

Will, NC, Nash, WILLIAM B. BRYANT, 1860

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM B. BRYANT** of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my life do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following:

FIRST my executor, hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of any moneys that my first come into his hands as a part of my estate.

ITEM first I lend to my beloved wife **SUSAN BRYANT**, during the term of her natural life or widowhood, as follows: a part of the tract of land I now live in, fact all the balance of that I shall not in another item dispose of, six Negroes BUCK, STEPHEN, HANNAH, CEALY, PENNEY and MARTHA, my brandy still and fixtures, enough poor hogs for her meat, for self and family, seventy five barrels of corn, ten stack blade fodder, two oat stacks, ten bushels wheat, two beds and furniture, all the counter pins and blankets on hand, two horses , her choice two milch cows and calves, her choice one buggy and harness, three sows and pigs, her choice the house shoats, ten head of sheep, her choice two clocks, one bofat, all the crockery ware, all the tables and chest, all the looking glasses, all the kitchen furniture and one loom and gear, two wheels and cards, one yoke of oxen, and a pair of cart wheels, both her choice, enough of the farming tools to carry on her farm including black smith tools.

ITEM I lend to my daughter **MOURNING [BRYANT] RICE** wife of **N. N. RICE** one negro woman EASTER and two children, which she now has in possession, during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the same to all her children to share and share alike, jointly.

ITEM I lend to my son **JOHN W. BRYANT** and his wife **WILLIAM JANE [BRYANT]** during their natural lives or life the following property to wit: one negro woman CAROLINE three girls DERATH, HARRIET, MANDA three boy JIM, LEWIS and WILLIE all the property I bought and left in his possession at his sale sold under a deed of trust and at the death of my son, **JOHN W. BRYANT**, I give and bequeath the above named property to all his lawfully begotten heirs to share end share alike.

ITEM I lend to my son **HENRY H. BRYANT**, during his natural life the following Negroes Young JACOB, VIOLET, and SEVALINE and at his death.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **WILLIAM BRYANT**, son of **HENRY H. BRYANT**, the girl SEVALINE and the other two Negroes I give and bequeath to all his lawful heirs begotten to share and share alike.

ITEM I lend to my daughter **MARY M. [BRYANT] RICE** wife of **HENDERSON RICE** two negro girls WATY and NICY and at her death I give and bequeath the said Negroes to all her lawful heirs of her body to share and share a like.

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ITEM I lend to my son **WILLIAM T. BRYANT** during his natural life the following property: the tract of land whereon he now lives, two Negroes **ELICK** and **JOHANNAH**, all his household and kitchen furniture, all the stock and other things I bought at his sale under a trust all my rights and interest in **EDWARD STRICKLAND** estate, let it consist in what it may to be arranged by my executors in the best manner for the interest of my said son and family, and at his death I give the same to all the lawfully begotten heirs of my said son to share and share alike.

ITEM I lend to my son **EVAN N. BRYANT** the following property: the land whereon he now lives, it being the same I bought of **WILLIAM T. BRYANT**, in addition to the above I lend him after the death of my wife, fifty more to be taken from the land I lent my wife.

commencing at **PITT's** corner in the big branch running said branch so as to strike **SILAS ALLEN's** line so as to leave him fifty acres.

I also lend him two Negroes **GEORGE**, and **MANAH**, also all all the debts he is owing me, secured by a deed of trust, to be arranged by my executor in that way he think will be of the greatest benefit to him and family, and at his death I give and bequeath to all his lawfully gotten heirs the above property is to be for my son's special benefit.

ITEM I lend to my son **GIDEON B. BRYANT** during his natural life all that part of my tract of land lying west of the following line:

Commencing at **ABRAMS'** old landing on tar River just above the old **HILL** field, thence a due north course to **WILLIE WARREN** line.

and also two Negroes **ISAAC** and **GOOD** and at his death I give and bequeath the same to all his lawfully begotten heirs.

ITEM I lend to my son **THOMAS N. BRYANT**, during his natural life, the following land:

Commencing in or about the center of the **WOBELTON's** old field; thence a due east course to **J. R. BOOTH's** land, all north of said line.

In addition to the above I lend him another piece:

Commencing at or near the center of the **WOBELTON's** old field on **WARREN's** line; thence said line to the new road; thence the said road south to a sandy bottom near the head of my, lane; thence out east about two hundred yards; thence back to the field station to be a straight line so as not to go near than two hundred yards of the field.

I also lend him the following Negroes **ABRAM**, **JORDAN**, and **CLARY**, also one horse and at his death I give the same to all the lawful begotten heirs of his body, and if he should die without any such heir, then and in that case the property is to return to all his brothers and sisters surviving.

ITEM At my death it is my will that **JORDAN**, I bought of **A. J. TAYLOR** shall be sold by my executor and if he should fail to bring enough to pay the note **N. W. BODDIE** holds against me. my son **JOHN W. BRYANT**, is to pay the balance.

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ITEM. It is my will and desire that my executor sell my part of the mill and all the Negroes and other property that I have not disposed of on a credit of six months bond, bearing interest from date, and all my just debts paid, and the balance after paying my wife **SUSAN** one hundred dollars be divided between **JOHN W. BRYANT** and **HENRY H. BRYANT**, **EVAN N. BRYANT**, **GIDEON B. BRYANT** and **THOMAS N. BRYANT**. and to share and share alike.

ITEM I except one acre of the land I have lent to **GIDEON B. BRYANT** for the use of the Mill.

ITEM At the death of my wife it is my will and desire that all the property I have lent her be sold by my executor on a credit bond, carrying interest from date, and the moneys arising from such sale it is my will that my son **JOHN W. BRYANT** shall receive eleven hundred dollars in lieu of land and the balance be equally divided between my six sons **JOHN W. BRYANT** and **HENRY H. BRYANT**, **EVAN N. BRYANT**, **WILLIAM T. BRYANT**, **GIDEON B. BRYANT**, and **THOMAS N. BRYANT**, to them and share and share alike.

ITEM and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son **JOHN W. BRYANT**, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes: to execute this my last will and testament according to the true meaning and intent and it is my will that he shall not be required to give bond.

And in witness whereof I, the said **WILLIAM B. BRYANT**, have hereunto set My hand and seal this 6 day of October, 1860.

**WILLIAM B. BRYANT** {seal, his mark}

Witness

**GEORGE N. LEWIS**  
**THOMAS CREEKMORE**

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State of North Carolina

Court of pleas and quarter sessions  
Hash County

November term 1661

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of **WILLIAM B. BRYANT**, deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by **JOHN W. BRYANT** one of the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said **WILLIAM B. BRYANT** is proved by the oaths and examination of **GEORGE N. LEWIS** and **THOMAS CREEKMORE** the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said **WILLIAM B. BRYANT** and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. and thereupon the said **JOHN W. BRYANT** executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Attest **B. H. SORSBY**, CCC

And is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest **B. H. SORSBY**, CCC

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