

- I William Bryan being of sound mind and disposing memory do publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made
- 1st I request that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my executors
 - 2 I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Lucinda Bryan all my lands Negroes household and Kitchen furniture together with a sufficiency of provisions for one year to be set apart by three disinterested men to wit to set apart Corn pork Wheat Stock Hogs Cows Horses Sheep and other such things as may be considered need for her interest and support with the privilege of my five sons living on said lands rent free namely William Benjamin John Ephraim & Newton during her natural life or widowhood and all other of my property as is not set apart for the benefit of my wife - To be sold as soon after my death as practicable on a twelve months credit &c And at the death of my beloved wife Lucinda Bryan or widowhood I wish all the Estate divided as hereinafter described
 - 3 It is my will that my lands be divided between my five Sons to wit, William A. Bryan Benjamin B. Bryan Ephraim B. Bryan John Bryan & Newton Bryan to have each of them one hundred and fifty five Acres each to be valued by three or more disinterested men and each one to pay so as to be equal with exception of John Bryan who is to have one hundred and seventy acres including the house place and other buildings the hire to run East and West and at his death to be sold by my Executors on a twelve credit and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my children to wit Elizabeth who entered with John Maddox William A. Bryan Benjamin B. Bryan Anna Bryan Ephraim Bryan Rebecca Bryan Newton Bryan Malinda S. Bryan & Cintha who intermarried Joseph Buchanan for the principal sum of her and the heirs of her body -
 - 4 I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who intermarried with John Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecca & Malinda Bryan and Cintha who intermarried Joseph Buchanan and her heirs and equal portion of my estate to be in a

Negro and among the Negro to draw for the money to be paid out of my effects so as to make all my children equal the sons above named to have the lands as described the Girls the Negroes and to be made equal in money The lands and Negroes all to be valued as above described Anna who married Thomas Maddox to have if she choose the tract of land on Kellies Creek at what I was to have it at out of her part. If she does not take it for my executors To sell the land and divide the proceeds as above named

- 5 I will that all the portion of the estate allotted Cintha who intermarried Joseph Buchanan go to her only use and body heirs
- 6 I will to the heirs of James J. Bryan deceased one hundred dollars each to be paid at the death of my wife Lucinda named by William H. Francis M. John H. Nancy Henry Bryan as their portion of my estate
- 7 I will that the amount of money when collected be paid to each one of the heirs equally and to be accountable for the amount - are a division namely William Benjamin Ephraim Newton Elizabeth Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecca Malinda Cintha Buchanan
- 8 I will that Ephraim Bryan remain on the place take care of his mother and farm the same way he has been doing heretofore if he chooses so to do which is the 5th of all that is now on the place and that all that I have given to my children rent and all poultry remain as they are and for there to be no hereafter about it

Lastly I hereby appoint William A. Bryan and Ephraim Bryan my Executors to this my last will and testament this the 30th day of November 1857

Signed and sealed in the presence

of us
John Smith
John J. Bonner

William Bryan *Test*