BENJAMIN BRYAN Will 1796

Deceased 1796

Recorded in Book B Page 131

In the name of God Amen.

I **BENJAMIN BRYAN** of Northampton County in North Carolina being in health of body and of sound memory calling to mind that it is appointed for man once to die and willing to make this my last will and testament in manner following viz.

FIRST and principally I recommend my soul to almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter mentioned and as touching my worldly estate my just debts and funeral charges first paid I give devise and bequeath as follows:

IMPRIMIS I lend to my loving wife **SARAH BRYAN** for the payment of my debts and support and education of my children the use of all my state both real and personal, except she marry, until my eldest son come to lawful age for marriage. But if my said wife should marry, then in that case I lend to her the use of my manner Plantation the working tools and horses, thereunto belonging, two feather beds and furniture, one walnut table and chest, my kitchen furniture, one riding chair and harness, my Negroes called CHARITY, SELAH, BOB, NATHAN, PRIMERS, LIAR, BRIDGIT, BETT, GABRIEL and ALLEN and increase during her natural life.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my son **JOHN BRYAN** the land and Plantation where an I now live the land adjoining called **GUY**'s also the land called **CARY**'s place, if recovered of **THOMAS BRYAN**'s executors, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto my son **DAVIS BRYAN** the lot whereon said **SMITH** keeps store the land and Plantation formerly possessed by **THOMAS BRYAN**, deceased, called Crossroads, if recovered of his executors, to him his heirs or assigns forever.

ITEM it is my will that my Cider still be sold towards paying my debts.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath my lands and the Occoneechee Neck to be equally divided between my two sons **JOHN** and **DAVIS BRYAN** when the eldest arrives to lawful age or marriage to them their heirs or assigns forever.

ITEM it is my will that all my Negroes and other estate not otherwise disposed of be equally divided between or amongst all my children living with my eldest son arrives to lawful age or marriage to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM I give devise and bequeath unto **JOHN KNOX** 100 acres of land in the fork of Uehara & Quarter Swamp, if recovered from **THOMAS BRYAN**'s executors, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

LASTLY I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my loving wife **SARAH BRYAN** and **JOHN KNOX** whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking disallowing and making void all other and former Wills by me heretofore made, this I own to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of January 1796.

BENJAMIN BRYAN {seal}

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator to be his last will and testament.

SAMUEL PARKER jurat JOHN SCOTT WILLIAM WATSON jurat

Executor qualified

State of North Carolina

To the Sheriff of Northampton County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to take the body of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** (if to be found in your county) and him safely keep, so that you have him before the justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Northampton at the Court House in **NORTHAMPTON** on the first Monday in September next; then and there to answer **THOMAS KING** of a plea that he render unto him the sum of Fifty Eight pounds twelve and three pence Virginia Money which from him he unjustly detains damage £150. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Writ.

Witness **E**. **HAYNES** Clerk of our said Court, at Northampton the sixth day of June 1796 and in the 20^{th} year of our Independence.

Issued June 6^{th} 1796.

E. HAYNES, Clk

THOMAS BARRETT Sheriff

We will be answerable for the costs of prosecution, agreeable to act of Assembly.

June 6th, 1796

JAMES H. KEYS {seal}

State of North Carolina

Know all men by these presents that we **BENJAMIN BRYAN** & **JOHN KNOX** are held & firmly bound unto **THOMAS BARRETT** Sheriff of Northampton his heirs or assigns In the sum of Ninety Seven pounds fifteen shillings, which payment well & truly to be made we do bin our selves, our heirs & c. firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals & dated this 2nd day of August 1796.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above **BENJAMIN BRYAN** do make his personal appearance at our next county court of pleas & quarter sessions to be held for the county of Northampton at the court house in Northampton on the first Monday in September next, then & there to answer **THOMAS KING** of a plea that he said **BRYAN** render unto the said **KING** the sum of Fifty eight pounds twelve shillings & three pence Virginia currency damage one hundred & fifty pounds & not depart the said court without leave then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force virtue & effect.

Witness our hands & seals this 2^{nd} day of August 1796.

BENJAMIN BRYAN JOHN KNOX

Test JOSIAH MOORE

State of North Carolina

To the Sheriff of Northampton County, Greeting.

