

Continued as to give to my wife and to my adopted son J. R. Burdett equal portions of my Estate - That moiety bequeathed to my beloved wife to be paid over to her by my executor as fast as it is collected from the sale of my Estate, to be held of her or her own property to dispose of as she may think proper.

Lastly I do ordain and appoint my friend John Hunt the executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments, by me made.

Signed and sealed this 1st day of Sept 1860

Witness
John McCauley
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Codified to my last Will and Testament, made and signed at Stoughton 20th 1860 and to which this is affixed. By this Codicil, it is not my wish or intention in any way to alter, change, or in any way - to impair any part of my said Will except in such part or parts thereof as I may herein specially refer to.

With regard to my servant Man (Alexander) it is my wish and desire that he may be regarded as the joint property of my beloved wife and my adopted son James R. Burdett and that my said son be allowed to hire out the said servant from time to time, to collect his wages, and pay them over to the said servant to be used by him as he thinks proper so long as he makes a prudent and proper use of them. But if the said servant should be imprudent, and not observe proper economy in the use of his money, then my said son and my wife shall so controul his wages, as to provide a fund for his future support if he should ever become unable to procure a support from his labour. It is my wish that the said servant be permitted to select his person to whom he wishes to be hired, so long as he makes good and proper selection.

Secondly - Nothing in my Will is to be understood as impairing the right of my beloved wife to take such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may think proper, before and independent of a division of the residue of my Estate between herself and my adopted son James R. Burdett.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of September 1860

Witness
John McCauley
William B. Simmons
William McCauley

At Record September Court 1860
The last Will and Testament of Jacob Murray deceased with a codicil thereto, was this day produced in Court, and found according to law of the estate of John McCauley, and William B. Simmons subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon

the said Will and codicil are admitted to record
Teste
Johnston, Clerk

Edward Watts

Admonished by a late improper example in my own family of the uncertainty of human life, I, Edward Watts of the County of Rocker now do what in prudence I ought long ago to have done, namely make my last Will and Testament, and I hereby declare this instrument to be such, the same being altogether written by myself, and subscribed with my own hand.

In consideration of the sex and tender age of many of my children, and having the most unlimited confidence in my wife Elizabeth Breckinridge, and in her devotion to the interests and happiness of our children, I make the following provision and disposition to wit - To my said wife Elizabeth Breckinridge I give and devise my whole estate real and personal whereunto situated for her life, to be held and enjoyed by her as absolutely and freely during her life as if it were given to her in absolute right and fee simple - Upon trust, however, for the purposes hereinafter set forth, namely, for the fitting support, maintenance and education of our children so long as they remain together, and in the trust and confidence, moreover, that she will from time to time and to such extent as may be in her power, and she may deem proper, aid such as may require it with advance - ments of money or property - These aids as to time and amount I leave entirely to her discretion, well knowing that I may safely rely on it. I authorize and empower hereby last Will and Testament to make a final distribution of my estate among our children who shall survive her, or the descendants of those who shall be dead, and shall have left descendants, requiring only that the principle of equality as nearly as may be, shall be observed except in the instance therein directed it to be departed from, that is, I desire that the portion of my two sons James and William, whatever they may be, shall be ten thousand dollars each less than those of my daughters. I make this distinction not because I love them less than my other children, but because their education has cost me more, and mainly because they are better fitted to win their way in the world than my daughters, for whose independence I am anxious to provide. In hereafter making any provision for any of my daughters, if my said wife should deem it proper and proper to make such a settlement of it as, may appear to them to be enjoyment, I fully authorize her to do so.

I foresee the difficulty that will occur in making an equal division among children of my real estate, and to obviate it, if it be practicable, I authorize and empower

