA BRYAN married D....L VENDRICK (first name overwritten - DANIEL)
ELIZABETH BRYAN married RICHARD HART

JONAS GRIFFIN and ALICE his wife removed from North Carolina to the state GEORGIA many years ago your orators have heard and believe the said JONAS & his wife left issue:

MAJOR GRIFFIN
JENNET now the widow of JOHN BRUTIN, and
JONAS GRIFFIN, who reside in Georgia or in parts unknown to your orators.

BENJAMIN GRIFFIN & MARY his wife left issue:

KEZIAH who was the wife of JOHN HILL
JESSE GRIFFIN
BENJAMIN GRIFFIN
MARY the widow of ROBERT JACKSON
WILLIAM GRIFFIN
ANN the wife of JOHN HOLLAWAY
SALLY the wife of WILLIAM HOLLAWAY and
BETSY the wife of JAMES WEST

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The said KEZIAH HILL is dead the issue are your Orators:

FERABY MILLS
SIDNEY CARTER
CYNTHIA HILL
WILLIS HILL
SYLVIA LEE, and
LINEY EDWARDS

The said JESSE GRIFFIN removed from North Carolina to the State of Georgia but whether he is now living is unknown to yOur Orators.

BENJAMIN GRIFFIN the son of BENJAMIN is also dead leaving issue your Orators:

BRYAN GRIFFIN
SALLY COULTON
MARY PREVAT
LEWIS GRIFFIN
REBECCA GRIFFIN
ALICE GRIFFIN
JESSE GRIFFIN, and
ABIGAIL GRIFFIN

MARY JACKSON removed from North Carolina and resided when your Orators last heard from her in the State of Tennessee.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN is dead his issue are your Orators:

JOHN BRYAN GRIFFIN and
WILLIAM GRIFFIN &
LEWIS GRIFFIN
who reside in Georgia.

JOHN HOLLAWAY & ANN his wife
WILLIAM HOLLAWAY & SALLY his wife
reside in Georgia when last your Orators heard of them.

BETSEY WEST is also dead leaving issue your Orators:

REDDING WEST
MARY COX &
BETSY COX

ANNA (sic) COWARD left issue:

ELISHA COWARD
JOHN COWARD
JAMES COWARD your Orators FREDERIC COWARD, KISIAH BARFIELD, CHLOE KILPATRICK
& ANN PATRICK all of whom except your Orator FREDERIC are dead.

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ELISHA COWARD left issue your Orators:

JOHN COWARD
JESSE COWARD
FREDERIC COWARD
SALLY JONES
FRANCES WILLIAMS
SUSANNAH WETHERINGTON, and
ANN the wife of JOHN PATE
who reside in the State of Georgia.

JOHN COWARD left issue your Orators:

SALLY POWELL
SHADRICK COWARD
MARY COWARD &
JEMIMAH BOND

JAMES COWARD left issue your Orators:

MICHAEL COWARD
KEZIAH BARFIELD left issue who reside in the State of Georgia whose names as
your Orators understand and believe are:

SARAH ANN BARFIELD
NICEY BARFIELD
JOHN BARFIELD
CULLEN BARFIELD
VINCENT BARFIELD &
DRUSILLA BARFIELD

CHLOE KILPATRICK left issue WILLIAM KILPATRICK, FRANCIS KILPATRICK Your Orators
CHLOE KILPATRICK ALEXANDER KILPATRICK & CHARITY LANE.

WILLIAM KILPATRICK is dead leaving issue your Orator
FRANCIS KILPATRICK is dead leaving issue your Orators.

ANN PATRICK is dead leaving issue your Orators:

NICEY KENNEDY &
BETSY DIXON

LEWIS BRYAN left issue your Otators:

WILLIAM BRYAN
ASA BRYAN
ELIZABETH BRYAN
CHARLOTTE [BRYAN] PEACOCK and
LISBIA [BRYAN] GODWIN, and also
JOHN BRYAN now deceased and
MARY [BRYAN] the wife of **WILLIAM SANDERS**

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The said **JOHN BRYAN** left issue: **REDDING [BRYAN]**, **DILA [BRYAN]**, **FAYETT BRYAN**, **ELIZABETH [BRYAN]**, now the wife-? (overwritten) of JAMES WELCH & HESTER the wife of MILES BARFOOT all of whom reside, your Orators are informed, in the State of Georgia.

The said WILLIAM SANDERS & MARY his wife reside in the State of Tennessee.

