

In the name of God Amen; I Samuel Beatty of the County of  
Preston & State of North Carolina being of sound and  
disposing mind & memory; blessed be God; but frail in  
body and considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence  
do make publish & declare the following to be my last

Will & Testament, First; I will & bequeath to my beloved  
wife Sarah Beatty all my property both Real & personal  
during her natural life; second my will is that my lands  
after the death of my wife shall be divided into four lots  
equal in value; The lot on which is my Homestead  
I will and devise to my two daughters Caroline and  
Elmina. Third after the death of my wife all my property  
I will to be divided equally between my children viz;  
Mary Sloan, William, Nancy Foster, Rufus, John W. Jane  
Rutledge; Langra McGadden, Caroline & Elmina;  
Fourth, and lastly I appoint and ordain my wife Sarah  
Beatty my Executor to Execute the above Will to the true  
intent & meaning of the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal  
this August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

Signed in the presence of  
B. F. Wells, Smith Beatty  
J. J. Sandifer

Samuel Beatty (Real)

name & meaning of the same,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal  
this August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

Signed in the presence of  
B. F. Wells, Smith Bratty  
J. J. Sandifer

Samuel Bratty (seal)

State of North Carolina, Dec 4, 1862, In Probate Court of said  
Gaston County / County, This day the foregoing paper  
writing purporting to be the last will and  
Testament of Samuel Bratty dec'd was offered in said Court  
for Probate by Sarah Bratty the Executrix therein named, and  
the said paper writing was proved to be the last will & Testament of the  
late said Samuel Bratty dec'd late of Gaston County by the oaths  
and Examinations of B. F. Wells, & J. J. Sandifer subscribing witnesses  
thereto, for the said subscribing witnesses thereto said & declared  
on their oaths that they did see the late said Samuel Bratty sign and  
publish & declare the said paper writing to be his last will & Testament  
and at the time thereof he (the said deceased) was of sound and  
disposing mind and memory and that he did it freely without any  
compulsion, And thereupon the said Sarah Bratty the Executrix therein  
named duly qualified to Execute the said will,

E. H. Wilkins Probate Judge for Gaston  
County —