

Will of Lewis Bryan

In the name of God Amen the twelfth of February eighteen hundred and eighteen I Lewis Bryan of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and order this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give demand and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Citty Bryan four hundred and forty four acres of land during her natural lifetime and after her death to be equally divided between my two daughters Elizabeth and Avery Bryan to them and their heirs forever. Also I give to my beloved wife Citty Bryan four cows and calves and sixteen head of hogs and one feather bed and furniture, also I give and bequeath to my two daughters Elizabeth Bryan and Avery Bryan one feather bed and furniture each also I give to my beloved wife Citty Bryan six basins six plates one dish and one case of knives and forks to her during her natural lifetime and at her death to be divided as she thinks proper also I give to my wife one pot and hooks and the balance of my estate I leave to be sold and my debts to be paid and the residue after paying my debts to be equally divided between my four sons, William, Robert, James and Frederick Bryan and my daughter Cuzzey Woodard. I likewise constitute and appoint my two sons Robert Bryan and Frederick Bryan my executors of this my last will and testament and I do pronounce this to be my last will and testament and no other in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date first above written Signed sealed in the presence of us

James Boulder
Plakely Atkinson
Berckhafe Atkinson

Lewis & Bryan (seal)

Will of Samuel Carr

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Carr of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory Pleased be God do the twentieth of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen make publish and declare this as my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit-

First I give my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a christian like manner

Item I give to my negro woman by the name of James her freedom forever.

Item I leave to be sold all my lands and my cattle horse hogs and sheep and my house, property & plantation tools and all the other species of property which I may possess and my just debts to be paid & the balance of the money arising from the sale as aforesaid I leave to be divided as follows.

Item I give to Milley Davis one third part of the money as aforesaid to her and her heirs forever.

Item I leave the balance of the money as aforesaid which is two thirds part one half of it to be equally divided between the lawful heirs children of Samuel Starks of South Carolina and the other half to be equally divided between the lawful children of his brother Thomas Starks deceased if they should come within twelve months after ~~the~~ my decease & more to the satisfaction of the executors or executor these lawful and lineage decent if

Item I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friends Jesse Adams & Hardy Adams executors of this my last will and testament. Assigned, sealed published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing

these witnesses } Samuel Carr (seal)
William Ryals }
Patrick Dixon } make

North Carolina }
Johnston County } February Term 1822
Then was the execution of this will duly proved in open court by the oaths of William Ryals & Hardy Adams & be recorded.
R. Sanders Clk