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I Allen Bryan of the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee, being much debilitated in body but of sound mind and perfect memory do make and ordain this and no other to be my last will and Testament viz all of my just debts to be paid and after that and my funeral expenses paid I want my Wife Elizabeth to have the benefit of the plantation that we are now residing on the dwelling house Kitchen barns and all the mantion housuses on said place the said place commencing at John Kerrs line and running with said Kerrs line another direction and thence to the division line between me and Samuel Henry deceast and running with said division line in about forty rods of the west string of fence on said Williams track thence about forty rods to a grant of the State to me thence a direct course to the corner of Samuel Stockton line Deceast or nearly so, and thence running with my line and others to French Broad River encluing ~~xxxxxx~~ the lots that I perscared of the heirs of Samuel Stockton deceast and also encluing a small grant, from the state to me, partly covered with water including a fish trap on french Broad river between me and Eliga Rogers and I also want my wife Elizabeth to have all property belonging to said place not otherwise directed hereafter to have and to hold to her use and benefit during her lifetime or widowhood, biz the negroes Slaves named Ben segr. James George and young Ben and Lee Ama Martha seng Hamner Martha Jur. and Elizabeth and also the house hold and kitchen furniture and also all the horses cattle hoggs sheep and Stock of every description and also the waggon grarying of every description and also the blacks smith tools and farming tools of every description and also two stills and tubs and all other untentials thereto belonging to have and to hold during her lifetime or widdowhood with the exception of whatever she thinks of the personal property wood be wright to give to the children as they go to themselves and if any increase among the negro slaves that has been named for her use and benefit during her lifetime or widdowhood they should belong to the ones that ~~xxx~~ their mother is giving to & and at either of the before mentioned circumstances the Executors shall take charge of all the before mentioned property both real and persoanl and if marriage contract takes place the said Executors shall give to Elizabeth one negro woman named Martha provided she will not take her out of East Tennessee and also one horse saddle bridle two cows and calfs one bed and furniture one case od drars (sic) and at either circumstance the Executors shall divide the property both real and personal as may be hereafter directed or cause it to be done and at eith of the before mentioned circumstances the said track of land before mentioned shall be sold by the Executors wither by publick or private sale or divide as they may think best for the benefit of the fourmentioned heirs and the funis if sold to be equally divided among the ones mentioned W William M. Bryan Simeon B Bryan Malinda Bryan and I also want , William M. to have a negro man named Mike and Simeon B to have one boy named Clabe and Malinda to have one girl named Jane and also Alsey to have one negro child named Elizabeth and all of the before mentioned personal property or whatever may be on hands at either of the before mentioned circumstances to be equally divided between the four mentioned heirs by the Executors or as near as can be done conveniently and I also want Elizabeth Bryan Meneroy Bryan and Allen S. Bryan to have two hundred acres of land a place on french broad river formerly called the Hubbard tracks and dry land track the said Allen S. Bryan to have the lower track commencing at Samuel Stocktons corner, on the bank of the river and running an East direction with the river sme place above where he now lives and running a north direction some place near the holler leading up to what is called the dry land track and thence running a west course as fur as may be thought best for both tracks, and I also want Elizabeth to have a negro woman named Lelia and also, Manerva to have one girl named Easter and I also want Margaret Henry to

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And I also want the Executors to lay off one acre of land or something near that including the grave yeard in what is called the Hubbard track for the purpose of a grave yard and no other, so that no one can have the benefit of it in no other way whatsoever. And I also want the Executors to make a rite of two acres of land including the School house that has formerly went by the name Henry meeting house near the big road leading from Brabsons ferry to Dandridge for the purpose of a school house meeting house and grave yard for the benefit of that purpose and no other what soever, that is such a rite that has been vested in me by the commeshioners that was appointed to make the division between me and Samuel Henry Deceast and I also want the Executors to act as garden for all the miner heirs and pay over to all of them as they become of age there proportionate part of money with the exception of the youngest named Alsey and if they think it best for her instrust to pay over to her, and if they think it best not to retain it in their hands and pay it over as they may think it best calculated to soon her interests. And I also want Allen S Bryant and William M Bryant to have my part of the Stock paid in the firm of Bryans and Underwood and whatever proffits may have risen from said stock to have the use and benefit of said stock and profits for the term of eight years from the time they get in possession of them giving bond and security for the payments of said money with its intrust at the expiration of said term if they think proper to use it and if not to pay over to the heirs as they become of age there proportionable part, or as soon as may be collected and if any other money comes into there hands also to pay over. And I also want them to attend to the collection of all debts and anything that may accrue from the settling of said business. I want the said Allen S. Bryant to attend to all the Business until Willim M Bryant becomes to the age of twenty one and then both to act as excutors gointly &. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 29 day of December 1838.

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Test: Ahaz Bryan, Mary Bryan

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