

Will, NC, Edgecombe, William Bryant 1749

In the name of God Amen.

I, **WILLIAM BRYANT** of Edgecombe County in the province of North Carolina, being weak of body but of perfect and sound memory, calling to remembrance the mortality of man's body and knowing that all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call, and as touching what worldly Goods I have, I give and bestow in manner following,

FIRST I give and bequeath to my daughter **PATIENCE [BRYANT]** my house land in Plantation, whereon I now dwell, and all ye land that belongs to it, and mill, and my negro boy **SISRO**, one bed, one best bed tone, a green rug and Dutch blanket, and all the rest of the furniture belonging to it and a new bed tick, and my young Bay Mare and all her increase, and six cows and calves to be put out to haves.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved grandson **JAMES MCDANIEL** my cattle that is in his father's clear and my negro wench **JUDY** only the use of them to my **RACHEL [BRYANT]** as long as she liveth.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH [BRYANT] MYHAND** my negro girl **SUE** and her increase forever, and my other bed and furniture.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **JOSEPH BRYANT** my negro fellow **ROBERT**.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM BRYANT** my negro fellow **DICK**.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved friend **THOMAS HARGADINE [HERGANDINE]** my buckskin coat, if he live to enjoy it.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved friend Sarah my horse Litefoot and side saddle if she recover the spell of sickness as she now lies under to enjoy the used of them, and all the rest of my goods and chattels both within doors and out doors to be equally divided to **RACHEL [BRYANT] MCDANIEL** and **WILLIAM BRYANT Jr., JOSEPH BRYANT, SARAH MYHAND** and **PATIENCE BRYANT**.

And **ABRAHAM DEW** and **EDWARD BROWN** whom I appoint to be my lawful executors of this my last will and testament, annulling and revoking all other wills and Testaments from the beginning of the world to this day.

Furthermore I accept £4.0.0. In **JOHN BAILEY**'s hand to pay the quittance of my land.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of September in the year of Our Lord 1749.

W. BRYANT SR. {seal}

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced by said **WILLIAM BRYANT** to be his last will and testament

THOMAS POPE

WILLIAM ANDREWS

JAMES MYHAND {his M mark}

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February Court 1749

The above written will was exhibited in to court by **WILLIAM BRYANT** one of the executors thereunto and proved by the oath of **THOMAS POPE** and **JAMES MYHAND** two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time the said executor took the oath by law prescribed which was ordered to be certified.

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