

STEPHEN BATES

State of South Carolina }  
 Abbeville County }

In the Name of God Amen, I Stephen  
 Bates of the State and County afore-  
 said--Being at this time weak of Bo-  
 dy, But of Perfect mind and memory,

and Knowing the mortality of my Body and that it is appointed  
 for all men one--to Die, do thinke fitt to make this my Last  
 will and Testament in manner and form following that is to Say,  
 First I Freley give my Soul to Almighty God who first gave it me,  
 and Body to the Earth to be Buryed in a Decent manner at the Dis-  
 creation of my Hereafter Named Executors, and as to the Worldly  
 Estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me with I Give &  
 Bequeath it in the Following manner to Wit--imprimus or First I  
 Bend the whole of my Estate to my Dearly Beloved Wife Anne the  
 Boath real and Personal untill my only Son James Alexander,  
 Shall arive to the age of Twenty years -- Except so much as  
 Shall pay my Just Debts and Educate my Said Son James Alexander,  
 and When he the Said James Alexander Shall arive to the Said  
 Twenty years of age that then the whole of my Personal Estate be  
 Equally Divided Between my--Beloved Wife Anne and my only Son  
 James Alexander totham and their Heirs Forever and also that my  
 Dearly Beloved--Wife anne Shall have the use of one third Part  
 of my Land During her Life and that The Said Anne Shall Give up  
 the Other--two thirds of the Said Land when my Said Son Shall  
 arive to the--Said Term of Twenty years of age, and I do hereby  
 and Hereunto--appoint and Ordain Alexander Clark. Ann Bates  
 & Fleming Bates Executors to this my Last will and Testament  
 , and do hereby--Disannul and revoke all Former Wills and Le-  
 gacyes and do hereby confirm this and no Other as my Last will and  
 Testament in Witnefs Whereof I have Set my hand and Seal this  
 25th day of August 1788--

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