

**Will, SC, York, WILLIAM BRATTON 1813 1815**

CASE #9  
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**WILLIAM BRATTON**, deceased  
**WILLIAM BRATTON JR.**, executor

1815

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South Carolina

In the name of God Amen.

I **WILLIAM BRATTON** Of York District in the State aforesaid being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form Following:

First I give to my wife **MARTHA BRATTON** the following Negroes that is to say JUNE, LYDIA, PETER, BETTY, NELSON, JULY, CLOE BEN, KITTY, HARRY, WATT, POLLY, HARRIETT, BUTLER, LIMUS, JACK, WINNY, JIM, LUCE, ARCHY, PATT, IZEY, and MOSES and all my beds and bed furniture, my whole stock of horses, Cattle, sheep, and Hogs, my wagon & Geer, my Riding Chair and Harness, also all my household and kitchen furniture. Also all my plantation tools, her saddle and bridle, my loom and its appurtenances my smith tools, my cotton machine, and all the salt and provisions of any kind that I may die possessed of to have and to hold all the aforesaid Negroes, goods and chattles to my said wife for and during the term of her natural life.

ITEM I also give and bequeath to my said wife **MARTHA BRATTON** the use of my plantation whereon I now live together with the tract of two hundred acres of land I purchased of **HENRY GOOD** for and during the term of her natural Life.

ITEM From and immediately after the decease of my said wife I give and devise the said tract of two hundred acres of land I Purchased of **HENRY GOOD** to my daughter **MARY BRATTON** together with my bed and bed furniture my riding Chair and Harness, her saddle and bridle and her choice of one horse out of my stock of horses my household and Kitchen furniture unto my said Daughter **MARY BRATTON** her Heir and assigns forever.

ITEM From and immediately after the decease of my said wife I give and devise the said plantation whereon I now reside together with all and singular the aforesaid Stock of Cattle, sheep, Hogs, and Horses, (except the choice of one horse out of my stock which has been before bequeathed to my daughter **MARY BRATTON**) my wagon and geer, all plantation tools loom and appurtenances unto my son **JOHN S. BRATTON** to have and to hold the said Land, good & Chattles to my said son **JOHN S. BRATTON** his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my said daughter **MARY BRATTON** the following Negroes, that is to say, JACK, WINNEY, IZEY, LINUS, HARRIETT and her increase. And it is my Will and desire that my said daughter **MARY BRATTON** shall have her maintenance and support on and from the plantation whereon I now reside so long as she remains single and unmarried.

ITEM I give and Bequeath to my said son **JOHN S. BRATTON** the following Negroes to wit. WATT, POLLY, JIM, & NELSON also my rifle gun, my sword and Pistols, and Cotton Machine & Smith tools.

ITEM I give to my daughter **JEAN [BRATTON] SIMPSON** two Negroes to wit JUNE and LYDIA.

Item I give to my daughter **MARTHA [BRATTON] FOSTER** five Negroes (Viz) PATT, JULY, CLOE, BIN, & KITTY.

ITEM I give to my daughter **EALIA [ELSIE BRATTON] SADLER** two Negroes (Viz) PETER and BETTY.

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ITEM I give to my daughter **AGNESS [BRATTON] MCCA**w two Negroes to wit. ARCHY and LUCE.

ITEM I give to my daughter ELIZABETH **[BRATTON] IRWIN** two Negroes (Viz) BUTLER and MOSES.

ITEM I give to my son **WILLIAM BRATTON** my Negro Boy HARRY.

ITEM It is my will and desire that my crop of Cotton that is or may be on hand at the time of my death may be immediately sent to market and sold and also that the residue of my personal property not herein bequeath be sold at public sale and that the monies arising from the sale of my said crop of cotton and the residue of my personal Estate be applied to the payment of my just debts. And if any Monies remain after the payment of my just debts I give and bequeath the them to my wife **MARTHA BRATTON**.

ITEM It is further my will and desire that all my Negroes shall continue and remain on my Plantation and continue to work the same in the usual manner that I have been in the practice of doing until a crop or crops shall be raised sufficient to pay and satisfy all just demands against my Estate at my death, or at the death of my wife should she survive me, and that none of the Legacies herein given or devised shall be demanded or payable until all just debts or demands against my Estate be paid.

