

Caroline M. Bryan  
Last Will

13 Dec 1873  
Proved  
24 June 1879

Will of  
Caroline  
M. Bryan  
Widow  
of John  
Bryan

Caroline M Bryan widow of John Bryan deceased of the town of Hopkinsville County of Christian and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will & testament my object being to ratify & confirm a certain division made Oct 1870 of a portion of the property subject to my disposal said division having been made at the instance of my children by Joseph B Goynt George C Thompson and John W Campbell commissioners selected by them and the commissioners in the division taking into consideration and dividing equally among my children only the following property to wit: One tract of land lying within the corporate limits of the town aforesaid conveyed by John Wilcox to said decedent and one other tract adjoining conveyed by Woods heirs to said decedent and both together containing by survey 87/4 acres & 7 poles - also one house & lot in said town being the south west corner of Virginia and Perod streets the same conveyed to me by Richard H Whitaker & wife by deed recorded in Book 37 of deeds page 223 (to which reference is here made for a full description) & the said commissioners further took into consideration and charged my daughter Caroline M Crockett in this division with an advancement made by said decedent to Joseph B Crockett of one half of a 5/4 acres of land conveyed by John Wilcox to Bryan & Crockett & afterwards given by said decedent to said Crockett as an advancement from his estate said division & lot as reported and signed by said commissioners is hereto attached & made part hereof. Now I Caroline M Bryan do pronounce the division here made of the before mentioned property to be just and equal as between my children and do hereby will and devise the property aforesaid to my

Caroline M. Crockett  
m -  
Joseph B Crockett.

Children as follows  
Lot Number One (N<sup>o</sup> 1) I will and devise to  
my son Thomas D Bryan his heirs and  
assigns forever in fee simple and with gen-  
eral warranty.

Lot Number Two (N<sup>o</sup> 2) in said division I will  
and devise to my son John S Bryan in trust  
for the use & benefit of his wife & children  
born or which may be born unto him in  
this or other legal wedlock & otherwise as set  
forth in a deed of gift this day executed  
to said John S Bryan as Trustee as aforesaid  
to have and to hold said lot of Land to  
said John S Bryan as such trustee for the  
use & benefit of his wife and children  
as above set forth and to their heirs  
and assigns forever in fee simple and  
with general warranty.

Lot Number (3) I will and devise  
to my daughter Harriett M Hopper wife  
of E H Hopper (as set forth in deed of gift  
of record from one to two) and to her heirs  
and assigns forever in fee simple and  
with general warranty.

Lot Number four (N<sup>o</sup> 4) I will and devise  
to my daughter Susan J Bryan her heirs  
and assigns forever in fee simple and  
with general warranty. Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 consisting  
of 16 1/4 acres of Land & the town lot of three  
quarters of an acre conveyed to me by  
what above as aforesaid.

Lot Number five (N<sup>o</sup> 5) I Will and devise to  
my daughter Caroline M Crockett wife of  
Joseph M Crockett and to her heirs and  
assigns forever in fee simple with general  
warranty. Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 includes the advancement of  
one half of the Bryan Crockett lot a-  
foresaid as mentioned.

Lot Number six (N<sup>o</sup> 6) I will and devise  
to my daughter Eliza E Knight wife of John  
B Knight and to her heirs and assigns  
forever in fee simple and with general  
warranty. Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6 includes what is design-  
ated as lots Number 6 & 7 in the said  
division & contains in the aggregate

Son  
Thomas D Bryan

Son  
John S Bryan

Dow.  
Harriett M  
Hopper  
wife of  
E. H.  
Hopper.

Dow  
Susan J Bryan

Dow  
Caroline M  
Crockett  
wife of  
Joseph M  
Crockett

Eliza E Knight  
wife of  
John B  
Knight

20th some of Land. Heads of gift have been executed by me to the several parties to the partition herein devised to them said division I have signed my name to & endorsed as part of this will.

It is my will that the balance of my property and the property devolved from John Bryan my deceased husband be equally divided between my children taking into consideration the advancements heretofore made to them. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 13 day of December 1873

Attest witnesses  
B. H. Harrison  
G. C. Champlin

Caroline M Bryan

State of Kentucky  
Christian County Court June Term 1879  
" 2<sup>d</sup>

An instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Mrs Caroline M Bryan deceased was this day produced and filed in Open Court and offered for probate and the same being read in Open Court was proven by the Oath of B. H. Harrison & G. C. Champlin witnesses thereto to be the last Will and testament of said Caroline M Bryan deceased whereupon it is hereby ordered that the same be and is established as such for the last Will and testament of said Caroline M Bryan deceased and duly admitted to record as such

Given under my hand this June 27 1879

John W Breathitt Clerk

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Kentucky

Daniel Bryan  
of Jefferson Co in the State of Kentucky  
whom as private in the Company  
of Captain Powell of the 96  
th Regt in the War  
for 28 days from 1776

brother Samuel  
deceased with him  
ROVAN CO KY  
FAYETTE  
+  
JESSAMINE CO  
KY

And that on the Roll of Kentucky  
at the rate of 57. Dollars 76 Cents per  
annum on the 1st day of March, 1831.

