

In the Name of God Amen. William Watkins of the parish of Linneth and County
of Kent, being of sound and perfect memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of
his life do make and alter this my last will and Testament, In presence whereof
all my just debts and funeral expenses to paid. Then I give and bequeath to my son
Richard all that part of my tract of land and plantation lying to the Northward of the
ridge lying between the two branches, also four Negroes, to wit, Dick, Nancy, Ann and
Jack, fifteen head of cattle, fifteen sheep, three beds and furniture, all my
stock of Hogs, all my pewter and Kitchen furniture, to him and his heirs forever.
Then I give and bequeath to my grandson William, Son of my son Richard four
Negroes to wit, named Dick to him and his heirs forever. Then I give and bequeath to my
son Benjamin all the other part of my tract of land and plantation lying Southward of the
ridge between the two branches aforesaid to him and his heirs forever. Then I give and
bequeath all the residue of my stock of cattle and sheep to be equally divided between my
sons Levi Benjamin Prudden, John Prudden, and my son Benjamin Watkins.
Then I give and bequeath to my grandson Richard Watkins (if he lives to return from
the army) the Negro boy named Buff to him and his heirs forever, but in case he
should not return to receive him I order the said Negro may be divided in the same manner
as the said land above. And all are directed to be divided. Then I give and bequeath to my

the army) the Negro boy named Buff to him and his heirs forever, but in case he
should not return to receive him I direct the said Negro may be divided in the same manner
as the residue of my Negroes are directed to be divided. I give and bequeath to my
grandson James Jones (if he lives to return from the army) the Negro boy named Isaac
to him and his heirs forever, but in case he should not return to receive him, I direct
the said Negro to be equally divided in the manner the residue of my Negroes are
directed to be divided. I turn all the residue of my Negroes in other estate not before
given & bequeath to be equally divided between my sons James, William, John, &
Benjamin and my son in law John Brindlow to hold to them respectively and their
heirs forever. I direct that my estate should not be appraised. Lastly I constitute
and appoint my sons, James, William & John to be whole and sole Executors of this my
last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2^d day
of April 1781.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said W^m Watkins
to be his last will & Testament in presence of
Thomas Spencer, Geddon Spencer, Lucy Watkins
Attest her a free Charlotte County the 6th day of December 1784.
This last will and Testament of William Watkins, deceased, was exhibited in Court

devoted to be devoted. I turn all the residue of my Negroes and other estate not before
given I bequeath to be equally divided between my sons James, William, John, and
Benjamin and my son in law John Brindlow to hold to them respectively and their
heirs forever. I wish that my estate should not be appraised. Lastly I constitute
and appoint my sons, James, William & John to be whole and sole Executors of this my
last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2^d day
of April 1781.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said W^m Watkins
to be his last will and Testament in presence of
Thomas Spencer, Gedeen Spencer, Lucy Watkins.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 6th day of December 1781.

The last will and Testament of William Watkins, deceased, was exhibited for proof
by James Watkins and John Watkins, two of the Executors therein named, and the same
was proved in Court by the oath of Thomas Spencer Junr and Gedeen Spencer and
appears to be correct. And on the application of the said Executors who were with power
to do so, the Court is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said will in conformity
thereto giving them the same with the usual fees thereunto.

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and acknowledge this time for the purpose - I am as before to the
 Father the other I write to him in the private house when he shall think fit.

Truly recorded

Thomas Lea 26th
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An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Richard Coleman dec'd
17th Decr 1781

One Vineyard	100. c
1 house £30. 20 head hogs £10. 10.	40. 10.
1 best sheep	3. 18.
20 head cattle	35. —
9 head hogs	10. —
A parcel of Fadder &c	4. 5.
A parcel of Fadder	19. 10.
5. 2. 6.	9. 3.
6 in	30. 15.