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Major Hardy (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared in presence of
A. Coats
John H. Kennedy.

Johnston County Court

May Term 1849

Then was the foregoing will returned in open court and ordered to be recorded.

Will of Bythan Bryan

In the name of God Amen, I Bythan Bryan being afflicted by disease but of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowledge that it is appointed for all men to die and that it is well to be prepared for that event in the things of this life as in our spiritual concerns for a life to come do make this my last will and testament first recommending my soul to Almighty God who gave it as a faithful executor and as to the worldly estate it has pleased him to bless me withall I do hereby dispose of it in the following manner that is to say

1st I give unto my dearly beloved wife Julia C. Bryan thirty of our negroes of fair proportionate value of our family of negroes to her and to her heirs forever also our house and land Silvia without her children for and during her life time then to ^{the children of} my sister Nancy S. Smith and their heirs. Also give unto my wife one thousand dollars in money and all the household furniture and my barouch and horses and the usual years support for her family and I also give her the enjoyment and use of one third part of my plantation whereon I now live for and during her life time

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3rd And lastly I give and bequeath unto the children of my sister Nancy S. Smith by her present husband all my property of every description which has not already been disposed of above she my sister Nancy retaining for her own benefit during her life time such part or parts thereof as may be necessary and all to be managed for the best interest of the children In witness of all I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th of April 1849

B. Bryan (Seal)

Witness
J. M. Lead
Thomas Lockhart.

Johnston County Court May Term 1849

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