JOANNA VENDRICK left issue JAMES VENDRICK now deceased - PENNY VENDRICK your Oratrix, ALICE the wife of your Orator **WILLIAM BRYAN**, LYDIA VENDRICK, and POLLY the wife of JAMES SIMPKINS.

The said JAMES VENDRICK is dead leaving issue your Oratrix ELIZABETH VENDRICK & YOUR ORATOR DANIEL VENDRICK.

LYDIA VENDRICK resides in Georgia, and JAMES VENDRICK & wife in the state of Tennessee (sic)

ELIZABETH BRYAN married JOHN HART her issue are:

JOHN HART & your Oratrix MARY, the widow of JOHN SASSER. The said JOHN HART your Orator believing resides in South Carolina.

Your Orators therefore charge that your Orators

WILLIAM BRYAN

ASA BRYAN

ELIZABETH BRYAN

CHARLOTTE [BRYAN] PEACOCK

LISBIA [BRYAN] GODWIN

PENNY VENDRICK

ALICE BRYAN

FREDERIC COWARD

MARY HART, and

MAJOR GRIFFIN - JENNET BRUTON and JONAS GRIFFIN

Children of JONAS GRIFFIN & JESSE GRIFFIN MAJOR GRIFFIN ANN HOLLOWAY & SALLY HOLLOWAY children of BRYAN GRIFFIN & JOHN HART are the first cousins & next of kin of said MOSES GRIFFIN, and entitled to distribution of his personal property.

To the end therefore that the said EDWARD GRAHAM, WILLIAM GASTON, JOHN DEVEREAUX, FRANCIS HAWKS & JOHN OLIVER Executors of MOSES GRIFFIN who your Orators pray may be made defendants to this Bill of Complaint may render a true & full account of his real & personal estate of which he died seized possessed or entitled to, and of the "amts" (amounts) issues & profits thereof since the decease of the said MOSES. That they may be declared Trustees thereof for your Orators and those other persons herein named who reside out of this state & others not seen in this Bill but who are entitled as heirs at law and as next of kin, with your orators as herein stated, & whom your Orators pray may together with them to all .. be allowed be made parties defendants to this Bill. That the said Executors may be decreed to release to your Orators and their ... of next of kin all right & title to the estate of their Testator under his will afore- said & to account for & pay your Orators their respective shares of said personal estate; & that your Orators title to the said real estate may be granted & that they may have such further or other

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relief in the premises as to your Honours may, may it please your Honours to grant to your Orators your writ of subpoena directed to the said EDWARD GRAHAM; WILLIAM GASTON, JOHN DEVEREAUX, FRANCIS HAWKS & JOHN OLIVER & FREDERIC WALLACE commanding them to appear before your Honours at the Court of Equity to be held for JOHNSTON COUNTY at SMITHFIELD on the fourth Monday of March next. Then and there to answer the premise and to abide by & perform the decree of your Honours therein & that notice by advertisement as required by Acts of the general Assembly by the rules of this Honourable Court be made of the pleas of this Bill & the prayer thereof to the end that the said nonresidents coheira & next of kin & all other persons if any there be entitled to any interest or share in this estate real or personal of said MOSES GRIFFIN and not herein named may shew cause if any they have wherefore the relief herein prayed should be decreed & your Orators as in duty bound & c.

J. Stanley) for
M)
L. Henderson) Compls.

Your Orators by way of amendment to this foregoing Bill states unto your Honours that since filing their original Bill they have discovered that FREDERICK WALLACE therein named died in the lifetime of the Teatator, so that the provision thereby made for him lapsed, and fell into the residuum & is subject to distribution in like manner as the other personal estate of the Testator & that WILLIAM GASTON, ESQR. In the will named as one of the Trustees & Executor thereof & as such made a party to this Bill of Complaint hath refused to qualify as Executor or to have any agency in the management of the estate of the Testator. Your Orators therefore crave to discontinue their proofs to the said FREDERIC WALLACE & MR. GASTON, ESQR.

I certify that the foregoing is a True Copy of the original Bill filed the 22 of February 1818, and of the amended filed March Term 1818.

Attest **D. H. BRYAN**, CME

August 19, 1987: This reader certifies that the foregoing is the truest copy she can make in an effort to decipher Mr. **D. H. BRYAN**'s penmanship!