my wife Elizabeth Brickenridge to sell all my lands and make
 title therefor, provided that my two sons if they be living, or either
 of them if the other be dead, and my friend and near connection
 Cary Brickenridge concur in the prudence and propriety of
 such sale, and if it be made, I direct that the proceeds be laid
 in perfectly safe and productive stock, if such can be found,
 and which will yield a regular and sufficient income for my
 family, providing always however that no sale be made of half
 an acre of land including the Grave Yard, the title to which
 I wish never alienated. I had should such sale of my land be made
 as it will involve the necessity of disposing of the greater part of my
 negroes, I hereby in like manner authorize their sale, reserving
 only such attached domestic servants as may be required by my wife
 or distributable among my children - the proceeds whereof to be
 vested in like manner. The above provision for a sale will probably
 never be carried into effect, but circumstances hereafter may make it
 prudent and proper to do so, and I wish to provide as far as I can for
 all contingencies. It is scarcely necessary to add that the money a stock
 it may be vested in arising from such sale, is to go to my children as
 above provided. In any case in which at my death I may
 be bound to make, or authorized to receive, title, to property, I empower
 my wife Elizabeth Brickenridge to make and receive such or fully
 as I myself could do. I have kept an account of the advancements
 made to such of my children as have received any thing from me
 and these I desire shall be accounted for by them in the division of my Estate
 I make no provision to meet the want of my wife, contracting
 a second marriage, desiring to impose no restraints upon her beyond
 those which will be suggested by her own sense of what is right
 I rely implicitly upon her Paramount love of our children, and feel
 fully assured that she will never do any thing which will put
 in peril their happiness and welfare. And should she fail at
 her death to make the provision of will for dividing my Estate, I hereby
 direct that it shall then go to my surviving children or the descen-
 dants of such as may be dead in the principle hereinbefore stated.

I appoint my wife Elizabeth Brickenridge CoExecutor, and my two
 sons Jam Brickenridge and William, and my son in law James P. Holm
 Executors of my will, but recognizing that only two qualify and act at
 the same time. I desire and direct that they may make receipt
 to give security relying entirely upon their integrity and on their wives
 probably be so necessary for it, that no inventory or appraisement
 of my estate be made. In testimony that this is my last
 Will and Testament I subscribe my name thereto on this 8th day of
 March 1843

Edw^d Watts

1st Codicil
 I, Edward Watts declare this to be a Codicil to my last Will and
 Testament desiring and directing that it shall have the same
 effect as if incorporated therein. Anticipating that the separa-
 -ation of my sister Martha's slaves from my own may, on account
 of the connection subsisting among them in other respects many

circumstances, which it will be humane as far as possible to avoid,
 I hereby fully empower my wife, if that event take place after my death
 to make all such exchanges, compromise, and purchases, even at
 frequenting loss, as may be humane and proper. I do not regret
 this Codicil, thinking it probable that reflection may lead me to
 add to it. If I do not sign it however my name as the counterparty
 is to be considered a signing sufficient to perfect it. - I now con-
 tinue this Codicil - Should either of my children after receiving any
 portion of my Estate, die unmarried and under the age of twenty-one
 year, I direct that such portion (next to my surviving children
 and the descendants of any of such as may be dead. To my son
 Williams I give my watch, the gift to me of a friend, of great value
 regard me then, and to my son James, should I not permit him one
 before my death, I divide one hundred dollars to be laid out in
 watch to be worn in my memory. To each of my daughters I give
 fifty dollars to be invested in such Memorial of their father as they
 and their mother may deem fitting and appropriate. To my youngest
 child Henrietta Carter, my wife I have her more than any other
 children, her because of the tenderness of her years, and her reason -
 I have none who is so near, I give little Fanny, daughter of Lewis,
 or some other female servant of equal value to be selected by my wife.
 In testimony that this Codicil is an integral part of my last Will, I
 sign my name thereto on this 20th of March 1843.

Edw^d Watts

2^d Codicil

I, Edward Watts do declare this to be another Codicil
 to my last Will and Testament, desiring and directing that it may
 have the same force and effect as if contained in the body thereof.
 Should I not make a conveyance to him in my lifetime and it is my
 purpose to do, I desire to say son Williams immediately after my
 death the following property to wit - the tract of land in the forks
 of Roanoke and Tucker Creek devised to me by my father, and much
 of my land on Tucker Creek as is bounded by the Lynchburg & Salem
 Turnpike Road on the North, the creek on the West, and the lands
 of Thomas Smith and others on its other side - also all the slaves
 which may be on the land at that time except Robert, in whose
 place I give him Henry the son of Anthony. I also give him all
 the stock of every description including horses which may be then
 on the plantation. In the final division of my Estate William is to
 be charged with this property at a fair value. Instead of
 confining the power to make certain title to my wife, I extend
 to all my executors or such of them as may act, and authorizing
 them to make or receive conveyance, as fully and effectually as I
 could myself. - In testimony that this Codicil is a part of
 my last Will and Testament, being wholly written by myself,
 I sign my name thereto, on this 12th day of November 1843 and
 shall attach it to the paper on which my last Will is written.

