

and on motion ordered to be Recorded  
Test Wm Watson 6<sup>th</sup>

In the name of God amen. I William Watson of Halifax  
County in the province of North Carolina being sick but of sound memory  
Thanks be to God so make this my Last Will and Testament after  
the following manner after my just Debt and funeral Expence  
are Discharged—  
Imprimis. I leave to my Beloved wife Mary Watson During her life the  
use of my Plantation whereon I now live but if in case my said Wife  
should Marry again then it is my Will and Desire that she shall move  
off but if she should Ever be a Widow again then it is my Desire that  
she may move Back if she pleases,  
Item, and Further it is my Will and Desire that ~~my wife~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~my wife~~ <sup>my</sup> have  
the Care of all my Children and that they to live on the said Plantation  
Item, and Further it is my Will and Desire that so soon as my son  
Charles shall arrive to the age of Twenty one or married that my Land  
shall be sold and my Negroes and their increase and all

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9 The rest of my Estate and the money arising from the Sale shall  
Equally to be divided between my wife and all my children that  
shall be then Living,

Item, and further it is my will and Desire that there be an inventory  
of my Perishable Estate and the said Part to be sold and the money  
arising from the sale to be Equally to be divided between my wife &  
Children,

Item, and further it is my will and Desire that my Exor<sup>s</sup> should  
Send to my son Alexander Watson to gett the remainder of the Legacy  
that my Brother Left to me during my life and the money to be paid  
in Dischargeing my just debts which Twenty pounds a year York  
Money,

Item, I Leave to my son Alexander Watson one shilling sterling,

Item I Leave to my daughter Sophia Terral one shilling,

I nominate and appoint my wife Mary Watson and my son John Watson  
my sole and sole Exor<sup>s</sup> of this my Last will and Testament attested  
shewing all other wills and Testaments before made by me as Witness  
my hand & seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August one Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy four,

signed sealed and Robert Powers

William Watson Seal

Item, I leave to my son Benjamin Watson one Shilling.  
Item I leave to my daughter Sophia Averal one Shilling.

I nominate and appoint my wife Mary Watson and my son John Watson  
my sole and sole Ex<sup>ors</sup> of this my Last will and Testament utterly  
revoking all other wills and Testaments before made by me as Witness  
my hand & seal this 31<sup>th</sup> day of August one Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy four.

signed sealed and  
Delivered in presence  
of us.

} Robert Powers J<sup>r</sup>  
} Jo<sup>s</sup> Elbech  
} Sol<sup>o</sup> Williams J<sup>r</sup>

William Watson Seal

Holifax County 31<sup>st</sup> August Court 1784, Then this Will was  
Ex<sup>h</sup> in Open Court and duly proved by the Oaths of Robert  
Powers J<sup>r</sup> and Solomon Williams who on their Oaths swore  
that they saw the Testator sign Seal Publish & declare this to be  
his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time of signing  
the same he was of Sound mind and memory whereupon J<sup>r</sup> Watson  
Qualified as Executor and an Action agreed to be Recorded.

Test W<sup>m</sup> Watson