You are hereby commanded that by good and lawful men of your county you cause it to be made know to **SARAH BRYAN**, executrix of the last will and testament of **BENJAMIN BRYAN JR**. deceased, that she be and appear before our next Inferior Court of pleas & quarter sessions to be held for the county of Northampton on the First Monday in September next to show cause, if any she has or knows, where a suit now depending on our said court brought by **THOMAS KING** against the said **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased in his life time should not be carried on and prosecuted against her, the said **SARAH BRYAN** as executrix of the said **BENJAMIN BRYAN**, deceased, as aforesaid.

Herein fail not and have you then and there the names of those persons by whom you shall so cause it to be made know to the said **SARAH BRYAN**, together with this Writ.

Witness **EATON HAYNES**, clerk of our said court the 5th day of June Anno Domini 1797 and in the 20th year of our Independence.

E. HAYNES, Clk

THOMAS KING vs BENJAMIN BRYAN's Executrix

To September Court 1797 Issued 10th June

Made known in presents of HARWOOD DUKES WILLIAM WATSON JOHN NICHOLAS, sheriff

KEYS Attn.

SILAS LONG

Account Current

Cr.

Dr. SILAS LONG, executor, with his wife SARAH LONG

1798 Sales of Negroes

Mrs. POLLOK [Pollock] DEMPSY WINBOW DARREL YOUNG WILLIAM GILMANI HARRIS FOART PUTNEY GEE [Ges] LONG

WILLIAM BRIDGES

Account of the sale of the estate of **BENJAMIN BRYAN**, deceased, February 10, 1798

SILAS LONG

[INVENTORY LIST]

State of North Carolina

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we _____ are held in firmly found on to _____ Esquires and the rest of the justices assigned to keep the peace for Northampton County in the chest and full sum of five thousand pounds current money of the said state to be paid if the said ______ heirs, executors, administrators or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made we find ourselves and every of us our and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 8th day of March 1798.

WHERE HAS THE ABOVE BOUND _____ hath been this day by the worshipful Court of said County appointed Guardian to **NANCY BRYAN** orphan of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased.

NOW THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such that if the said _____ guardian aforesaid shall well and truly discharge is guardianship by taking care of and improving all the said estate belonging to the said orphan and shall also settle his guardianship accounts with a Court of said County, as is required by law, and that he will deliver up to the said _____ orphan as aforesaid when he shall attain lawful age all such a estate as he ought of right to be possessed of, or sooner if required, agreeable to the true intent and meaning of the act of the general assembly in such case made and provided, then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

SILAS LONG RICHARD PARKER JAMES DANCY

Signed and delivered in the presence of us

E. HAYNES

SILAS LONG to NANCY BRYAN

guardianship Bond March of 1798

State of North Carolina

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we **SILAS LONG**, **RICHARD PARKER**, and **JAMES DANCY** are held in firmly bound unto **HOWELL EDMONDS**, **EDWIN LYLES**, and **LAWRENCE DAUGHTRY** Esquires and the rest of the justices assigned to help keep the peace for Northampton in the just and full some of five thousand pounds current money of the said state to be paid to the said justices and their successors, heirs, administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and every of us our and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 5th day of March 1798.

WHERE HAS THE ABOVE BOUNDEN **SILAS LONG** hath been, this day, by the worshipful Court of said County appointed Guardian to **DAVIS BRYAN** orphan of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased.

NOW THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH that if the said **SILAS LONG** Guardian as aforesaid shall well and truly discharge is Guardianship by taking care of and improving all the estate belonging to the said orphan and shall also settle his guardianship accounts with a court of said county as is required by law and that he will deliver up to the said **DAVIS BRYAN** orphan as aforesaid when he shall attain lawful age all such a state as he ought of right to be possessed of, or sooner if required, agreeable to the true intent and meaning of the act of the assembly general assembly in such case made and provided, then this obligation to void otherwise to remain in full force.

SILAS LONG RICHARD PARKER JAMES DANCY

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

E. HAYNES

SILAS LONG

guardianship

DAVIS BRYAN

March 1798

Order for Exum Holloman and others The estate of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** 1799

[INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT]

SILAS LONG

State of North Carolina

To the sheriff of Northampton County, greeting

We command that you that of the goods and chattels of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased as heretofore in the hands of his executor you cause to be made the sum of two hundred and two pounds and seventeen shillings and six pence which **LAWRENCE** and **EDWARD SMITH**, lately in our court of pleas and quarter sessions, held for the county of Northampton at the courthouse in Northampton, recovered against him for debt as also the sum of three shillings and nine pence for the cost and charges of the said suit expected, whereof the said executors are, liable as appears to us of record, and have you the said monies before our said court at Northampton, aforesaid, on the first Monday of March next then and there to render the said Edward and Smith his debts, costs and charges aforesaid.

