said paper-writing be subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator.

And this deponent further saith that at the said time, when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Wm Poe was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent, And further these deponents say not.

W A Graham (seal)
A F Barnes (seal)

Severally sworn & subscribed
this 6th day of Nov 1880
before me
W M Reinhardt
Probate Judge

James Bryans Will

In the name of God Amen I James Bryan of the County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of human life, do this the 15th day of November (1878) Eighteen hundred & Seventy eight make this my last will & Testament in manner & form as follows viz. I will that in the first place all my just and lawful debts be paid & that my body be buried in a decent and respectable manner

Secondly I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Bryan all of the tract of land on which I now live joining lands of Nathaniel Hager Jim Dilly Wilmoth & others including or containing about 88 Acres more or less. Also I will & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth 50 acres of the tract of land I bought of Stephen Morris to be laid out on the north end of the tract so as to give her both water

Land & Bottom. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Bryan a small tract of land which I purchased from Capt. Stager & Mary Stager joining land of Wm & John Stager deceased it being 50 acres more or less.

Thirdly I give and bequeath that the of the Morris land tract of land after taking off the 50 acres for Elizabeth be divided between my son Philip & Children Margaret & James Bryan and my daughter Dinny Little so as to give Philip & Children 1/4 each and Dinny Little 1/2 of the remainder —

Fourthly I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth all of the Bal of my property of every description whatever including Cows, hogs and Poultry, all farming utensils including Wagon, all household & Kitchen furniture including Bedding & Bedsteads Wear and every thing of that sort. Also all moneys that may be on hands at my death & all money due me in notes which may be collected at & after my death. I have thus made ample provisions for my daughter Elizabeth for the love & affection I have for her because she has always lived with me and helped me to make & to take care of all that I have, all the lands & money, notes and furniture of all description named and willed to my daughter Elizabeth Bryan during her life time at her death are to go to my great grand children James Alexander Beal Sifford and my grand daughter Isabella Sifford shall have a home with James Sifford during her life time or widowhood to go to him and to his heirs forever

Lastly I will and desire that my friend J W A Payne act as my executor in carrying out the provisions of this my last will and testament and I hereby revoke all former wills. this day & date above written

In witness whereof I hereunto set my name and affix my seal

James his X mark Bryan (Seal)

Test B W Sutton
S C Sutton

Probate Order

Bryan, James 1881

SHAW-WALKER
#9203R Third Cut

In the Name of God Amen I James Bryan of the county of Lincoln & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of human life do this the 15th day of November (1878) eighteen hundred & seventy Eight make this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows.

Viz I will that in the first place all my just and lawful debts be paid & that my body be buried in a decent & respectable manner,

Secondly

I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Bryan all of the tract of land on which I now live joining lands of Nathanial Hager, Mrs Dilly Wilson & others including or containing about 83 acres more or less Also I will and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth 50 acres of the tract of land bought of Stephen Morris to be laid out on the north end of the tract so as to give her both wood land and Bottom Also I will and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Bryan a small tract of land which I purchased from Capt Hager and Mary Hager joining land of Aunt John Hager deceased it being 30 acres more or less

Thirdly

I will and bequeath that the rest of the Morris tract of land after taking off the 50 acres for Elizabeth, be divided between my son Philip & 2 children Margret & James

Bryan and my Daughter Dinny Little, so as to give Philips 2 children 1/4 each and Dinny Little 1/2 of the Remainder,
Fourthly I will and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabette all of the Bal of my property of every description whatever including Cows hogs and poultry all farming utensils including Wagon all household & kitchen furniture including Bedding & Bedsteads ware and every thing of that Sort, Also all Moneys that may be on hands at my death & all Money due me in notes which may be collected at & after my death, I have thus made ample provisions for my Daughter Elizabette for the love and affection I have for her because she has always lived with me and helped me to make and to take care of all that I have, all the lands and money notes and furnitures of all discription named and willed to my Daughter Elizabeth Bryan During her life time, at her death are to go to my Great Grand Son James Alexander Beal Sifford and my Grand daughter Isabelle Sifford shall have a home with James Sifford During her life time or widowhood, to go to him and to his heirs forever
Lastly I will and desire that my friend J. H. A. Bain act as my executor in carrying out the provisions of this my Last will and testament and I hereby revoke all former wills, the day and date above written In witness Whereof I hereunto set my name & affix my my Seal

Test { W. C. Hetton
S. C. Hetton

James his mark Bryan (Seal)
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No. 79.—PROBATE OF WILL.—Printed and for sale by Edwards, Broughton & Co., Printers and Binders, Raleigh, N. C.

