

State of North Carolina }
 Chatham County }

In the name of God Amen,
 I, Aaron Bryan of the County and State aforesaid,
 calling to mind the mortality of the body, knowing
 that it is appointed for man to die, being of sound
 disposing mind and memory, though weak in
 body, do make and ordain this my last will and
 testament:

First, I give my body to its mother dust desiring
 it may be decently buried, and recommend my
 mortal spirit to God who gave it, in hope of a glorious
 resurrection from the dead through our Lord and
 Saviour Jesus Christ - After my just debts & funeral
 expences are paid I dispose of my worldly goods
 in the following manner:

Item I give to my nephew William Bryan
 ten Dollars.

Item, I give to my nephew Hardy Bryan ten
 Dollars.

Item I give to my nephew Agnes Brasington Five Dol-
 lars.

Item, I give to my nephew William Petty Five Dollars.

Item, I give to my nephew John Petty two Dollars
 and fifty cents.

Item, I give to my nephew Stephen Petty two Dollars
 and fifty cents.

All the above donations to be paid over as specified
 by my Executor and Executrix.

I also give and bequeath the balance of the time of my
 little bond coloured boy William Evans until he ar-
 rives of lawful age, to my friend Isaac Hartess, to be
 raised by said Hartess until he is free.

Item, I loan to my beloved wife Sarah during
 her widowhood, all my lands - and should she
 marry, it is my will that she take one third of
 said lands, laid off to her during her natural life.

Item, At the marriage of my wife Sarah should
 she marry, I give and bequeath all my lands except
 my said Widow's dower to my nephew William Bryan.

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son, William Braswell Bryan, and should she not marry, at the death of my wife, I give my said land as aforesaid to the said William Braswell Bryan and his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah all the balance of my worldly goods of every description not previously given away to her to dispose of as she may think proper. And lastly I do nominate, constitute and appoint to this my last will and testament as Executors, my beloved wife Sarah and my nephew William Bryan.

In testimony whereof of all which, I the said Aaron Bryan have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 25th day of December A. D. 1838

Signed & sealed in the presence of ~~us~~ who are desired to become witnesses

John T. Womble

John Bright

Aaron Bryan *(Seal)*

Chatham County-

This certifies that the foregoing last will and testament of Aaron Bryan Dec^d was produced in open Court, and proved by the oaths of John T. Womble and John Bright the subscribing witnesses thereto; and was ordered to be recorded: Whereupon William Bryan one of the Executors therein named appeared in open Court and was qualified.

Teste R. A. Steadman C. C. C.