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Last Will and Testament of William Docease

I William Bryan being of sound mind and disposing memory do publish this my last will and testament

hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made
1st) I request that all my just debts and funeral expences be paid out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my executors

2^d) I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucinda Bryan all my lands Negroes house hold and kitchen ^{up} Furniture together with a sufficiency of provision for one year to be set apart by three disinterested men & to wit to set apart corn Fork wheat Stock hogs cows horses sheep and other such things as may be considered needed for her interest and support with the privilege of my five sons living on said land Next free namely William Benjamin John Ephraim & Newton during her natural life or widowhood and all other of my property as is not set apart for the benefit of my wife to be sold as soon after my death as practicable on a twelve months credit &c

And at the death of my beloved wife Lucinda Bryan or widowhood I wish all the estate divided as herein after described

3rd) It is my will that my lands be divided between my five sons to wit William A Bryan Benjamin B Bryan Ephraim B Bryan John Bryan and Newton Bryan to have each of them One hundred and fifty Acres each to be valued by three or more disinterested men and each one to pay so as to be equal with the exception of John Bryan who is to have one hundred and Seventeen Acres including the house place and other building the line to run East and West and at his death to be sold by my executors on a twelve credit and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my children to wit, Elizabeth who entered with John Maddox William A Bryan Benjamin B Bryan Anna Bryan Ephraim Bryan Rebecca Bryan Newton Bryan Malinda S. Bryan & Cynthia who entered married Joseph Buchanan for the special benefit of her and the heirs of her body
4 I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who entered married with John Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecca & Malinda Bryan and Cynthia who entered married

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Joseph Buchanan and her heirs an equal portion of my estate to be in a Negro and money the Negro to be drawn for the money to be paid out of my effects so as to make all my children equal the sons above named to have the land as described the Girls the Negroes and to be made equal in money the lands and Negroes all to be valued and divided as above described Anna married Thomas Maddox to have if she chooses the tract of land on Kellies Creek at what I was to have it at out of her part if she does not like it for my Executors to sell the land and divide the proceeds as above named

5th I will that all the portion of the estate allotted Cynthia who intermarried Joseph Buchanan go to her only use and bodily heirs

6 I will to the heirs of James J Bryan Deceased One hundred Dollars each to be paid at the death of my wife Lucinda namely William & Francis M John & Nancy Henry Bryan as their portion of my estate

7 I Will that the amount of money when collected be paid to each one of the heirs equally and to be accountable for the amount on a division namely William Bryan Ephraim Newlon Elizabeth Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecca Malinda Cynthia Buchanan

8 I will that Ephraim Bryan remain on the place and take care of his mother and farm the same way he has been doing heretofore if he chooses so to do which is the 4th of of all that I made on the place and that all that I have given to my children now and all privileges remaining as they are and for there to be no hereafter about it

Lastly I here by appoint William A Bryan and Ephraim Bryan ^{my Executors} to this my last Will and Testament this the 30th day of November 1837 Signed and sealed in the presence of us
John Smith William Bryan
John J Bonner