

for the sake of God. Amen the twelfth of February Eighteen Hundred
and Eighteen I Lewis Bryan of Johnston County and State of North
Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory
thanks be given unto God for the same therefore calling to mind the mortality
of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do
make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say finally
and first of all I give and Recommend my soul in to hands of God that
gave it and my body I Recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent
Christian burial at the directions of my Executors and as touching such worldly
estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give
demand dispose of the same in following manner and form —
I am I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Cicely Bryan four Hundred and
forty four acres of Land during her natural life time and after her death
to be equally divided between my two daughters Elizabeth Bryan Avey Bryan
to them and their heirs for ever also I give to my beloved wife Cicely Bryan
four cows and calves and sixteen head of hogs and one feather bed and furniture
also I give and bequeath to my ^{two} daughters Elizabeth Bryan and Avey Bryan

one feather bed and furniture each also I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth
Cicely Bryan six hoes six plates one dish one case of knives and forks to her
during her natural lifetime and ~~after~~ ^{at} her death for her to divide them as
she thinks proper also I give to my wife one seat and hooks
and the Balance of my Estate I leave to be sold and my debts paid and
the Residue after paying my debts to be equally divided between my
four sons William Bryan Robert Bryan James Bryan and Frederick Bryan
and my daughter ~~Cicely Bryan~~ ^{Elizabeth} woor and
I likewise constitute and appoint my two sons Robert Bryan and Frederick
Bryan my executors of this my last will and testament and I do pronounce
this to be my last will and testament and no other in witness where of
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date
first above written

his
Lewis B Bryan (seal)
mark

signed and sealed }
in presents of us }
Joseph D. S.
Blake ^{his} H. Kincon
Bartholomew ^{mark} H. Kincon
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