

to wit Mary and Ned.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha two negroes to wit: Vina and Santha.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son Henry two negroes to wit Mary and Hardy.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elisabeth Jane two negroes to wit Luke and Butons. and all the residue of my property consisting of lands and negroes horses hogs, cattle and sheep household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils it is my desire that all my property

should be divided between my beloved wife Agatha and my beloved daughters Jensey, Nancy Moriah, Martha, Henry and Elisabeth Jane at the death of my father John Batman.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son John one negro by the name of Venas. It is also my desire that all my property should remain together untill after the death of my father.

I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament.

Ruffin Batman (Seal)

Test.

B. Crowell

Hilliard Horn.

Greer Batman.

State of North Carolina, Nash County Nov. Term, 1826

The foregoing last will and testament of Ruffin Batman was exhibited in open court for probate and was duly proven by the oath of James B. Crowell and Hilliard Horn subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded. Attest H. Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

H. Blount C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I William Bryant Sn. of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in low state of health but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do this the twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. First: I lend to my beloved wife Polly Bryant during her natural life the following negroes one negro man named Jacob and one named Ben and two women one named Patience and one named Easter and boy named Tom also two head of horses six cows and calves one yoke of oxen and cart twenty five sheep six pigs, twelve of geese and one riding chair and gear one man saddle, one still and all of my brandy and other such and all my necessary working tools sufficient for my family to be judge of by my executors also I lend to my wife Polly Bryant her life time one feather bed and furniture of her

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved grand children John Rice, Jiney Rice, Nicholas Rice, Berry Rice, and Boykin Rice, children of my daughter Elizabeth Rice now dead the following negroes to wit: one named Claty and child Morning, Liza one named Cresa one Alsey Aisy boy named Jackson and ~~Untraced~~ which negroes is to be equally divided between the above named children as they arrive of lawful age and not to be finally divided at first but to divide them as they come of age each his part in case the above named children shall all die with out lawful begotten heirs of their boddie then the above named negroes will to them descend to and be equally divided unto all of my children. If any of my said grand children before named shall die before they arrive of lawfull age then the said negroes willed to them to be equally divided among the surviving one, Item: I give to my son and law Benjamin Rice the sum of five dollars to be paid him in money by my executors.

Item: I give to my son and law Josiah Vick the sum of five dollars to be paid him in money by executors and all the stock and other property which I lent him now in his possession.

Item: My will and desire is that the following negroes should be sold by my executors on twelve months credit to wit Dave and Little Dave Jinny and her two children, Liza and Munity.

Item: All the rest of my negroes which I have not named in my will I leave to be equally divided among the following children Jency Bryant Eavins Bryant and Delany Bryant also I give and bequeath to my last named children one feather bed and furniture each the negroes which I give to my last named children is not to be divided untill they become of age or should marry then as they arrive of age or marry to draw his equal part from my executors if any of the said children should die not leaving a lawful begotten heir of their boddie then the property should descend and be equally divided among the rest of my children all of my property which I do not dispose of in the will I leave to be sold by my executors and after paying my just debts and satisfying my executors for their trouble the ballance of which I leave to be equally divided between my children Patsy Rice, Sally Strickland, William, Thedy Jency Susan Ewins and Delaney Bryant.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Eavins Bryant one sorrell filley named Bounce saddle and bridle also the land whereon I now live after the death of my wife she is to have the land whereon I now live after it is divided her life time. If my son Eavins should die with out leaving a lawful begotten heir then the land which I give him and I intend to my son will be Bryant and his heirs.