The following from the files of Mr. John T. Cupit, Rosepine, Louisiana, March 1 1969:

Dated: June 19, 1816. Proved Hatch Court 1818

The undersigned heirs of MOSES GRIFFIN, late of New Bern, N. C. do hereby agree to convey and assign to JOHN B. GRIFFIN our one third part on any property real or personal which may be obtained for us of the estate of said MOSES GRIFFIN, he the said JOHN B. GRIFFIN defraying the expenses or cost thereof, etc., and we also authorize him to prosecute any suit in law or equity in our names to obtain possession of said property or to obtain sale thereof and collect

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any money and/or transact any business in our names as much as if we were personally present.

John Beverly
Levi Griffin
John Bryan Hart
Jeremiah Heath
John Holloway
Sallie Holloway
William Holloway
Polly Lasen (sic) Sasser

(Craven County, N. C. Deed Book 40, p. 205)

ABSTRACTS OF THE EARLY DEEDS OF WAYNE COUNTY, N. C. 1780-1793

December 17, 1780: THOMAS GRAY to RICHARD HART - 300 a. (both of Wayne County).
Wit: William CASWELL, DAVID GORDON

June 23, 1783: RICHARD HART, cooper, to WILLIAM WHITFIELD, the elder, Esq. (both of Wayne County) 300 a. patent dated November 24, 1744 granted to JOHN HERRING.
Wit: JAMES POTTER, JOHN HUTSON, **BRYAN WHITFIELD**.
(same land as above)

(other references not copied)

ABSTRACTS OF VITAL RECORDS
FROM RALEIGH, N. C. NEWSPAPERS - 1799-1819
By: Lois Smathers Neal

#1852: GRIFFIN: Died in Newbern, on the 14th inst., MR. MOSES GRIFFIN, an old and respectable merchant of that place ... was a man of advanced age. And was perhaps the only survivor of those who fought at the battle of Alamance. It is understood that he has left a considerable fortune for the establishment of a FREE SCHOOL.

Raleigh Register Friday 29 March 1816 - page 3, column 5

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BRYAN-GRIFFIN SUIT

BAREFOOT/BAROOT

Hester 57

Miles 57

BARFIELD

Cullen 56

Drusilla 56

John 56

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Vincent 56

BEVERLY, John 59

BOND

Jemima 48 50 56

Thomas 48 50

BRUTIN

Jennet 54 57

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Alice 48 51 54 57

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Sidney 48 50 55

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William 59

COULTON

Richard 48 50

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COWARD

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Frederick 48 50 55 56 57

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Jesse 48 50 56

John 48 50 55 56

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Major 54 57

Mary 54

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HART

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John Bryan 59

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Francis 48 52 57 58

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HILL

Cynthia 48 50 55
John 54
Keziah 54 55
Sylvia 50
Willis 48 55
Wiley 50

HOLLAWAY

Ann 54 55 57
John 54 55 59
Sally 54 55 57 59
William 54 55 59

HUTSON

John 59

JACKSON

Mary 54 55
Robert 54

JONES

Sally 43 50 55
Shepard 43 50

KENNEDY

David 43 50
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KILPATRICK

Alexander 48 50 51 56
Chloe 48 50 55 56
Francis 56
William 56

LANE

Charity 43 50 55
Sampson 48 50

LEE

Lisba/Silva/Silvia 48 50 55
Timothy 48 50

MILLS

Pereby/Feraby 48 50 55

OLIVER

John 48 52 57 58

PATE

Ann 56
John 56

PATRICK

Ann 55 56

PEACOCK

Charlotte 48 51 56 57
David 48 51

POTTER

James 59

POWELL

Roderick 48 50
Sally 48 50 56

PREVAT

James 48 50

ROBARDS

William (clerk) 49

SANDERS

Mary 56 57
William 56 57

SASSER

John 57
Mary 48 51 57 59

SIMPKINS

James 57
Polly 57

STANLEY

J. 58

VENDRICK

Daniel 48 54 57
David 51
Elizabeth 48 51 57
James 57
Joanna 57
Lydia 57
Penny 48 51 57

WALLACE

Frederick 53 58

WELCH

Elizabeth 57
James 57

WEST

Betsy 54 55
James 54
Reading/Redding 48 50 51

WETHERINGTON

Susannah 48 50 56
William 48 50

WHITFIELD

Bryan 59
William 59

WILLIAMS

Frances 48 50 56
John 48 50

NEGROES

Camperar 51
Duke 51
Jenny 53
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Tony 53

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