

In the name of God Amen I John Bryan Sen^r of the County
of Halifax being weak and low in body but of sound mind and memory
thanks be to God for the same, therefore calling to mind the mortality
of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to
die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is
to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into
the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend
to the earth to be buried in a decent Christianlike burial at the
discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general
Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of
God. and as touching such worldly estate which it has pleased
God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same
in the following manner and form that is to say, first of all my
will and desire is that all my just debts be paid. Item I leave
unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Bryan, all my estate both real and
personal during her natural life and at her death to be divided
among my children in the following manner. Item I give
and bequeath unto my daughter Susannah Johnson one Negroe
boy named James to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath
unto my son William Bryan five shillings sterling. Item I give and

bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Bryan Forty pounds Virginia
Currency. Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Bryan
that tract of land and plantation wherein he now lives to him and his
heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Banister Bryan
Fifty pounds Virginia Currency. Item I give and bequeath unto
my daughter Francis Bryan one feather bed and furniture and
one Negro boy named Booker out of which legacy she is to pay
ten pounds to the estate. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Nancy Sibley forty pounds Virginia Currency. Item I give and
bequeath unto my son ~~John~~ ^{Halifax County, Virginia Wills 1798-1854} ~~Bryan~~ ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} that tract of land and plan-
tation wherein I now live one feather bed and furniture one Negro boy
named Solomon and one horse and saddle out of which legacy he is to pay
thirty pounds to the estate. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Polley Francis one Negro boy named Emanuel, out of which legacy
she is to pay twenty five pounds to the estate. Item I give and bequeath
unto my daughter Lucy Bryan one feather bed and furniture and one
Negro girl named Nicy with his future increase to her and her heirs for
ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Writter Bryan
one feather bed and furniture and one Negro woman named Dinah R.

his future Increase to her and her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto
my grand daughter Betsy Ann Collicot Twenty pounds but if she dies
without issue, it to be divided among her own brothers and sisters, I also give
unto his own brothers and sisters twenty pounds, to be equally divided among
them, and at the death of my Wife, I will and require all the rest of
my estate not mentioned herein, to be exposed to sale at twelve months Court
and the money arising from said sale with the money to be paid in by
legates mentioned to raise the Legacies left in money, and if any surplus
should remain after pay all my Just debts ^{modestly} Legates my will and
desire is that it be equally divided among the Legates that has forty pounds
left them and the two of twenty pounds, and I do hereby revoke all
other Wills or bequeaths before made by me ratifying and confirming -
this and no other to be my last will and testament. And lastly I do
constitute and appoint John Wimbish and Peter Barker sole
executors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I
have here unto set my hand and seal this 23 day of November 1799
signed sealed and acknowledged

In the presence of us
J. M. Petty
J. M. Petty

John his Bryan L. S.
mark

signed sealed and acknowledged

In the presence of us

Free M. Petty

Jesse Owen

Thomas ^{his} Owen
mark

John ^{his} Bryan L. S.
mark

At a Court held for Halifax County the 24th day of February 1800.

The within written last will and Testament of John Bryan dec^d was presented in Court and proved by the oaths of two of the witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded

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Teste John Wimbish C. H. C.

Truly recorded

Teste

Berryman Green D. H. C.

1805 Sep. Court

Edw: refusing to qualify - admn: with

the will annexed granted to Elizabeth Bryan

Em des.