

# James Bateman

In the Name of God Amen, James Bateman being sick  
 But in sound sense, and sound memory calling to almighty  
 God knowing all flesh was born to die my will  
 is that after my death, I Commit my body to the dust  
 from whence it came to be buried in decent  
 manner and my will is that all my Just debts  
 be paid out of the property as please God to  
 Bestow on me, and after paying all my debts.  
 I Give and bequeath my land where I now  
 live, to my three sons, Josiah Bateman and  
 James Bateman Jun<sup>r</sup> and Jesse Bateman to be  
 Equally divided between the three boys, —  
 Then I Give and bequeath a desire that all  
 my personal property be sold at twelve months  
 Credit by my <sup>just</sup> Executor as I shall name hereafter  
 and ~~whence~~ <sup>where</sup> the money to be collected to be  
 Equal divided among my surviving —  
 Children To wit, Josiah, and Nancy  
 and Rachel, and Polly, and James, and  
 Jesse, Leah, and it is my Request that Josiah  
 Bateman take my two youngest Children  
 that is to say Jesse and Leah Bateman  
 and their property into his possession and  
 bring them up in the fear of the Lord &  
 I appoint my son Josiah Bateman my lawful  
 Executor to act in my stead to collect all  
 my out standing debts, and to pay all my  
 Just debts,

# Bateman Continued

In the Name of God Amen, I acknowledge  
 this to be my last will and testament (writing  
 all wills, heretofore in witness whereof in I have  
 set my hand and seal the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March  
 AD. 1816.

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James Bateman <sup>his</sup> Seal  
 Mark

M<sup>d</sup> Matock  
 Mary Matock  
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