

Jason Bryant will

In the name of God Amen

I Jason Bryant of the State of Georgia and County of Washington, being low in health, but of sound mind and disposing memory, knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of this mortal life, and that it is appointed unto man once to die, therefore I do make and assign the following to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my Soul to God who gave it, and my body to a common Christian burial. As it regards my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I wish to dispose of in manner following

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Sally Smith, One hundred Dollars in addition to what I have heretofore bestowed on her

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Polly Dawson and to the heirs of her body, One negro girl named Delilah with her increase, said girl now in her possession

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Martha Pope and the heirs of her body, One negro girl named Annie now in her possession with her increase

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Nancy and the heirs of her body, One negro girl now in her possession named Jane and her increase

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter George both Bryant and to the heirs of her body, One negro girl named Mary and One hundred Dollars in Money also a Horse bridle and Saddle and a bed and furniture

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Oliver Bryant and the heirs of her body, One negro girl named Cary, also One hundred Dollars in Money, a Horse bridle and Saddle, and a bed and furniture

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my beloved Son William Bryant one negro boy named Solomon also a Horse bridle and Saddle and a bed with furniture

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my beloved Son John Bryant one negro boy named Harry, also a Horse bridle and Saddle and a bed and furniture

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my beloved Son James Bryant one negro boy named Irvin, also a Horse bridle and Saddle and a bed and furniture

Item 10th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Jason Bryant, One negro boy named Eli, also a Horse bridle and Saddle and a bed and furniture

Item 11 I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Temperance Bryant and to the heirs of her body, One negro girl named Chaney with her increase, also a Horse bridle and Saddle and a bed and furniture

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Item 12 - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Penelope Bryant during her natural life in widowhood the following property viz all my land, household and kitchen furniture with farming utensils, Horses, Hogs & Cattle, also the following negroes viz Old Cordy, Nancy, Abram, young Cordy, Deborah, Jack, Amy and her children Harriett, Sam Lane and Caroline. to be and remain with her and not to be disposed of by her only in a proper manner in raising support for herself, and the now minor heirs. Also schooling them, and in appointing said negroes, during her lifetime or widowhood, at her death or intestacy, my land is to be equally divided between my four sons or so many of them as may live to the age of twenty one year. the other property to be equally divided between each and all of my children by Penelope Bryant, with the exception of old Cordy's wife Nancy which she my beloved wife Penelope Bryant can dispose of as she thinks best or proper.

Item 13. I now Ordain that if any of these negroes which I have left to my minor heirs should die before such child come to a proper age to receive them and in that case, I desire that at the death of my wife or marriage thereof, a negro shall be selected out of those I have left with my wife as near the value of the one deceased as possible and delivered to such child or children, And the balance divided as before stated Item 12.

Item 14 I further divide and Ordain that if any of these my children should die leaving no issue of their body, then and in that case the property devised off to them shall return back to my estate and be equally divided with those that are living.

Item 15 I Ordain and appoint my beloved wife Penelope Bryant my Executrix with the assentance of her son William Bryant, when he shall attain a proper age as Executor to this will and Testament therefore revoking all former Will, by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

Jason Bryant.

Signed and Sealed
in presence of
William R. Wiley
Anderson L. Hoar
James Spear