

last will and Testament and desire them to see the same fulfilled: and I do hereby utterly disallow Revoke & disannul all and every other former Wills Legacies Bequests and Execution by me before his here named Willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have herewith set my Hand and Seal this (Note. Because of line torn ^{to Seal})
as my last Will and Testament in presence of

Samuel Newby, William Borden (Seal)
Sarah Newby,
Joseph Robinson.

Eden house August 1st 1749

This day appeared before me Joseph Robinson and Sarah Newby and made their solemn affirmation that they saw William Borden sign Seal and publish the within writing to contain his last Will and Testament the they saw Samuel Newby (Note: This line is torn out. at this time, J. C. Wade, (c))

Henry Stanton Esq an Executor herein mentioned and Qualified for that purpose as the law directs and do hereby order that the Secty of this Province have notice thereof that Letters testamentary may Issue accordingly

Copy Test. Robt Johnston

J Glasgow, Secretary.

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come I Nicholas Bryant of Charlotte County & Province of North Carolina (Yoman being at present weak in Body but of sound & disposing mind & understanding for which I desire to be truly thought of) Calling to mind the mortality of mankind and the shortness of this my Natural Life, do for the preventing future trouble in my family make & declare this my last will and Testament: that to say Principally & first of all I give & Recommend my soul into the hands of God from whom I had my first Being & my Body I commit to the Earth therein to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter Nominating & as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to Bless me in this Life after all my just Debts with my Funeral Expences are paid, I give, Devise & Bequest the same as followeth

I give & Bequeath unto my Dear & Beloved wife Elener Bryant one feather Bed, Bolster & Pillows, one bed Smell; one pair of Blankets & one pair of sheets & one shute of sheep curtains, & one Linen wheel, all to be at her choice, one horse and one more, to be her choice, one side saddle, one sheet, one small gilt Trunk, and thirty pounds Proclamation money to her & her Heirs for ever, I likewise give unto my Beloved wife the use & Improvements of the plantation whereon I now dwell with all the Buildings, Cattle Hogs & Bees together such as I shall hereafter Reserve to my son John During her Natural Life, Also, some hole furnitures such as the Executors shall think sufficient for her to keep house with the house now on the ground, & all the meat in the house, with my Negro woman Jenny During her natural Life ~ Likewise the hamner ~ also one silver Spoon Marke. S & c.

I give & Bequeath unto my Loving son John Bryant the Plantation whereon he now dwells with all the land contained in the same -- which I Bought of George Towne, also the Plantation that I now live on, at the Buildings thereon after my wife Deceases, with two Silver Spoons Marked N. & B. & all my wearing apperale, to be to him & his Heirs for ever, with the Carpenters Tools & Patangues

I give & Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter, Rebecca Bryant, one pair sheets Two silver Spoons, marked

N. E. & F. N. also, Thirty Pounds Proclamation money, to her & her heirs for ever, with one feather Bed & one Case of Drawers ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item,-- I give & Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Elisabeth, Sixteen one feather Bed & one spare sheet, with two Silver Spoon, & Mark, d. 5 & 6 and after my wife's Decease I give her my Neger wench Jenny; to be to her & her heirs for ever ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item,-- I give & Bequeath unto my grand child Rebecca Bryant Daughter to my son Nicholas Bryant Twenty Pounds Proclamation Money to be, to her paid, By my Executors when she arrives at the age of sixteen years; & in case she should die, Before that age, I give & Bequeath 5 Twenty pounds to my grand child Rebecca Daughter to my son John Bryant, to her at age ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Lastly I do hereby Nominate constitute & appoint my Beloved wife, with my Loving son John Bryant, & my Trusty Friend William Thomson, all of the County of Corbitt, to be my Executors, to this my Last will & Testament to see the same faithfully performed, according to the true intent & meaning thereof & I do hereby revoke Disallow & make void all other wills or Testaments by me heretofore made, Ratifying this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my Name & affixed my Seal this Eighteen Day of the fourth month otherwise called April, One thousand, seven hundred, & Sixty Six 166 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Signed, Seal, d & Delivered,
in Presence of
Jesse Jones
Rebecca Jones
Jane Thomson
Nicholas Bryant, ---
Carteret
Recorded in Book A Page 2423

Test Tho L. Read, L. S. C
This may certify that the within will was proved in Open Court by the oath of
Jesse Jones one of the subscribing witnesses
where
December Court 1766
Test Robert C. Gb.

In the Name of Jesus Amen I John Benthall Senr of
Cortest County in the Province of North Carolina Planters
being sick and weak in Body, but of Sound mind and Memory
and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and Ordain this
my Last Will & Testament in Manner and form Following
(Viz) I commit my Soul into the Hands of Almighty
God that gave it, Hoping through the merits and Mediation
of my blessed Saviour to receive free pardon off all my
sins, And my body to be Buried in a Christian like
manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting
but at the Generall Resurrection, I shall receive the same
again, and as to such Worldly Goods or Estate as it has
pleased God to Endow me with, I give and Dispose of as
hereafter mentioned viz

First I give unto my son John Benthall Junr, One Shilling Sterling which I intend shall be his full part of my Estate ~ ~ ~

2nd I give unto John Meddows Senr One Hundred acres of Land lying in the fork of Newport River joining the Southwest branch of said fork and extending to the Westermont line of said Patent Including the Southwest part of the same for Compliment to him and his heirs For Ever ~ ~ ~

3rd I give unto my Loving Brother Reubin Benthall all the remaining part of my Land on the fork of said Newport River, Including Nine Hundred and forty acres by Patent bearing date October 30th 1765 & September the 26th 1766, To him the said Reubin Benthall and his heirs For Ever ~ ~ ~

4 I give unto my said Brother Reubin Benthall the Plantation whereon I now dwell with all the Land belonging to the same, Including Two Hundred and five acres, being part of a Tract of Land Granted by Patent to John Harmon, & by Transferences become my property, which I give to said Reubin Benthall & his heirs For Ever,

5 I give and Bequeath unto my said Brother Reubin Benthall all the remaining part of my Estate which is not heretofore particularly mentioned to him & his heirs forever.