

Charles Bryant
1839

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Bryant of the County of Southampton and State of
Virginia being of perfect sound mind and memory and acting to ward the uncertainty of the future
do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the following manner. First
I desire that all my lawful debts to be paid and so far as I shall be the executor and administrator of my estate
I desire of all debts to be paid, First I desire to my beloved wife Temperance Bryant who
third of my lawful heirs. I do give unto her my natural life or so long as she shall live
to my two sons Saml P Bryant and John P Bryant the Equality divided between them
and I give now all my lands and plantations to my two sons Saml P Bryant and
John P Bryant I also give my beloved wife Temperance Bryant four negroes
namely George King, Anala Thomas and Washington her natural life or so long
as she shall live to be Equality divided between my children Saml P Bryant and
John P Bryant Polly Bryant and Maria Bryant to be Equality divided
between them I give my beloved wife one horse one cow one pig and
hacks 130 first choice during her natural life or so long as she shall live to be Equality
divided between Saml P Bryant John P Bryant and Polly Bryant and
Maria Bryant I give my two sons Saml P Bryant and John P Bryant
all my right to be Equality divided between them I also desire for my son William
to have two hundred dollars out of my estate to be paid to him I give my
two sons Saml P Bryant and John P Bryant two negroes namely
Johnny and Henry to be divided between them and I give my two daughters one negro
a piece First I give Polly Bryant and Maria Bryant and I give Maria Bryant
the balance of my estate real and personal I give to be Equality divided among
two sons & two daughters Saml P Bryant and John P Bryant Maria Bryant
and Polly Bryant the whole to be Equality divided between them And lastly I
appoint my son Saml P Bryant Executor of my last will & Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day
of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine signed
Signed published and declared to be the last will and Testament of Charles Bryant
In presence of Witnesses
James C Taylor
Frederick H. Pickens

Charles Bryant (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 17th May 1839 This last will
and Testament of Charles Bryant was proved by the oath of James C
Taylor and Frederick H. Pickens the witnesses thereto and came to be recorded
And on the motion of James P Bryant the Executor therein named who made oath
that he and together with William Bryant Esq. and John P Bryant
had been examined and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Ten thousand
dollars conditioned as the Law directs and the said Court granted the said Saml P
Bryant for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form

Filed Charles Bryant's will

Commissioner
Hill

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Emmet being weak in body and in my mind
and disposing and knowing that time are to die do make and ordain this to be my last will
and Testament First I recommend my soul into the hands of an all merciful Creator
and my body to be decently entred as to my worldly estate I do will and bequeath it in the
manner following to wit I give From the most precious services which my woman
Plummet has rendered me it is my will and desire that she and her three children be at the
House 2nd I do will and bequeath to the said Plummet Fifty acres of land the one corner
being at the lower corner of my yard next to the well running directly to a fence then
up the branch a sufficient distance that the third side shall be parallel to the first two
sides It is my will a good frame house lighted by sixteen feet be built upon said land
having two good floors a brick chimney of three light flues on each side and
a furnace shall designate It is also my will that she have a Carriage drawn and furnished