

Of his subscribing Whigs & Tories as the same
The above Enacted according to Law Ordained that the
same be enforced and that this will be recorded
Wm. Hall

North Carolina.

In the name of God Amen I William
Bryant of Edgecombe County and Province aforesaid Merchant
being of good Health and Sound mind and Memory Do
make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following
First I Imprisoned I have my Body to be buried at the discretion
of my Executors hereafter named & Item my desire is that all
my Just Debts should be paid as soon as my Debts can be
got in and all my Goods to be Vendued and sold at the Discretion
of my Executors hereafter named and about thirty hundred
pounds and five hundred of Staves & Wares to be at the
Discretion of my Executors Item my Will is that my Wife have
the Use and Occupation of the House and Plantation I now live
on together with all Outhouses Gardens or other Appurtenances
thereunto belonging During her natural Life with Good Bed
and Furniture & Silver and Linnen and One Negro Girl
named Africa and Twelve white Slaves And my desire is
that my Loving Wife bring up my Children at her Discretion
And my Sister Anne I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Samuel
after my Wife deceased that House and Plantation I now live
on with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging Item I
Give and Bequeath unto my Son Benjamin my Plantation at
Little River and Tract of Land thereon Item I Give and Bequeath
unto my Son William my Plantation on Roanoke River & Tract
thereon with five white Slaves and Linnen Item I Give and Bequeath
unto my Daughter Mary a Negro Woman named Daler with
one white Girl and Linnen for Dish and for Broom
I Give & Bequeath unto my Son John my Plantation at Little River

Unto my Daughter Hanny One Negro Boy named Tom
 & Feather Bed and Trunk and four Dishes Four Basins
 & Dozen Plates & Horse and Saddle & Gun & Powder and Baggage
 unto John Hill for his faithful Discharge of Business
 the sum of Twenty Pounds current money. And that all
 my Hogs Horse cattle Sheep &c. &c. &c. be sold the money arising
 be put to the use of Bringing up my Children which I will
 may be at the Discretion of my Loving Wife and after
 Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & Appoint my
 Loving friend William Lane my Heir of this my last Will
 & Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand & what this 16 Day of May 1762. Will. Bryant
 In Presence of (Abel Brodie David Lane Edward Lane)

Essex County, 6 January, Superior Court 1763.

That within last Will & Testament of William Bryant
 Deceased was published on Call by the Heir and saved by the Court
 of Honour Lane One of the Witnesses thereof And at the same
 time the Heir published according to his Order that the
 same be published And that the Will be recorded

Test Sa. Hale

North Carolina 6 January 1763. This Day Capt. Joseph Storer
 of the County of Wayne before me & my said Court that on Wednesday
 the 12th of this instant said Court Allen of the said County deposed
 that he had heard the deceased & deposed John dependent to take notice
 that he appointed one John Walker of the said County to be manager
 of his Estate And also that he disposed of his Estate in the following
 manner viz^t that he the said John Walker should take his Books of
 Accounts & get in all his Debt & following day all the Debt that
 he the said Samuel Allen owed And further the aforesaid John
 said there is a new Court in the said County of Wayne that
 is my desire to let the aforesaid John Walker should take them &
 disposed of them for the use of his said said Walker & his heirs
 & for the use of my place & pay them to my place & pay
 the said John Walker the use of them to my place & pay
 the other part of my Estate after my Death to my said