

Watkins
Will

In the name of God Amen I John Watkins of Prince Edward
County, being indisposed in body but of perfect mind & memory
praised be God for the same do make Constitute & ordain this
now after to be my last will and Testament in manner and
form following

Item I give and bequeath unto my two Sons Micajah Watkins
and John Watkins all my Tract of Land lying and being in Halifax
County and on Dan River at the mouth of Bush's Creek with
said land to be Equally divided between them and as near even
Quality as possible may be without prejudice to either of my
said sons, Beginning on the said River and to divide said
Ground & high ground, and after such Division my will is that
my son Micajah Watkins take his part Choice, and to be given
to my said sons, and to their heirs and assigns forever

Item I give ^{and bequeath} unto my two Sons Thomas and James Watkins six
hundred Acres of Land, it being part of the Tract of Land
whereon Snow Hill, to be Equally divided between my two said
sons aforesaid, to the best advantage for two situations and as
near in Quality as possible may be, and after such Division my

and John Watkins a large Tract of land lying and being in Halifax
County and on Pam River at the mouth of Buzzards Creek and
said land to be Equally divided between them and as near in
Quality as possible may be without prejudice to either of my
said sons, Beginning on the said River and to divide said
ground ~~into~~ ^{into} grounds; and after such Division my will is that
my son Micajah Watkins take first Choice, and to be given
to my said sons and to their Heirs and assigns forever
I ~~then~~ ^{and bequeath} give unto my two sons Thomas and James Watkins six
hundred Acres of land, A being part of the Tract of land
whereon Snow Hill, to be Equally divided between my two said
sons aforesaid, to the best advantage for use ~~situation~~ and as
near in Quality as possible may be, and after such Division my
will is that my son Thomas shall take ^{best} Choice, and said
lands to be given to them my said sons and to their heirs and
assigns forever, I ~~then~~ ^{and bequeath} give and bequeath to my son William
Watkins Eighty pounds Current money of Virginia, which said
sum of money I do will and Desire that my Executors

hereafter ~~shall~~ ^{be} nominated may and shall have full power
and ~~exclusive~~ ^{and} authority to lay out the ~~aforesaid~~ ^{said} Eighty
pounds in Land for the Use and benefit of my said Son
William, as they shall think proper to do, and such
Purchase to be given to him my said Son, and to his heirs and
assigns forever.

Item I order will and desire, that provided that my well
beloved Brother Thomas Wathen is living at the Time
that all and each one of the Divisions aforementioned
of the Bequeathed lands be my said Brother may and
shall make all such Divisions amongst and between my
aforesaid Sons -

Item I give and bequeath to my five sons (Wth) John, Thomas,
James, William, and Abner, Wathen, and to each of them
one horse to, the Value of five pounds, to them and each of
them and their heirs and Assigns forever.

^{Devised}
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Hamblin
a negro Girl named Lido, to be given to her and to her heirs
and Assigns forever,
Grand Daughter Charity Hamblin

and I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Wathen
one Negro boy named Dick, also one good feather bed and furniture
with three cows and calves, to her and to her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Edith Wathen, one
Negro boy named Roger, also one good feather bed and furniture
with three cows and calves, to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Wathen one
Negro Girl named Luekey and her Increase also one good feather
furniture with three cows and calves, to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Wathen
fifty pounds current money of Virginia also one good feather
bed and furniture with three cows and calves to her and her heirs forever

Item I give unto my Daughter Mary Wathen

Item I order and decree that the foregoing legacies bequeathed
to my three Daughters Mary, Edith, Sarah and Mary Wathen they
may and shall have their part in parts if my estate declines

to them when they attain to the age of eighteen years or upwards

Item I send unto my beloved wife Anne Wathen for her use and
in the bringing up and Educating my Children the sum of

Sheweth I have last with the hundred acres of land thousands
belonging adjoining with Oak, and Randolph lands,
together with all the profits, and improvements with all the ^{other} ~~rest~~
residue and remainder of my personal Estate, be it what
kind a Quantity now, Viz. Bacon, Paul, Linnus, Buck &
Jenny. During her natural life or widowhood and after
the Death or Marriage of my said wife Anne I give &
bequeath unto my son Abner Wether, the plantation
whereon I now dwell, with the aforesaid three hundred acres
of land thousands belonging to be given ^{to} from my said son
and to his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give &
bequeath unto my six sons, Viz. Micajah, John, Thomas
James, William and Abner Wether after the Death or
Marriage of my said wife Anne the aforesaid Negroes (Viz)
Bacon, Paul, Linnus, Buck and Jenny with the future increase of
the female to be Equally divided amongst them, and to be
given to them, and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my six sons and three
Daughters (Viz) Micajah, John, Thomas, ^{James} William and
Abner Wether sons with Elizabeth Wether Edith Edith Mary

