

BRYAN, Hardy

1760

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In the Name of God Amen: I Hardy Bryan of the pr-
ovince of North Carolina & Curran County, Planter, being
sick in body, but of sound Mind & Memory, do make my
last Will & Testament in the form & Manner following
that is to say, - - - It is my will that the planta-
tion on which my son Thomas now lives consisting
of about Two Hundred & seventy Acres be divided by
the Ash Branch, & then I give & bequeath that part
of it lying on the North Side of the Ash Branch to
my said Son Thomas to him & his Heirs for ever. I fur-
ther give & bequeath to my son Thomas one Negroe
man named Edinboro, & one Negroe girl named Lucy
which said Lucy is already in the Possession of my
son Thomas. - - -

I give & bequeath to my son William a piece of land
two hundred & seventy five Acres of Land, be the same more
or less, which I bought of my brother Lewis & is adjoining to the
Land of Frederick John. I further give & bequeath to my son William
to him & his heirs for ever one hundred Acres of Land which
I bought of Frederic Jones & lying on the West Side of
Swamp River. I further give & bequeath to my son William
one Negroe boy named Cain, which I have already delivered
into his Possession. - - -

It is my will & desire that the plantation or survey of Land
on which I now live be equally divided, & then I give & be-
queath to my son Hardy to him & his heirs for ever after the
Marriage or death of his affectionate Mother, the upper half
of the said plantation or survey, or that half of it on which
the houses are now erected. - - - And I give & bequeath to my
son Nathan to him & his heirs for ever, the other
part of the said plantation or survey of Land. But
if my son Nathan should die without Issue or before he
arrives at the age of Twenty five years then I give & bequeath
the whole of the said plantation or survey of Land I now
live upon to my son Hardy, to him & his heirs for ever
or if my son after the Marriage or Death of his affectionate
Mother, or if my son Hardy should die without Issue

or before he arrives at the Age of Twenty One years, then I
give & bequeath the said whole Plantation or Survey of Land
on which I now live to my Son Nathan to him & his heirs
forever after the Marriage or death of his affectionate
Mother. - But if both my Sons Hardy & William
should die without Issue or before the Age of Twenty
One years, then whatever Land I have given & bequeath
ed to my Sons Hardy & William I give & bequeath to my
son Lewis to him & his heirs for ever.

I give & bequeath to my son Isaac, to him & his heirs
for ever, one half of the plantation or Land on which
my son Thomas now lives namely that tract of
which lies on the south side of the Ash Branch.

I give & bequeath to my son Lewis to him & his heirs
for ever, one front lot in the Town of Newbern lying
upon Mice River & one of my two front lots in
the said Town lying upon Trent River, it being
my will that my son Lewis shall take his choice
of the said two lots lying upon Trent River.

But if my son Isaac should die without Issue
or before he arrives at the Age of Twenty One years
then I give & bequeath to son Lewis to him & his heirs
forever all the Land ~~at~~ which I have given & bequeathed
to my son Isaac. But if my son Lewis should die

without Issue or before he arrives at the Age of
Twenty One years, then I give & bequeath to my son
Isaac to him & his heirs for ever, all the Lots in Newbern
which I have given & bequeathed to my son Lewis.

I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary to her &
her heirs for ever, one Front lot in the Town of
Newbern lying on Trent, after my son Lewis has taken
his choice of the two lots as before mentioned

It is my will & desire that my loving wife Sarah, so long as she shall continue my widow or live unmarried, shall have one half of the plantation or survey of Land on which I now live, particularly the upper half or that half or part on which the houses are now erected. And it is further my will & desire, that as long as my loving wife Sarah shall continue my widow or live unmarried, she shall have the use & profit of the following five Negroes namely, one Negro Man named David, one Negro Man named Pomp, one Negro Man named Frank, one Negro Man named Ben & one Negro Girl named Jella; But then it is my will & desire that my loving wife Sarah shall find Meat, Drink, Washing, Lodging, & Clothing for my Children till they are married or arrive at the age of Twenty one Year but of the profits arising from the plantation & the Labour of the five Slaves above mentioned. And it is further my will that the said five Negroes David, Pomp, Frank, Ben & Jella be equally divided among all my Children, at the Marriage or death of my loving wife Sarah. — I likewise give & bequeath to my loving wife Sarah, all my Stocks of cattle, Hogs, Sheep & Horses, all my household furniture, all my Plantation Tools & Implements of Husbandry.

It is further my will & desire that my following six Children, namely, my sons William, Hardy, Nathan, Isaac & Lewis & my Daughter Mary, or the Survivors of them, shall have & be equal Shares of all the rest of my Negroes not mentioned in this Will, in the Manner following, that is to say, the rest of my Negroes not mentioned in this Will shall not be immediately divided, but each of my said Children, namely, William, Hardy, Nathan, Isaac, Lewis & Mary, shall have & receive his or her share of the said Negroes & their Increase on the Day the day of Marriage or at the age of Twenty one Year. And it is my

that when any one of my said children shall
have received his or her share of the said Negroes as before
directed; he or she so receiving his or her share shall
not have any claim or Title to the remaining slaves
or their future Increase.

I do hereby nominate & appoint my sons Thomas
& William Executors & my loving Wife Sarah execu-
trix of this my last Will & Testament, & I do hereby
revoke & disannul all other Wills heretofore by me
made. Witness my hand & seal this Twenty eight
Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred & sixty

Signed, sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of the words for
ever, being first interlined in this
said Will of this Will.

Hardy Bryan

James Reid

Thomas Allen

Matthew Carter

His Mark

Noted on 6. May 1760. The foregoing last Will and Testament of Hardy
Bryan deceased was duly proved before me by the Oaths of James Reid and
Matthew Carter said next of kin to the said Hardy Bryan deceased
the Executors within named and Sarah Bryan named executrix in the foregoing
Will qualified before me by taking the oath of Executor and Executrix.

Let Letters Testamentary issue to the said Thomas Bryan and Sarah
Bryan on the foregoing Will accordingly.

Arthur Dobbs

Hardy Bryan
Feb 28 1760