

In the name of God Amen.

I, Lewis Watkins being in my common health and sound mind and coming to mind that one day I have to lay down this mortal life and the Lord has favored me with some small property and having ordained to make division among my children. I now make and ordain this my last will and testament. I first appoint my beloved son John Watkins and James Romain to be my sole executors to this my last will & first give to my beloved wife Sarah Watkins for nequit to wit. Davis and Sam and Rene and more with three father beds and steds and couds and mats with full furniture. I give him three horses and for him to take his first choice and my executors to chose the other two with five cows and calves and yearlings. I also leave him five head of sheep five cows and pigs and one hundred and fifty dollars to purchase these things and what she pleases to buy at my said &c. I give to my son James one hundred and fifty dollars. I give to my son Jesse Watkins one negro woman named Rada with one bed and steds and furniture and two hundred dollars. I give to my son John Watkins one negro boy named Goss and one hundred dollars. I give to my son Williams Watkins one negro man named Jacob and one hundred dollars. I give to my son Mitchel Watkins one negro man named Abraham and one hundred dollars. I give to my son Lewis Watkins one negro woman named Sely and child and all his increase and one bed and steds and furniture with his horse and five head of cattle and five head of sheep and one fifth part of what all my Lands will sell for at my death. I give to my son Peter Watkins one negro woman named Sely and his child named Rael &

their increase with one horse one name Sely as he likes best after his mother gets him with one bed and steds and furniture with five head of cattle and five head of sheep and one fifth part of what all my lands will sell for at my death &c. I give to my son Benjamin Watkins three negroes to wit one boy named Sely and one named Gould and one girl named Col with one horse and one hundred dollars with one fifth part of all my lands when sold at my death &c. I give to my son Rebecca Watkins 4 negroes to wit one negro woman named seven and his daughter with two of Sely's children Solomon and Lela which is the four negroes I leave him also one fifth part of the money arising from the sale of all my lands. I leave them the power of my executor to make sale of all my lands so they shall think from greatest profit either by public or private sale and give the two youngest by the money arising out of the sale of the one year and the balance of my land is to go to my beloved wife Sarah Watkins & the money arising from the sale of all my lands and of the best of my property is to be sold at every kind but old negro woman Sely and my Negro man Henry plus my will is that they both be set free at my death and the money arising therefrom is to pay all my just debts and all the property I have left to give to my beloved wife and at her death to be divided between my son Burton and my two granddaughters Susan Whitfield two little girls each Whitfield and Rutha Whitfield and for theirs it is my will that my wife Sarah my son Burton and out of that part of my estate left him signed with my hand this 31st day of November 1811.

Lewis Watkins

(Seal)

State of North Carolina } October Term 1816.
Duplin County }

The last will and Testament of Lewis Watkins died was exhibited into Court by James Readson without any subscribing witnesses there and at the same time James Blison and David Knight Esquires and Timothy Strongs being men of Respectability and good Character being called upon to produce the last writing of Lewis Watkins deceased, and being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist to say upon oath that they are acquainted with the last writing of the deceased and that they believed the whole writing of the said instrument ^{purporting} to be the said will of Lewis Watkins deceased is in the last writing of the said deceased.

Sarah Watkins the widow of Lewis Watkins deceased came before the Court and being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist sayeth that she found the said will of her deceased husband Lewis Watkins since his death in his trunk where he kept his most valuable papers.

At the same time John Watkins and James Readson the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as Executors of said will according to act. And that other may issue accordingly.
J. H. Dickson C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I George Williams of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say. First I bequeath the love of my four negroes viz Ed, Jim, Smo and Leticia to my wife Leticia Williams during her natural life or her widowhood, but should she marry again the negroes are to become the hire of my heirs whom I shall

hereafter name. I like negroes she is not to sell for the term of her life nor to dispose of in any manner except by her and that only for the term of six months at a time. Then I give and bequeath to wife Leticia one Litter bed and all the other household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools, also all the hogs, cattle and dogs and every other kind of stock which I possess and after her death to be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof to be divided among my heirs. Then I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Williams and to my daughter Mounsey Thippard Patsy Best & Mary Jones and to my granddaughter Mary daughter of Henry Stokes, after my wife's death or marriage my four negroes above named viz Ed, Jim, Smo and Leticia to be equally divided between them & their heirs forever. Then I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Mary Williams daughter of Temperance Williams one parcel of land to her and her heirs forever. Then I give to grandson Road Best son of Absolam Best one Litter bed to him and his heirs forever and lastly I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends George E. Foulson and Edward Williams executors of this my last will and Testament hereby discharging and making void all former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affix my seal. This 11th day of September 1816
Signed Sealed & Declared By
The Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of. John Cassar
J. H. Harris

George Williams 

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