Abraham Wathkins son with Elizabeth Wathkins his wife Edith. Say
and many Wathkins, all the rest residue residue and remainder
of my personal Estate be it of what Nature kind or Quality
was, ^{to be equally} Divided amongst them, and to be given them my
said son and Daughters and to heirs and assigns forever
them, I order will and Desire that If either of my said son or
Daughter dies in their Minority and without Issue that his
her or their part or parts of my Estate may and shall be equally
Divided amongst the survivors. And lastly I appoint
constitute and ordain my well beloved wife Ann Wathkins
Executive and my son Micajah Wathkins with my Brother
Thomas Wathkins Executors of this my last Will & Testament
hoping that they will see the same ^{dearly} performed as my Trust in
them is reposed and confirming this and no other to be my only
last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and fixed my seal this the 20th day of April
1782

Signed sealed published and declared to be his
last Will and Testament in presence of
Gideon Phares
William Sade

Ann Wathkins

And known to all men by these presents that of John Mathews of the same
County have made and directed my last will and Testament
in writing bearing date the Twentieth day of April in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two, I the said
John Mathews by this Present Codicil do ratify and Confirm this
my said Last will and Testament.

And to further order and will that whereas I have bargained
for and sold unto Daniel Earley of Halifax County Eighteen hundred
Acres of land lying and being in Halifax County being part of
a Grant by order of Council, and that for the sum of Fifty four
pounds Current money, and that the said Daniel Earley has ^{yet} not paid
for the same, That upon the said Earley's paying the said sum of
Money to my Heirs Executors &c, or giving bond with such
Security as they shall think sufficient for the payment thereof
by the 20th of May next shall be in the year 1763, that they make
him a good and Sufficient Deed for the same, The which sum of
Money together with all other sum or sums of money which are
due to me after the payment of my Debts, be Collected by my
Executors, and applied first in purchasing land for my son
William, as in my will before Directed. W. Mathews

Execution, and applied first in purchasing land for my son
William, as in my will before Directed, And lastly in paying of
my Daughter Mary's Legacy as in my will before mentioned
and if those Debts or Sums of money be not sufficient for that
purpose, my will is that the remainder be raised by selling
such of my Personal Estate as can be best spared or otherwise
as my Executors shall see most Convenient, And my will &
meaning is that this Codicil or Schedule be adjudged to
be a part and parcel of my Last will and Testament & that
all things therein mentioned and contained be faithfully
and truly performed and as fully and Amply in every
Respect as if the same were so Declared and set down
in my said Last Will and Testament as witness my hand
this fourth day of May one thousand seven hundred &
Eighty two in presence of
Henry B Backus
mark

John Watling

Samuel Stah

At a Court held for Prince Georges County, January 15th 1790.
This last will and Testament with Codicil annexed was
presented in Court by the Executors and Executors Thereto named
and the Will attested by the Affirmation of
James Johnson executor Thereto, and the force by this
said Johnson in manner following (that is to say) that
sometime after the said Deponent had signed the said
Will as executor of the said Decedent John Writton
the Deponent the said Will and Codicil and that he had
made the Execrement and alteration in the said Will as
appears that he declared to the Deponent that the
Codicil annexed was part of his said Will &c. and that
said Will was proved by William Sadler and Mary Sadler
witnesses to the Will aforesaid, but that the Execrement
and alteration was made since they signed as witnesses,
and Deposed that they heard the said Decedent John Writton
in his lifetime say that what he had allotted to have
given to his daughter Judith who was then dead, and who
had been intermarried to Henry Hamblin he then allotted to give
to M. M. son of the said Henry Hamblin then born &c.

said will was proved by William Toller and Mary Toller
witnesses to the will aforesaid, but that the Court
and alteration was made since they signed as witnesses
and Deposed that they heard this said Decedent John Watkin
in his lifetime say that what he had allotted to have
given to his daughter Judith who was then dead, and who
had been intermarried to Henry Hamblin he then allotted to give
to the Children of the said Henry Hamblin then born of his said
Daughter Judith or to the survivors of them and the Cause
was further proved as the law directs by Thomas Watkin
Thompson Ann Watkin Esq and Miss Sarah Watkin & the Watkins
the Esq therein named who gave bond and took the oath
required by law. Certificate for obtaining a probat thereof
in due form is granted them

Test
Thos Watkin Esq