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In the Name of God Amen I William Watson of
of Amelia County in the Parish of Netoway. Being of Sound memory
& Understanding, But frail and Weak. And knowing that is appointed
for all men once to die. Do make this my last Will & Testament,
in manner and form following, That is to say. I do in the first
place Give my Soul unto God who gave it. And do commit my Body
to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors.
hereafter mentioned. Item I Give to my Son William my Negroes
~~Wendell~~ Donah and Judith with all their Increase with all my upper
Tract of Land upon Namazeen, with all that part of the upper Flat Creek
where it flows below the mill branch, Containing by Estimation Thirteen
hundred Acres more or less to him and the heirs male of his Body - -
Lawfully begotten for ever. I Give to my loving & Wife Ann Watson
four Negroes & viz. Nelsay, Mingd, Abram, & Pompey during her
Natural life, And at the time of her Death to dispose of them to such of my
Children as she thinks proper. Item I also Give her my loving & Wife,
the use of this Plantation with all the Land between the said mill branch
the Creek, and the upper fork of a Branch between here and the Quarter
at Batt Fashings during her Natural life
Item I Give & Devise all my Land on Bush River Containing Two
thousand & six hundred and fifty Acres unto my Daughters & theirs heirs
for ever.

Item I Give unto my loving & Wife, till my son comes of age,
the use of the Plantation where Batt Fashings now lies.
I Give to my loving Wife the sole use of which Plantation she thinks proper
during her Natural life either Malletts or Mallets Creek
Item my Will & Desire is That the Rents of the several Tenants and the
Ordinary shall go towards paying the Rents

to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors
 hereafter mentioned. I then Give to my Son William my Negro
 Wences and Judith with all their Increase with all my upper
 Part of Land upon Namozee, with all that part of the upon Flat Creek
 where I live below the mill branch, containing by Estimation Thirteen
 hundred Acres more or less to him and the heirs male of his Body
 Lawfully begotten for ever. I Give to my loving & Wife Ann Watson
 four Negroes viz. Nilsay, Mingd, Abram, & Sampsey During her
 Natural life, And at the time of her Death to dispose of them to such of my
 Children as she thinks proper. I then I also Give her my loving & Wife,
 the wife of this Plantation with all the Land between the said Mill Branch
 the Creek, and the upper fork of a Branch between here and the Quarter
 at Batt Fashers During her Natural life
 I then I Give & Devise all my Land one Bush River containing two
 thousand & six hundred and fifty Acres unto my Daughters & theirs heirs
 for ever.

I then I Give unto my loving & Wife, till my son comes of age,
 the sole use of that Plantation where Batt Fashers now lives.
 I Give to my loving Wife the sole use of which Plantation she thinks proper
 During her Natural life either Mallowes or Halls Creek
 I then my Will & Desire is That the Rents of the several Tenants and the
 ordinary shall go towards paying the Rents
 I then I Give & Devise all the rest of my Negroes & it is my Will & Desire
 That all the rest of my Negroes be Equally Divided between my Wife and
 Children, And that my Wife shall hold her part of them During her
 Widowhood And that they be Divided and laid off as my Children come
 of Age or marriage, at the Discretion of my Executors
 And what money I have in the House or Due to me after all my
 Debts are paid shall be laid out in Negroe Wences or Girls by

my Executors. And that my ~~Executors~~ ^{Wills} ~~shall~~ ^{give} one of the likely est.

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to my son William And that my Crop now in the House shall be laid out in the best way for money. Except three Negro heads that I intend for my Executors. And that the money be laid out in Negroes for the use of my Wife and Children.

I Give unto my son William my Dutch my Dozen of Silver Spoons And a Dozen of my best Chairs. And a good feather Bed and furniture. And a Table. And the rest to be disposed of by my Wife to my Children whom she thinks proper.

I Constitute and appoint Richard. Edward. And Daniel Jones Executors of this my last Will & Testament. And such of them as will not I Give each of them one hoghead of Tobacco. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twentieth third day of December 1751

Read & Published as my last
Testament In Presence of

Will^m Watson (9)

Chas^r Carpenter

Rob^t Rowland

James Overstreet

At a Court held for Henrico County the 26th day of March 1752
The last Will and Testament of William Watson Deceased was presented by the Executors therein named who made oath thereof and was also proved by the Oaths of Robert Rowland and James Overstreet two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Samuel Gibbs Clk