

WILL OF

JOHN BRYANT

the 6th 1805

In the Name of God Amen.-----

I John Bryant of the State of South Carolina and District of Barnwell being in Perfect mind & memory, Thank be given to God for it, Therefore Calling to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die; do Make & ordain this my last will & Testament That is to Say
~~Firstly~~ & first of all I Give & Recommend my Soul into the hand of God that give it, & my Body I Recommend to the Earth, to be Buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Friend Nothing doubting but I Shall Receive the Same again at the General Resurrection, & as Touching worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless me with in This life, I Give and dispose of the Same in the following manner & Form-----

Item/ I Give & bequeth Unto my Son Evan which I had by my wife before we were Married & to my Son William all my Lands & Plantations, only Reserving the use of Said Lands & Plantations for my wife during her lifetime or Widowhood;-----
My Will & desire is That the Remainder of my Property/that is/my Negroes & Stock of all Sorts Together with all my Household Good, & Furniture & my Plantation Tools may be kept Together For the Support of my Wife & Children Except the Death of manage of my Wife/ untill my Daughter Elizabeth, which I had by me Wife before we were Married arrived to the age of Twenty one years, or Should Marry & Either Case I desire she may have as on Lent, One Negro to be left to the discretion of my Executors untill my son Evan Comes of age, at which time I desire that the whole of my Estate, except the Lande, may

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I desire that the whole of my Estate, Except the Lands, may
be divided Between my Four Children/To wit/ Elizabeth Evan
William Mary and My Wife; Equally Shear & Shear Round; and if
Should so happen that Either of my Children before mentioned
Should die before they come of age I desire the Surviving
Children may Heir their Parts so deceased, and whereas it ap-
pears that I have about Three Hundred Dollars due to my Estate

which I desire when Collected to be laid out in the Purchase
of a Negro Girl for The Estate, I desire at the divide of my
Estate my Daughter may have a Negro Girl in Each of their Lots.
And I do hereby Recommend my Friends Isaac
Bush Edward Buckley, & Benajah Williamson Executors to this
my last Will & Testament with full Power & authority In case
of the Death or Marriage of my Wife, for them to act and do in
Cases as they may think best for my Children & I do hereby
Revoke & disanul all other former Will or Wills by me made
Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last Will &
Testament---- In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand
and affixed my Seal with the Day & Date above Written--
Signed Sealed Acknowledged)
and Delivered in Presents of us)

John Bryant (SEAL)

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Alceon Hagood, Esquire Ordinary, Barnwell District.

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