

WILL OF

JESSE BRYANT

In the name of God Amen I Jesse Bryant of Marion District in the State of South Carolina being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to God therefor 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 hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executors Nothing 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 blefs me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form First I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Smithy one negro Girl named Jin. and the plantation where I now reside on Catfish Creek also I give to my well beloved wife Mourning Briant all the remainder part of my Estate real (and personal her lifetime and at her death my whole estate to be equally divided amongs my surviving children viz Elizabeth Martin. W^m Briant. Jas Briant, Jesse Briant Mary Finklee Sally Perritt Mourning Harrell Gitsy Perritt Milly Casque Smithy Briant to be equally divided among them share and share alike I likewise constitute make and ordain my son Jim Briant and my soninlaw Aaron Martin sole Executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th of February 1818 and in the forty 2nd year of American Independence Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Jesse Bryant to be and contain his last will and testament in the presents of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

Jesse Bryant (SEAL)

James Crawford
Levi Hays
Willis Finklee

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