

John Bradley's
Will

I John Bradley of Charles City County do make and addain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. ^{1st} I lend unto my wife during her life the land and plantation wherein I now live, to contain all the land lying between the road and Chickahomany River, I also lend her in like manner the following negroes to wit. Jasper, Harry, Charles, Estelle, Christiana, Ally, Molly, Tom, Mary, Sellar, Abram, Sally, Milly, Maria, Eliza and Peggy. I also give her one choice curtain bed and furniture and lend her during her life one third part of the whole of my household and kitchen furniture giving her liberty after the appraisement to make choice of such as she may think proper according to the valuation, I also lend her in like manner my Carriage and two choice horses and one third of the ballance of all my stock of horses, Mules, cattle, Sheep and hogs allowing to choose such things according to the appraisement, and wish her to have such farming utensils on the plantation which may be thought necessary.

^{2nd} Having already given unto my daughter Maria Southall the following negroes to wit. Lucy, Rachel, Molly, Amy, John and Betty which are now in her possession in addition thereto I give her the following to wit. Edmunds, Betty daughter of Molly and that with the future increase of the families to her and her heirs forever.

^{3rd} I give unto my son Littleberry H Bradley the whole of my land and plantation called Mount Gallant lying near the long Bridge, with all stock crops &c thereon to him and his heirs forever. I also give him two negroes named George and Isbeter, and one curtain bed and furniture.

^(12th 4th) I give unto my daughter Lucy Stith Bradley two negroes named Glaboue and Nancy with the future increase of Nancy, a curtain bed and furniture a chest of drawers and one hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs forever.

^{5th} I give unto my son John Williams Bradley all my land lying on the South side of the road, together with my mill and the appurtenances thereto belonging and two negroes named Joe and Elce with the future increase of Elce, also one curtain bed and furniture and three hundred dollars in money to him and his heirs forever which money is to be raised out of a debt due me from John Edloe on account of the sale of land. ^{6th} I hereby direct that my negro man Jim should be sold by my Executors and that or either of them which may qualify should carry into effect according to contract. And convey a deed for a piece of land sold to John Edloe.

^{7th} All the ballance of my negroes not heretofore given or disposed of I give unto my three children Littleberry H Bradley, Lucy Stith Bradley and John Williams Bradley to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. ^{8th} At the death of my wife

I give unto my son John Williams Bradley the land lent her to him and his heirs forever, and hereafter I give unto my two daughters Maria Southall and Lucy Stith Bradley three fourths of the negroes lent her to be equally divided between them, the other fourth I give unto my two sons Littleberry H Bradley and John H Bradley to be equally divided between them.

^{9th} All the ballance of my estate not heretofore given or disposed of I wish sold and the money arising from such sale together with all the debts due me I hereby direct should be applied to the payment of my just debts and legacies heretofore given, and the ballance equally divided among all my children.

I hereby appoint my friend John H. Christian guardian to my son John Williams Bradley and wish him in case it should be necessary to make sale of any of the negroes given him for the purpose of giving a good education. And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend John H. Christian and my son Littleberry H. Bradley Executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills heretofore made (and direct that they shall not be held to give security for their Executorship. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of November 1815.

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

John Bradley (Seal)

In presence of

James Bates

Wm H. Gregory

At a Court held for Charles City County the 20 day of December 1821.
This last will and testament of John Bradley decd. was presented in Court and proved by the oath of William H. Gregory a witness to the same, James Bates the other subscribing witness being dead the said Wm H. Gregory being sworn deposeseth and saith, that the said James Bates subscribed his name as a witness to said will in his presence. Matthew Bargrave being affirmed deposeseth and saith that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of James Bates and verily believes the name subscribed to said will as a witness is in the hand writing of said Bates; whereupon the said will is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of John H. Christian one of the executors in said will named who made oath according to Law (and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Thirty thousand dollars Conditioned as the Law directs no security being required by the will) Certificate is granted the said Christian for obtaining a probate of said will in due form. Liberty being reserved the other executor to join in the probate when he may think fit.

Teste Ro. W. Christian &c &c

John Wilsons
rec. Sales

An account of Sales of the Estate of John Wilson decd. September 22nd 1821.

Articles	\$	¢	to whom Sold
Woman Betty and Abby her Child	355	00	Mary Wilson
James (a boy)	280	00	William Tyler
One Horse	60	00	Francis Wilson
One Mule	20	25	Francis Wilson
One Cow	15	12 1/2	Giles Buffin
One Saddle and bridle	15	25	Francis Wilson
	750	62 1/2	