

Samuel Bates Continued

Then I give and bequeath unto my son
William all that tract or parcel of land
lying on Sandy river beginning at Thomas
Allights corner on a white oak thence following
the said line to the road thence down to a
new line made between bot Wilson and
my self thence along the new line to the river
then I give and bequeath all my stock and
house hold furniture to my beloved wife for
the use of her and the family I leave my
Executors R. R. and Subsequent Wm Bates
Thos Guin, A. G. and sealed this 24th day
of October 1803
James Lawrence
John Gubbs
Pena Bloy

JOHN COVINGTON

In the name of God Amen. I John
Covington of Rockingham County State
of North Carolina being in a weak and
debilitated state of Body, but of sound mind
and memory and being to mind that I
is appointed for man once to die, do make and
ordain this my last will and testament.

First it is my will and desire that my beloved
wife Mary Covington shall have the free use of
and benefit of my home plantation together
with the stock and all my moveable estate of
every kind and description for and during her
natural life, provided she remains my widow
but in case of her intermarriage it is my will
that she shall have a child's part.

It is also my will that if in the opinion
of my Executors the state should so increase
as to become too large or any part of the
property should become in a state of waste
or so that my executors shall see and
dispose of such part as to them shall
appear for the benefit of the estate
It is expressly intended that the whole tract
of land whereon I now reside agreeable to
its known boundaries in and by the expres-
sion of hope plantation above and it also
my intention that my negro girl Hannah
be included in the property intended to left
to my wife during her life or widowhood
Then I give and bequeath to my son William
Covington all my lands on the following
conditions and the incumbrances
hereafter mentioned that is to say he shall
be entitled to immediate possession of
my house land purchase and of balance
together with an entry adjoining except a lot
to be laid off at the discretion of my
Executors for the benefit of my son John
Covington as hereafter mentioned it is
also my will that my said son William
Covington shall have and enjoy all
my other lands at the death of his mother
and his paying his brother Thomas Covington
five hundred dollars and the further sum
of three hundred dollars to my grand
son Edmund Covington to be paid
so soon as the said Edmund shall
arrive at the age of twenty one years
the lot designed for the benefit of
my son John Covington
to revert to my son William at the death
of my son John

~~John~~ ~~Barnes~~ ~~McMaster~~ ^{McMaster}

and I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend ^{Rev.} E. P. Peoples and my son William Cunningham to be full and sole Executors and no other of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former wills and testaments heretofore by me made in witness whereof

I the said John Cunningham to this my last will and testament do set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and one

Edward P. Peoples

John ^{his} Cunningham ^{made}

John Lowe

David Seales

George Simon

Samuel Bates

In the name of God Amen the last will and testament of Samuel Bates. (Born) weels in Body Bat in perfect sound senses and memory I make this my last will and testament and abiding all other

Firstly I recommend my soul to God my brother in hopes of sound and happy resurrection second my body is the earth for me whence it came to be buried in a christian manner at the discretion of my dear wife after my death and my worldly goods which which it has pleased God to give me

Samuel Bates ^{McMaster}

I dispose of in the manner and form following after paying my just debts Firstly I give and bequeath unto my eldest son James Bates all the land lying west side of the sorrow town Road to the branch thence down the branch to the low ground and to the creek thence a straight line to the old sign or where Wilsons line may well.

Then I give to my son Samuel twenty five acres of land of that tract is being the place generally known the mill seat it being so said of that it will furnish a pond and timber to build the mill. Then I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife and six children all the tract or parcel of land lying joining Shabbeffelds line and containing my quantity fully four hundred and thirteen acres. My big children is not to be excluded from any thing that was ever the privilege.

Then I give and bequeath to my six daughters of my first wife my five negroes Ben Cady Frutney such and many the said negroes to remain with my wife till my daughter mecca becomes of age and if those negroes in that time should raise a son one shall be given to my daughter Polly if not a good father for her and a faithful