Therein fail not and have you then and there this writ.

Witness **EATON HAYNES** Clerk of our said Court, the second day of December Anno Domini 1799 and in the 24th year of the independence said state.

E. HAYNES CC

E. & L. Smith Esquires Versus BENJAMIN BRYAN executors

To March Court 1800

Don't issue this until I see you.

A. WILLIAMS

State of North Carolina

To the sheriff of Northampton County, greeting

We command you that of the goods and chattels of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased in the hands of his executors as heretofore you caused me made the sum of four pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence which **JOHN LAWRENCE**'s executors lately in our court of pleas and quarter sessions, held for the county of Northampton at the courthouse in Northampton, recovered against them for the costs of a suit as also the sum of _____ for costs and charges in the said suit expended. Whereof the said **BRYAN**'s executors are liable, as appears to us of record.

And have you the said monies before our said court at Northampton, aforesaid, on the first Monday in December next, then and there to render the said **JOHN LAWRENCE** executors their costs and charges aforesaid.

Herein fail not, and have you been in there this writ.

Witness **EATON HAYNES** Clerk of our said Court, the first day of September Anno Domini 1800 and the 25th year of Independence.

E. HAYNES CC

JOHN LAWRENCE executors VS BENJAMIN BRYAN'S executors To December court 1800

issued with sheriff

satisfied **RICHARD AUBREY**, sheriff

State of North Carolina

To the Sheriff of Northampton county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to take the body of **WILLIAM WATSON**, **SILAS LONG** and **SALLY LONG**, his wife, which said & c q **BENJAMIN BRYAN**, deceased & if to be found in your county and them safely keep, so that you have them before the justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions to be held for the County of Northampton at the court house in Northampton on the first Monday in March next; then and there to answer **JOHN D**. **WHITE** of a plea of trespass on the case, wherefore, & c. damages one hundred pounds & c.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ.

Witness **EATON HAYNES**, clerk of said court, at office the first Monday of December 1800 and in the XXV year of our independence issued Dec. 6th 1800.

E. HAYNES, Clerk

JOHN D. WHITE WILLIAM WATSON & BENJAMIN BRYANS Case

Return to March term 1801

Executed ... SILAS LONG & LAWRENCE DICKINSON Security

RICHARD PUTNEY, Junior

Sheriff

State of North Carolina

To the sheriff of Northampton County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to take the body of **WILLIAM WATSON**, **SILAS LONG AND SALLY LONG**, his wife, which said & c. **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased & if to be found in your county and them safely keep, so that you have them before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions to be held for the county of Northampton at the Court house in Northampton on the first Monday in March next; then and there to answer **JOHN D**. **WHITE** of a plea of trespass on the case, wherefore & c. damage one hundred pounds & c.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ. Witness **EATON HAYNES** Clerk of our said Court, at office the first Monday of December 1800 and in the XXV year of our independence.

Issued December 6^{th} , 1800

E. HAYNES, CLK

JOHN D. WHITE VS WILLIAM WATSON & BENJAMIN Bryan

Return to March Term 1801

Executed given SILAS LONG & LAWRENCE DICKERSON security

RICHARD PUTNEY, Sheriff

State of North Carolina

Know all by these presents, that we **WILLIAM WATSON**, **SILAS LONG** & **LAWRENCE DICKINSON** all of the county of Northampton and state aforesaid held and firmly bound unto **RICHARD PUTNEY**, Junior sheriff of the county aforesaid, in the sum of two hundred pounds current money of the said state, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, jointly, severally and firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 30th day of December Anno Domini 1800.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden **WILLIAM WATSON** shall make his personal appearance at the county court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions; to be held for the county of Northampton on the first Monday in March next, then and there to answer unto **JOHN D**. **WHITE** of a plea of trespass on the case wherefore & c. damage one hundred pounds and then and there stand to and abide by the Judgment of the said court, and not depart the same without leave had and obtained, when the obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

WILLIAM WATSON {seal}

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

SILAS LONG {seal} JAMES MCDOWEL LAWRENCE DICKINSON {seal}

I **RICHARD PUTNEY** sheriff of Northampton county, do hereby assign the above obligation and condition to **JOHN D**. **WHITE** the plaintiff therein named, his executors and administrators, to be sued for according to the statute in such case made and provided.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord 1800

