

**WILL of CATHERINE BATES, EDGEFIELD DISTRICT, S. C.
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In the name of God, Amen. I, CATHERINE BATES, of the District of Edgefield in the State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, praised be to God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following --

1. It is my will that all of my estate of every kind whatever that I may be possessed of at my death shall be sold publicly by my executors hereafter to be named in such lots as they may think best upon a credit of one year and this money arising from said sales and what may be otherwise due me when collected, shall just as much thereof as is necessary be appropriated to pay all my just debts and when the next amount of my estate shall be fully appertained (sic) my executors are to appertain (sic) what the amount or worth of the children of a certain Negro wench named Stacey, that I gave to my daughter NANCY BOWERS is which said amount is to be added to the next amount of my estate and then to be equally divided into six shares or equal parts.

2. I give and bequeath to my son JACOB BATES the amount or one of the six shears (sic) of my estate as above mentioned.

3. I give and bequeath to my son ANDREW BATES the amount or one of the six sheares (sic) of my estates as above mentioned.

4. I give and bequeath to my son JOHN BATES the amount of one of the six sheares (sic) of my estate as above mentioned.

5. I give to my daughter, ELIZABETH LONG, and the seven children she had by her first husband, REASON WOOTLEY, the amount or one of the six sheares (sic) of my estate, as above mentioned, to be divided among them as follows: One-third part of the said one-sixth of my estate to my said daughter, ELIZABETH LONG, and the other two-thirds of the said one-sixth of my estate to the said seven children my daughter ELIZABETH had by her first husband, REASON WOOTLEY.

6. I give and bequeath to my deceased son, DAVID BATES' two children, viz., WILSON M. and ANN CATHERINE BATES, the amount or one of the six shears (sic) of my estate as above mentioned.

7. I give and bequeath to my daughter, NANCY BOWERS, as much as when added to whatever the increased of a certain Negroe (sic) wench named STACEY shall be valued at, will make a sum equal to the amount of the one-sixth part of my estate as before mentioned for it is my intention and will that my said daughter NANCY shall not receive anything more in advance or above the rest of my children except the Negroe (sic) wench STACEY which is the reason which I have to take in the value of the increase of the said NEGROE STACEY into view thereby she will not receive anything more than said wench along over and above the rest of my children.

8. It is my express will and desire that whatever I have herein given to my grandchildren, the seven sons and daughters of REASON WOOTLEY shall remain in the hands of my executors until they respectively arrive of age or marry at which time they are each to have their shares and whatever interest may be received or due thereon – and in case of the death of any of said seven children before marriage, or they become of age, then what is due them of my estate shall be equally divided between those that are living.

9. It is further my express will and desire that what I have herein given to my two grandchildren, the son and daughter of my deceased son, DAVID BATES shall remain in the hands of my executors and by them put out to interest until they shall respectively arrive of age or marry, at which times my executors are to pay to them what I have herein given them, but should either of them die before they marry or come of age, my executors are then to pay the survivor of them when married or of age, the whole that I have herein given to them and should they both die before either of them come of age or marry, then my executors are to divide what I have herein given them among my children in such proportions as they are herein directed to divide the remainder of my estate.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint my sons ANDREW BATES and JOHN BATES executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills at any time heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the testator as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

CATHERINE BATES, her mark

Witnesses by ANDREW TAYLOR, his mark
JOHN TILLORY, his mark
THO. ANDERSON

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