On the 25th day of Sep  
tember 1833 and on to Hon  
R. M. Johnson of Ky.

Amount to the 1st of Sept 1833 149. 40  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 1st Feb 29. 80

\$179.28



Revolutionary Claim,  
April June 1, 1832.

Recorded by

*Wm. H. H. H.*

Clerk

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1928.

Honorable Cordell Hull,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hull:

In response to your letter of March 14, 1928 enclosing letter of Mr. R. B. Cassell of Harriman, Tennessee, I have the honor to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 1172, it appears that Daniel Bryan was born February 10, 1758, in Rowan County, North Carolina, where he resided when he and his father, William Bryan, were drafted in the summer of 1776 under Captain John Johnston to suppress the Cherokee Indians, but as both of them were gunsmiths they were ordered by General Rutherford to remain in the shops to repair and make muskets and to be credited with three months duty.

He volunteered about July 1, 1777, under Captain William Baley Smith and was stationed at Boonsborough, Kentucky six months.

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William Hogan's Company and had several skirmishes with the Indians.

March 10, 1780 his brother, William was killed by Indians, and his father William Bryan was wounded by Indians and died eight days later; and in the same year he, Daniel Bryan, with four sisters, his mother, his brother Samuel and his family returned to North Carolina.

Daniel was next drafted about the first of October 1781 as a Light Horseman under Captain James Stinson, Colonel Elisha Isaacs, in pursuit of the Tory Colonel Fannin and served until January 3, 1782 when he was discharged at Henleys Mill.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 18, 1833, while a resident of Jessamine County, Kentucky.

He died in February 1845 in Fayette County, Kentucky leaving no widow but his son Thomas Bryan claimed to be one of his heirs in 1853. There are no further data on file as to his family.

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+ (State of Kentucky)  
Scott County N. W. 23  
On this day 16th day of September in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty three personally appeared  
before the Clerk of the Peace and State  
Magistrate in open court Daniel Bryan  
deposes that he was born in North  
Carolina Rowan County for the Family Re-  
gister on the 10th day of February 1758 his  
being first duly sworn according to Law  
doth on his oath make the following de-  
claration in order to obtain the benefit  
of the Act of Congress passed the 7th  
of June 1839.

First That he was placed on the muster Roll  
at the usual age in the Company of Capt  
John Johnston and the Company were divided  
the four Clases and he Daniel was numbered  
in the third Class and that his father William  
Bryan was numbered in the first Class. That  
in the Summer 1776 the Cherokee Indians  
broke out in open War on the frontier of  
Virginia North Carolina South Carolina

And Virginia at which time Government ordered  
out the militia to Campaign against the  
Indians. My Father William Bryan was  
drafted to go under Griffith Rutherford  
then Commanding General of the militia  
of Rowan County North Carolina to march  
out and join the Troops of South Carolina  
and march against the most southerly Town  
of the Cherokee and the said Daniel  
Bryan was drafted to go under the command  
of Col. Joseph Williams to march and join  
the Virginia army under the command of  
Col. Christian which joined at the Landing  
land of Holston River and march against  
the most northerly Towns of the Chero-  
kee Indians, about the same time as  
the South army won at the South Towns.  
And the said Daniel Bryan further states  
that at the time of the Campaign there  
was no publick arms to be obtained there  
was only hunters guns and a number of  
them in bad repair, and that a sufficient  
supply of arms in repair could not be ob-  
tained for the men called out either by



+ the sd Daniel considered himself as much a soldier during the  
campaign repairing & making arms as if he had been with  
the army & so he was considered by the General & his staff

Borrowing or any other means and that his  
Father loaned his rifle and he said Daniel  
had none at that time. The said Daniel  
also states that his Father and himself  
worked at the Guns milks Business at the  
time of being drafted and that General  
Rutherford ordered his Father William  
Bryan and himself to stay at home and  
work in their shop repairing and fixing of  
Arms for others that were going on the Cam-  
paign and for those that were expected to  
relieve them when called on. And said  
General Rutherford promised them the said  
William and Daniel, that they should be  
allowed the same as those that went on  
the Campaign and that the said William  
and Daniel Bryan obeyed said orders of  
their General faithfully worked at ma-  
king and repairing of arms by day and  
some nights until midnight for which  
services we were credited a degree of duty  
for three months the same as those that  
went on the Campaign.

