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In the name of God amen. I Samuel Watts Senior of Elizabeth
city county and state of Virginia being weak in body but thanks be
to god in perfect senses and sound memory calling to mind the
uncertainty of this life and certainty of the next do constitute
and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner
following

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Watts one hundred acres of land
whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever I also give and
bequeath unto my son Thomas Watts one hundred and fifty acres of
land joining the said land whereon I now ^{live} and the piece of land
I purchased of Daniel Boulton I give the said lands to him and his
heirs forever, also I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Watts
fifty acres of land I purchased of Daniel Boulton to him and his
heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Watts one hundred and
sixty five acres of land whereon my said son Samuel Watts now lives
which said lands were purchased by me of George Walker and
William Williams I give the said lands to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Watts two Negroes namely
John and Jacob

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Bright two Negroes
Dogg and Ann and their increase for ever,

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanah Haynes one Negroe
woman named denah and her increase for ever,

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Watts one Negroe fellow
named Peter provided he pay willer. Item the price value of the said
Negroe fellow Peter in part to ~~be paid~~ ^{be paid} ~~which~~ ^{which} the said willer
King has of the same

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Jennings two Negroes
John Matthew and Sue,

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Williams one Negroe
fellow named

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth King two Negroes
James and Phillis,

Item I give and bequeath unto Mr. Charles Jennings one Negroe woman
named Nan & her increase,

Item I confirm to my son Samuel Watts a right to a Negroe man Sam
which he sold some years ago.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Watts all the Remainder
of my Estate both Real and personal after the payment of my
just debts ~~and~~ I give him all the the remainder of my Estate
real and personal which is not any other way devised in
any of the foregoing parts ^{of my last will & testament} I give it to him and his heirs for ever
and lastly I nominate and appoint my two sons Thomas Watts
and Samuel Watt Sole Executors to this my last will and
testament Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand
and affixed my Seal the 21st day of December one thousand seven
hundred and ninety seven
he word live interlined as deficient in the first clause and the words
of ^{this} my last will and testament in the last clause interlined before
signing or Sealing hereof.

Signed sealed and published
as the last will and testament
of Samuel Watts Senior in
the presence of

James N. Cooper

Thomas Latimer

Thomas Lowry

John Ben

Samuel Watts Senior
Seal

At a Court held in Elizabeth City County
June 28th 1798- This Will was produced in
Court & proved by the Oathes of two of the
Witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded

Teste
H. Westwood Jr
C. Clarke

Samuel Watts Senior
Will

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In the Name of God. Amen. I Samuel Watts jun^r of the County of Elizabeth City, State of Virginia, being sick and weak, but of sound mind and memory, Thanks given to Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament: —

Imprimis. — My Will and desire is that all my just Debts and funeral charges be paid from the sale of the following Articles viz. the third part of the Pilot Boat called Favourite to be sold for the above purpose of paying my Debts, and if the money arising from the sale of said Boat should prove insufficient, I will and leave a discretionary power to my belov'd Wife Susannah Watts, either to sell my negro Boy Jerry, or what part of my stock of Cattle, Horses &c. or furniture, she may think most conducive for the Benefit of my Estate, for the said purpose of paying my Debts & funeral Charges.

Item, I give and bequeeth unto my belov'd wife Susannah Watts to her and her Heirs for ever my Negro Woman nam'd Sarah, — with the said Sarah's future Increase.

Item, I lend unto my belov'd Wife Susannah Watts, all my ~~Estate both real and personal~~, untill my sayd Daughter Mary Wilson Watts arrives to the Age of sixteen or thereabouts; my said Wife Susannah Watts, to support, maintain, cloath and have educated my said Daughter Mary Wilson Watts out of the Profits of said Estate, untill she arrives to the above mentioned period.

When my Daughter Mary Wilson Watts arrives to the above mentioned period of sixteen Years or thereabouts, the my belov'd Wife to have one third part in the

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Land during her life, together with my negro Boy Lem,
provided he is not sold to pay my Debts, but in case he
should be oblig'd to be sold, I then lend her in lieu of said
Lem, my negro Girl Lucy Berry, during her Life; and
after my said wills Death The Land and Houses together
with The Negroes with their future Increase to return to
my Daughter Mary Wilson Watts and her Heirs.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Sarah
Watts all my stock of Cattle, Horses, Hogs, Sheep &c. &
all the House-Hold and Kitchen-Furniture to her and
her Heirs, excepting one Feather Bed, Bolster, one ff. Sheet,
one Blanket & one Pugg with the Bedstead, six silver tea
spoons & one family Bible which I
give & bequeath unto my said Daughter Mary Wilson
Watts & her Heirs. —

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Wilson
Watts two thirds of my Houses & Land together with my
negro Wench Phillis, negro Fellow with ^{give} ~~Wench~~ Phillis
with their future Increase, and Girl Lucy Berry with
Increase, provided the Negro Boy Lem is not sold to pay
my Debts, to be taken in possession of by my said
Daughter Mary Wilson Watts when she shall arrive
to the age of sixteen or marries, to her and her Heirs
for ever. —

Item. I give and bequeath ~~my~~ ^{to} my son or relation Charles Jennings
son of Charles Jennings of Hampton, my silver, shoe, Kneel,
and Stock Buckles, to be delivered at my Death. —

Item. In Case my Daughter Mary Wilson Watts should die
before she arrives to the age of sixteen years, or has Heirs
of her Body, then I give and bequeath the whole of

I Give to my beloved Wife Susannah Watts together with all
my Negroes during her Life; and after her Death, I give
and bequeath unto my Friend William Thurt all my
Hous and Land to him and his Heirs for ever

Item.

I give and bequeath unto George Lattimer son of Thomas
Lattimer, if my said Daughter Mary should die before
she arrives to sixteen years or have Heirs of her Body
& after my Wife Susannah's Death, my negro fellow
Will to him & his Heirs.

Item.

I give and bequeath unto my loving Relations (provided
my Daughter Mary should die before she arrives to the
Age of sixteen Years or have Heirs of her Body & after
my Wife Susannah's Death,) Thomas Minson Watts,
Euphan Lattimer Watts, Mary Walker Watts, &
John & Charles Jennings & Charles Jennings, Daughter &
son of Charles Jennings of Hampton, all and every of
my Negroes with their Increase to them and their Heirs;
excepting, negro woman Sarah given to my wife
Susannah, and Will given to George Lattimer.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my beloved Wife
Susannah Watts & Charles Jennings
my sole Executors & of this my last Will and Testament,
~~being~~ ~~written~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~presence~~ ~~of~~ ~~me~~ ~~and~~ ~~other~~ ~~Wills~~ ~~by~~
me made heretofore.

In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal this 2nd Day of
January Anno domini one thousand seven hundred
and eighty seven Samuel Watts Jun.
Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
in the presence of

John Sheppard

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William Hunt

Ann Hunt

Joseph Cooper

~~Charles Jennings~~

Shabaz held for Eliz. City County Thursday January the 16th 1787.

The Will was produced in Court and proved by the Oaths of Joseph Cooper & Charles Jennings two of the Testators Thereto and Credited to be Proved And on the Motion of Lurannah Watts the Executrix Thereto named whomade Oath according to Law Certificate is granted her for obtaining a further Proof in due Form upon giving Security Whereupon she together with Thomas Hunt and Thomas Latimer her two Securities entered into and acknowledged Bond in the Penalty of £1000 conditioned as the Law directs Charles Jennings the Executor in the said Will named personally appeared in Court and relinquished the Execution ship Thereto

Teste

Samuel Lobb Clerk

Samuel Lobb
Jan. 17 1787

Samuel Watts M^r