Item: After the death of my wife Patsy Bryant the property which I leave to her for the term of her life I dispose of in the following

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manner first I give to my son William Bryant one negro man named Leon and Jacob Patience Baster and Tom and increase to be equally divided between my son Eavins and Daughter Delany Jiney all the rest of the property which I lend to my beloved wife I leave to be equally divided between my three children Eavins and Delaney Jiney Bryant I do hereby appoint my friend Gideon Bass and my beloved son William Bryant executors to this mylast will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore by me made in witness I have hereunto set myhand and affixed my seal the day and date above written

acknowledged signed, sealed in presence of
 Richard Dozier
 James T. Dozier

his
 William x Bryant (Seal)
 mark.

state of north carolina, Nashcounty Nov. Term, 1826

The foregoing last will and testament of William Bryant was exhibited in open court and duly proven by the oaths of Richard Dozier and James T. Dozier subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded. Attest H Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

H Blount, C.C.C;

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InThe Name of God Amen. I Judith Bissett Being in a low state of heath but of sound mind and memory blessed be God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Item: I give and bequeath to my friend Penny Sherrod one feather bed and all the furniture, one chest all my waring clothes, one note of land on John Bisset for fifty dollars and forty five cents, A parcel of spun cotton and all other articles that belongs to me of every sort to her the said Penny Sherrod and her heirs forever. I do constitute and appoint Mathew Joiner my executor to this mylast will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of June, 1826.

In presence of
 Amos Gandy
 his
 Mathew x Joiner

her
 Judith x Bissett
 mark

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State of North Carolina, Nash county court Feb. term 1827

The foregoing last will and testament of Judith Bissett was duly proven in open court by the oath of Amos Gandy a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded. Attest H Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

H Blount, C.C.C.

In the name of God Amen I William Bryant do
the County of Nash & State of North Carolina being
in low state of health but of Perfect mind and memory
calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that
it is appointed for all men to die, do this the twenty sixth
day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and twenty six make Publish and
declare This my last will & testament in manner and
form following to wit. first

I leave to my beloved wife Polly Bryant during her
natural life the following negroes one negro
man named Jacob & one named Ben & two women
one named Patience & one named Ester & boy named Tom
also two head of horses six cows & calves one yoke of
oxen & cart twenty five shotes six sows & pigs twelve
head of sheep all her own choice and all the stock
of geese and one riding chair & gear one womans
saddle one still & all of my brandy & cider bark
and all necessary working tools sufficient
~~tools sufficient~~ for her place to be judge of by my
Executors also I leave to my wife Polly Bryant her life
time one feather bed and furniture of her own choice
and all the rest of my house hold & kitchen furniture
of every description except my beds also I do give to my
beloved wife one years Provision for her self and family
out of my estate to be laid out by my Executors & the
sum of one hundred dollars to be paid her by my Executors
in money—

Also I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter
Patsy Rice the following negroes to wit.

one negro woman named ~~named~~ silvy one named
beantot one girl named vilet one woman named darcas
one girl named anky one named Chasty & six boys
one named name for Jacob anthony Isaac & sallowan &
Lewis & other girl named hasty all the stock and
other Property which I lent to my said daughter
Popsy Rice that is now in her Possession I Give
to her and to her heirs forever -

I Give & bequeath to my beloved daughter
Sally Strickland the following negroes to wit one
negro woman named vilet one named Phillis one
named woty & one named milly & a boy named stephen
all of all the stock & Property which I have lent
to my said daughter Sally Strickland that is now in
her Possession I Give to her and to her heirs forever -

I Give and bequeath to my beloved son ^{son}
Bryant the following negroes to wit one man
named Abraham and one named Amos one girl named
vilet one woman named belice one girl named litha
also all of my lands to ^{be} Equally divided between my son
William & Lavans Bryant as near as can be in
Quantity & value so as for my son William to
have the land where on he now lives & the land on
Sappony Swamp all so all the stock & other Property
which I have lent to my son William that is
now in his Possession I Give to him & to his heirs
forever -

I lend to my beloved daughter Rhody Milhite
during her natural life after her death to ^{be} Equally
divided among her heirs lawfully begotten of her body if
she should have any living at her death if none to
return & be equally divided among the rest of
my children & the following negroes

to wit. one boy named ~~Little~~ Jacob Henry. one woman
named Hannah one girl named Mary one girl named Henry
~~this in breech~~.

