

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Bryan
 of the County of Halifax in the province of North
 Carolina being in perfect health of Body and in conse
 of mind and memory thanks be to almighty God but
 calling to mind the mortality of mankind and knowing
 that it is appointed for all men once to die do make Ordain
 constitute and appoint this my last will and Testament
 in manner & form to wit First I Give and Bequeath
 to my well beloved son Elias Bryan all my land from a line
 of marked Trees at a place called Little
 Island the corner a line I
 to him & his heirs forever also one
 and Furniture to my Elias Bryan and his heirs forever
 Item I Give to my well beloved son John Bryan
 all my Land from my son Elias Bryan down line to
 a line of marked Trees Beginning on the mark at a Pine
 between the place where he now lives and the plantation
 whereon I now live also one Feather Bed & Furniture
 Item I say to my son John Bryan to him and his heirs forever
 Item I also lend the use of all and Every Individual of the
 Rest of my whole Estate to my well beloved wife Ann
 Bryan During her life or widow and after her death to
 be Equally divided amongst all of my Children that
 remains a live at her death Elias Bryan Excepted I
 also appoint my two sons Needham Bryan and Elias
 Bryan Executors to this my last will and Testament
 Given under my hand this sixteenth Day of December
 in the year 1773

Test Robt. his R Bryan
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Arthur Barden
 Jph Johnson
 Sarah Hull
 mark
 William Hyman

Martin County July Court 1774
 then the above Instrument of
 writing was in open Court duly
 proved by the oath of William Hyman

to be the last will and Testament of Robert Bryan
 according to Law and on motion ordered to be recorded

Test J. Stuart Clerk

On the name of God Amen I Hardy Brown of
 Halifax County in the province of North Carolina in
 perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for
 the same do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
 in manner following that is to say in the first of all knowing
 that it is Ordained for all men once to die I recommend my
 soul unto the Hands of Almighty God that Give it me
 and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried at the di
 rections of my Executors. I Inprimis First I Lend unto my
 Rebecca my well beloved wife the Tract of Land together
 with the plantation whereon I now likewise all the Holers cattle
 and Hogs Excepting one young Horse and five fat Hogs
 which I Reserve to be sold Likewise I Give and Bequeath
 unto Elizabeth my eldest Daughter five shillings Likewise
 I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary five shillings
 Likewise I Give and Bequeath unto Charity my Daughter
 five shillings Likewise I Give and Bequeath to the Child
 my wife is now in Travel with if a Daughter five shillings
 if a son my Plantation near the mouth of the Little Creek
 in the province and County aforesaid & that he shall have
 possession of it at the age of sixteen Likewise all my
 House hold articles I Lend to my wife during her life
 and after the decease of my wife the Plantation whereon I now
 live together with the Rest of my Estate shall be Equally divided
 among my Children Likewise I constitute and appoint
 Rebecca my wife and James Brown & Abner Brown
 Executors of this my Last will and Testament Revoking
 all former wills and Testament made by me before this
 signed with my seal and dated this first day of December
 one thousand seven Hundred and seventy Two

Test Nathan Mayo
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Hardy Brown

Hearton County July Court 1774

The above writing in open Court was proved by
 the oath of Nathan Mayo to be the last will and
 Testament of Hardy Brown deceased and on
 motion ordered to be recorded

Test J. Stuart Clerk