I William Bryant 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

1) I request that all my Just debts and Funeral expenses be paid out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my executors

2) I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucinda Bryant all my lands Negroes household and Kitchen Furniture, together with a sufficiency of provisions for one year to be set apart by three disenterested men to wit to set apart corn pork wheat stock hogs cows horses sheep and other such thinks as may be considered needed for her interest and support, with the privilege of my five sons living on said lands Rent free namely William Benjamin John Ephraim & Newton during her natural life or Widdowhood and all other of my property as is not set a part for the benefit of my wife to be sold as soon after my death as practible on a twelve months credit &c and at the death of my beloved Wife Lucinda Bryant or Widdowhood I wish all the estate divided as herein after discribed

3) It is my will that my lands be divided between my five sons to wit William B Bryan Benjamin B Bryan Ephraim B Bryan John Bryan and Newton Bryan to have each of them one hundred and Fifty five acres each to be valued by three or more disenterested men and each one to pay so has to be equal. with the exception of John Bryan who is to have one hundred and seventeen acres including the home place and other buildings 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 intered with John Maddox —

William A Bryan Benjamin B Bryan Anna Bryan Ephraim Bryan _____ Rebecah Bryan Newton Bryan Malinda A. Bryant & Cintha who intermarried Joseph Buchannon for the speial benefit of her and the heirs of her body

4) I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who intermarried with John Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecah & Malinda Bryan and Cintha who intermarried Joseph Buchannon and her heirs an equal portion of my estate to be in a Negro and money the negro to be drawn for the monys to be paid out of my effects so as to make all my children equal the sons above named to have the lands as discribed the girls the Negroes and to be made equal in money the lands and Negroes all to be valued and divided as above discribed Anna who married Thomas Maddox to have if she chooses the tract of land on Kelleys Creek at what I was to have it at out of her part if she does not take it for my executors to sell the land and divide the proceeds as above named

5) I will that all the portion of the Estate allotted Cintha who intermarried Joseph Buchannon go to her only use and bodily heirs

6) I will to the heirs of James A Bryan deceased one hundred dollars each to be paid at the death of my wife Lucinda namely William H Francis M John H Nancy Henry Bryan as there 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 Benjamin Ephraim Newton Elizabeth Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecah Malinda Cintha wife of Buch

8) I will that Ephraim Bryan remain on the place take care of his Mother and farm the same way he has been doing heretofore if he chooses so to do which is the 5th of of all thats made on the place and that all that I have given to my children presents and all previledges remain as they are and for there to be no hereafter about it

lastly I hereby appoint William A Bryan and Ephraim Bryan my executors to this my last will and testament this the 30th day of November 1857

Signed and sealed in the presence of us

s John Smith

s John D Bonner

William Bryan (Seal)

William Bryan
Last will and testament

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