

In the Name of God Amen. I William Watkins of the County of Halifax
being in a weak State of Health but of a Sound Mind and Memory

William
Watkins
Dec

Praise be God for his goodness and Loving Kindness to me all my Life Long
up for his continued favours to the present Moments and knowing that it is app
ointed for all Men once to Die I do make Constitute and ordain this to be my last
Will and Testament Revoking all Other Wills heretofore Made by me in
any manner and from following to Wilt first of all I give my Soul to God Who
gave it me and my Body to be buried in such place as shall be thought most convenient

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and as touching such worldly
Estate as hath pleased God to bestow on me with I give and Bequeath in manner and
form following to Wilt first of all I leave to my beloved Wife Winifred
Watkins all the upper End of the tract of Land whereon I now live both low ground
and high Lands including the Dwelling house I now live in and to be Bounded
on the lower End by a certain crop fence beginning on the River & contin
ing above the same as the said crop fence now runs to my gate on the East
side of my house and thence from the said gate a Long the said fence to the

back line adjoining J^{as} Goldman which said Land and Every part thereof
I leave to her my said wife During her Natural Life I also give to my be-
loved wife the following Slaves to wit Young Tom Easter Ben Slacey to her and to
her Heirs and Assigns for Ever I also give to my beloved Wife Kingbird Choice of
two work horses and a Dark bay Colt two years old Last May also Choice of
Eight head of Cattle and Choice of Eight head of Sheep Choice of Eight
head of hogs and one Sow with a black on her Prump with seven pigs together
with all my house hold furniture Wentworth County, Virginia Wills 1792-1797
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together with all the Working tools together with one third part of all
my Crop now on hand both corn & other tobacco and every other thing what-
soever growing or made on my plantation the present year I also give
to my beloved wife one ox cart together with all the above Land & Cattle
to her and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever I give to my son Thomas
Watkins all my whole tract of Land Whereon I now live including
the Legacy above sent to my afore said wife when her right shall be

Ended thereon to be given to him my Son and to his heirs and assigns forever
together with the following Slaves to wit Frank o la Sam Jude to wit Peter
Fancy Lichey Heber with there Poster Increase to be Given to him and his
Heirs and assigns forever together with one Black Walnut bedstead and
two White Cotton Sheets one sheeted one one Virginia to wit the Bee quilt
and also one Bee which he now hath in possession with its furniture
together with all my horses and Mares not before Given a Way with all my
Hack of Cattle ^{Stafford County Virginia 1792-1793} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} not before given away to
given to him and to his heirs and assigns and assigns forever.

I Lend to my Daughter Betsey Cunningham one Negro man named Isaac
which she now hath in possession and also one Negro Girl named Rachel during
her Life and after her Decease. My Will and Desire is that the afore mentioned
Negroes and Increase should be Equally Divide among all her children Equally
and to be given to them and to there Heirs and assigns forever.

I Lend to my Daughter Maryan Payman all that tract or parcel of Land
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I purchased of John Ball Lying on Wino Creek whereon she now Lives during her life with one I have named Jim which she now hath in possession also one Girl named Jerry during her life and after her Decd. my will and Desire is that the afores. Land and Negroes with their Issues should be Equally Divided amongst all her Children Equally and to be given to them and their heirs and assigns forever. - I Lend to my Daughter Lucy one Negro man named Jacob which she now hath in possession also one Negro Girl named during her life after her Decd. my will and Desire is that the afores. mentioned Negroes should be Equally Divided between all her Children and to be given to them and to their heirs and assigns and assigns forever.

Daughter Fanny

I Lend Fanny Brown one Negro boy named Philip which she now hath in possession also one Negro boy named Martin during her life after her Decd. my will and Desire is that the afores. mentioned Negroes should be Equally Divided between all her Children to be given to them and to their heirs and assigns forever.

I Lend to my Daughter Patsy Wagnack one Negroe Wench Ann Jude
which she now hath in possession also one Negroe girl Named Hannah During her
Life after her Death my Will and Desire is the aforesaid Negroes Should
be Equally Divided Between all her Children to be given to them for their
Heirs and assigns and assigns for Ever.

I Give and Bequeath to my Grandson John Edwards one Negroe Man Named
Anthony to him and to his Heirs and assigns for Ever,

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I Give to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Keerey one Negroe Girl Named
Celah to her and to her Heirs and assigns Forever.

I appoint Thomas Watkins, ^{son} whole & sole Executor

In Testimony Whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this

fifteenth Day of September one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four.

Alexander Bogen

William Tuller

James Scott

William Watkins

At a Court held for Halifax County the 2nd day of October 1794.

Fifteenth Day of September one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four.

Alexander Boyd

William Tuller

James Scott

William Watkins

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A Court held for Halifax County the 2nd day of October 1794

The within written Last will and Testament of Mr. Watkins, ^{Dec.} was ~~presented~~ ^{admitted} in Court and Proved by 2 Witnesses & Ordered to be Recorded & on the motion of Thomas

Watkins the Execution thereon named who made oath according to Law and to

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gether with said Watkins and Meajah Watkins his Securities entered in to and Acknowledged there Bonds in the penalty of \$500 ^{DoB} conditioned as the Law Directs certificate for obtaining Probate thereon in due form of Law is granted him.

Just Geo. Carrington Clk.

Truly Recorded

W. Thompson J.C.C.

Halifax

Inquisition Indented taken at the house of Agnes Daniel in the county aforesaid this Seventeenth Day of November in the year