

Bryant, William

1785

In The Name of God Amen

I William Bryant of Northampton County in the State of North Carolina being sick and Weak of Body but thank be to god of Sound mind and Memory Do make Ordain constitute and Appoint this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form Following that is to say first and principally I commit my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter mentioned and as touching my worldly Goods (my

Suit Debts and Funeral Charges first paid) I give Devise and Bequeath as Follows. Viz
I Lend the Use of all my Estate I am now Possessed with of What kind soever to my Beloved Wife During her Natural Life and at her Death to be Equally divided between her Children Joseph John and Sarah Pinner's Orphans of John Pinner Deceased to them and their Heirs forever

I give Devise and Bequeath the Land and plantation Whereon my Mother Jane Bryant now Lives (after Her Death to be Equally divided between my Beloved Wife Clarke Bryant and my Two Sisters Patty Bryant and Martha Bryant to them their Heirs and Assigns forever

I do hereby Nominate constitute and Appoint my beloved Wife Clarke Bryant and John Knox whole and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking Disannulling and Making Void all other Wills by me heretofore made and this to be my Last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 20th Day of February 1785
Signed Sealed and pronounced by
The Testator to be his Last Will
and Testament in presence of

William Bryant
his mark

Elias Lawrence
Jⁿ. Knox
James L. Lavitt
mark

William Bryant's
Will
Recorded

Northampton County 1st June Court 1784.

This Will was proved by the Oaths of
Elihu Lawrence & James Safford Subscribing
Witnesses; at the same time John Knox
Qualified as an Executor thereto: Ordered
to be certified & Recorded.

Cert. J. J.

Wm. D. C.