LASTLY I do hereby appoint my Wife **MARTHA BRATTON** Executrix and Doctor **WILLIAM BRATTON** and Doctor **JAMES SIMPSON** executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made, and declaring this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 27th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

**WILLIAM BRATTON** {seal}

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced and Declared in presence of

**NATHAN MOORE**  
**THOMAS MOORE**  
**ELI MOORE**

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by **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary said District personally appeared before **NATHANIEL MOORE** and upon his solemn affirmation doth say that he saw **WILLIAM BRATTON** sign seal publish and pronounce and clear the within instrument of writing to be and contain is last will and testament that he the said **WILLIAM BRATTON** was then of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief and that **THOMAS MOORE** and **ELI MOORE** together with this deponent signed their names as witnesses there to at the request of the testator and his presents and in the presence of each other.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of February 1815

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD**

At the same time qualified **WILLIAM BRATTON** Junior executor of the said last will and testament of **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased.

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD**

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An inventory of the goods and chattels of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased

[INVENTORY LIST]

We do certify the above to be a true inventory and appraisement given under our hand this 12th day of April 1815.

**FRANCIS ERWIN  
JOHN BLACK,  
ROBERT LOVE**

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WILLIAM BRATTON executor of  
Colonel WILLIAM BRATTON deceased  
settlement

October 5th 1816

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**DR. WILLIAM BRATTON** executor of the estate of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased settlement produce the following receipts received April 28th 1816 of **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor of last will and testament of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased for Negroes viz: JULY, CLOE, KITTY, and PAT being in full of a devise or bequeathed left to my wife **MARTHA FOSTER** by the said last will and testament of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased.

**JOHN FOSTER**

Received January 19th 1816 of **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor of the last will and testament of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON**, deceased, two Negroes viz: PETER and BETTY as given and devised and bequeathed to my wife **EALER [ELSIE] SADLER** in the last will being in full for the same.

**DAVID SADLER**

Received January 19th 1816 of **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor of the last of the estate of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased as devised and bequeathed in the same will to my wife **JEAN SIMPSON** to Negroes to wit. JUNE and LYDIA being in full a legacy left and in full and last will.

**JAMES SIMPSON**

Receive January 19th 1816 of **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor of the last will and testament of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** as given and devised in the same a release for 200 acres of land from **HENRY GOOD** and Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** being dated April 14th 1788 also a plot for the same certified by **JOSEPH PALMER** DS January 23rd 1787 also the riding chair and harness bed and bed Furniture household and kitchen Furniture horse and saddle and bridle also the following Negroes that is to say JACK, WINNEY, IZEY, LINUS, HARRIETT and her increase being in full for the said. Legacy.

**MARY BRATTON**

Received January 19th 1816 of **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor of last will and testament of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased as devised and bequeathed in the said will which will now fully appear a grant to **REBECCA KUYKENDALL** for 300 acres also the convenience from **REBECCA KUYKENDALL** and the said from **ADAM WILLIAMS** and wife to **SAMUEL WILLIAMS** and wife to Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** for 60 Acres dated 3 January 1807 being part of the aforesaid grant to **REBECCA KUYKENDALL** also a copy Grant of one other tracked granted to **THOMAS RAINEY** containing 400 Acres dated 21st April 1764 and also one other deed of a tract of land from said **WILLIAMS** on to Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** for 140 Acres dated 3rd January 1787. The same part of the first above mentioned grant also all the stock of cattle sheep Hogs and horses wagon and gear Plantation tools Loom and appurtenances also the following Negroes to wit: WATT, POLLY, JIM, & NELSON my rifle gun, sword and pistols, cotton machine and smith tools being in full as given and devised in the said will.

**JOHN S. BRATTON**

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Received January 19th 1816 of **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor of the last will and testament of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased to Negroes to wit: MOSES and BUTLER being in full of a devise or bequeath left to my wife **ELIZABETH ERWIN** by the same last will and testament of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased.