RICHARD PUTNEY

State of North Carolina Northampton County

To the sheriff of Northampton County, Greeting:

Whereas we by our writ have commanded you, that you should cause to be made of the goods and chattles of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** in the hands of his executors the sum of two hundred and three pounds seven shillings: Whereof the said Benjamin Bryan executors is convicted, as to us appears of record; and that you should have those monies before the Justices of our county court of pleas and quarter sessions, at our next court to be held for the county of Northampton at the courthouse in Northampton on the 1st Monday of September next, then and there to render to the said **ETHELDRED** [SMITH] & LAWRENCE SMITH their damages and costs as aforesaid. And you at that day returned to us that you, by virtue of our writ to you directed for that purpose, had taken three Negroes.

Therefore, we command you that you expose to the sale the goods and chattels, lands and tenements aforesaid, of the said **BENJAMIN BRYAN** executors and have you those monies before our Justices of our county court of pleas and quarter sessions, to be held at the court house in Northampton on the 1st Monday of December next, to render to the said **ETHELDRED** & **LAWRENCE SMITH** the sum two hundred & three pounds seven shillings for their damages and costs as aforesaid.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ.

Witness **EATON HAYNES** Clerk of our said court, at Northampton the 1st Monday of September in the twenty fifth year of our independence.

E. HAYNES, CC

ETHELDRED & LAWRENCE SMITH

vs vend expenses

BENJAMIN BRYAN Executors

To December Court 1800

issued 10th September

State of North Carolina

To the sheriff of Northampton County, greeting

We command you that of the goods and chattels of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased in the hands of **SILAS LONG** & wife, his executors as heretofore you caused me made the sum of one hundred twenty five pounds eleven shillings which **JOHN LAWRENCE**'s executors lately in our court of pleas and quarter sessions, held for the county of Northampton at the courthouse in Northampton, recovered against them for the debt of a suit as also the sum of three shillings & nine pence for costs and charges in the said suit expended. Whereof the said executors are liable, as appears to us of record.

And have you the said monies before our said court at Northampton, aforesaid, on the first Monday in September next, then and there to render the said **JOHN LAWRENCE** executors their costs and charges aforesaid.

Herein fail not, and have you been in there this writ.

Witness **EATON HAYNES** Clerk of our said Court, the first day of June Anno Domini 1801 and the 25th year of Independence.

E. HAYNES CC

JOHN LAWRENCE Executors

VS

BENJAMIN BRYAN's Executors

to September Court 1801 issued 30th June

Satisfied **RICHARD PUTNEY**

Received 29th June 1801

State of North Carolina

The sheriff of Northampton County, greeting.

You are hereby commanded to make known to **SILAS LONG** that he be and appear at our next inferior Court of pleas and quarter sessions to be held for Northampton County on the first Monday in March next to show cause, if any he hath, wherefore he should not procure other security in the plan and stead of **STEPHEN JOHNSON** for the guardianship of the orphans of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** late deceased otherwise deliver up the set guardianship to **STEPHEN JOHNSON** as security as aforesaid agreeable to the petition of said **STEPHEN JOHNSON** filed this term.

Herein fail not and have you then and there this writ.

Witness **RICHARD W. FRUAR** Deputy Clerk of said Court the 7th day of December 1801 in the 20th year of our independence

RICHARD W. FRUAR DCC

STEPHEN JOHNSON

vs

SILAS LONG

Subpoena in Chancery

Executed JOHN NICHOLAS, sheriff

The estate of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased in account with **SILAS LONG** administrator [LIST OF EXPENSES 1800, 1801, 1802]

Benjamin Bryan Account Current March 1803 Recorded Northampton County 1st March Court 1803

This account of sale of the estate of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** Deceased was proved by the oath of _____ & ordered to be recorded.

Witnewss

R. W. FRUAR, Deputy Clerk

Northampton County

March Court 1804

Ordered that **JOSEPH PITT, ISAAC PARKER, JOHN KNOX** & **RICHARD WHITAKER** ESQUIRE or any two or three of them audit, state & settle the accounts of Silas Long as executor of **BENJAMIN BRYAN**, deceased, & make report thereof.

Witness R. W. FRUAR, D. CLK.

