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a stamp of the internal revenue of the United States of the amount of one dollar  
is ordered to be recorded - certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said  
will in due form. a stamp of the internal revenue of the amount of one dollar being  
hereunto affixed.

Testo

L.R. Edwards Esq

In the name of God. Amen! I Matilda Bryant of the County of  
Southampton and State of Virginia, do hereby make and publish this my last will  
and testament in manner and form following, that is to say-

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my  
estate by my Executors herein-after named.

2<sup>nd</sup>. after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I give and bequeath  
to my daughter Polly Bryant two feather beds, bed-sticks and furniture: one  
large blue-chest, one desk, one trunk, 2 iron pots and hooks, one pan, one spit,  
two earthen dishes, six plates, one sett knives and forks, one cow and calf first choice,  
and one first choice, sow & pigs. also six chairs, to her and her heirs forever -

3<sup>rd</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son Alfred Bryant the sum of five dollars -

4<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son John A. Bryant the sum of one dollar -

5<sup>th</sup>. I loan all my tract of land whereon I now reside, to my daughter Polly Bryant  
during the term of her natural life, and after her decease, I give one half of the said  
tract of land to her children, should she have any, and the other half to my son John  
A. Bryant's children, to them and their heirs forever, but in case my said daughter  
should die leaving no child or children, then I give my whole tract of land to my  
son John A. Bryant's children to them and their heirs forever.

6<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath one half of the balance of my Estate to my daughter Polly  
Bryant, and the other half to my son John A. Bryant's children.

And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my friends John Hargrave and Thomas  
B. Worrell executors of this my last Will and testament hereby revoking and annulling  
all other or former Wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year  
of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three -

Signed, sealed & acknowledged

as the last Will & Testament of this

testatrix in presence of us

William W. Cutler

Thos. B. Worrell

John Hargrave

Matilda X Bryant <sup>her</sup> mark <sup>Seal</sup>

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on 16 July 1866 -

This last Will and Testament of Matilda Bryant as was proved by the oath of