Also I give to my daughter Phoebe will give the
following Property viz. one boy named Dennis one
two year old filly called the Duffilly his saddle &
bridle 6 heads of sheep and all the rest of the Property
that she is now in the possession of to her & her heirs
for ever — — —

Item I lend to my beloved daughter Susan upb her
during her natural life after her death to be equally
divided among her 6 children Lawfully begotten of her
husband should there be any living at her death if
none to return & be equally divided among
the rest of my children viz. — one woman named
Levise one other named Mice one boy named Ephraim one
woman named Esther one boy named Will &
then in breech I also give to my daughter
Susan upb her the following Property to wit
one girl ^{named} Libby and all the Property that she is
now in possession of to her and her heirs for ever

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Grand children
John Rice Linney Rice Nicholas Rice Perry Rice &
Boykin Rice children of my daughter Elizabeth Rice
now and the following negroes to wit. one named
Clay & child ~~named~~ Liza one named Cressa one
other a boy named Jackson & Inezene which
negroes is to be equally divided between the above
named children as they arrive of Lawful age and not
to be finally divided at first but to divide them as
they come of age each his Part in Core the above
named children shall all die with out lawful beget-
ters of their bodies then the above named negroes will
to them ^{and} to be equally divided ~~between~~ all
of my children

or if any of my said Grand Children before named shall die before they arrive of lawful age then the said negroes be to them to be equally divided among the surviving ones. — — —

I now I give to my son and law Benjamin Rice the sum of five dollars to be Paid him in money by my Executors —
I now I give to my son and law Josiah Rich the sum of five dollars to be Paid him in money by Executors and all the stock and other Property which I lent him now in his Possession.

Now my will & desire is that the following negroes should be sold by my executors in twelve months becaused to wit slave & little slave Jenny and her two children Liza & Muriel —

I now I give all the rest of my negroes which I have not named in my will I leave to be equally divided among the following children Jency Bryant Eavins Bryant & Delany Bryant also I give and bequeath to my last named children one feather bed & furniture each the negroes which I give to my last named children is not be divided until they come of age or should marry then as they arrive of age or marry to draw his equal part from ^{it} ~~the~~ any of the sd children should die not leaving all the rest be gotten him of their houses then the Property should be sold & be equally divided among the rest of my children all of my Property which I do not dispose of in this will I leave to be sold by ^{my} Executors and after paying my just debts & satisfying my executors for their troubles the balance of which I leave to be equally divided between my children Patsy Bee Sally Thackland William Rhody Jency Susan Eavins & Delany Bryant —
I now I give & bequeath to my son Eavins

Prigant one sovel filly name Bounce saddle
of Bridle also the land where on I now live
after the death of my wife who is to have the
land where on I now live after it is divided her
life time if my son Savins should die without
leaving any lawfully begotten heir then the land
which I give him shall come to my son William
Briant & his heirs

After the death of my wife Polly Briant the Property
which I lend to him for the term of her life I dispose of
in the following manner first I give to my son
William Briant one negro named Beck & Jacob
Potions East & Tom & in here to her equally
divided between my son Savins & daughter Selamy
by all the best of the Property which I lend to
my beloved wife I leave to be equally divided
among between my three children
Savins & Selamy & Mary Bryant

I do here by appoint my friend James Bass &
my beloved son William Briant Executors to this
my last will & Testament Revoking all other wills
here to fore by me made In witness I have
here unto set my hand and affixed my seal the
day & date above written Asmalaq-
signed & sealed in Presence

Richard Dorion William ^{his} Bryant
James J. Dazior ^{Mark}

State of North Carolina
Haskins County Court Nov Term 1826.

The foregoing Last Will & Testament of William Bryant
was exhibited in open Court and duly proven by the
Oaths of Richard Rogers and James V. Rogers Sub-
scribing Witnesses thereto for which I ordered to
be Recorded

Attest J. H. Stout. C. C. C.

And is Recorded in Volume Thirtieth.

J. H. Stout. C. C. C.

Wm Bryant
Will
Nov Term 1826