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when they shall become a charge that they shall be comfortably supported, at the least expens of my or my said sons or heirs they live and lastly I hereby appoint my son Andrew & William, Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby ratifying & confirming, this & none other to be my last will, and revoking and disannulling all other or former wills by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 6th day of May 1826.

Note. The words, testament and the words hereinafter made this page, interlined before signed and the words on the page subject to the before stated of my said wife in the one half of the Brick House, signed sealed & published as the last will & testament of the testator in our presence who have written said the same in his presence & in the presence of each other.

Saml Clarke

Samuel S. McDonnold

Jacob Dill

Bath County July Court 1828

This last will and Testament of James Bratton dec^d was presented in court and proved by the oath of Samuel S. McDonnold and Jacob Dill two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

Test.

In the name of God Amen, I James Bratton of the County of Bath & State of Virginia, being weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, do, for the purpose of disposing of such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, to Wit.

1st It is my desire, and I hereby direct, that my Just debts, which I believe to be few and of small amount, and also my funeral expens shall be paid out of my estate.

2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca the use and occupation of one half the dwelling House in which I now live, for and during her life time and also the one half of all my household & kitchen furniture, one negro boy named William one negro Woman named Mary one horse & two cows such as she may select out of my stock

James Bratton dec^d

(This will was witnessed by & recorded here)

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his saddle & bridle, and one hundred dollars in cash, all to be disposed of by her, as she may think proper. 3^d I give and bequeath to my son William the tract of land on which he now lives, situated in the County of Augusta on the big half pasture river, containing five hundred acres adjoining the lands of Elizabeth Bratton & William Ramsey; also one negro boy named Cavill, now in his possession and three hundred dollars in cash, to him his heirs & assigns forever. 4th I give and bequeath to my son John, the tract of land on which he now resides, being the same which was surveyed & laid off by miles & bounds by William Shillington being a part of seventeen hundred & thirteen acres which was granted to me by patent which issued upon an inclusive survey, made of the lands I purchased of John Rheas, and also Three hundred dollars in cash to him his heirs & assigns forever. 5th I give and bequeath to my son Andrew that part of the said seventeen hundred & thirteen acres of land which is bounded by the lines of the tract laid off as aforesaid for my son John, to w^h he comes on the old line south of Mill Creek thence with the old line to the edge of the cabin draft, thence down & including the said draft and crossing the said ~~line~~ Creek to the mouth of the branch from the spring near the old buildings at the foot of the meadow thence with the partition fence as it now stands, to the middle of the lane a short distance east of the old barn, thence west and by along the middle of the lane to opposite the first partition fence on the north side thereof and west of the garden thence with that partition fence continuing the same course thence to near a small blazed white pine just out side of the fence crossing the head of the draft, thence westwardly in the direction of that fence to the line of a tract of land belonging to James W^h his heirs being also a line of the said seventeen hundred & thirteen acres & thence with the old lines to the corner of that part laid off as aforesaid for my son John subject to the life estate of my said wife including the Brick House; also one negro man named Joe, one half of my farming utensils, Waggons & Horses one fourth part of my household & kitchen furniture, after my said wife shall have selected that part thereof devised to her and one hundred dollars in cash, to him his heirs & assigns forever but in consequence of this provision made for my said son Andrew it is my desire and I hereby direct that he shall furnish my said wife the servants I have given her with everything necessary for their comfortable support during her life and also support her three or four. 6th I give and bequeath to my son Lewis the residue of the said seventeen hundred & thirteen acres of land bounded as

part by that part devised to my said son Andrew ^{being} undivided strike the line of James Whittier here, also my line, thence with the old line & dropping the babin draft to where the said Andrew will come including the babin draft in the part hereby intended for my said son Lewis, also one negro boy named Isaac, one half my farming utensils, Waggon & Harness, the remaining one fourth of my household & kitchen furniture, all the implements belonging to and used at the Tanning all the hydes which may be in the rats at the time of my decease, and two hundred dollars in cash, to him his heirs & assigns forever, but a right of way & the use of the spring below the old buildings, in common with my said son Lewis, is reserved for the benefit of my said son Andrew his heirs & assigns, as also a site for a spring house just below the present one; and for the more accurate ascertainment & preservation of the water and bounds of the lands herein devised to my said three sons John Andrew & Lewis it is my desire that the said Andrew & Lewis, shall as soon as convenient after my decease cause the land divided to them respectively to be surveyed in pursuance of the description herein given & marked that my son John procure the survey made as aforesaid for him & that they ^{execute} ~~execute~~ to each other deeds of release, specifying in each deed the boundaries of that part intended to be thereby designated. 7th I give and bequeath to my sons Robert and David their heirs & assigns six hundred dollars to be equally divided between them. 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Bradford one negro woman named Judy now in her possession, one negro girl named Charlotte now in the possession of my son William and two hundred dollars in cash to her, her heirs & assigns forever. 9th I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca M'Clung one negro girl named Syler now in her possession & also two hundred dollars in cash to her her heirs & assigns forever. 10th It is my will and desire that my Executors herein after named shall sell my lands lying up mill creek adjoining & above the land of Samuel S. McDermott, consisting of three adjoining tracts containing together five hundred and thirty seven acres, on such terms as they may deem most advisable the sale however not to be made till ten years after the date hereof, and in the meantime it is my desire that my son-in-law John Porter

