

Garret and Mary Carter Garret as a witness
appeared in Court and declared severally that they had no
legal objection to the Validity of this will

Teste J. Roger Dixon Cl. Cur.

Thomas
Watts
Will

In the name of God Amen December 22^d Day 1740
Thomas Watts of the Township Parish in Culpeper County
Shanter being in sound and Perfect Health of Mind and
memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the same and
retting to mind Culpeper County Virginia Will 1749
www.virginiapioneers.net of his Mind and that it
is appointed for all Men once to die and as touching
such worldly Estates wherewith it hath pleased God
to bless me with I do hereby make and Ordain this
my Last Will and Testament allowing this and only
this to be my Last Will and Testament utterly revoking
disallowing and disannulling all former Wills
Testaments or Bequests and allowing none but this my
Last Will as in Manner following
In witness I Give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty

God that gave it me and my Body to the earth to be
buried at the Discretion of my Executors.

Item I will and desire that my wellbeloved Wife
Esther shall live on the Plantation I now live on if
she be the longest Liver and have One hundred Acres
of Land adjoining with Timber and Wood for the
Use of the Plantation for and during the Time of
her widowhood and no longer and at the Time of
either her Death or Day of Marriage that then the
said Plantation together with them as shall be hereafter
mentioned

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Item I give to my Son Edward Watts the Plantation
he now lives on with the Tract of Land thereto belonging
estimated two hundred Acres to him and his Heirs
forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Watts
the Plantation he now posseth with the Land thereto
accordingly estimated two hundred Acres to the Sons
now or left to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give to my Son Benjamin Watts the

more or less to him and his heirs forever

I give to my son Benjamin Watts the Plantation commonly called the School House with the Tract of Land bounded on James Barbours and John Watts so up the great Branch including the Land between them Bonds and Oland Battards Line Estimated two hundred Acres more or less to him and his heirs forever

I give to my son Thomas Watts the Plantation known by the Name of John Stones Plantation with the Tract of Land adjoining the same containing by Estimation one hundred eighty three Acres be the same more or less and bounded on Oland Battards Line James Barbours Line and Diacons Line to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Watts a Tract of Land containing by Estimation one hundred and Fifty Acres be the same more or less and bounded between Oland Battards Bond and John Watts to him and his heirs forever

12 Item I give to my Daughter Sarah Watts a Tract of Land containing by Estimation one hundred and fifty Acres be the same more or less and bounded between James Barbour Joseph Rogers Dixon's Line to her and her forever

Item I give and bequeath after my Decease and the Decease or Day of Marriage of my wife Esther the above mentioned Plantation I now live on with One hundred Acres of Land Percuents adjoining and bounded on the River and running to Benjamin Caves Line on the River thence along Capt Benjamin Caves Line to my back Line so far as to include One hundred Acres which said Plantation and Land I give to my Son Wm. Watts after my Decease and the Decease or Day of Marriage of my wife Esther to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Esther Watts a Tract of Land containing by Estimation One

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter either
Watts a Tract of Land containing by Estimation One
hundred Acres and bounded between the Land belonging
to the Manner Plantation and John Watts Land
to her and her Heirs forever

Item I will and Desire that after my Decease my
Estate shall be to the Use of my Wife either during her
Widowhood and all my Children in General that is
to say my Son Edward my Daughter Ann my Son
John my Daughter Mary my Son Benjamin
my Son Thomas my Daughter Sarah my Son Jacob
my Daughter Esther my Daughter Mary my Son
William my Daughter Franky which said Estate
shall be to their Use and if any Benefit or Income
shall accrue by the said Estate the same shall be
equally divided amongst my above mentioned Wife
and Children and if my Wife should either marry

the name of the above named
die then the will shall be amongst the Personal
my Children and the Income of the said will shall be
equally divided between such of my above named
Children as shall remain alive

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Item - I constitute and appoint my beloved son
John Watts and Benjamin Watts to be my
Executors of this my last will and Testament
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal the day and Year above written

Signed Sealed published and Thomas T. Watts
pronounced in presence
of Rob^t Sherman
March

signed & sealed
pronounced in presence

March

of Rob^t Sherman
Wm Trayman
George Trayman

At a Court held for the County of Culpeper in the
the 15th day of March 1779.

This last Will and Testaments of Thomas Wath
was this day exhibited into Court by John Wath
Benjamin Wath the Executor thereunto named

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And At a Court Continued and held for the said
County on Friday the 16th day of March 1779
Edward Wath the Heir at Law of the Deceased
appeared in Court and declared he had no objection
to make against the Proof of the said Will where
the Court proceeded to examine the Witnesses
upon Oath to wit, Robert Sherman William

and George Fryman who have by their Oath sworn and affirmed
and ordered to be recorded with the said
Will And on the Motion of the said Executor
Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Carbon
thereof in due Form they having sworn to the same
and given Security in the Penalty of One Thousand
Pounds according to Law.
Teste Roger Dixon Clk. Sur.

Robert Sherman William Fryman & George Fryman
the Subscribing Witnesses to the Will of Thomas
Watts dec'd being examined touching the said
Will upon their oath severally & depose as follows,
That said Robert Sherman saith that he wrote the
will of the Testator at his Request and by his
Directions left a large blank space there in, and
that the Testator executed the same in the Presence
of all the subscribing Witnesses leaving the same
space blank, and that about thirteen Months afterwards
the Testator directed the Deponent to insert the two

The Testator directed the Deponent to insert the two
last Clauses in the said Will to wit, a Devise of
one hundred Acres of Land to his Daughter Esther
Watts, and a Bequest of the Profits of his Mill to
his Wife and Children, and that he believed the two
other subscribing Witnesses were ignorant of
the said two last mentioned Clauses being inserted
they not being present at the Time - And the said
William Fryman & George Fryman severally
depose that they saw the Testator execute the Will
produced and that he was then in his perfect sense
and memory, but they believe the two last Clauses
were not inserted when they became Witnesses
but say there was a blank space left and were
informed that the said two last Clauses were
inserted afterwards by Robert Sherman the other
subscribing Witness of aether they say not.
Sworn to on Court March 21st 1770
Teste J. [illegible] Ch.