

In the name of God Amen I William Watkins of Halifax County
Virginia being sick and indisposed in body but of perfect mind and memory
do make, constitute and ordain this as my last will and testament in
manner and form following (Wts) my will and desire is that Wm. McLean
and James Scott be paid ought of the Tobacco Elijah Hunt estate over me
should that not be sufficient then the balance that may remain to be had
ought of the Judgment I obtained against William Banet in the District of
Petersburg in September 1798 my will and desire further is that my only daughter
Sally Watkins have it in her power to take choice of my Negroes and
the Negro she may chuse I give to her my said daughter and the heirs of her body
lawfully begotten also choice of my feather beds and furniture also nine
hundred acres of land in Giles County North Carolina adjoining to
Joseph Rindick also all my stock of cattle at my brother James Watkins
also my Kitty Fisher black mare but my fore mentioned daughter
in that case is to give up the mare she now has in her possession
also I lend my daughter Sally my other 3 beds except one while her
brother is going to school and then keep them while his brother
John Watkins burns of the age of twenty year my will and desire further is that
the balance of my estate be kept together to raise and educate my two sons William
and John Watkins after they get their education my desire that my friend

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and John Watkins after they get their education my desire that my friend
Heeto Mr. Seal of Petersburg bring them up to the Mercantile business and I
request that my friends Clement Tramm have charge of their Education and that
he be handsomely rewarded for the same. I further desire that my Negroes all may
be brought in from the state of Seneca at the expense of the estate; that the produce
of the crops brought in also except one fourth part saved for Noel Watkins who
is his own man the Negro that my daughter Sally makes choice of may be
delivered up as soon as it comes in for her hold self yours and benefit the balance
of Negroes shall be kept together or hired ought among others here after married
shall secure while my son John Watkins arrives to the age of twenty years
and when my son John comes to the age of twenty my Will is that my
estate that has not all been given a way may be equally divided
between my four sons (viz) Noel, Mansfield, William and John Watkins
my Will and desire is that my brother Tho^s and Abner Watkins must
prosecute the sute depending in chancery between John Tho^s Wilham
Abner Watkins Elisabeth Branch Edith Ligen Sarah Dameron Mary
Hudson plaintiff against James Watkins Exor of Micajah Watkins dec^d
who who was Exor^s of John Watkins dec^d dependant further my Will
is that if Samuel Estis gives up my bond we may take my dear devil
bott and there is a bay man in Cumberland that will serve to bring
the Negroes In And lastly I continually and ordain My friends John
Terry Esq^r and Clement Tramm Exors To this my last will and

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Testament In Witness I disallow all former Wills Deeds of Gift
Be. by me made void, in Testimony whereof therunto set my hand
this 18th day of October 1798.

scald publish'd and Delivered
by the Testation to be his last

Will and Testimony in presence of William Watkins L.S.

John Dickes

Pattye Dickes

William Dickes.

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At a Court held for Halifax County Va. 28th of October 1799.

The within written last will and Testament of William Watkins dec'd. was
exhibited in court and proved by the oaths of two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be
recorded. and on the motion of Robert Terry one of the executors therein named who made
oath according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due
form, he giving security: whereupon the said Robert Terry with Thomas Watkins
Gent. his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five
thousand dollars conditions as the law directs liberty reserved to Clement Tramm
the other executor to join in the execution thereof when he shall think fit.

Teste. John Wimbish C.H.C.