Benjamin Bryan
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Lovard Bryans
Will
Proved February Court
1798

Leonard Bryan

In the Name of God Amen. Considering ye Frailty of Human Nature. & being very weak & in a Low state of Health. Tho. sound mind & memory: Blessed be God for the same Doe Make constitute & ordain this my Last will & Testament. In manner and form following: - - - - - - - - - - - - (to wit)

I Item Give and Bequith unto my Brother Clement Bryan Two Lots of Land in the City of Owensburgh N. as follow one fifty Six & the other forty Two to him his Heirs and Assigns for Ever.

I Item Give and bequeath Unto my Loving wife Elizabeth Elizabeth Bryan Nine Negros Namely. Chaney & her Two Children, Will, Barney. Abram Clarey Olive & Penney. also one half my Houshold & Kitchen furniture. Plantation Tools one half my Stock of Sheep, one half my Breeding Cattle. one half my Breeding Hoggs. five head Horses, namely. Pony W Jacket- Dunn Mair & her Two Colts. to her & her Heirs and Assigns for Ever. Also Lend unto my Loving wife Elizabeth Bryan the Plantation where on I now live with all the Lands belonging to me & Adjoining the same. During her Natural Life,

Also Impow my Executors to sell the whole my Land, in ye Western Country & that ye Money arising from the same to be Equally Devided between my said wife & my son Needham Bryans Also empower them to Purchas Negros, & Land for my Son if they shall think it best for his advantage

Also give unto my Loving wife Elizabeth Bryan after my Just Debts be paid, one half of the money arising from the Debts due me & the sales of the Dry Stock, My will & Desire is that my Executors Discharge all my Just Debts out of the Debts due me & sale of ye Stock as above, Crop & Produce that sall be collected.. the Ballance to be Divid

to be devided after paying my Just Debts to my said wife and Son. as afore said.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my said Son Needham Bryan the whole of my Estate Both Real & Personall (not already Given to my Brother & wife Elizabeth) To Him his Heirs & Assigns for Ever.

I also Empower my Executors hereafter to be Named to make Sale of the Perishable part of my said Son Needham Bryans Estate To hire out the Negros Annually (Seeing the are well Cloth'd & not abused) and rent out his Land, Reserving y^e Timber Except for Plantation use) for the most they will Bring & that Shall appear most to my said Sons Advantage. and the whole the money arising from Sales. Hire & rents after Discharging my Just Debts. Supporting my said Son, &c. be put out to Entrust on Bond with Good Security.

Lastly I appoint to this my Last will and Testament my Brothers Clement Bryan. Benjamin Bryan and James Green Revoaking all other wills by me made and declaring this to be my only true Last will & Testament In Witness I the said Lovard Bryan hath here unto Set my hand & affixed my Seal this 29th Decem^r. 1797

In the Presents of.

Edith Watson

Sally her ✝ Bridges mark

Joseph Green

Lovard Bryan Seal