

In the name of the eternal and only true God amen

I Joseph Water of Burke County Georgia Planter being at this time in perfect health and sound & perfect memory do hereby make and declare this to be my last Will & Testament. Firstly I request my Executors to inter my body along side of my dear friend John W. Burke and where his Parents also lie, I request also that my funeral, if possible, may be attended by Masons and a Stone with a suitable inscription placed over my remains. Secondly I desire that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid and paid as soon as possible without litigation. Thirdly I Manumit once and free my waiting boy Jim. Fourthly I desire that all my Negroes may be humanely used and none of their families separated, but when decided on sold to be paid in families only. Fifthly I leave and bequeath unto my valuable and truly honest friend Balthasar Shaffer and Patrick Hayes the former of Savannah the latter of Augusta all my house hold and Kitchen Furniture, Hatch, flock, Books, Horse, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and other Stock. Sixthly I leave my silver Tankard (which was made me a present of) unto George Lord of Augusta. Seventhly I leave for the use and benefit of Balthasar Shaffer's daughters three hundred pounds, to be paid them as he shall judge expedient and in such proportion as he may deem them deserving of. Eighthly I leave Mourning Rings to the following persons who purchased and delivered unto them by my Executors viz. One to Patrick Hayes, One to John H. Montgomery, One to Balthasar Shaffer, One to Sally Hill, daughter of Ebenezer Hill, One to Hayford Brown, One to John McGee, One to Ebenezer Hill, One to David Rice and One to George Lord. Ninthly I leave Four hundred and fifty Acres of Land in Liberty County to Hayford Montgomery and five hundred and forty seven Acres in Wilkes County to William W. Montgomery both being the Children of John H. Montgomery. Tenthly I leave one fourth of the residue of my real property unto Herrens Lodge No. 2 in Savannah to be appropriated as the Members of that Lodge or a Majority thereof may in charitable purposes and with the concurrence of my friend Balthasar Shaffer. Eleventhly I leave another fourth or one fourth of my real estate for the

The purpose of promoting the Christian Religion and my desire
is that Ebenezer Hild of the same doth receive and appropriate
the same as he may judge expedient. Twelfthly I leave
Lally Hild, the daughter of Ebenezer Hild, my Negro Wench
Affy, Susan, Clarinda and their children. Thirteenthly
I leave the residue of my Estate unto my Brothers James,
John & William Wats of Liverpool in England and which I
desire may be remitted them as soon as possible and the nature
of the case will admit together with my private papers.
And lastly I nominate my trusty good friends, Patrick
Hayes, Balthasar Shaffer, Shaford Brown, John Shaford Montgomery
and Ebenezer Hild Executors of this my Last Will & Testament,
hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all former
Wills made by me in any manner of form whatever. And
pronouncing this to be my only true Last Will & Testament.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
Seal this Twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our
Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety five —

In Presence of —
Joseph Hull
Matthew Oppenizer.

Joseph Wats (Sd)

Georgia

Before me Edward White Register of Probate
for the County of Chatham in the State aforesaid
appeared George Hainbale one of the subscribing
Witnesses to the foregoing Last Will & Testament
of Joseph Wats deceased, who being duly sworn
on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, Swore
that he was present and did see the said
Testator, sign, Seal, pronounce and declare the
same to be and contain his Last Will and
Testament and that he was of sound mind at
the time, to the best of the deponent's belief and
that Robert Meier and Matthew Oppenizer together
with the deponent subscribed their names
as Witnesses at the request and in the presence
of the said Testator —

Geo. J. Hull

Sworn to
14th Feb 1796.
Geo. J. Hull

Attestation qualified Ebenezer Hild of
Balthasar Shaffer
E.H.