who is now in possession of the said land shall continue to use it for the purpose of the better enabling him to raise his children by my daughter who has some time since departed this life, and when the said land shall be sold, it is my desire that the proceeds of the sale shall be equally divided between such of the children of the said John Porter by my said daughter as may be then living. 11th I give and bequeath to each of my Grandchildren that have been named for me, the sum of fifty dollars to be put out by my Executors on Interest and to be paid to them respectively with the accruing Interest as they severally attain full age. 12th It is my will and desire that my Executors shall sell all the residue of my estate of whatsoever kind or nature, except two or three slaves, named Bob & Will the proceeds of such sale together with the money on hand at the time of my decease that arising from bonds, notes, or accounts, to form a fund, out of which after the payment of my debts & funeral expenses as herein before directed the pecuniary legacies aforesaid are to be paid and in the event that this fund should be insufficient for this purpose then each legacy is to be reduced in proportion to their several amounts, but if there shall be an excess such excess to be equally divided between those to whom pecuniary legacies have been given, provided however that this provision is not in any manner to effect the devise herein before made to the children of John Porter - and as it regards the said two slaves Bob & Will, it is my desire that they be permitted to make choice of either of my sons William, John, Andrew, or Lewis to live with, the residue of their time and when they shall become a charge, that they shall be comfortably supported at the joint expense of my said four sons, while they live, and lastly I hereby appoint my sons Andrew & William Executors of this my last will and testament hereby ratifying & confirming this & none other to be my last will, and revoking and disannulling all other or former wills by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 6th day of May 1820 -

Not the word Intest and the words herein before made on the page interlined before signed and the words on 10th page refer to the estate of my said wife in the one half the Black House, signed & sealed & published as the last will and testament of the testator in our presence, who have witnessed the same in the presence of each other.

Jas Brothton (Seal)

Sam Clarke
Samuel S. McDonald
Jacob Dill

Bath County July Court 1828

This last will and Testament of James Bratter did was presented in Court and proved by the oath of Samuels McDonald and Jacob Dill two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Ch^s L. Francisco clk

We George B. Richards and Henry Richards late merchants and partners trading under the stile and firm of George B. Richards & Co do hereby assign and transfer to David Fultz all the debts due to the said firm, by Bonds, accounts or otherwise, as well those arising from the business carried on in Huntersville, as those created at the Warm Springs which debts to be collected and applied by the said Fultz towards the payment of a debt of Ten thousand one hundred and seventy dollars and fifty three cents, due John Scott of Fredericksburg from George B. Richards principal, Henry Richards, Hancock, Lee, Ludwell Richards and John A. Lee securities, evidenced by three Bonds each for \$3,390.18 payable on the 1st day of November 1825-1826 & 1827 bearing date severally the 4th September 1823 with interest from and this assignment or transfer is not intended by us in any wise to prevent the said John Scott from pursuing any remedy he may now have, or hereafter think proper to have by suit upon the said Bonds or other wise for the recovery of his said debt. Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of July 1828.

Geo B Richards Seal
Henry Richards Seal
David Fultz Seal

Bath County Court Clerk's office July 16 1828

This Ratification of agreement was presented to me in my office and acknowledged by Henry Richards and David Fultz and on the 11 day of August in same year was acknowledged by George B. Richards and admitted to record.

Teste Ch^s L. Francisco clk

I Thomas Armstrong of Augusta County State of Virginia do hereby make my last Will and Testament in the form and manner following viz.

Article 1st It is my will and desire that my Executor herein after to be named pay my funeral expences and all my just debts out of monies collected on bonds due my estate. Article 2nd It is my will and desire and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Wife Elizabeth Armstrong all my estate, consisting in one Negro Girl Hannah, one horse, all my household and kitchen furniture, and all my money in hand, and accounts due unto me, with all my money in hand, unto her and her heirs forever. Article 3rd I do hereby appoint Joseph Payne Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this Twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty eight Signed sealed and declared before us
Thomas Armstrong Seal
Witnesses

Joseph W. Cutchen

David L. Berry

James Berry

Bath County, August Court 1828

This last Will and Testament of Thomas Armstrong did was presented in Court and proved by the oath of Joseph W. Cutchen and James Berry two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Ch^s L. Francisco clk

D^r. Adam Given Ex^r of Estate of William Demaridie did

In account with said Estate

To this sum which appears to be in the hands of the Executor by a former Settlement of his account made on the 7th day of May 1826 and of record in the Clerk's Office of Bath County

\$1023.58

To Interest on the above from 7th May 1826 to 10 of October 1826.

25.55
1069.13
131.47
912.15

By paid on Bond due to Alexander Taylor Voucher No 1
To Interest on the above from 10 of October 1826 until the 15th of March 1827.

22.95
941.08

By paid amount of Bond due to Barbara Wilson as per Voucher No 2.

166.63
976.61