

In the name of God, Amen! I, John M. McKins of King & Queen County, Virginia, hereby revoke all other and former wills made by me, and do make this my last will and Testament, as follows, to wit:

Item. I give & bequeath to my Step daughter, Catharine Bagby, in consideration of her Kindness and affection to me, a feather bed and Stead, and furniture therefor, which she may select for herself, from among articles of the kind which I may leave, and the sum of one thousand dollars, with the payment of which, I charge my whole estate.

Item I direct that my Executors shall sell the small tract of land, lying on the public road, leading from "Shepherd's" meeting house to St. Stephens; adjoining the lands of the estate of Mesley Rowe dead: and the lands of my Son William G. Watkins, which contains two five acres; and if my personal property, & the proceeds of sale of said tract should not be sufficient to pay my debts, & the legacy hereinbefore given to my Step daughter, I direct that my Executors shall then sell that portion of the tract of land called "Bohannan's" which lies adjacent to the lands lately purchased of James R. Fleet from the heirs of John Buell dead to be cut off by a straight line, so as to include the point of junction on the main road, providing the price of eight dollars per acre can be obtained for the same; and if a sufficient fund should not thus be obtained for the purposes, then I direct that my Executors shall sell out my tracts called "Bohannan's", Smithfield, and the tract on which I reside, from year to year, until a sum

additional fund shall be raised out of the rents for these purposes. My purpose in giving these directions is not to limit the legacy aforesaid to these sources, for payment, but to indicate how, and in what order, Jewish funds to be raised. As I have already provided, said legacy is a charge upon my whole estate, and is to have priority over the devises and bequests hereinafter made.

Item I give and devise to the children of my deceased son John H. Watkins, as their joint property my tract of land, situated in King & Queen County, which was conveyed to me by John H. Watkins, and Ann E. his wife, by deed bearing date on the 15th day of April 1863, supposed to contain one hundred and fifty acres, which is described in said deed, as adjoining the lands of Christopher M. Carlton, and others, and lying near the main road leading from Cauthorn's, or Hoar's, old Mill to Little Plymouth, but should any one or more of said children, die under twenty one years of age, unmarried & without issue, the share or shares, of any so dying shall descend and pass to those surviving; and in the event of the death of all of them, under twenty one years of age, unmarried & without issue, the said tract of land shall go and pass as if embraced in the next subsequent clause of this will, to the persons therein named, subject to the limitations and restrictions therein provided.

Item: All the balance of my estate, including my tracts of land called "Bohannon's" Smith field, and the tract on which I reside (subject however to the directions herein before contained, providing for a sale of a portion of Bohannon's and the selling out of all of said tracts, if

necessary, for certain purposes) and include also the tract of land hereinafore given to children of my deceased son John H. Watkins if all of said children die, under twenty one years of age, unmarried and without issue. I give and and devise, as follows, to wit: one third thereof to my grandson Elrick S. Wilson in trust for his mother Mary E. Wilson, during her life time, as her sole and separate property, not to be subject to the contracts of her present husband or of any future husband she may have, and at her death, to be equally divided among her children.

One other third thereof to my said grandson Elrick S. Wilson, in trust for my daughter Lucy D. Broach, during her life time, as her sole & separate property, not to be subject to the contracts of any husband she may have and at her death, to be divided equally among her children; And the remaining one third, to my grand son Charles W. Watkins in trust for his father William G. Watkins during his life time, and at his death, to be divided equally among his children: but I direct that the said lands shall not be sold for division, but the same shall be fairly valued and divided, in kind, into three shares, as nearly equal as may be, having reference to improvements and the quality of the land, which shall be sold to the parties in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

Lastly, I appoint my grand sons Elrick S. Wilson and Charles W. Watkins, and my nephew Edwin Watkins Jr. my executors. Witness my hand and seal

deat this - day of March 1841

The words "as their joint property," interlined, he fore signing. This paper was signed, sealed, published & declared by the testator, as his last will & testament in our presence, who in his presence, and in the presence

John W. Watkins *Deat*

of each other, and by his request have subscribed our names hereto, as witnesses; also the words Smithfield interlined in two places, and the words "all of said" and the word "both" erased.

Griffin Longest
Washington Skelton

In King & Queen County Court, June 8th 1841.

This last will & testament of John W. Watkins decd: was offered for proof, & was proved by the oaths of Griffin Longest, & Washington Skelton, the witnesses thereto, & ordered to be recorded. And on motion of Ettrick S. Wilson, Charles W. Watkins & Edwin Watkins Jr., the Executors therein named, whom made oath thereto, & with Amos Allen & Edwin Watkins Sr., their securities returned into, & acknowledged a bond in the sum of \$2000, conditioned as the law directs, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form.

Teste L. A. Tyler C.C.

Truly recorded

(Teste)

B. F. Taylor Clerk