Bryan of Virginia and Georgia

Joseph Bryan settled in Colleton County, South Carolina before 1697, Wife, Janet Cochran. Issue.

- Joseph Bryan died 12/9/1735 or 1736.
- Hugh Bryan 1699–1/31/1753.
- Hannah Bryan died 8/1753, the date of her Last Will and Testament.
- Jonathan Bryan, 9/12/1708–3/9.1788., married on 10/13/1737 Mary Williamson (3/23/1722–3/24/1781), the daughter of John and Mary (Bower) Williamson. Hon. Bryan was an influential colonist in South Carolina and in Georgia. In 1733 he assisted General Oglethorpe in selecting the site of Savannah. In 1754 he was a member of the King's Council in Georgia for twenty years and one of the first Justices of the Original General Court of the Colony. Rev. George Whitefield mentioned him in his diary as being a man of great piety. He was a propounder of the rights of the colony because of which he was excluded in 1774 from the King's Council. He was elected a member of the Committee of Safety of Georgia and acted as Vice President and Commander in Chief in 1777. In January of 1779 he was captured by the British and imprisoned on Long Island until June of 1780 when he was exchanged. Then, he and his sons, rejoined the war efforts. He was the owner of large plantations in South Carolina and Georgia. The couple had eight sons, but only one son left issue, as follows:

Josiah Bryan was born 8/22/1746 and resided on his plantation known as "Noncalance" on Wilmington Island, Georgia. He was married on 8/14/1770 to Elizabeth Pendarvis (born 5/23/1755), a daughter of Josiah Pendarvis and his wife, Mary (Bedon) Pendarvis of South Carolina. After his death in the spring of 1774, his widow married John Screven (died 4/4/1804) and by him had issue. Issue of Josiah and Elizabeth.

Joseph Bryan of "Nonchalance., Wilmington Island, Georgia, was born 8/18/1773 in Savannah and died 9/5/1812 on his plantation, interred in the family burial ground. He was married on 4/5/1805 Delia Foreman (3/4/1788–12/16/1825), daughter of Gen. Thomas M. Forman of Maryland. He attended Oxford University in England and during the Revolutionary War traveled in France. He served from 1803 to 1806 as a Republican in the 8th and 9th Congresses. Issue:

1. John Randolph Bryan, born 3/23/1806 at "Nonchalance: on Wilmington Island, Georgia and died 9/13/1887. He attended Yale University and spent seven years in the navy from which he was retired in 1831. He then took up residence at "Eagle Point: in Gloucester County, Virginia, and later at "Carysbrook: in Fluvanna County, Virginia. On 1/27/ he was married to Elizabeth Tucker Coalter (6/25/1805–3/28/1856), a daughter of Judge Coalter of Augusta County, Virginia and a granddaughter of St. George Tucker, jurist and poet. Issue: Joseph Bryan, born 8/13/1845 at "Eagle Point: in Gloucester County, Virginia, died 11/20/1908 at his home "Laburnum" near Richmond,

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Virginia. He was married 1st in 2/1871 in Henrico County, Virginia to Isobel Lamont Stewart (8/20/1847–9/11/1910), the daughter of John Stewart of Rothesay Scotland. Issue: John Stewart Bryan of Richmond, Virginia, born 10/23/1871, married 6/4/1903, Anne Eliza Tennant: Robert Coulter Bryan, born 6/27/1873, Professor of Surgery at the Medical College in Virginia, married 10/17/1914, Grace Hamilton; Jonathan Bryan of Rothesday, Henrico County, Virginia, born 12/6/1874, married 6/1911, Winifred Duffy; Joseph St. George Bryan, born 2/11/1879, married 4/15/1901, Emily Page Kemp; and Thomas Pinckney Bryan, 10/24/1882–2/12/1920, married 4/10/1907, Helen McGill Hamilton.

- 2. H. Georgia Bryan.
- 3. Thomas Forman Bryan.
- 4. Joseph Bryan.

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