

Joseph Watsons Will

1816

Georgia

Greene County I Joseph Watson of the State of Georgia and County of Greene being in moderate health and of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others.

Item 1st

I allow all of my debt to be paid.

Item 2nd I bequeath to my wife Catharine Watson in her own absolute Right Three Negroes to wit Dave Molly Hall and two good Beds, and furniture which she may dispose of as she thinks proper, I allow her Catharine my Carriage and Carriage Horses and a proportionable part of my Stock of Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and Cows during her natural life or Widowhood also one good Mule, and at her death or Marriage the Carriage Horses and Stock are to be sold and the money placed in the General Stock which I shall have after disburse.

Item 3rd I bequeath to my son Douglas C. Watson the tract of Land in Newton County that he is now living on, and four Negroes to wit Ben, Peter, Bob and Susan and two Mules and a proportionable part of the Cattle and Sheep, and if my son should depart this life without issue, then all his estate shall revert to my other children and their issue and so on from one to another in case they die without issue, and further will that all property and its increase given from one to my children shall devolve from one to another in case they should die without issue.

Item 4th I bequeath to my five other children to wit, Mary Watson, Eliza B. Watson and Ann B. Watson, Williams B. Watson and Emala P. Watson the remaining Stock of my Negroes to be equally divided among them by five good disinterested men to be appointed by the Superior Court of said County the names of the Negroes to be so divided is as follows, Will, Ned, Giles, Lock, Mark, Stent, Moss, Sator, Man Sterling, George, Phillis, Lock, Nancy, Raa, Lane, Patience, Tempy, Harriett, Filda, Hannah, Lily, Margaret, Henry, Little Ben, Betty and Sarah, together with their increase and Equal part of my Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and Cows with one good Bed and furniture and one good Horse and a Mule apiece with other necessary household and Kitchen furniture.

Item 5th I further Will that my wife Catharine and children live at and on my Plantations where I now live until all of the children receive their proportionable parts of the property and Stock.

Item 6th I give to my children a good Tract of land in Greene County

1816-1842 for the use of my wife and children while they live together on my Plantations and I allow the

- 10th Plantation to be kept up and all the hands together allowing said child to draw its share when it may think proper -
- Item 7th I further allow my two Youngest Children Mr & Emalea Schooling from the Crops raised on said Plantation -
- Item 8th I bequeath to my son Mr B Watson the Tract of Land I now live on, and also the tract that I bought of Thomas P. Finley together with my Smith and plantation tools and the said tools is not to be drawn until the death or marriage of the Mother -
- Item 9th The common Stock above mentioned is to consist of all the money raised by Crops or cropping and from the Sale of surplus Stock of any description -
- Item 10th I further allow my Road Wagon to be kept up for the use of the family -
- Item 11th I further allow my family to kill beef cattle and Pork enough for a plentiful support and for sale if like to be overstocked at any time and to be added to the general Stock -
- Item 12th I further allow my two Youngest Children to be clothed and provided for as my other Children, my wife and Children is to be clothed from the proceeds of the Crops raised on the plantation and all family necessaries is to be bought out of said proceeds -
- Item 13th I further will that the Executors of my Estate reserve a sufficiency of the General Stock or funds to make William and Emalea Schooling and Clothing equal to my other Children's before the general distribution -
- Item 14th I further appoint my wife Catharine Watson Executors and my Brother Douglass Watson and my Son Douglass W. Watson Executors to this my last Will & Testament -
- Executed this 15th day of September in the Year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and Twenty three in presence of
- Wm. B. Jones } 1st The words (also one good Mule)
William Allen } 2nd (their increase)
Earsworth Middleton } 3rd (Tools) } The words contained in the three brackets above were intended before signed

So Watson

Seal

Georgia

Green County Court of ordinary May Term 1832

Personally appeared in open Court William Allen and Earsworth Middleton two of the subscribing witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Joseph Watson, and on oath, said that they saw him subscribe the same, and that they each believed him to be of perfect sound mind & disposing memory at the time of his signing the same and that they

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in the presence of each other together with William St. Bonin Secy
the presence of the Justices subscribed their names as witnesses
therein.

Given to in open Court
7th day of May 1832

William Allen

Josh

Ensforth Middleton

Thomas M. Grimes Clerk

Recorded 11th day of May 1832

Thomas M. Grimes Clerk

Major M. May

State of Georgia

Greene County In the name of God Amen. I Major M. May
of the County and State aforesaid being weak and sickly of Body
of Senses and disposing Memory of Mind, doth this Twelfth day of
June in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight-hundred and thirty-
two make this my last Will & Testament in manner here following.

Item I give and bequeath to my friends Robert Newson Esq. one half of what
I may draw by two draws, that I am entitled to, in the contemplated Land
Lottery commonly known as the gold Region Lottery, also one half of what I
draw by one draw, that I am entitled to in the contemplated Land Lottery of
the Cherokee County all to him his heirs Executors, Administrators Assigns
for Ever in fee simple, for and in consideration of the sum of forty Dollars
me is hands paid at before the signing sealing & delivery of this Testamen

Item It is my will and desire that all my just debts be fully paid and
satisfied out of the balance of my Lands, that I may draw if I do
draw any. that is not already will be away forth of what I receive
that I am in possession of at my death within a convenient time
after my death.

Item I lend unto my wife Rebecca May Every thing that I am worth
may be worth during her Widowhood (under the following conditions)
viz. as my children (to wit) Rebecca May, Adeline May Caroline May
George M. May, Richards May and Mary May, shall come of age
they and each of them shall have each one seventh part of the
be equally divided, share and share alike and at the end of
my wife's Widowhood her seventh part be Equally divided between
my Children aforesaid, to them their heirs Executors for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my three Children viz. Leases May, Ann
Bottoms, and Thomas May Each fifty Cents in Cash, to them their heirs
Executors Administrators and assigns for Ever.

Item And lastly I give and bequeath unto my friend and ordain my friend
John P. Bottoms to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will
and testament hereby declaring this to be my last, signed, sealed
and witnessed hereby declaring this to be my last, signed, sealed

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