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In the name of God Amen I Joseph Bryan of the Parish of Christ Church in the Province of Georgia Gentlemen, 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 expences 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 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 die possessed of after the payment of my said debt and Funeral expences, I also further give devise and bequeath to my said beloved wife Elizabeth and to her heirs and assigns and for her and their only proper use and behoof forever all that my tract of four 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 thereunto belonging and appertaining and my will and intention is that the several bequests and devise 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 dower 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 bequests 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 her 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 occupation possession and enjoyment of all and every my plantations other tracts of land and real Estate whatsoever or wheresoever the same may be situate that I may die possessed of or be entitled unto

by any person or persons with full power to receive
 and take the rents issues and profits thereof and of every part
 thereof and to plant, sow, improve, clear or otherwise manage
 the same during the term of his natural life as aforesaid and
 in case he shall die having lawful heirs of his Body then I
 give and devise all the real Estate aforesaid to the heir or
 heirs of the body of my said son his heir or their heirs and
 assigns forever in fee simple, and in case my said son Joseph
 shall depart this life without issue or lawful heirs of his Body
 then immediately from and after his decease my will and desire
 is that my said Executors or the survivor of them or the Executor
 or administrators of such survivor shall and I do hereby fully
 and absolutely authorize and empower them or either or any
 of them jointly to take and receive into their or some one
 of their Custody and possession the said three fourths of my
 negroes and their increase and also the said real Estate, to sell
 and dispose of and make and execute good and sufficient
 Emphyteuses and assurances in fee simple of my said real
 Estate and absolute Bill or Bills of sale and assurance of
 my said personal Estate as my said Executors or the survivor
 of them the Executors or administrators of such survivor shall
 think for the best advantage, and the moneys proceeds arising
 from the sale of my said real and personal Estate I give de-
 vise and bequeath unto my Brother Hugh Bryan and William
 Bryan and my sister Hannah Bryan, their heirs Executors,
 administrators and assigns respectively forever share and
 share alike. Item I give and bequeath to my honoured father
 and all other a suit of mourning each as also a suit of moun-
 ing unto each of my Brothers and Sisters I also give to Mr. Thurgood
 Smith my dear & old mourning ring in token of the esteem
 I bear him, I also give unto my friend Mr. Thomas Landon of
 Johns Island in South Carolina a gold mourning ring -
 I also do in Consideration of the many faithful services per-
 formed me by my negro Slave Peter thereby manumit and set
 him free of and from all manner of slavery and servitude what-
 soever immediately from and after my decease forever, and
 also all the rest and residue of my Estate not herein before dis-
 posed, of what nature kind or quality soever, I give and bequeath
 unto my said son during life and the heirs of his Body if he
 shall have any heirs and in default of such heirs, I give & bequeath
 the said residue of my Estate to my Brothers Hugh Bryan and
 William Bryan and my sister Bryan their heirs Executors and

ministers and of my property to be equally divided between
 these and those alike, and I do hereby revoke all former wills by me at any time
 heretofore made and declare this only to be my last will and testament and
 I nominate and appoint my said Brother William Bryan Guardian and
 in case of his decease Edward Telfair Esq and William Gibbons (senior)
 Guardians over the person and Estate of my said son Joseph Bryan
 until he shall arrive to the age of sixteen one year and I do hereby
 nominate and appoint my said Brother William Bryan and Mr
 William Gibbons of Savannah Merchant Executors of this my will
 recommending to them to divide my Estate with all speed and to the
 Guardian of my son to improve the Estate bequeathed to him In Witness
 whereof I have to this my last will and testament contained in four
 pages of one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this twenty eighth
 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun-
 dred and seventy four

Josiah Bryan (S)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Josiah
 Bryan as and for his last will and testament in the presence of
 us who at his Request in his presence and in the presence of each
 other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

James Robertson

James Adair

Ruthy Jones

Whereas I Josiah Bryan of the Parish of Christ Church Gentlemen
 have this day made and executed my last will and testament
 and have omitted the following bequests which I desire my executors
 therein named to make to wit to Mrs Ann Cutbert in token of her
 kindness to me I give and bequeath a gold mourning Ring
 which I entreat her acceptance of. I also give and bequeath
 unto my friend James Robertson of Savannah a suit of moun-
 ing which I entreat his acceptance of in consideration of the
 attention given in drawing my will and I do desire that the
 above be taken as a Codicil to my said will and deemed a part
 thereof In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 the Twenty eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one
 thousand seven hundred and seventy four

Signed sealed and published as a
 Codicil for the purpose aforesaid in
 the presence of

James Adair
 Ruthy Jones

Josiah Bryan (S)

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 Captain General and Governor in Chief of his
 Majesty said Province and Ordinary of the same
 Personally appeared James Adair one of the subscribing witnesses,
 to the annexed last will and testament of Josiah Bryan deceased
 contained on four sides of paper and also one of the subscribing
 witnesses to the Codicil within written who being duly sworn on
 the Holy Evangelist of almighty God made oath that he was
 present and did see the said Testator sign seal publish pro
 nounced and declare the said Will to be and contain his last will
 and testament and the said Codicil to be a codicil to the same
 will and that he was of sound and disposing mind & memory
 to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he with James
 Robertson and Ruthy Jones subscribed their names as witnesses
 to the said Will and that he and Ruthy Jones also subscribed
 their names as witnesses to the said Codicil at the request of
 in the presence of the said Testator and in each other presence.
 At the same time William Bryan and William
 Gibbons qualified as accusers
 Given under my hand the 23^d December
 1774

Jas Wright

Georgia Secretarys Office
 Attest given to 10th March 1827

The above and foregoing is a
 true copy from the Register of Wills in this Office Book No.
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Daniel Newman
 Secretary

Recorded 23^d March 1827

State of Georgia
 City of Savannah In the name of God Amen I John
 S. Wayne being sick and beddy but of sound and disposing mind
 do declare this to be my last will and testament I give devise
 and bequeath all the Estate both real and personal both in pos
 session and in action of whatsoever nature it may consist to my
 Grand son John G. Butler Junior the son of John G. Butler sen
 ior and his heirs forever And its further my will and
 desire that should the said John G. Butler Junior my grandson
 die before he attains the age of twenty one years or without
 issue lawfully begotten then and in that case all the Estate