

In the name of God Amen

I Healthy Bryan of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina seriously considering the uncertainty of life and mindful of the obligation upon every person to leave their affairs in order do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, viz

Impressed. I wish my Executors herein after named to liquidate and pay all my just debts also my funeral expenses from funds I may have on hand at my death or of none on hand from proceeds of sale herein directed to be made.

Item I give to my daughter Mary & Rhoda two Beds Bedsteads and furniture and one pair of Brass Chandeliers to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my daughter Julia W Hines one Mahogany Bureau and one set Mahogany tables to her her heirs and assigns forever.

I leave my negro girl Betsey to my daughter Mary & Rhoda till the said Betsey is twenty one years old (she is now about seventeen years old) and should the said girl Betsey have a child before she is twenty one years old, I give the said child to my grand daughter Eliza & Rhoda to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

When my said negro girl Betsey is twenty one years old I wish her sold by my Executors either at public or private sale as they may deem best or most advantageous for Cash, and I desire that she be purchased by one of my sons in law Christopher C Rhodes and Jesse D Hines of convenient, and that with the proceeds of the sale after deducting expenses and any amount I may owe and not otherwise provided for as above stated, that they purchase two negro girls to best advantage one of which negro girls I leave to my daughter Mary & Rhoda during her natural life and after her death I give the said negro girl together with her increase to be equally divided among the children of my said daughter Mary & Rhoda to them their heirs and assigns forever.

The other negro girl so purchased, as above directed I leave to my daughter Julia W Hines during her natural life and after her death I give the said negro girl together with her increase to be equally divided among the children of my said daughter Julia W Hines to them their heirs and assigns forever.

I appoint my sons in law Christopher C Rhodes and Jesse D Hines Executors to this my last Will and Testament but should either or both of my said sons in law die before me then I appoint my daughter or daughters as the case may be Executrix or Executors.

In testimony of all which I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of September A.D. 1854

Witness
J. W. Barrow
J. W. Barrow

Healthy Bryan (Test)

Jones County Court

October Term A.D. 1855

Then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Healthy Bryan presented in Open Court for probate, when the same was proved in due form of law by the oath of Dorcas Barrow one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered. And at the same time Jesse D Hines one of the Executors therein named came into Court and qualified as such and said that letters testamentary issued to him.

Attest
Chas. Serock Clerk