Edw^d Watts

I revoke that part of my will which directs that Williams

shall have be left than that of his sisters, and desire that the rule of perfect equality be observed as to all. This is a part of the above Codicil and written at the same time. *Edw. Watts.*

3^d Codicil

I Edward Watts of the County of Roanoke do make and declare this to be another Codicil to my last Will and Testament, the same being altogether written and subscribed by myself. - Not considering it probable that my daughter Letitia G. the wife of S. Landon Rags will ever have offspring, and not wishing that any of my property shall go to those not of my blood, and for other to me sufficient reasons, I expressly direct that whatever property of any kind that may fall to the share of my said daughter after my death, as her portion of my estate shall be strictly settled in such a way as to ensure to her exclusive benefit, and so secure that should she die without heirs of her body, the same shall revert to my other children or their heirs, should any have departed this life leaving such, and that in equal proportions. In testimony that this is a part of my last Will and Testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at this 26th day of October 1852. *Edw. Watts* (Seal)

4th Codicil

I Edward Watts of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do make this I trust the last Codicil to my Will and Testament. I revoke the power to sell my Estate during the life time of my wife, except by consent and under a decree of Court except as is mentioned hereafter. After the death of my Wife, I authorize and empower my Executors to sell all my estate real and personal, the proceeds to be divided among my children so as to make as near an approximation to equality as practicable. In the sale of the slaves, care will be taken I trust to break up few family ties as possible, and my children I hope will divide our domestic servants among them, and make some comfortable provision for the infirm. I am satisfied that if not now, there will soon be from the rates of interest, more servants on my land than can be profitably employed, a comfortably supported I therefore authorize my Executors at their discretion to sell any number which may be right in their estimation, taking care to leave a sufficient amount of labour on the land, as well as to invest the proceeds, in such to be hired by my wife for my life, or with her agent to be divided among my daughters. I repeat the direction that whatever of either money or property is advanced to my daughter Letitia, or may come to her on the final settlement of my estate, shall be strictly settled on her, until her former Coventures may have ceased, in which case she shall stand on the same footing as my other daughter. All advancements made be taken at their value then made. Written and signed in my own hand this

12th day of July 1859

Edw. Watts

At Roanoke August Court 1859.

The last Will and Testament of Edward Watts deceased was this day produced in Court together with four Codicils thereto attached, and it having been proved by the oaths of Frederick Johnston and Charles W. Russell that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Edward Watts, and that the said Will and Codicils, and wholly in his handwriting, the same are admitted to probate as his last Will and Testament. And on the motion of Elizabeth B. Watts the Executrix, and William Watts one of the Executors therein named, who made oaths thereto and entered into bond in the penalty of \$150,000 with conditions according to law, (they being not required by the said Will to give Security) they are appointed Executors and Executrix of the said Edward Watts deceased, and leave is given to James P. Holcomb another Executor named in said Will hereafter to qualify, if he should choose to do so.

Attest from the Record of Court
Frederick Johnston Clerk

C. O. White

I C. O. White of Roanoke County do make the following as my last Will and Testament. - First - To my wife Nancy P. White I give the whole of my Estate both real and personal in the County of Roanoke during her natural life, and after her death to be divided as follows - One half of my servants I give to my P. wife to dispose of as she may wish.

I lastly will and desire that all the rest of my property both real & personal of what nature or kind soever it may be, after the payment of my just debts, be equally divided between John Phillips, Mary Green, and Thomas H. Dillay, son of Nathan P. Dillay, to them and their heirs forever. I appoint George W. Shanky my Executor. I revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of August 1840. *C. O. White* (Seal)

At Roanoke December Court 1859.

A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Chelina O. White deceased was this day produced in Court and it was proved by the oaths of Charles L. Snyder and Benson Pitzer that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Chelina O. White, and the said paper and the signature thereto, and wholly