

**Will, NC, Bertie, James Bryant 1731**

In the name of God, Amen.

I **JAMES BRYANT** of ye government of North Carolina and in ye precinct of Bertie, being sick and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks to God for it, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz.

First I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM BRYANT** my land and plantation on ye North side of Meherrin river together with all its immovables to him and his heirs forever, and all my goods and chattles my son aforesaid hath in his possession I give to my son aforesaid. And all ye rest of my goods I give to be equally divided between all my children after my death and after my funeral charge is paid **JOHN DEW** and **RICHARD BRASWELL**, **JAMES BRYANT**, **THOMAS BRYANT** and **MATHEW TELAR** [**MATTHEW TAYLOR**] and I also appoint **JOHN DEW** and **JAMES BRYANT** to be my executors of this my last will and testament revoking, disanull and making utterly void all other wills.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1731.

**JAMES BRYANT** {seal, his X mark}

**ARON DRAKE** jurat {his A mark} [Aaron Drake]

**JOHN MAK DANIEL** {his I mark} [John McDaniel]

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