

The following deposition being Taken before the Honb. John Thomas Junr. Esq. was presented and recorded this 19th June AD 1797.

South Carolina } Before me John Thomas Junr. one of the
 Greenville County } Judges of the County Court aforesaid personally
 came Lucy Tate of said County and being duly sworn on her oath
 deposes & saith that some time ago, perhaps three years, last August
 or there about, she was present when a mutual separation took place
 between a certain Edward Bruce and his wife Patty, that she heard said
 Edward Bruce tell his wife, that if she would spin, weave, & make
 him one suit of clothes, she might have all the residue of their prop-
 erty, he reserving to himself one horse beast which was all they had
 (as this deponent knew of) that the said Patty replied she would
 and also said that she had worked for and got all the rest by her own
 Labour, that the said Edward did receive the said clothes, that he soon
 after left this part of the Country, and left the said Patty in possession
 of all the property aforesaid (except as aforesaid) according to their said
 agreement, that the said Patty lived with this deponants Mother (Elisabeth
 Tate) until she was taken sick and died, that some short time before
 her death she told this deponent that she wished to dispose of her little
 property in the following manner (to wit) her sisters daughter Patty
 Tally to have all her clothes, & that Elisabeth Tate should have or pay her-
 self out of the rest, soon after which the said Patty Bruce died & was buried
 at the cost & expence of the said Elisabeth Tate. Also Fanny Tate saith
 on her oath that she was present & heard the said Edward Bruce & Patty
 his wife agree on the mode of their separation and mentions the same as
 the other deponent (Lucy Tate) did not hear the said Patty Bruce dispose
 of her property as above, but saith that the said Patty lived with the
 said Elisabeth Tate, was taken sick and then died and was buried at the
 cost and expence of the said Elisabeth, and the said Lucy & Fanny Tate
 say on oath, that as well as they remember the whole of the property
 left in the hands of the said Elisabeth by the said Patty Bruce consisted
 of the following Articles (to wit) one Bed very light - one coarse bed
 Quilt - one sheet - an Indifferent pot & Cast oven - one water pail, one small
 chest or Box, some Cotton in the field, gathered by said Elisabeth, one
 wooden dish, & two Trenchers very Indifferent - a few broken & trifling
 knives and forks, and one old pair of Cotton Cards & no more as
 these deponants can remember, and they believe this to be all

Sworn to before me the 5th May 1797
 J. Thomas Junr.