

Will, SC, York, Robert Bratton, 1814

In the name of God, Amen.

I **ROBERT BRATTON** Sr. of York District State of South Carolina; being old & frail but in perfect health of body, and of perfect wind and memory, thanks be given unto God; calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing, that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say:

Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body i recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors; nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, demise, and dispose of the sane in the following manner and form.

FIRST - I give & bequeath to my beloved son **WILLIAM BRATTON** two dollars.

SECONDLY - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter **EALSE [BRATTON] HEMPHILL** two dollars.

THIRDLY - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter **ANN [BRATTON] SMIDDAY** two dollars.

FOURTHLY - I give & bequeath to my son in law **WILLIAM ROBINSON** two dollars.

FIFTHLY - I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law **MARY WALLACE**, formerly **MARY BRATTON**, two dollars.

SIXTHLY - I give and bequeath to my beloved son **ROBERT BRATTON** all and singular the Plantation or tract of land whereon i now live with my negro man MAY, also my wagon & two horses, my whole stock of cattle and hogs, my two beds & furniture, together with all my household & kitchen furniture and plantation tools.

And lastly I do constitute, make & ordain my beloved son **ROBERT BRATTON** and my beloved and trusty friend **JAMES SIMPSON** my only and sole executors, of this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disanull all and every other former, testaments, wills, legacies bequeaths and executors by me in any way before this, named, willed & bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this, and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this 234 Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

ROBERT BRATTON {seal, his x mark}

Signed, sealed published pronounced, & declared, by the said **ROBERT BRATTON** as his last will and testament in presence of us, who in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

SAMUEL GIVENS
ROBERT LOVE
DAVID SADLER

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