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State of Georgia In the name of God Amen, I
Pickens County I Martin V. Bryant of the State
and County aforesaid being of sound mind and memory
and in declining health and not knowing that I will
recover deem it right and proper as regards myself and
family that I should make disposition of the property
with which a kind Providence has blessed me, do
therefore make and publish this my last will and
Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore
made by me.

Item 1st I desire that after my death that my
body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner
suitable to my conditions and circumstances in life
that after my funeral expenses are paid that all
my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor
hereinafter appointed

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Martha B Bryant all real and personal property
of which I may die seized or may own at my death
provided she shall out live me, to have, use, control
or enjoy the same during her natural life or
widowhood she nor a future husband not having
any power to sell or dispose of the same or any part
thereof, but to have, use and live on the land and
to use and enjoy the personal in like manner and
the proceeds of the same during her life and widowhood
and in case she should again intermarry that a
future husband shall not sell, use, or control any
part of my said estate, and said estate shall
immediately invest in my heirs hereinafter named.

Item 3rd I desire that the half interest I own
in the cotton gin, steam engine and lot at Ludoville
be sold at the earliest convenience and to the best
advantage by C.B. Price my present partner in

said ginning property, and the proceeds be paid to my Executor and paid by him to my beloved wife to be used as other property or funds,

Item 4th I desire that my half interest in the distillery known as Price and Bryant be run until its indebted is paid. provided it can be run profitably and agreeably with my partner E B Price and then to be disposed of by my executor hereinafter named and in case business cannot be run to advantage and profit and agreeable then the said property to be sold by my Executor to the best advantage and paid to my beloved wife as other personal property,

Item 5th I desire that my said wife use a reasonable portion of the personal property in educating my three present heirs to wit: Walter L. Bryant, ~~Walter~~ Bryant and Herschel D. Bryant.

Item 6th I desire that all my said Estate both real & personal after my death shall remain in the possession of my beloved wife Martha B Bryant during her natural life or widowhood to have control and use to the best advantage for her own benefit use and support while she lives and to use and support off of the proceeds thereof which I regard sufficient for that purpose without diminishing the value of the same and for this purpose only, giving no power to sell or transfer any part thereof only as specified in this will and I wish it distinctly understood that this property herein bequeathed shall remain in my possession and control as long as I live and should my beloved wife Martha B Bryant survive me that it remain in her possession and control during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage

my Executor to have said property equally divided among my three heirs before named.

Item 7th I desire that after my death that my Executor hereinafter named have this my last will and Testament probated and recorded and take and subscribe the oath prescribed by Law and that my wife Martha B Bryant take possession of all my said estate both real and personal without being required to make annual returns to the Ordinary as I do not wish that said estate shall incur unnecessary expense. I hereby constitute and appoint my Brother W. D. Bryant Executor of this my last will and Testament containing three pages, In witness whereof. I the said Martin V. Bryant have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal. this 4th day of July 1883.

M. V. Bryant 

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of the testator as his last will and testament and in presence of each other at the special request of said testator subscribe by our names as witnesses.

A. P. Mullinax
B. F. Gracely
F. M. McElroy.

Georgia Pickens County.

Pickens Court of Ordinary September Term 1883.

The will of M. V. Bryant being produced in open Court for Probate by the Executor W. D. Bryant, sr. who has filed his petition to prove the same and the witnesses to said will A. P. Mullinax, B. F. Gracely and F. M. McElroy having subscribed the following affidavit endorsed on said will, September Term of Pickens Court of Ordinary.

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Comm of the Court. A.P. Mullinax, R.F. Gravelly, and
J.M. McElroy and being duly sworn depose and say
that they saw M.V. Boyd sign and publish the
within as his last Will and Testament while of
sound and disposing mind, That they witnessed
the same for him at his request and in his
presence and of each other, and that the same
was executed voluntarily by him on the day that
it purports to have been written and executed,
sworn to and subscribed }

before me in open Court
September Term 1883.

N.R. Allen

Cordy

A.P. Mullinax

R.F. Gravelly

J.M. McElroy

Recorded Sept 3rd 1883

N.R. Allen

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