

Bryan, Thomas

1789

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas J. Bryan
of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina
being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory
and calling to mind the frailty of all mankind.
do therefore make and ordain this my Last Will
and Testament. that is to say:

First and immediately I recommend my Soul
to Almighty God who gave it, and my Body after
my decease to be buried in a decent Christian
like manner as my Executors hereinafter named
and appointed shall think proper.

My Will and desire is that all my just debts
may be paid by my Executors.

I give and bequeath to my Sisters Ann Ryan,
Sarah Baker, Fannet Ough & Minnie Read
forty shillings each, and to my Sisters Martha
and Elisabeth Bryan five pounds each to be paid
to them by my Executors in twelve months after
my decease.

I give and bequeath to my Brother Edward Bryan
my land and Improvements thereon at Black
Walnut point containing one Hundred and
Twenty Two Acres or thereabouts, also the following
Negroes Scipio, Bob, Jimmy, and her child Jerry
with her increase hereafter, with my Household
Goods and Kitchen Furniture, my Plantations,

Utensils of every kind whatsoever and my Stock of
Cattle and all and singular the residue of my
Estate after paying my Legacies and just debts.
to him and his Heirs for ever

Lastly, I make, ordain, nominate, constitute
and appoint my Trusty Friends Thomas Whit-
mell Hugh Daniel Morley, and my Brother
Edward Bryan Executors to this my last Will
and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills,
and declaring this to be my only Will in being.
In Witness thereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my Seal this Fourth day
of December — in the Year of Our Lord One
thousand Seven Hundred and eighty eight.

Signed, sealed, published,
pronounced & declared
by the Testator to be his
last Will and Testament
in presence of —

Thomas Bryan

Wm Jordan

Wm Smith

Thomas Bryan

State of N. Carolina
Berke County Feb. 4 Term 1709

The Last Will & Testament of Tho.
mas Bryan Decd. was proved in due form of
Law by the Oath of William Smith one of
the subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be Re-
corded

Stevens Gray etc

Thos. Bryan's
Will