

Will of James Watson

In the name of God Amen I James Watson of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 23rd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say,

I lend to my beloved wife two hundred and fifty acres of land including the houses and plantation whereon I now live, that is two hundred acres of my old tract of land and fifty acres taken off of the land I bought of Isaac Kan joining the same during her natural life or widowhood, and at her decease I give the above mentioned land to my son Allan Watson.

I also lend to said wife one mare and all my stock of cattle hogs and sheep and all my household and kitchen furniture and all my plantation tools of every kind during her life as aforesaid. Then my will is that the above mentioned personal property should be equally divided between my four youngest children that is to say, Tobias, J. Phia, Allen and Spicer.

I give to my son Tobias one hundred and fifty acres of land joining off the land I have left to my wife and Jesse Sullivants land provided he comes back from the Alabama where I understand he now resides if otherwise I desire said land should be equally divided between my sons Harrice and Allen.

I also give to said Tobias one horse colt provided he comes back as aforesaid if not my will is that my son Allen should have the colt.

I give to my son Harrice one hundred acres of land joining of Jesse Sullivants lands and the lands which I have given to my son Tobias.

I give to my son Harrice one stud horse.

The mare I have lent my wife being with foal I give the colt to my son Allen if it comes to good.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Henry Lasser and my son Harrice Watson executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said James Watson have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

James Watson (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us

Amos Watson
Stephen Watson
Josiah ~~Watson~~ Sullivan

State of North Carolina
Johnston County

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oaths of Amos Watson and Josiah Sullivan and ordered to be recorded.

R. Sanders C. C.