

Will of Asadham Bryan

In the name of God Amen I Asadham Bryan of Johnston County being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God do this twenty fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred eighty seven make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say:

I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Sarah Bryan the following Negroes to wit: Peter, Rose, Abram, Oliver, Cooper, Sute, Betty, Nell and Phillis eight Mills Cattle, three work horse creatures

I give to my son ^{Robert} Asadham Bryan the plantation wherein I now live within the following limits: Beginning on the River at the mouth of the Concord branch above the plantation where Negro Pender lives running up the Maindries of the Mary spring of said branch to where the Cart path crosses the same thence a straight Course to the Mouth of Powell's branch on Pole Cat all the lands that I possess above said lines and Courses adjoining Sweetfield and the River to him and his heirs forever

I give to my son Clement Bryan all the lands I possess on Black Creek (except your hundred acres known by the name of Cassey place) to him and his heirs forever

I give to my son Benjamin Bryan all the other lands I possess on the North side Newer River below the lands given to my son Robert and four hundred acres known by the name of Cassey place to him and his heirs forever

I give to my daughter Sarah two Negro girls named Fiddell and Ruth, my large Writing Desk two Silver plated Candlesticks and if either of the above Negro girls dies before the 4th of 1790 I desire it to be made up to her out of the other Negroes to her and her heirs forever.

My will and desire is that all of my personal estate be kept together until the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety and the money arising from such profits of my Stock as may be marketable and from debts due me to be applied for the education of my children and that they be kept at school until that date 1790. And at that time all the Negroes and all the Stocks of all kinds (that is such given above to my wife and daughter) to be equally divided amongst my three Sons and my daughter.

My household furniture tools and plantation utensils (except
the above mentioned to my daughter) be equally divided amongst
my wife and all my children.

That my executors sell all such part of my children's property as may
be wasting and apply the money to the benefit of the child it belongs to
And I do constitute and appoint my worthy friends

..... to be my executors to this my last will and
testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this
year and day above written

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Archibald Bryson the
Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Johnson County February Court 1787.
There was the before writing purporting to be Archibald Bryson's last Will &
Testament exhibited in open Court for probate which was by
the Court admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded
Respectfully all