**State of North Carolina,**
Lincoln County. } ss. IN THE PROBATE COURT.

A paper purporting to be the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of James Bryan deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County, by J. W. A. Pain is duly proven the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said James Bryan by the oath and examination of B. M. Jetton and S. C. Jetton the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of James Bryan deceased that the said James Bryan in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the fifteenth day of November 1878.

AND THE DEPONENT FURTHER SAITH, That the said James Bryan the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said James Bryan was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent: And further these deponents say not.

B. M. Jetton (Seal.)
S. C. Jetton (Seal.)
(Seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 6 day of June 1881, before me,
W. M. Rowe
Probate Judge.

James Bryan's
Will

North Carolina }
Lincoln County }

John T. Dulany, being duly sworn according to law, says:-

That he is the editor & publisher of the "Lincoln Progress" a newspaper published in the Town of Lincolnton in said County of Lincoln issued weekly.

That he published in said newspaper for four (4) successive weeks, beginning with the issue of said paper dated the 18 day of June 1881 & ending with the issue dated the 30 day of July 1881, the following notice, viz:-

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Estate of
James Bryan dec'd
affidavit of
Publication of
Notice to
Creditors.

# OATH OF EXECUTOR.

I, J. W. A. Paine

do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of James Bryan, deceased, and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts, and then his legacies, as far as the said estate shall extend or the Law will charge; and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of Executor, agreeably to the trust and confidence reposed in me, and according to Law; So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 6 day of July 1881

Wm Beechard

Judge of Probate for Lincoln County.

J. W. A. Paine

Executor.

**No. 82.—Application for Letters Testamentary.**—Printed and for sale by Edwards, Broughton & Co., Raleigh.

Lincoln **County:—In the Probate Court.**

*IN THE MATTER OF THE WILL OF* James Bryan dec.

*Before* W. M. Rankhorn
*Judge of Probate.*

J. W. A. Paine *being sworn, doth say:*

*That* James Bryan, *late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; and that* he, affiant, J. W. A. Paine *is the executor named therein.*

*Further, that the* personal *property of the said* James Bryan dec.
*consisting of* Money, solvent credits, household & kitchen furniture &c

*is worth about* $1000.00 *so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that* James Biffird, as affiant is informed & believes, is the person entitled to said personal property — That said deceased owned land worth about $3000.00, & that said James Biffird, James & Maggie Bryan, & Dunny Little

are ~~are~~ *the parties entitled under said will to the said* personal *property.*

*Sworn to and subscribed before me, this* 6 *day of* June *1887.*

W. M. Rankhorn
*Probate Judge.*

J. W. A. Paine

B.V.S.—Form 7

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# NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
## BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
## STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

479

1 PLACE OF DEATH Registration District No. 55-724

County Lincoln State Register No. 15

Township Catawba Springs or Village or

City Davidson McP.O.R.F.D. St. Ward

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Isabel Sifford 163

(a) Residence. No. Lincoln Ave St. Ward.

(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

### PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 Sex: Female

4 Color or Race: White

5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (*write* the word): Widowed

5a If married, widowed, or divorced Husband of (or) Wife of: William Sifford

6 Date of birth (month, day, and year): Oct 8 1833

7 Age: years 85 Months 6 Days 10 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8 Occupation of deceased

(a) Trade, Profession, or particular kind of work: Housekeeper

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): None

(c) Name of employer

9 Birthplace (city or town) (State or country): Lincoln Co

Parents

10 Name of Father: John Little

11 Birthplace of Father (city or town) (State or country): N. C.

12 Maiden Name of Mother: Dennie Bryant

13 Birthplace of Mother (city or town) (State or country): N. C.

14 Informant: W. H. Henkle

(Address): Davidson N.C. R.F.D.

15 Filed April 8 1919 W. H. Lord REGISTRAR

### MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 Date of Death (month, day, and year): April 18 1919

17

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec-18, 1918, to April 18, 1919

that I last saw h[illegible] alive on April 10, 1919

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at [illegible] p.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Aortic Regurgitation 1 yr

(duration) yrs. 8 mos. ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY): Arteriosclerosis

about (duration) 3 yrs. mos. ds.

18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

Did an operation precede death? Date of

Was there an autopsy?

What test confirmed diagnosis?

(Signed) H. N. Abernethy, M.D.

, 19 (Address) Denver N. C.

*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or removal: W. H. Henkle Cemetery

Date of Burial: April 19 1919

20 Undertaker: Factor Bros

Address: Mt Holly N.C.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIAN should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.