

**Will, NC, Beaufort, Martha Bryan 1777**

In the name of God Amen.

I, **MARTHA BRYAN** of Bertie County in the state of North Carolina, of perfect mind and memory which I thank God do make and ordained this my last will and testament, revoking disannulling and making void all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

PRINCIPALLY and in the first place I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust until the general resurrection and recommending it to my executor here after named for a decent Christian burial.

AND touching my worldly estate I give disposed and bequeath of that as follows viz:

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my son **THOMAS BRYAN** one cow and calf and five head of hogs to him forever

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my son **EDWARD BRYAN** one gold sleeve button to him forever.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my daughter **MARY LOCKHART** five Shillings proc money.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my daughter **MARTHA BRYAN** ten pounds proc money.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my daughter **ELIZABETH BRYAN** ten pounds proc money.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my daughter **WINNEFORD BRYAN** [WINNIFORD BRYAN] ten pounds proc money and all my wearing apparel to her forever.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my the remainder of my estate, after my just debts is paid, to be equally divided between **MARTHA BRYANT, ELIZABETH BRYANT, ANN RYAN, SARAH BAKER, JANET HILL** [JENET HILL] and **WINNEFORD BRYAN** to them their heirs forever.

I constitute and appoint my friend **WILLIAM GRAY** Esquire, **JONATHAN JACOCKS** and my son **THOMAS BRYAN** my executors of this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of May 1777.

**MARTHA BRYAN**

Signed sealed in presence of

**JOHN JACOCKS** Jurat  
**ELIZABETH JACOCKS**

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Qualified

Bertie County

August Court 1777 proved into form of law in open court by the oath of **JONATHAN JACOBS** one of the subscribing witnesses, and ordered to be recorded.

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**JOHN JOHNSON** CC

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