

The State of South Carolina }  
Fairfield District }

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Isabella Bratton of the State and District aforesaid, bearing in mind the uncertainty of life, do ordain and establish this as my last will and Testament. That is to say, —

Item 1<sup>st</sup> — I give and bequeath to my son James L. Judge the following slaves, — Andy (now in his possession,) Bill, Ester and her infant child, Suckey, Charity, and Charlotte's child Lucy; together with all their future issue and increase.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> — I give and bequeath to my daughter Isabella, the wife of R. G. McCaw, the following slaves, — Emma and her children Scilla and Rosa, Katy, Elias, and Bill's child Becky; together with all their future issue and increase.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> — I give and bequeath to my son William M. Bratton, the following slaves, — Scilla, Jackson, Dublin, Ben, Frank, and Charlotte's child Lethe; together with all their future issue and increase.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> — I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary M., the wife of Edward Noble, the following slaves, Charlotte, Amy, Daniel, Peggy, Scilla's child Becky, and Bill's child Lethe; together with all their future issue and increase.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> — I give and bequeath to my son John M. Bratton, the following slaves, Sallie, Lewis, Jim, Isaac, Horace, Netty, and Charlotte's child Eliza; together with all their future issue and increase.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> — I will and direct that my Executor, hereinafter named, do, from money that may be due me by bond, note or otherwise, and, if necessary, by the sale of property not herein otherwise disposed of, raise as soon as practicable, the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars, and invest the same in the stock of some good Bank in this State, and likewise invest the dividends arising therefrom in the same manner; or if such investment of the said sum of Seven Thousand Dollars or of any of the dividends thereon, be not practicable, then to invest the said sum of Seven Thousand Dollars, or any such dividends, in interest-bearing bonds well secured, until such investment in good Bank stock becomes practicable. I further will and direct that my said Executor do hold the said sum of Seven Thousand Dollars with the accumulations thereon, invested as



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arrive at maturity or marry, that he, my said Executor, do pay over to such grand-child an equal share, of said sum and the accumulations thereon up to that time: but if any one or more of my said four grand-children shall die before maturity or marriage then his or her or their share or shares to be divided among the survivors upon maturity or marriage in the manner as directed above.

Item 7<sup>th</sup>

I give and devise to my son John M. Bratton and his heirs forever, the home place upon which I now reside, consisting of twenty-one and three-fourths acres of land, with the dwelling and out-houses, and improvements thereon, with all the household furniture (except only the chamber furniture), the kitchen furniture, cooking and washing utensils, the garden implements, the stock of provisions on hand, my carriage and horses, and every thing that may be upon or in said premises at the time of my death, and not otherwise disposed of.

Item 8<sup>th</sup>

It is my desire and will nevertheless that my said home place above devised to my son John M. Bratton, be equally a home for my sons William and John; and I give and bequeath to them jointly all the chamber furniture, such as bedsteads, beds, Mattresses, bedding &c, which chamber furniture they may divide when my said son William may settle off to himself, or before, should they so desire.

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I give and devise to my son William M. Bratton and his heirs forever, all that tract of land purchased by me at the sale of a part of the real estate of Dr. William Bratton deceased made for partition, containing forty-six and one-half acres, situated near the Town of Wimsboro' in the District of Fairfield, bounded by lands of Gen. John Buchanan and others.

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I further give and devise to my son John M. Bratton and his heirs forever, all that tract of land that was assigned to me in the partition of the real estate of Dr. William Bratton, deceased, containing forty-three and one-half acres, situated in the District aforesaid, adjoining lands of Gen. John Buchanan, J. M. Hudson and others; on condition that he, my said son John, do pay the sum of Four Hundred and thirty-five Dollars, (being at the rate of ten dollars per acre), over to my grand-daughter Belle Noble.



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Item 11<sup>th</sup>

Should my son James L. Judge, or any of my grand-children Lucy Judge, Hilliard Judge, Belle B. Judge, or Gertrude J. Judge, at any time set up a claim against my estate for any waste that any one of them



of them may suppose to have been committed upon that tract of land situated in the District aforesaid called the "Waterloo place," in which I have a life estate, and they the estate in remainder, — then the provision or legacy herein before made for him or her so setting up such claims, to be null and of no effect, and be disposed of as hereafter provided for the residuum of my estate.

Item 12<sup>th</sup>

I give and bequeath any residue that there may be of my estate not herein otherwise disposed of — after the payment of my just debts, to my children; Isabella M. Carr, William M. Bratton, John M. Bratton, and Mary M. Noble, to be divided between them share and share alike.

Item 13<sup>th</sup>

I hereby constitute and appoint my son William M. Bratton the Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand, this the Twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Isabella G. Bratton

Executed in the presence of us.

William H. Ellison

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I, Isabella G. Bratton, do further make and ordain this as a codicil to the above, my last will and testament; that is to say, — The property which in my last will and testament I bequeath to my said daughter Mary M. Noble, I give to her for her sole and separate use, during the term of her natural life, and not to be subject to the contracts or liabilities of her husband; and at the death of my said daughter, the property which I have bequeathed to her is to be equally divided between her issue, — the issue of a deceased child receiving in equal division between them, the share of their deceased parent.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand, this the twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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