

WILL OF

RICHARD BRADFORD

IN the Name of God Amen, I Richard Bradford of Sumter district South Carolina ~~being~~ ^{being} of sound mind, memory & understanding for which I thank God do make my will as follows to wit,

First--I give bequeath & devise unto my wife Elizabeth Bradford for the time of her Natural life the use of my dwelling House & out houses my Grits Mill & such part of my lands as she may chose to use which I have herein divided to my Son Matthew also for the same term of time Four Negroes to be chosen by her from all my Negroes except those herein otherwise bequeathed so much of my house hold & kitchen furniture as she may chose, Six Cows & Calves three horses & fifteen head of Hogs, the Stock & horses to be chosen by her my riding chair & Harnefe, such of my Plantation tools as she may chose & of my provisions on hand so much as may be Necessary for her & her Negroes & stock for a year The above provision Made for her to be in lieu & bar of Dower.

Secondly--I desire that my estate real and personal not above mentioned except the debt due by John Mayrant Jr After taking fourteen hundred Dollars, be divided into Six parts-----

Thirdly--I divide to my son Robert Bradford & his heirs forever one of the said sixth parts of all my real & personal estate in which said part, he is to have that part of my lands on Green Swamp & shot pouch which lie on the eastern side of a line to be run to divide the the said lands whereon I live as follows, to wit, to begin at the lower line of a tract granted for Six hundred & forty Acres to begin in the run of Green Swamp thence up said Swamp in the Middle thereof to within a chain of my Grits Mill dam from thence at the distance of a Chain from the dam to the high land on the Eastern side of Green Swamp thence along the said Grits Mill pond at high water mark to my upper line, but if

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Fourthly--I devise unto my son Matthew Bradford & his heirs forever one of the said Sixth parts of all my real and personal estate, in his part he is to have that part of my lands on Green Swamp & Shot pouch which lie on the Western side of the line

Mentioned in third Devise to my Son Robert, including my Grist Mill subject to the life estate devised to his Mother so that he and Robert have all my lands on Green swamp & shot pouch whereon I live consisting of several tracts or parts of tracts; but if said lands should be valued at more than his sixth part that then he pay to my other devisees & legatees: in valuing said lands the improvements he may make are not to be valued or regarded in the said Valuation. The Canal from the Grist Mill pond to my Saw Mill pond to remain & be used as heretofore, the Meeting House in the part devised to Robert to remain free to the use of the Meeting Church so long as they may continue the same as a place of Religious Worship-----

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Fifthly--I give & devise unto my daughter Sarah Brown & her heirs forever one of the said Six parts of my estate, in her part is to be a tract of land whereon she lives, which is to be valued at no more than one Dollar per Acre.

Sixthly--I give & devise the sum of seven hundred dollars and one of the Six parts of my estate to be divided into three parts. To my Sons Robert & Matthew & the Survivor of them in Trust. That is to say one ^{one third of} third of the said Sum & one Sixth part in trust for the sole & separate use of Nancy Branson during her life & After her death for such child or children as she may leave alive at her death. one other third part as aforesaid in trust for the sole & separate use of Harriot Barkley during her life and After her death for such ^{child} child or Children as she may leave alive at her death. the other third part in trust to & for the sole & separate use of Louisa Lewis during her life time & After her death for such child or children as she may leave alive at her death. subject to this further condition or trust that if either of my said Grand daughters Nancy Harriot & Louisa or all of them should set

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out the same or in land, subject to the trust
 suffering & permitting them to have the Use of such Negro or Ne-
 groes, lands or the interest of the Money.---

Seventhly--I give and devise unto my daughter Eliza Wilder one of
 the said Sixth parts of my said estate & her heirs forever.-----

^{Eight} Eighthly--I give & bequeath unto my said Sons, in trust as herein
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 said six parts of my estate to them & the survivor of them in
 trust for my Grand daughter Nately Eliza Bradford daughter of my
 deceased son Richard for her sole & separte use during her life
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 Child, then to & for to be equally divided between my said sons
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Ninthly---It is my will that John B Miller as soon after my death as convenient appoint five suitable persona to value & devide my estate as above directed & after the death of my wife the part given to her, but should he die without Appointing or carying the trust into full exscution then my Sons & two daughters Sarah &

Eliza to appoint one each which four persons are to chose a fifth to divide the same as Occasion May require. It is my wish that my children & grand Children should not go into Any court about my estate--And should any difference Arrise between them on this my Will or the construction or intention thereof that the same be refered to the said John B. Miller for his determination. Lastly--I do hereby Nominate & Appoint my Sons Robert Bradford & Matthew Bradford my Executors...

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourth day of April and the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five this will is written on six pages this is the Sixth & is written by John B Miller.

Signed & Acknowledged in
presence of us.

Rich^d Bradford (SEAL)

Thos D Glenn

Joseph E White

(Copied from Will Book)
(Original will lost)

W^m M Delorme

Codicil

Whereas I have a debt on Jeptha Dyson on which he has paid me a part the amount paid to me by him I have divided between my sons Robert, Matthew & daughters Sarah & Eliza, but to Robert I have given the most, but he is to refund if more than his part now in addition to my will. I will & desire that the balance due me by said J. Dyson if not rec^d by me in my life time or what may be due at my death be divided between my above four children so as to make their shares therein with what I have given them equal.

Witness my hand this Sixteenth day of May A D 1825.

Witnesses

Rich^d Bradford (SEAL)

Alexander McKnight

John D McKnight

(Codicil copied from original copy)

John F Hayneworth

(Recorded in Will Book D 1 page 118)