

I Alexander Watson being sick and weak of Body but of a sound mind and understanding do make and enact this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Writts by me made In premises I give my son William Watson all the Land and Negroes which I have possessed him of to him and his heirs for ever. Item I give my son James Alexander Watson, all the Lands and Negroes which I have possessed him of to him and his heirs for ever. My two Sons above mentioned knowing how I intended the Partition I have full confidence they will divide the Land accordingly. Item I leave my loving Wife Edith Watson the use of all the remainder part of my Estate for the support of herself and the Children I have by her till my son John shall arrive to the Age of twenty years and then to be equally divided between her and the Children I have by her she still retaining the portion lots of the Children younger than my son John, till they shall be of Age or 18 years at which time or times I desire their respective parts or Lots may be given up to them respectively with this condition that though I place the greatest confidence in the prudence and discretion of my Wife yet should there be any danger or prospect of wasting my Estate thus lent to my Wife or the Children I have by her ill used or ill treated, then to be taken out of her hands and deposited in the hands of my Executors hereafter to be named. Item It is my desire that my Sons William Watson and James A. Watson, and

and deposited in the hands of my Executors hereafter to be named. It is my desire that my Sons William Watson and James Watson, and my friends Daniel Fisher, James Etason and William Manning or the Survivors of them that can conveniently attend do make the division of my Estate among my Wife and Children as directed in the preceding Article. I do hereby appoint my Sons William Watson and James Watson Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Witness my hand and Seal this third day of March. One thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

Alexander Watson (S)

Charles Lucas

Elizabeth Smith

William Manning

A Court held for Greenville County the 20th day of February 1782. This Will was proved according to Law by the Oath of Charles Lucas a Justice of the Peace and ordered to be recorded And on the Motion of the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto according to Law and together with Douglas McIlwain their Security entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the Penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars. Specie conditioned as the Law directs Certificate was granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste

James Watson
James Watson
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