Secondly. That about the first of July 1777<sup>th</sup>

Said Daniel Bryan entered himself a Volun-  
teer soldier and militia man in the  
Service of the United States for six months  
under Captain William (Baley) Smith (John)  
Holder Lieutenant and was march from  
Perwan County North Carolina to Kentucky  
to Boonsborough on the Frontier of Vir-  
ginia where he served the term of six months  
as above mentioned in Guarding the Fort  
preventing the Country around to prevent  
the depredations of the British and In-  
dians and was legally discharged the  
Center following, which discharge I have  
lost, but (copy) to the affidavit of Samuel  
Bryan who served in a similar service  
at the same time and was stationed to  
Carolina the same winter. —

Thirdly. I had in the Spring of the year 1779 he  
with his Father his Brother Samuel Bryan  
and others came to Kentucky, erected a  
small Fort at Bryan's Station, where  
his brother remained with his Family and  
raised some Corn &c. — The said Daniel  
returned to North Carolina with his  
Father William Bryan to assist him to move

His Family to Kentucky which he did in the  
Fall following and settled at Bryans sta-  
tion where a number of others settled in  
Fall 1779 and enlarged the station at  
which time he said Daniel was enrolled  
in the Company of Captain William Hogan  
where he remained winter and summer fol-  
lowing guarding the Fort scouring over  
the country in search of Indians at  
different times which times amounted to  
12 Days. Some of which services is mention-  
ed as follows. That on the 10th day of  
March 1780 his Brother William Bryan  
was killed by the Indians who surrounded  
Bryans station killed two men and wound-  
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other persons <sup>and then returned home</sup> them three days. That in  
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at some men and made off with the  
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their trail pursued retook the horses  
the Indians hid in the cane. That  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of same month May then  
and party 14 in number fell in with

A party of Indians near the Great Camp  
ing by the herd creek. He killed three of the  
party one of which fell by a ball from  
my rifle, the wounded of the Indians  
with success. The Indians killed and  
wounded five of our men. My Father Mr.  
Bryan was one of the wounded who died  
of his wounds on the 8th day after. The  
said Daniel states that in June following  
he with others were ordered to the Falls  
of the Ohio. That the Indians came  
on our land pursued us to where Frankfort  
now stands. Fired on us when within  
two hundred feet and took one prisoner. He  
came out at the same place we went  
in to. Made a valley at a short dis-  
tance and returned. But the Indians  
crossed the river and made their escape  
with the prisoner. We then halted, extra-  
oled a bull from one of the wounded drop-  
ed their wounds and then we returned  
back to the Fort with the wounded.  
The said Daniel further states that in  
the month of July the British with

A number of Indians, invaded Kentucky  
took Puddles and Martin's station with  
all the Inhabitants prisoners and carried  
them off some to Canada some to the  
different Indian Towns. It was shortly  
after General George Rogers Clark (Com-  
mander of the Regular troops then at  
Louisville ordered Col. Benj Logan to call  
out the militia by a General draft or  
Volunteering and meet said Clark at  
the mouth of Pecking River to go a  
Campaign against the Indians which  
said Logan did, and <sup>Appointed</sup> Commissaries and  
hunters to provide meat for the Families  
of men that was called out on the  
Campaign as meat was the only subsi-  
stance at that time and the said Daniel  
was drafted to go on the Campaign, but  
being a good hunter was ordered by Col.  
Logan to serve as a Hunter and did serve  
during the time of the Campaign which  
was 16 days. This statement proved by  
the affidavit of Samuel Bryan.  
The said Daniel Bryan further states

I find after the return of the men from the Campaign that his Mother Brother Saml Bryan and Family and Four Sisters moved back to North Carolina to the same Farm from whence we moved from, thus ending my Service against the British and Indians and Commences a gainst the British and Tories of North Carolina. On Our arrival in North Carolina we found the Country in a shocking situation. Mig and Tory nearly all in arms and the British advancing and marching through the Country. Shortly after our arrival in North Carolina in November 1780 my brother Samuel Bryan and myself went to our former Captain John Johnston who then was Captain of the state minute men and entered ourselves into the minute service to serve at a minutes warning at any time when called on for the term of one year if wanted for the purpose of reconnoitering the settlements most respected

