

In the name of God Amen, I Obadiah Bryant of Chatham County & State of North Carolina being in sound mind and memory blessed be to God do this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Feb<sup>y</sup> in the year of our Lord 1800 make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following, that is to say, I do bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Bryant my plantation one bed & furniture, 2 basins, 2 dishes, 6 plates, 1 horse, mares Dick, two cows & calves, a cow & pigs, eight shoats, a negro wench Tab enduring her life time or widowhood and at her death or marriage to be equally divided between the children that is now living with me, that is to say Jeremiah, Edy, Phillip & Letty. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Right one horse, a bed, some geese & a heifer which she has already received to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Harby, one mare, a bed, one cow and some calves which she has already received to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my son Reading Bryant one mare & saddle, a cow & bed, some hogs which he has now in possession to him and his heirs forever. And my will and desire is that the rest of my property which has not been already mentioned be equally divided between the rest of my children, Jeremiah, Edy, Letty, Philip and Letty to them and their heirs forever, they paying an equal part of what is still due to Mr. Stokes for a branch & child. My will and desire also is that the plantation whereon I now live shall belong to my son Jeremiah Bryant at his mother's death or widowhood to him and his heirs forever. My will and desire also is that my son Philip Bryant have a certain tract of land adjoining the old place containing 215 acres to him and his heirs forever. And I do hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Elijah Harby my son Jeremiah and my wife Keers of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Obadiah Bryant have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and year first above mentioned. Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Obadiah Bryant the Testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Test  
Joseph Brantley  
Alice <sup>his</sup> Belling  
mark

Proved by the Oath of Abel Relling at  
May 1800  
J. R.

Obadiah Bryant (Seal)

Know all men by these presents that we Richard Copland, John Bowers, Benjamin Dorton all of the County of Chatham & State of North Carolina for diverse good causes & considerations hereunto moving have constituted and appointed our trusty friend Joseph Stewart of the County and State aforesaid our attorney at law to demand, sue for, and recover every sum or sums due us respectively from the commissioners of Army Accounts or any other department for that purpose in the State of North Carolina, and we do by these presents constitute and appoint the said Joseph Stewart our lawful attorney to demand, receive, sue for and recover all and singular such sum or sums as we may be entitled to at pay or representation of pay for our services in the late Continental Army of the United States in the same manner as if we ourselves were personally present. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1772.

Signed.

Richard Copland (Seal)

Benjamin Dorton (Seal)

John Bowers (Seal)