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 ~~and testament~~ 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 Rachael Sum & Sam his wife & Boeget, 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 & tenaments 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 Decimus H. Holmes Executrix to this my last will & testament

Lewis L Holmes

Witness { Wm M Rosson
Samuel Jones

Court of Pleas & quarter sessions Nov Term 1852

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

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

Test

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 existance do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First that my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all my funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of any money that may first come to hand belonging to my estate & Item I give and devise to my son Benjamin N. Watson one Negro Woman by the name of Annis Valued at $300 one 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 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 Paid and her children one Negro girl by the name of Harriet Valued at $600 one Negro man by the name of Ambrose Valued at $600 one Negro boy by the name of Rufus Valued at $800 and that said lot pay back to my son James E Watson $33.34. I appoint my two sons above named Trustees for my daughter Mary and her children with discretionary powers to supply out of said funds whatever they in their judgement may think proper and right to do