

WILL OF
FLEMING BATES

State of South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen

I Fleming Bates of the District of Abbeville in the State aforesaid being Very sick, and weak in Body but perfect sound mind, and disposing Memory Do make & ordain this my Last will and Testament in the following manner that is to say----

1st I Recommend my Soul to God who give it and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent Christian Burial---

2 My will is that all my just Debts be punctually paid out of my Estate---

3 I Lend to my Beloved Wife Margret one half of the Plantation whereon I now Live Duering her natural life, and after her Decease

I give it to my Son Robert Alexander, to whom I give and bequeath the Remaining half of the said Tract of Land, Which Said Moiety he is to have full Possession of As soon as he arrives to the age of twenty years---

I also Lend unto my said Wife three Negroes Censor, Soebie & Nell Duering her Natural life and after her Decease, my will is that the said three Negroes with all their increas be Equally Divided among her surviving Children, or their Legal representatives, Share & Share Alike--

I Also Lend to my Said Wife all my Stock of THorse & Cattle of Every Kind , with all the House-hold furniture & farming Utensils Except Such part As she (with the Consent of my Others Executors hereinafter to be mentioned) may think proper to Dispose of Either by Publick or Private Sale---

And further I wish to be Expressly understood now and for Ever hereafter the Lones or Bequests given to my beloved Wife are in

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4th I give & Bequeath to my Son John McCarter two Hundred & fifty Acres of Land, Situate on a Branch of Rocky River, Call'd Middleton Branch-- to him his heirs & assigns for Ever--

5 I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Catharine Hicks one Negro girl Named Nance--

6 I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sally Grimes, one Negro girl named Rachel--

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7 I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Ann Clark one Negro girl Named ~~My~~ Mary ---

8 I give and Bequeath to my Son Robert Alexander one Negro Boy named ~~My~~ Sam ----

9 I give & Bequeath to my Son John McCarter one Negro boy named William---

10 I give & bequest to my Daughter Betsy Fleming one Negro Boy Named Charles--- provided nevertheless that if any of my afore mentioned Sons or Daughters should Die without Issue before they arrive at the age of twenty years, that their part be Equally Distributed among the surviving Children above mentioned-- and if any of the Negroes Bequeathed to any of the above mentioned Children should Die -- their part to be made up out of the Negroes or their

~~part~~ that is sent to my wife if they should live-- Unless it be found Convenient for the Executors to make up the deficiency out of the increase of the other part of the Estate---

11 My will is that all my Real & Personal Estate not before mentioned be & remain at the Discretion of my Executors to be applied as they may see best for the use of the Estate

12 My will is, that my Executors be under no obligation to have the Estate appraised During the Natural Life of my Wife---

13 My Will is that my afore mentioned Children be supported out of the Estate until they arrive at Lawful age or marry---

14 I Hereby Constitute & appoint my trusty friends Viz. My Beloved Wife Margret Exetx Coll Joseph Calhoun John McCarter Robert

Alexander Bates & John McCarter Bates Executors of this my last will & Testament-- Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my Last will & Testament--

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affix my seal

this twelf Day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand
Abbeville County Wills 1787-1815
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William---

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Wm. Hutton

Hamilton Wilson

William Henderson

Fleming Bates (Seal)

CODICIL

Whereas I have Disposed of a tract of Land on Middletons Branch of Rocky River Bequeathed to my Son John ^C McCarter in article 4th of Abbeville County Wills 1787-1815

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of my will - Thereby add this Codicil Confirming all Other parts
of the said will, and in view of that Land, my will is that my
Executors be and is hereby Authorised at Any Convenient time before
the said John M^C Carter Arrives at full age to apply any part of my
Estate not particularly specified in my will and not Exceeding one
thousand Dollars to the purchase of another tract of Land for his
use agreeable to the tenor of s^d will In Witness whereof I have
hereunt set my hand & Affixed my Seal this 10th Day of June in
the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & four
in presence of

Jas M Carter

Flem, Bates (Seal)

Isaac Evans

Catran M^C Carter

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Proven July 20th 1804

Recorded date not available

Andrew Hamilton, O.A. D.