

June 18th 1852

State of North Carolina Chatham County

In the name of God Amen I Lewis L Holmes
Being now of sound mind, but in Bad
health do state this to be my last will &
~~last~~ name of God. First I give and bequeath
to my beloved wife Decimus H. Holmes all
my personal property consisting of the following
Property to wit Negroes John, Horace Fisher
Primus, little Primus (an infant) Hannah &
her children (Isaac & Betty) Margaret Rachel
Sam & Ann his wife & Boeger, also I give &
bequeath to my beloved wife Decimus H. Holmes
all my real estate that I am now in possession
of consisting of land & tenements on which I
now live, Farming utensils stock of all
kinds house hold & Kitchen furniture all
my notes & accounts & other valuable papers

Secondly I leave my my Beloved wife
 & children H. Holmes Executrix To this my
Last will & testament
 Lewis L. Holmes
 Witnesses { Wm M Butler &
 Samuel Jones

Court of Pleas & quarter sessions Nov Term 1836

~~The foregoing execution of the last will &~~
testament of

The execution of the foregoing last will & testament of Lewis G. Holmes Dec was duly proven in open court by the oath of Wm M. Rosen a subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded

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Yrs -
Wm. P. Taylor

In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Watson
of the County of Chatham and State of
North Carolina being of sound mind and
memory but considering the uncertainty
of my earthly existence do make and de-
clare this my last will and testament
in manuscript and force following that is
to say First that my executors hereinafter na-
med shall provide for my body a decent
burial suitable to the wishes of my rela-
tives and friends and pay all my funeral
expenses together with all my just debts and
any money that may first come to hand
belonging to my estate (2nd) I give and devise
to my son Benjamin N. Watson an Negro Woman by
the name of Annis Valued at \$300 and a Negro boy by
the name of Sam Valued at \$800 and that he receive
from my son William P. Watson sixty six dollars
and sixty six cents to make his share equal
Secondly I give and devise to my sons Benjamin
N. Watson and William P. Watson in Trust for
the benefit of my Daughter Mary Jane Davis
and her children an Negro girl by the
name of Harriet Valued at \$200 one Negro
man by the name of Ambrose Valued at \$200 and
one Negro boy by the name of Rufus Valued at \$200
and that said lot pay back to my son James E. Wat-
son \$33.34 I appoint my two sons above named
Trustees for my daughter Mary and her children
with discretion by ~~their~~ powers to supply out of
said funds whatever they in their judgment
may think proper and right to do

Thirdly I will and devise to my son William D Watson one Tract of land which Tract of land I have already conveyed to him by deed of gift which deed of gift I now ratify and confirm also one Negro man by the name of Henry valued at \$8.00 and that he pay back to my son Benjamin \$66.66 and to my daughter Emily Charley \$166.66 to make their lots equal.

Fourthly I will and devise to my daughter Emily Charley one Negro girl by the name of Betty valued at \$6.00 one Negro boy by the name of Baxter valued at \$5.00 and that she receive from William D Watson \$166.66 to make her share equal. Fifthly I will

and devise to my daughter Eliza G Watson one Negro girl by the name of Martha valued at \$7.00 one Negro boy by the name of Bob valued at \$7.00 and that she pay to my son James \$33.33 to make his lot equal. Sixthly I will and devise to my

son James G Watson one Tract of land valued at \$3.00 which Tract of land I have conveyed to him heretofore by deed of gift which deed of gift I here by ratify and confirm. I give to my son James one Negro Man by the name of Lewis valued at \$7.00 one Negro girl by the name of Amanda valued at \$3.00 and that he receive from my daughter

\$33.33 to make his share equal. I will and devise to my son William D. Watson in addition to what I have given him above, \$275 as a compensation for his services as a physician and ~~rather~~ rather services and to make him equal with my married children for advancements made them. I give and devise to my daughter Eliza G Watson one hundred and twenty five dollars to make her equal with my married children for advancements made them.

I will and devise to my son James B. Watson one hundred and eighty five dollars to make him equal with my married children for advancements made them. The residue of my estate both real and personal or payable in of whatever it may consist I will and devise to all my children share and share alike the share of my daughter Mary S. Pond to be left in the hands of my son Benjamin Watson and Wm. D. Watson as Trustees with the same powers as above named for the benefit of my daughter Mary S. Pond and her children and lastly I constitute and appoint Benjamin Watson and Wm. D. Watson my two sons as Executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Watson have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 22nd day of May A.D. 1853.

Elizabeth Watson Seal

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Elizabeth Watson to be her last will and testament in presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Teste

J. W. Saldston
E. W. Webster