

In the name of God, Amen! I, Thomas Hogg Hooper, being in sound and disposing mind and memory, but convinced of the uncertainty of human life, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: I give, devise and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Watters a negro girl named Betsey, daughter of Lavinia, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto my brother William Hooper, a negro boy called Betty, son of Pendar and Jane, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. Item, I give, devise and bequeath the remainder of my estate, both real and personal (except what is hereafter otherwise disposed of) to be equally divided between all the children of my said sister Elizabeth Watters and my brother William Hooper, which shall be living at the time of my decease to be equally divided between them, share and share alike to them, their heirs and assigns forever. It is my will and desire that the negroes be divided as much in families as possible. - Item, it is also my will and desire that the following negroes be emancipated and set free by an Act of the General Assembly, to be obtained for that purpose as soon as possible after my decease, to wit: Dave, Rachael, and old Ruff, if he wish it, and also the boy called Sam, son of Lavinia, now bound to a Carpenter as soon as the time of his apprenticeship is expired. And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friends Walter Lewis, John Hogg, and William Hall, Senior, Esquires, Executors of my last will and testament: as my concerns are few and my debts inconsiderable, I trust they will, one or all act agreeable to the appointment, to each of them I give something they may choose of not less value than fifty dollars to be kept by them as a memento of the esteem I have ever had for them.

Thos. H. Hooper

Signed, sealed and published, the words "which shall be living at the time of my decease" being previously interlined the 12th day of Jan. 1804, in presence of

J. H. Watters.

It is my will and desire that my half or moiety of the said Mills which I own jointly with Captain William Hall in Brunswick County, be appraised and valued by two or more honest and judicious men to be appointed by my Executors as soon after my decease as may be convenient, and if the said Captain William Hall will give his part payable to my Executors for the amount of the said appraisement and valuation, he having a reasonable time to pay the same (the said reasonable time shall be adjudged of and determined by the persons appraising or valuing the said half or moiety of said Mills) then and in such case, I give, devise and bequeath my said half or moiety of said Mills and the lands thereto belonging to the said Captain William Hall, his heirs and assigns forever. It is also my will

desire that the money arising from the payment of the said Bond be equally divided the children of said sister Elizabeth Watters and my brother William Hooper share and share alike. And I do hereby revoke and annul that part of my Will which makes and appoints the said Captain William Hall my Executor, and do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend George Davis, Esq., Executor of my last Will and Testament in the place and stead of the said Captain William Hall.

Thos. H. Hooper

Signed, sealed and published this 12th day of January, 1804, as a codicil to my last Will and Testament. The words "and the lands thereto belonging" being previously interlined in the presence of J. H. Watters.

Thos. H. Hooper,

State of North Carolina, } April Term, 1805.

Brunswick County. } The due execution of the within Will and Codicil was proved in open Court by the oath of J. H. Watters and was ordered to be recorded.

John Hanes, Jr., Clk.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908. Ratified Feb. 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records Book A. W. p. 33 & 34.