The estate of Benjamin Bryan, deceased, on account current [Several partial names & business names have been omitted]

WILLIAM ANNIS **BETTY ATHERTON CONNSEL BASS** SARAH BEDINGFIELDS HENRY BOON WILLIAM BRIGERS **DUNCAN CAMERON** JOHN CHASE JOSIAH CONNER WILLIAM COOPER HENRY CRITENDEN JAMES DAUGHTRY JOHN DREW JOHN EATON FITTS **ELIAS FOORT** JONNAS GEE WILLIAM GRANBERRY **RICHARD GRANT** WILLIAM GRANT JOHN HALL **RICK LAWRENCE** WILLIAM B. LOCKHART NICHOLAS LONG JAMES MOORE JOHN NICHOLAS SOLOMON PACE DOCTOR PARKER'S LEN. PENICHIN XXX THOMAS POLLOK SAMUEL POWELL **RICHARD PUTNEY** WILLIAM RHEA JESSE RHINNER XXX WILLIAM ROWAN JAMES SHARPE ETHELDRED SMITH WILLIAM TURIS XXX JOHN VEAL WILLIAM WATSON JOHN D. WHITE ANTHONY WILLIAMS DARREL YOUNG

Pursuant to the annexed order we the subscribers examined the accounts of Silas Long as executor with the estate of Benjamin Bryan, the younger, deceased and find them as above stated.

Given under our hands this 31st day of August 1804.

ISAAC PARKER JOSEPH PITT R. WHITAKER

BENJAMIN BRYANT

Account Current September 1804 Recorded

BENJAMIN BRYAN Orphans Return

1806

Account Current March 1807

The orphans of Benjamin Bryan, deceased, in account current with **SILAS LONG** Guardian

[List of expenses & revenues]

From the above statement which appears to be just, from the best we can obtain, there is a balance due from the estate of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** Deceased to Silas Long, executor of said deceased, the sum of four hundred and twenty nine pounds, three shillings and one farthing, Virginia money.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the 10th day of February 1807

R. WHITAKER JOSEPH PITT H. ABINGTON Northampton

December Court 1813

Ordered that WILLIAM GOORLEY, RICHARD WHITAKER, JOHN NICHOLAS and CORNELIUS MOORE or any three of them settle the accounts of SILAS LONG as guardian to JOHN BRYAN and make report thereof.

А Сору

Test

JOHN [BRYAN] Bryant orphan & c. in account current with SILAS LONG, Guardian & c.

[List of expenses & revenues]

Pursuant to the annexed order to us directed, we have settled the account of Silas Long, as Guardian of JOHN BRYANT, & find a balance due the orphan as above stated September 3^{rd} , 1814

- **R. WHITAKER**
- J. NICHOLAS
- C. MOORE

Northampton

June Court 1814

Ordered that WILLIAM GOORLEY, RICHARD WHITAKER, JOHN NICHOLAS and CORNELIUS MOORE or any three of them settle the accounts of SILAS LONG former guardian to DAVIS BRYAN [BRYANT] and NANCY BRYAN [BRYANT] and make report thereof.

А Сору

Test

The estate of BENJAMIN BRYANT, deceased, in account current Silas Long and wife executors. Sales of Negroes to: S. FOORT GEE WILLIAM GILMORE HARRISON LONG WILLIAM POLLOCK **R. PUTNEY DEMPSEY WINBORNE** D. YOUNG WILLIAM AMIS **BETTY ATHERTON** SARAH BEDINGFIELD D. CAMRON JOHN DREW 0. FILLS **ELIAS FOORT** JAMES GEE WILLIAM GRANBERRY **RICHARD GRANT** WILLIAM GRANT J. HALL S. KINCHEN JOHN KNOX **R. LAURENCE** E. LEWIS WILLIAM B. LOCKHART N. LONG JAMES MCDOWELL SOLOMON PACE **ISAAC PARKER** P. PRITCHARD **RICHARD PUTNEY** WILLIAM REA J. RHYMES JESSE RHYMES WILLIAM ROWAN JOHN VEAL WILLIE WATSON JOHN D. WHITE A. E. WILLIAMS

Pursuant to the annexed order to us directed, we have settled the accounts of **SILAS LONG**, executor of **BENJAMIN BRYANT**, deceased, & find a balance due the estate as above stated, which balance was paid the executor by **JOHN** & **DAVIS BRYANT** out the balance of this guardian account. Given under our hands this 3rd day of September 1814.

R. WHITAKER

JOHN BRYANT orphan & c. in accounts current with SILAS LONG, guardian & c.

[List of expenses & revenues]

Pursuant to the annexed order to us directed, we have settled the account of **SILAS LONG** as guardian of **JOHN BRYANT**, & find a balance due the orphan as above stated.

