In the Name of God amen I Smith Bryan of Edgecomb County and state of North Carolina being in tollerable
Saw state of health but of sound and Disposing and perfect Memmory (blessed be God) do this the
Eighteenth Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and nine make and
and Publish this my Last will and testament in Manner and form following that is to say —
ofthe first I Desire all my just Debts to be paid ——

Ithm I Lend to my Beloved wife Martha Bryan a peice of Land Lying in manner and form following
(viz) begining on the south side of fishing Creek at a cypress about two hundred yards above the old ford
standing in the Edge of the Creek running thence to a persoon tree at the Corner of the orchard
thence across the old feild to the mouth of the persoon Branch to a white oak then up the
various Sources of the branch to the back Line — after ~~running~~ runing this Line then all the Land
next to Silis Bryans to the old Line I Lend to her During her widowhood or Life and after her
widowhood or Life I give it to my Doughter Nancy Bryan to her and her heirs for ever —
further I Lend my Beloved wife Martha Bryan During her widowhood or Life three negros one named
Ephrom one named Pinck one named Joe after her widowhood or life the negro man Ephrom I
give to my son Demcy Bryan and the negro woman Pinck I give to my son Drury Bryan
and the negro Boy Joe I give to my son James Bryan — further I give my wife one horse Bridle
and saddle and she is to take choise of my stock of horses one bed and furniture two Cows and Calves
two sows and pigs six head of Sheep choise of all the stock two pots one Dutch oven one pan
one skillet two Dishes two basons half a Dozen Pewter plates half of all the Earthen ware half
a Dozen knifes and forkes half Dozen spons and the further sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars
in cash to be paid her in three months after my Decease to build her a house if I do not build
one before my Decease — all this property except the three negros after her widowhood or Life is to
return to my Estate and be sold by my Executors and Divided between my six Children ——

Ithm I give to my son James Bryan all the Land I bought of Turner Bryan and Joshua Laurence
and two negros arch and Jenny and the further sum of one hundred Dollars in cash to him and
his heirs forever — — — — — — — — — — —

Ithm I give to my son Demcy Bryan one negro woman Pat and the further sum of one hundred and
fifty Dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever ——

Ithm I give to my Doughter Catey Murphrey the sum of five hundred Dollars in cash to be paid
her or her heirs if call for in five years after my Decease if not call for by the end of five years
then it is my will that it should be Devided between my five other Children ——

Ithm I give to my son Silis Bryan all the Land I bought of Jacob Proctor and two negros
Dannel and Isaac one still and the further sum of one hundred Dollars in cash to him and
his heirs for ever ——

Ithm I give to my son Drury Bryan all the Ballance of my Land not named in this my last
will and two one negro named Ned one still I bought of Richard Lessuns and the further sum
of one hundred Dollars in cash to him and his heirs for ever ——

Ithm I give to my Doughter Nancy Bryan two negroes Milly and Mary one chair and harness
and the further sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars in cash to her and her heirs for ever ——

Lastly it is my will and Desire that all my property not above mentioned should be sold
by my Executors and Equally Divided between my six Children ——

and I hereby ordain and appoint my worth friends Joshua Laurence and my son Demcy Bryan

Executors of this my Last will and testament Disavowing all other wills I do confirm this my Last will and testament by setting hereunto my hand and seal this the Day and Date above written

Signed Seald and Published in presence of us and Declared by the said Smith Bryan to be his Last will and testament

Smith Bryan (Seal)

Britain Jones. x

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Dempsy Bryant quat.

Escambe County May Court 1811

The within last will and Testament of Smith Bryan dec^d was exhibited into Court for Probate and was duly proven by the oaths of Britain Jones and Turner Bryant the two subscribing Witnesses thereto. And Dempsey Bryan one of the Executors named in the said will was at the same time qualified thereto in due form of Law — Ordered that the same be Certified and the Will Recorded.

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