(10) being Tories. Taking and guarding them to  
prison whoever we found to be such.  
which services we performed whenever Ca-  
lled on and at any time. which times of  
service during the Year added together  
was four months which will appear  
by the affidavit of Saml Bryan. I here  
I Daniel Bryan omit stating a Town  
in which I hired a substitute to assist  
in Guarding the prisoners taken by Genl  
Morgan at the Cowpens as I have been  
informed that Saml not allowed the ser-  
vices performed by a substitute. And  
proceed to state that about the first  
of Oct 1781. He said Daniel was ar-  
rested and served as light <sup>(HORSEMAN)</sup> ~~Footman~~  
in Capt James Glinsons Company under  
the Command of Col. Elisha Isaac.  
Marching and scouring near the middle  
of North Carolina on the Waters of  
Deep River in search of a notorious  
Cob. Fannin and party who then was  
catching plundering and <sup>(PATROLLING)</sup> ~~partling~~



(Of our soldiers on their return home from  
Wilmington<sup>Wilmington</sup> in North Carolina. With  
the said Fanned and party we had  
several severe skirmishes. Took some  
Gories prisoners & horses gun and books  
some wearing apparel &c. After serving  
a term of duty for three months I was  
legally discharged by my Captain at  
Handley's mill on the 3<sup>d</sup> of January  
1782 which discharge is on file in the  
Commissioners Office. The service of this  
? Town will also be confirmed by the affi-  
davit of Samuel Bryan who served in  
the same Company at the same time.

I hereby relinquish every claim what-  
ever to be pensioned or annuity except  
the present and declare that my  
name is not on the pension roll  
of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to in open Court by  
said Bryan. Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 1833

Daniel Bryan

Attest P. J. Smith

Quest 1<sup>st</sup> Where, and what Year was (You) born  
Ans. In Rowan County and state of North  
Carolina on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1758

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Quest 2<sup>d</sup> Have You any record of Your age and  
of so a line is so.  
Ans. I have record of my Age at home  
wrote into my bitter letter from my  
Sunderland family record. My  
Brother Samuel who has seen the family  
records has testified the same.

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Quest 3<sup>d</sup> Where, were You living when called  
into the service? What have You lived  
since the Revolution War? And where  
do You now live?

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Ans. In Rowan County North Carolina and  
lived part of my time in Rowan County  
North Carolina and the balance of my  
time in Fayette and Jessamine Counties the  
latter where I now live on my present  
piece of Abode in Kentucky.

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Quest 4<sup>th</sup> How were You called into service?

Were you drafted? Did you volunteer?  
Or were you a substitute? And if a  
substitute for whom?

Ans. I was drafted twice and served my Country  
twice a volunteer and I was never a sub-  
stitute for any man. —

Quest 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular  
Officers who were with the troops which you  
served? Such Continental and Statute  
Regiments as you can recollect and the  
several Circumstances of your service?

Ans. General Griffith Boucherford and George  
Wagon Clerk and Colonels Christian  
Joseph, William Elisha Swann and Logan  
Captain John Johnston William Balyon  
etc and W<sup>m</sup> Hogan and John Holder  
and Captain James Hinson and Colonels  
Swann and Christians and Williams  
Regiments. My service as well as I  
can recollect which is before herein  
stated was working at the Gunsmiths  
Business the first time. My second  
lower off duty was marching from

North Carolina to Kentucky the then frontiers of Virginia and scouting the Country National as a Guard about Booneborough often times after the British and Indians. My third tour of duty in Kentucky I served as a Hunter and in assisting the other men in following the Indians and British and in killing in Indian with my own rifle and in many other skirmishes and taking care of the wounded as I never left a wounded man on the battle ground and in taking stolen property such as horses &c from the Indians. The service of my fourth tour of duty was marching and scouring the Country of North Carolina on Deep River in search of a noted Tory Col. Fannin and his party We had several skirmishes. Took some prisoners & horse gun and sword some during a span of 2

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Ques. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom

Was it given and what has become of  
me to the 6<sup>th</sup> Question I received a discharge  
from Captain William Bailey  
Smith which Discharge I have lost  
And the said Daniel Bryan has two re-  
ceipts <sup>or discharges</sup> both for substitutes from Captain  
John Johnston for two terms of duty  
marked no 1<sup>st</sup> and no 3<sup>rd</sup> and one dis-  
charge marked no 2 from Captain  
James Pinson which are in the War  
Office and the Wards of James B  
Edwards <sup>Esq</sup> Commissioners of pensions  
at Washington City. And the following  
are the copies subjoined.

New York 25<sup>th</sup> 1781

This is to certify that Daniel Bryan a  
ranked Soldier for the present Term  
no 1 of my Company is hereby discharged  
by sending a substitute in his place  
Certified by me John Johnston Capt

Camp at Middelburg: Nilla Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Day 1782  
This is to certify that Daniel Bryan