

In the Name of God Amen. I James Bryant of the County  
of Powhatan, being Sick & weak but of Perfect mind & Memory blessed be  
God, do make & Ordain, this my Last will & Testament, hereby revok-  
ing all other Wills by me heretofore made;

Item, I leave to my beloved wife Clark, Bryant during her Life, the Tract  
of Land, whereon I now live, Also the Use of Seven Negro Slaves (Noted)  
Adam, Jupiter, Cesar, Jane, Junny, Sarah & Phoebe, also all the plan-  
tation Utensils, the Stock of every kind, and the Crop that is or may be  
on the said Plantation, at the time of my Decease

Item, I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Benson Bryant, Son of my  
Son Tho Bryant One hundred and twenty Six Pounds, with said  
Full Interest from the Date hereof, to him and his Heirs forever

Item, I give & bequeath to my Granddaughter Elizabeth Bryant  
Daughter of my Son Tho Bryant, one Negro Girl Named Lydia  
her and her Increase, to her and her Heirs forever. If either of my  
Grand Children, die under the age of twenty one, or before  
Marriage, then my will is the Survivor or Survivors, or their Heirs  
shall hold and enjoy in equal Proportion the Legacy left, to the  
said Dec'd to them and their Heirs forever

Item, I will and devise unto my said Son Tho Bryant all the Real or Personal I  
own in the County of Powhatan, to him and his Heirs forever

Daughter of my Son Tho Bryant, one Negro Girl Named Lydia  
her and her Increase, to her and her Heirs forever. If either of my  
Grand Children, die under the age of twenty one, or before  
Marriage, then my wife is the Survivor or Survivors, or their Heirs  
shall hold and enjoy, in Equal Proportion the Legacy left, to the  
said De<sup>d</sup> to them and their Heirs forever  
Item, My will and desire is that whatsoever, Estate Real or Personal I  
may have heretofore, Given to any of my Children, they may  
have and hold the same, with their Increase to them and their Heirs  
forever

My will and desire is that all my Estate lent to my wife Clark Bryant  
during her life, & after her Death (as well Real as Personal) Equally  
Divided Among my Children, hereafter Named (Wife) Anne Bryant  
Isaac Bryant, Judith Smith, Elizabeth Salter, Mary Christman  
Martha Lewis, Anne Minson, Fanny Fairfax, & my Granddaughter  
Fanny Bryant, Daughter of my Son Tho Bryant, this my  
will with their Increase to them and their Heirs forever. And if any  
Dispute should hereafter arise, Relative to this my will, my  
desire is that the said Dispute be referred to the then Judges of the  
Court, or any three being first Named on Commission, & their  
determination shall be Good, and Valid. The Party agree

Giving Public Notice of Time and Place, to Discuss the Matter of said  
and I do hereby appoint my Son James Bryant, Isaac Bryant and  
son in law, John Christian Executors of this my Last will and  
Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and  
Affixed my Seal. this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1883

Signed Seal & Acknowledged }  
In presence of } <sup>his</sup> James Bryant

Thomas Tarpun Jun<sup>r</sup> } Mark  
Isaac Street }

John + Chaddon } At a Court Held for Powhatan County  
mark } At Scottsville the sixteenth day of October

Ann's Dorsire One thousand seven hundred  
and eighty three. This Last Will and Testament of James Bryant  
deceased was presented to court by James Bryant, Isaac Bryant  
& John Christian the Executors thereon named and being read  
by the Court of Thomas Tarpun Jun<sup>r</sup>, Isaac Street and John  
Chaddon the Witnesses thereto was Ordered to be recorded  
On the Motion of the said executors who made Oath and entered  
into bond with John Macey & James Duprey their securities  
Penalty of Two thousand five hundred pounds according to Law  
Probate thereof was granted them in due form

Test J. H. Miller C. H.