

RECORD OF WILLS.

Wife Jane Bryan all the Horns cattle Hogs.
Household furniture that I may have at my decease
during her widowhood for her and the children use
I also will unto my said Wife a Negro man Cress
Hanna, during her life and at her decease the
said Much to be the property of my son Thimmon
Bryan and his heirs forever, and the increase of
said Much during my Wifes life to be equally divided
among my children.

I desire that my loving wife Jane Bryan and
Thomas Orrin see that this my last will and
Testament be properly executed making and
dismissing all former Wills whatant.

This 25th of June 1774.

Witness

John Orrin

William Bryan

John Bryan

In the Name of God Amen

I Benjamin Cooper being sick and in a low
state of health at present although of perfect
mind and memory in the same and in a sense
that all men must die. I have thought proper
to make this my last will and Testament.

That is to say first of all I recommend my soul
to god, and my body to be buried at the direction
of my Executors.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved sister
Elizabeth Lock one bed and furniture also one
negro man Cat.

I give and bequeath unto my three sons
Benjamin, Joseph & William Cooper one of
Joseph Cooper deceased all my land and all
the money in my money notes and accounts.

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or money arising therefrom, also my wearing apparel
also the clock and watch and my other available
effects, all my tools Carpenters and Blacksmith with
my sea faring instruments and books shall be equally
divided between Benjamin Joseph and William Cooper
when they come to the age of maturity according to
the direction of my Executors and further my mind
and will is that my Executors shall take my horse
in his possession and for him to keep and value and
sell at any time when he shall think proper and
the money arising therefrom laying up for the use
afore said.

I further give to my sister Elizabeth Lock one Bed
my mind and will is that Leonard Locks family keep
the Gun Shop of mine and also one cow and two Hens
and further my will and desire is that no inventory
shall be returned to Court.

I further appoint John Lock whole sole my
Executor of this my last will and Testament.

I Witness hereof I the said Benjamin Cooper
have Remitted set my hand and seal.

This 11th March 1784

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of us

Benjamin Samuel

Thomas Lock

Joseph Lock

Benjamin, Cooper

State of North Carolina

Madison County

In the Name of God Amen

I Alexander Dwyer of the County aforesaid
being in perfect Reason. Prayed he god do
this my last will and Testament - as follows
I give and bequeath - I give to my beloved Brother
Bryan the Plantation I now live on and all

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Tract of Six hundred and forty acres adjoining to it to him and his heirs forever only my master is to hold the one third part of it his life time and at his death to fall to him.

I give to my beloved Sister Mary Willings a lot of land in Elizabethtown and the one half of the movable property that would fall to my part when I die there would be a division of the movable and the other half to my brother and all my moving apparel and my brother to give to my Sisters Sam William Willings, a young breeding, and all her earnings to him and to his heirs forever.

The rest and residue of my goods and chattels and personal estate after payment of my debts and funeral expenses, unto my Brother William Willings whom I make Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

I give and devise and bequeath to him and his heirs all and every my lands and tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and whatsoever which I also charge with the payment of my debts.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 25th day of June and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one

Witnesseth and declared by the above named Alexander Byrnes for and as his last Will and Testament

in the presence of us,

Bartholomew Robert
Jonathan Robert
Robert Johnson

Alexander Byrnes *seal*

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In the name of God Amen

This the Eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one I Thomas Bailey of Church Creek in Bladen County having grown aged and weak in body but in perfect sense and memory calling to mind the uncertainty of my life and that all flesh must give to death when it shall please God to call do make constitute ordain publish and declare this my last Will and Testament as maner following is only to be taken for my last Will and no other.

I give and bequeath my soul unto the hands of allmighty God who gave it to me and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my friends and Executors Hereafter mentioned in a decent manner and as for my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bless me with.

I give to my son Thomas Bailey one Shilling Sterling.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Hester Bailey all my goods and chattels Horse Cattle Hogs and Household goods to her and her disposal.

And I do hereby appoint my wife Hester Bailey and Joseph Dods whole Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year first above written - the word wife in the maner Tenach line was interlined before signed.

Signed and sealed -

In the presence of us
Jacob Pittman
Joseph Dods

Thomas Bailey *seal*
Mark