September 3rd 1814

- **R. WHITAKER**
- J. NICHOLAS
- C. MOORE

JOHN BRYANT orphan

Account currant with

SILAS LONG, guardianship

December 1814

Recorded

TOM HUGHES

Northampton

December Court 1814

This account was returned into court by the commissioners & ordered to be recorded.

Test

DAVIS BRYANT orphan & c. in accounts current with SILAS LONG, guardian & c.

[List of expenses & revenues]

Pursuant to the annexed order to us directed, we have settled the account of **SILAS LONG** as guardian of **DAVIS BRYANT**, & find a balance due the orphan as above stated.

September 3rd 1814

- **R. WHITAKER**
- J. NICHOLAS
- C. MOORE

DAVIS BRYANT orphan

Account currant with

SILAS LONG, guardianship

December 1814

Recorded

TOM HUGHES

Northampton

December Court 1814

This account was returned into court by the commissioners & ordered to be recorded.

Test

NANCY BRYANT orphan & c. in accounts current with SILAS LONG, guardian & c.

[List of expenses & revenues]

Pursuant to the annexed order to us directed, we have settled the account of **SILAS LONG** as guardian of **NANCY BRYANT**, & find a balance due the orphan as above stated.

September 3rd 1814

- **R. WHITAKER**
- J. NICHOLAS
- C. MOORE

NANCY BRYANT orphan

Account currant with

SILAS LONG, guardianship

December 1814

Recorded

TOM HUGHES

Northampton

December Court 1814

This account was returned into court by the commissioners & ordered to be recorded.

Test

January 3rd 1825

We the undersigned have valued the hire of the Negroes belonging to the estate of **BENJAMIN BRYAN**, deceased, from the **DEATH OF HIS WIFE**, which took place 2^{ND} JULY [1825] until the 1st of October, being two months twenty eight days at one hundred dollars.

Given under our hands

BRYAN RANDOLPH WILLIAM JOSEY STEPHEN LORSBY Administration Bonds

Debonis Non

LEMUEL LONG

on

BENJAMIN BRYAN's Estate

September Court 1825

State of North Carolina Northampton County

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that **LEMUEL LONG**, **JAMES H**. **WOOD**, and **STEPHEN BROWN** are held and firmly bound unto **HARDY COBB** Chairman, and other Justices of the County Court of Northampton in the sum of ten thousand dollars to be paid to the Chairman, or his successors in office, or other Justices of the County of Northampton. To the which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by theses presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 6th day of September 1825.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the above bounden LEMUEL **LONG**, Administrator or de bonis non of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased, do make or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, knowledge or possession of the said LEMUEL LONG or into the hands or possession of any person or persons for LEMUEL LONG and the same so made to exhibit or cause to be exhibited to our said County Court of Northampton within ninety days after the date of these presents, and the same goods, chattels and credits, and all other goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death, or which at any time hereafter shall come into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for LEMUEL LONG do well and truly administer according to law: and further, do make or cause to be made, a true and just account of his said administration, within the time required by the Act of Assembly after the date of these presents, and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels and credits, which shall be found remaining in the hands of, or due from, the said Administrator shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively, as the same shall become due, pursuant to the true intent and meaning of the Act of Assembly in that case made and provided. And if it shall appear that any Will or Testament was made by the deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same in court, making a request to have it allowed and approved of accordingly, if the said LEMUEL LONG, above bounden, being thereto required, do render and deliver the said letters of administration, (Approbation of such Testament being first had and made in the said court,) then his obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

LEMUEL LONG JAMES H. WOOD S. BROWN

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

THOMAS PEELLE, JP

Account of sales of property belonging to the estate of **BENJAMIN BRYAN**, sold the 30^{th} day of December, 1825 on six months credit by **LEMUEL LONG**, Administrator.

WILLIE LANGFORD JOSEPH GRIFFIN

BENJAMIN BRYAN

Valuation of Negroes

March Court 1826

Northampton County

March Court 1826

This valuation of Negroes was returned to court and ordered to be certified and recorded.

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BENJAMIN BRYAN

Account of sales

By **LEMUEL LONG**, administrator

March Court 1826

Account of sales to be returned to March Court

Northampton County

March Court 1826

This account of sales of the estate of **BENJAMIN BRYAN** deceased was returned on oath of **LEMUEL LONG**, administrator, and ordered to be certified and recorded.

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