

for said County of Suffolk
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Suffolk County

Joseph Hall Esquire Judge of the Court of Probate
of said County hereby Certifies that John Heard Junr
Esquire is the Register of the Court of Probate for the County of Suffolk
aforesaid and that full faith and Credit may and ought to be given
to the Certificate and attestation by him before Subscribers and that the
said attestation is in due form

Given under my hand and Seal of office at the City of
Boston this twenty fourth day of October in the Year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six

(Seal)

Chatham Will Book I

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In the name of God Amen I Josiah Bryan of the Parish
of Christ Church in the Province of Georgia Gentleman, although sick
and weak of body yet being of sound and disposing mind and memory
and understanding, calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do make and
publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following
that is to say First I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses
be paid and discharged with all convenient speed as soon as may be
after my decease, and such Estate as I may be possessed of I give
devise and bequeath in manner and form following that is to say
unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Bryan her heirs Executors administrators
utors and assigns forever, I give devise and bequeath the one fourth
part of the negroes monies goods Chattels and other personal Estate
that I may be possessed of after the payment of my said debts and
funeral expenses, I also further give devise and bequeath to my
said beloved wife Elizabeth and to her heirs and assigns to use
for her and their only proper use and behoof forever all that my
land offhand hundred and fifty acres of land known by the name
of Davis tract situate on the Island of Wilmington in the Parish
of Christ Church in the Province aforesaid together with the rights
members and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining
and my will and intention is that the several bequests and
devises above made to my said wife are upon this express Condition
that she do accept of the same and I do declare my gift thereof to
be in full discharge of all debts and thirds or other Claims that
she may or can after decease lawfully make upon any part
of my Estate or I otherwise revoke and annul the several be-
quests before made to my said wife and declare the same and
every part thereof void Item I give devise and bequeath to my son
Joseph Bryan the use of the remaining three fourths of all my
negroes to work and employ the same to the best advantage
and to receive and enjoy the profits and emoluments arising
and to arise from their labours and service for and during the term
of his natural life and in case he shall die having lawful heirs
of his Body then I give and devise all the said negroes and
their increase unto the heirs or heirs of the Body of my said son
his heirs or their Executors administrators and assigns forever I
also give devise and bequeath unto my said son Joseph Bryan
and his heirs for and during the term of his natural life the oc-
cupation possession and enjoyment of all and every my plantations
other tracts of land now or hereafter to be purchased or otherwise
may be obtained

