

State of Georgia }
Scriven County } J. Martin L. Bryan of the County and
State aforesaid being of sound mind
(and ~~disposing~~) and in good health but knowing
the uncertainty of life do make this my last will
and testament.

Item 1st I desire that all my just debts be paid by my
Executor hereinafter named and appointed and that be
as little delay and litigation as possible

Item 2nd I give and devise & bequeath to my wife Sarah

Adenath Bryan of my present that one some have
my stock of cattle after such are taken out as shall be
hereinafter mentioned and enumerated all my hogs

And all the household goods and ~~other~~ ^{Scriven Co. Ga. Will Book 2} ~~other~~ ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} ~~other~~ ^{together}
with one year provisions of meat corn and fodder which
articles of property are to be hers alone and subject only
to her own absolute and unlimited control; of my

real estate I give her life time and without the promise of
alienation except in lease or rent all that portion of my land
lying west of the public road leading from Savannah to An

Anda bounded east by said road south by land of Hope Mann
west by H. R. Mann and north by D. M. Caffette and containing more

and acres more or less at her death said land to go to and be a
part of the tract or portion which I hereinafter give to my son

William, H. Bryan

Item 3rd I give devise and bequeath to my oldest son George
Curtis Bryan that tract of land on which he now
resides designated on the plat of my land as well and con

of the necessity of requiring of making inventory
and returns to the Ordinary of the County as I desire that the
Execution of this my will shall be as free from expense as possi-
ble And I believe that my Executor hereinafter named &
appointed will so execute it in full justice to credit
and all parties interested without being so bound by
the law

I Item I hereby nominate and appoint my son Robert
B Bryan Executor of this my last will and testament
And should I die possessed of any ready money I desire that my
Executor shall use the same as far as it will go in the pay-
ment of my debts and thereby avoid if possible the necessity
of a sale for such purposes or if I should die in possession of any
notes accounts certificates or other instruments of writing
which money shall be received by me or my Executor I give and bequeath the same
to my Executor who shall collect the same and pay off all my
debts and all just and legal expenses incurred in the execution
of this will out of the proceeds of the same and hold the balance
for his own proper use and benefit And I hereby declare it
to be my intention that this my last will and testament
shall not be subject to Caril and dispute And I hereby
direct that if any legatee or legatees or devisee or devisees re-
fuses this will or any one having or pretending an undivided
interest in my Estate shall deny and attempt to break
annul or set aside this will so that it remains and is
in payment all or singular shall thereby be frustrated and
become void and of none effect such legatee or legatees or de-
visee or devisees or such persons or any other person who
shall in any such attempt as of record shall

during the term of her natural life I also give him
what is known as the Rushing land designated
on the plat of my land as no. 1. Said two tracts of land
containing four hundred acres more or less I give him also
the remaining and northern half of my river swamp
land. Said tracts of land are to become his when he shall
have paid or cause to be paid to my executor the sum
of one thousand dollars in specie or its equivalent in cur-
rency at the time of payment with interest from the
date of my death just as specified above in the similar
case of my eldest son Joseph L. Bryan I further give to
the said William all one black horse much two cows and
calves one half of my sheep one mason and cart all my plan-
tation tools and implements together with the remainder
of the meat corn and ^{screen Co. Ga. Will Book 2-B (1808-1879)} ~~www.georgiaarchives.com~~ may be left after his mother
the said Abrahm A. Bryan shall have taken out his one
year supply and I further give and bequeath to my said
son William all Bryan two indentures of apprenticeship
made on the 17th day of November 1866 by which are bound to me
two boys of color viz Abram and Pompey till they arrive reason-
ably at the age twenty one year

6 Item I give devise and bequeath to my daughter
Rebecca Susan Bersted now wife of Cassius Bersted
free from the disposition control or liability of her persons
or any future husband one tract of land containing two hundred
and acres more or less and designated on the plat of my land
as no. 3 the above exemption of said tract of land from the dis-
position liability and control of the husband of the said Rebecca
Susans is not intended to operate as a limitation of her

Will

Should my withing named Executor Robert D Bryan
from death sickness or any other disabling cause become
incapacitated from executing the provisions of the foregoing
Will according to the directions therein laid down then
by nominate and appoint my son Joseph C Bryan
and William M Bryan as executor in that event who
shall be empowered and authorized to execute all and
singular the provisions and arraignments in my
said Will contained just as my said Executor the said
Robert D Bryan would be enabled to do if alive or incap
acitated and the bequests made in Item 9 of my said
Will I hereby in the event of the death or incapacity of my just
named Executor as of said ~~grant and bequest~~ to my last
named Executor on ~~the same~~ terms and conditions that are
mentioned in said Item in connection with said bequest.

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Witnessed and sealed declared and published by Martin L Bryan
L Bryan as the codicil to his last will and in the
presence of us the undersigned who subscribe our names
hereto in the presence of the testator and of each other
this fourth day of May A.D. 1867

Curtis Humphreys Secy
Wm B Jamell
Jb H Morris

July Term Court of Ordinary Scriven County 1867 Came in gen
Court at this regular term of the court William B Jamell Mar
ing day from day that he saw Martin L Bryan Sign and
and is of the will & codicil as the last will and test

cott the testator sign seal declare and publish the instru-
ment now presented as his last will and testament
freely voluntary and of his own accord and without
compulsion or influence whatsoever that at the time
of the execution of the said will said testator was of sound
mind and disposing memory that deponents signed
said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator
and at his special instance and request and in
the presence of each other

Known to and subscribed before me
this 27th 20th 1867.

J. C. Roberts Notary }

Edward Lambert
Charles B. Hurst