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In the Name of God Amen. The Eighteenth Day of November in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven I John Bryon of Rowan County and state of North Carolina planter being in perfect health to wit in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain 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 almighty God who gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the direction of my Executors and not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Also I give and bequeth unto Sarah my dearly beloved wife the sum of ten pounds in money yearly of the land during her widowhood and likewise I bequeth unto her one negroe wench named Sal and likewise one horse named Rant likewise two cows and likewise two sheep and two Beds and chests and Dow chest with what of the Dresden furniture she pleases, with one pot with the choice of the Bee guns and likewise at my widow death further the Negro wench Sal to be sold and be equally divided among my

Also I give and bequeth unto my well beloved son John Bryon two hundred acres of land along the south line of my plantation only I bequeth twenty pounds out of the

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part to my beloved grand son John Bryan son to John Bryan deceased. Likewise I bequath on Negroe boy to my beloved son Samuel Bryan named George and likewise.

Likewise I give and bequath unto my well beloved son James Mait heirs two hundred Acres of land it being the old improvement where I now live to be sold and put to use for their use when come of age to share & share alike.

Likewise I will that the residue of my moveables property be put to sale and the money equally divided amongst my Daughters Jean Ortan, Jinnet Ortan, Elisabeth Davis Sarah Allen, Mary Huey and Margue Allen likewise all debts due with two young negroes wenches Trace and Luce.

Lastly I do hereby make constitute ordain and appoint my beloved son in law Joseph Ortan and William Laro to be the only Executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other former testaments wills and legacies, Requests & Executions by me in any way before this time mentioned willed and bequathed ratifying this and no other be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day above written.

Signed, sealed published pronounced
and declared by the said John Bryan
as his last will and testament in the
presence of these subscribers

John ^{his} Bryan 
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Samuel Casey junr.

Thomas Allen.

Jacob ^{his} Grote.
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