

BERTIE COUNTY WILL - Bryan, Needham - 1767

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Will and Settlement of Needham Bryan, Sr., Bertie County, NC. In the name of God Amen the Twentie Third day of September in the year of Our Lord 1767, I Needham Bryan of North Carolina in the County of Bartie farmer being very sick in body but of perfect mind and memory give and bequeath SARAH my dearly beloved wife one feather bed and furniture the chose of all my beds one horse choise as she likes side saddell and bridell and after her decease to go into the estate. Item I give to my gran son WILLIAM BRYAN the son of my son WILLIAM my still and my stock of smiths tools. Item I give and bequeath to my foregran sons EZEKIL WILLIAMS LEWIS GARDNER and JOHSEPH JARNIGHAN and my daughters son WILLIAM hur first born each of them a cr[torn]lin and bequeath to SUSANA HARRELL one [torn] called Anny ? Item and bequeath to young JACOB JARNIGHAN three pounds out of my estate when sheared and after my debts is paid. I do lend all my whole estate to my wife and my grandson WILLIAM BRYAN that now lives with me and after my wifes widowhood to be equally divided to my three children all but he has in razen? that his shear all rest to my son NEEDHAM an WILLIAM and daughter RACHELL and my son NEEDHAM nad son WILLIAM and my son in law WILLIAM WHITFIELD forevery one of them ot chuse them a man to vally and devide to threelots and each to take their shear and I do make and ordain my two sons NEEDHAM BRYAN and WILLIAM BRYAN my sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revouk and disannulland all and every other forms testaments and wills and legases bequeaths and executors by me in any wise before this time named or ment. In witness wheeof I have heir unto set my hand and seal this day and year above ritten. Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by me the said NEEDHAM BRYAN SENER as his last will and testament in the presents of us the subscribers.

NEEDHAM BRYAN

William Turner Jurat

James Turner

Joseph Turner

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