W. W. K. Erwin

Receive January 19th 1816 of **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor of the last will and testament of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased to Negroes to wit Lucy and Archie being in full a legacy devised or bequeathed to my wife Agnes macaw **ROBERT MCCAW**

Received November 21st 1815 of **WILLIAM BRATTON** Jr. and executor of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased \$541 in full for the money arising from the sale of the estate mentioned in his will.

**MARY BRATTON** {her mark}  
test **MARY BRATTON**

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BY **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary

TO **ROBERT MCCAW** imposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity care and circumstances of you the said **ROBERT MCCAW** have and by these presents to give unto you the said **ROBERT MCCAW** full power and authority to qualify **MARTHA BRATTON** executrix according to the form of the statute in that case made and provided and also administer the required oath to **MARTHA BRATTON** and a do return of your doings here in you and to make and give under your hand and seal for my approbation or allowance.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of April in the year of Our Lord 1815 on the 39th year of American independence

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS, OYD**

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AGREEABLE to the within declaring from **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire and ordinary in and for the District of York **MARTHA BRATTON** wife of Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** did this day appear before me and was duly qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of the said Colonel **WILLIAM BRATTON** by taking the oath prescribed in the statute in such case made and provided.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of April 1815  
**ROBERT MCCAW**, Qu  
Declaring to **ROBERT MCCAW**

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BY **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire ordinary of York District.

THESE ARE TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER YOU, or any three or four of you, whose names are here under written, to repair to all such parts and places within the state, as you shall be directed unto by **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor and **MARTHA BRATTON** executrix of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of **WILLIAM BRATTON** of the District of for said deceased, we're so any wheresoever any of the said goods and chattels are order to remain within the said parts and places, and which shall be shown until you buy the set **WILLIAM BRATTON** and **MARTHA BRATTON** and their View and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels, being first to lease worn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God, to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof, and to cause the same to be returned under your hands, or any three or four of you, unto the said **WILLIAM BRATTON** and **MARTHA BRATTON** on or before the 4th day of July next.

WITNESS **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire, Ordinary of the said District, the third day of April in the year of Our Lord 1815 and in the 39th year of American independence.

TO MISTERS: **DAVID SADLER, NATHAN MOORE, ROBERT LOVE, FRANCIS ERWIN** and **JOHN BLACK**

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS,** OYD

MEMORANDUM that on the 12th day of April in the year of Our Lord, 1815 personally appeared before me **SAMUEL GIVEN** one of the justices assigned keep the peace in the district of York **ROBERT LOVE, FRANCIS ERWIN,** and **JOHN BLACK** being three of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of **WILLIAM BRATTON** late of District of York deceased, being duly sworn, made, that they would make a just and true appraisement of all and singular, the goods and chattels of the said **WILLIAM BRATTON** deceased, as shall be produced by **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor and **MARTHA BRATTON** executrix of the estate of the said deceased, and that they would return the same certified under their hands, under the said **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor or **MARTHA BRATTON** executrix on or before the 4th day of July next.

Sworn the day and year above written before me.

**SAMUEL GIVEN, JP**

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BY **BENJAMIN CHAMBERS** Esquire, ordinary. To All To whom these presents shall come, greeting:

KNOW YE, that on the 13th day of February which was in the year of Our Lord 1815 last will and testament of **WILLIAM BRATTON** Sr. late of the district and state for said deceased, was proved, approved, and allowed of, the said deceased having, will he still lived, and at the time of his death, diverse Goods, rights and credits, within the state aforesaid; by means whereof, the approbation and allowing of his Testament and the power of granting the administration of all and singular, rights and credits of the said deceased, to me manifestly known to belong; and that the administration of all in singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, and his Testament, any manner of way concerning, was granted and committed unto **WILLIAM BRATTON** executor and **MARTHA BRATTON** named executrix in the said last will and testament; being first sworn on the holy evangelist of almighty god, well and Faithfully to administer, and make a full and perfect inventory of all and singular that Goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, and to exhibit the same into the ordinaries office, in Yorkville in order to be recorded, on or before the 4th day of July now next ensuing; and to render a just and true account, calculation and Reckoning thereof, when thereunto required.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of April in the year of Our Lord 1815 and in the 39th year of American Independence.

**BENJAMIN CHAMBERS**, OYD