

In the Name of God amen I
John Bates of the parish of Christ
Church and County of Chatham in
the State of Georgia planted being
sick and weak in Body, but of
sound mind memory and understanding
perused by God for it, and considering
the certainty of death and the
uncertainty of the time thereof; and
to the end I may be better prepared
to leave this World when ever it
shall please God to call me home
Do therefore make and declare this
my last Will and Testament thereby
revoking & making void all
former Wills by me at any time
heretofore made; and first and
principally I commend my Soul
into the hands of Almighty God
hoping for full pardon &
remission of all my sins and
to enjoy everlasting happiness
in the heavenly Kingdom with

The sole merits of Jesus Christ my
Savior; My Body I commit to the Earth
at the discretion of my Executors here in
after named and as to my worldly
estate where with it hath please
God to instruct me I dispose of the
same as followeth - I give and bequeath unto
my Son Jeremiah Bates now or late
resident at Pensacola in the Florida
all my tract of Land on the at-
tached and surveyed survey for and
containing three thousand acres
which was granted to me by His
Majesty the King of Great Britain
thru his Governor of Georgia
Sir James Oglethorpe together
with the premises and appurtenances
thereunto belonging to hold the same
to him and his heirs and assigns
for ever in fee simple -
Item I do hereby also give and
bequeath unto my said son
Jeremiah Bates all those lands he now

Slaves named Pelt and her two sons &
daughters Adam and Eve, Christina
and his wife Digna and a Negro
man named London together with
their future heirs and increase
To hold the said Negro Slaves to him
his heirs and assigns for ever
Item I do here by give and bequeath
unto my daughter Mrs James Waters
wife of Sir John Waters in her own
right and independant of her
Husband my town lot in Savannah
known by the Number Ten together
with the premises & improvements
thereunto belonging To hold the
same to her heirs and assigns
for ever. But in case of the death of
the said James Waters with out
Wife then to go to, and be divided
between his children share and
share alike.

Item I do here by also give &
bequeath unto the said James

Waters all those that he was
named Jack and his wife Polly and their
son Henry, July and his wife Mary
their daughter Priscilla together
with their future issue and there are
to hold the same to them during their
natural life and after her death
to be equally divided among her
children after they have all
arrive at the age of twenty one
years and to their heirs and assigns
for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto
my beloved son John Waters an infant
son of his child Water and James
Waters a the young boy called Isaac
and in case the said John Waters should
not arrive at the age of twenty one
years, then to the next child of
the said James Waters and in
case of no other then to the said
James Waters his heirs and assigns for
ever

Item I give and bequeath unto
my Daughter Mrs Frances Mackonay
wife of Dennis Mackonay ten pounds
lawful money of this State to be
paid at my decease by my Executors
herein after named.

Item I give and bequeath unto
Edward Brown Son of Thomas Brown
and my Daughter Elizabeth ten
pounds lawful money of this
State to be paid at my decease.

Item I give and bequeath
unto a Negro woman named
Rose on the plantation of
Lackland Gilchrist Esquire
near Savannah during her
natural life the use of a
Negro Girl named Jebi; and
after the death of the said
Negro woman named Rose
then to Mrs James Waters and
after her decease to her children
together with her future issue.

and here are I hold the same to the
said James Waters during his life
after the death of the said to go
to a man named Rose and then to
the Children of the said James
Waters with the future issue and
here are of the said Negro girl
named Jibo, and to their heirs and
assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto the
Children of my dear and Son
Jacob Bates named Lucy, William
Peter and Elizabeth Ten pounds each
to be paid them at my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto
the said Lucy William Peter and
Elizabeth three tracts of land
containing in the whole five
hundred acres. One acre of which
is a small Island on the sea-
coast in Chatham County on a
branch of the St. Georges River

adjoining or near lands of one
William Bird To hold the same to
them their heirs and assigns for
ever to be equally divided—
among them or the Survivors of
them when the Coma part—
shall arrive at the age of
Twenty one Years—

Item I give and bequeath
unto the said Jeremiah Bates
and James Waters All my
plantation Tools Horses Cattle
Sheep and Hogs which I
may be possessed of together
with their future increase
To hold the same to the said
Jeremiah Bates and James
Waters their heirs and assigns
for ever independent of the
said Silas Waters—
Item I give and bequeath
unto the said Jeremiah Bates
and James Waters All monies

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due me either by Bond - Note Judgment
or otherwise also all such ready
money as I shall die possessed of
after the Legacies aforesaid, my
just debts and funeral charges are
paid, to be equally divided among
them their heirs and assigns and
I also give and bequeath unto
the said James all my household
furniture and wearing apparel
And I do hereby nominate and
appoint George Walton Esq. of
Lawrence and the said Francis
Carter Executors and the said
James Waters Executor of this my
last Will and Testament of the
Witness whereof I the said John
Oakes have hereunto set my
hand and seal this _____ day of
in the _____ of our Lord the
thousand seven hundred and
eighty eight

signed & sealed published
& declared by the said
John Bates as and for his
last Will & Testament in
the presence of us who at
his request and in his
presence have subscribed
our names as witnesses
thereunto.

Chas Young
David Moses Tolson
Nabron Jones

Georgia Before me James
Whitefield Minister of the Gospel
for the County of Chatham in
the State of Georgia personally
appeared David Moses Tolson
one of the subscribers to the
unrecorded Will of John
Bates deceased who being
dign on the holy Evangelical

Almighty God in whole Bath -
 That he was present and did see
 the said Testator sign seal proman
 publish and declare the same to be
 and contain his last Will and
 Testament and that he was of
 sound Mind and Memory at the
 execution thereof to the best of
 this Deponents knowledge and
 belief and that Charles Courte
 and Deborah Jones layeth on
 with the up on it subscribed
 their names as Witnesses thereto
 at the request and in the presence
 of the said Testator and of each other
 17th June 1799 } B. Thomas Willoughby
 Notar public

At the same time
 qualified Mr James Waters & Co. Esq.

Recorded 17th June 99

Whitefield
 R. P. O.