

In the name of God amen I John Watuford of the State of North  
 Carolina do hereby certify being full of years of body but of sound memory  
 thanks be to God for raising to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and  
 desiring to settle my estate in manner & form following  
 Principally I give & bequeath my soul unto Whom who goes to His Heavenly  
 Father by the best way, as my Executors, Humphrey Mason, William Smith  
 & nothing doubting but I shall receive the same at the general  
 Judgment through the merits of my Redeemer. For what ability  
 God has put in the way has led unto many I bid I bequeath in manner  
 following. I giving frequently unto my Son William Watuford his heirs  
 forever, One of the Plantation, wherein I now live beginning at  
 Caswell's Creek between my brother Michael Watuford's in the  
 Cornfield from thence an easterly Course down the line between  
 David Jones's to a red oak being the corner tree between Michael  
 Jones's place & a westerly Course to a chimney Stake from  
 thence a west Course by marker Stakes through the plantation to the  
 Swamp with Privilege in the Swamp for five wood or rail timber  
 to support it. Whence I give the other half of my plantation  
 to my wife Elizabeth Watuford during her life or as long as she  
 remains my widow. Beginning at the chimney Stake that my  
 Son William ends at & running to the gate pond with Privilege  
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 And after the death of my wife Elizabeth I give the other half of the plantation  
 My wife has to my Son James Watuford his heirs forever  
 And I give frequently unto my Son Robert Watuford the whole of the Swamp  
 Beginning at the Swamp during the line down through to the gate pond  
 thence a South Course to my brother Michael's line down an easterly  
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 as long as she is my widow, but if she marry to my Son Robert Watuford  
 then she do or give to my wife till she grows or are led to my wife  
 enough to break. At the same I give to Billy what she grows or are led to my wife  
 I give to my daughter Sarah Watuford two acres of higher ground near  
 the line of Caswell's to my wife and Philip Watuford I leave my Son William  
 James of hundred cash a Che and enough of my estate to be led to my wife  
 Debt I give to my wife one bed of one bed to Robert after my wife decease or  
 widow she has the bed I give my wife I give it to my daughter when my wife decease  
 I give the remainder of my estate I leave to my wife Elizabeth during her life or  
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