

## William Batman's Will

Mr. W. Fairclough has placed at our disposal the attested copy of the will of William Batman, father of the explorer and founder of Victoria, John Batman. The document was unearthed in the deed box of the late Mr. James Boulson, father of Mrs. Fairclough. It reads as follows:—

"In the name of God, Amen. I William Batman, senr., of Parramatta, in the County of Cumberland, being of perfect mind and memory, do think proper to give and bequeath all my personal estate and effects, while I am yet living in the manner and form following to wit:—

"First I desire to be decently buried in the Burying Place or ground of Parramatta.

"Secondly I give and bequeath to my son, Robert Batman, one shilling at the expiration of Twelve calendar Months after my decease.

"Thirdly I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Batman my dwelling-house and all the ground, and all the outhouses and all other offices appertaining thereto, with all my goods and chattels, my horses and all my horned cattle, and all bonds together with every other kind of property whatsoever to me appertaining, only what I have bequeathed to my son Robert Batman as aforesaid.

"I do hereby utterly revoke all former Will or Wills, Transfer or Transfers by me heretofore made. And I hereby nominate and appoint my wife, Mary Batman, the whole and sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have heretofore set my hand and Seal this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. William Batman. Signed sealed and declared by the abovesaid William Batman, senr., as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have heretofore subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator in the presence of each other.

John Eyre (seal).

Wm. Schofield (seal).

William White (seal).

"We hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the will of the late Mr. William Batman the same having been this 7th March A.D. 1836 examined therewith by us."

"A Hayward, Sols. and Notary.

"Jno. Dawson, clerk to Mr. Hayward."