

In the name of God Amen, (William Watson of the County of Hyde
and state of North Carolina being of sound mind
and memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body
and knowing that it is appointed for me once to die do
therefore make this my last will and testament first making
and making null and void all other wills heretofore made by me
or for me making this and no other to be my last will and
testament in manner & form following In witness I
give and bequeath to my well beloved son Israel Watson Eight
acres of land on the south side of Mattamuskeet Lake and adjoining the
land William Watson and Caleb Swindell doled also some marshes
place to him and his heirs and assigns for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my will beloved wife Sophia Watson one town
named Champain and one lot in which I sold my said wife one
feather bed and furniture and one child during her natural
life then I give the said feather bed and furniture to my well
beloved son William Watson and the said child to my beloved
Daughter Sophia Watson

Item I give and bequeath to my will beloved son William Watson
one cow & calf

Item I give and bequeath to my will beloved son William Watson
my will beloved son Benjamin Watson and my will beloved
Daughter Sophia Watson all my pot iron ware to be
equally divided between them

Item I give and bequeath to my will beloved son Benjamin
Watson one hundred and twelve & a half acres of land
on the south side Mattamuskeet Lake also the plantation
whereon I now live during the term of my lease for
the same with the crop on the same and he is to pay all
my hirings wages & also give my said son one
cow & calf one dayed jack man named Venus
and give one horse frame and twenty five barrels
of corn now in the crib to him his heirs and assigns
for ever It is also my desire that immediately after my
decease that my said son Benjamin shall be
invested with full power to have his Legacy left
by this will and act with it in every respect as if he
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was twenty one years old
Item I give and bequeath to my will beloved Daughter Sophia Watson
one feather bed & furniture one linen sheet one woolen sheet
one lawn with all its harness and materials thereto belonging
and one cow & calf

Item I give and bequeath to Sarah Benson Daughter of Maria Benson
one linen gowning

Item I give and bequeath all the residue of my property that is not
particularly mentioned in this will to be equally divided
between all my children, Sally and all I nominate
and appoint my will beloved sons James and William
Watson my whole & sole Executors to this my last will
and testament. Matamusket February 7th 1800

Signed Sealed acknowledged This instrument of
writing to be my last will and testament in
presence of

Joseph Martin
James Neal

William Watson Test

William Murry

August term 1801

This last will and testament of
William Watson Dec^d was exhibited
into Court & duly proved by the oath
of William Murry an Evidence thereto
ordered to be Recorded

Attest Ben. Foreman Clerk

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